

# PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

## Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

◆ DON'T LEAVE ◆  
RUBBISH IN OUR WOODS  
◆ TAKE IT HOME! ◆

To: Alec

From: Steve

Did I leave a DVD at your house? Well, the thing is, it's not mine. My friend lent it to me and now he wants it back!

THIS ROAD WILL BE  
CLOSED FROM MONDAY  
MORNING 22ND SEPTEMBER  
FOR THREE WEEKS

▲ We recommend that ▲  
you allow a minimum  
of three hours for your  
visit to Hampton Court

Jim,

Can you give me a lift to the conference next Friday? We could share the cost of the petrol and I could meet you in Bristol if necessary.

Barbara

1)

A) Take away all rubbish, including that left by others.  
B) Do not enter the woods at any time.  
C) You cannot leave your rubbish here at all.

2) What would Steve like Alec to do?

A) return the DVD he borrowed.  
B) look for a DVD he has lost.  
C) lend him a DVD.

3)

A) It will not be possible to use this road on Monday afternoon.  
B) The road will be closed in three weeks' time.  
C) You may not use this road before 22nd September.

4)

A) The tour around Hampton Court lasts less than three hours.  
B) Most visitors spend about 3 hours visiting Hampton Court.  
C) At least three hours is recommended for your visit to Hampton Court.

5) Barbara would like

A) to drive Jim and herself to the conference.  
B) to buy all the fuel needed for the conference trip.  
C) Jim to drive her to the conference.

## **Reading Part 2**

The people below in 1-5 are all looking for a place to go on holiday.

Look at the descriptions of eight places. (A-H)

Decide which place would be most suitable for each person.

1) Choose your answer ...



Alan and Mike would like to spend some time in a seaside town where they can do water sports and be taught some basic diving using an air tank.

2) Choose your answer ...



Jim is studying architecture and prefers holidays where he can follow this interest. He also wants to try some thrilling outdoor activity.

3) Choose your answer ...



Sue needs a rest after working hard, but she wouldn't like to go to the seaside. She wants to find a holiday that combines opportunities to meet friendly people and visit more than one country.

4) Choose your answer ...



Alice wants to go on a short break which will give her the opportunity to relax and think about her appearance and her health.

5) Choose your answer ...



Rahul would like to travel in Australia but he has very little money. He wants somewhere with a good beach and a lot of activities.

## **A) Catalonia**

### ***Baobab Travel***

This is an incredible family adventure holiday full of discovery, nature and activity, for fun seeking families wanting an amazing adventure close to home. From the mountain to the coast, Catalonia offers a beautiful and diverse location for this incredible multi-activity holiday.

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## **B) DVT**

### **Dive Worldwide**

With resorts around the Canary Islands, we have a variety of great scuba diving sites for you to choose from. We are all professional divers ourselves and understand what makes a perfect diving holiday. DVT dive centres are available for adults and children 12 years and above.

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## **C) Jana Holidays**

### ***Ecuador and Colombia***

Experience Ecuador and Colombia in under 2 weeks. A mixture of Andean landscapes, colonial cities, coffee zone and welcoming locals. Begin in Bogota where our local guides can take you on a walking tour to La Candelaria to explore beautifully preserved colonial buildings and other important sites.

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## **D) Virgin Travel**

### **Multi-destination holidays**

The beauty of a multi-centre holiday is that it allows you to fit more of what you love into a single trip. You can shop yourself in Los Angeles, then unwind on the beach in Florida. It's the perfect opportunity for anybody who wants a jam-packed trip.

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## **E) Absolute Travel**

### ***The Spanish Pyrenees***

A multi activity adventure holiday in Spain that will see you explore the Spanish Pyrenees with a number of guided tours – walking, climbing, rafting and canyoning. We'll also visit Zaragoza which is a treasure trove of cultural and historical gems. Tourists will find many magnificent buildings and ancient Roman ruins.

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## **F) Escape Holidays**

### ***Aussie***

The best way to get a good deal in this tropical paradise is through a dream package holiday that bundles accommodation with airfares, meals and activities. The beaches in Sydney are beautiful, with the world-famous Bondi Beach just a short bus ride from the city centre.

## G) First Choice

### *Spas - Costa del Sol & Andalucia*

There are eight classic spas in lovely natural surroundings in Andalucía. Most of them are near or in beautiful villages and are located at the source of natural spring waters. Beauty treatments include a range of scrubs, masks, peels, wraps and massages.

## H) Carnar Diving & Watersports

### *Snorkeling Holidays*

The crystal clear waters of the Caribbean offer many snorkeling opportunities, including the dive sites of the Bahamas. Between July and November, huge numbers of tiger sharks gather off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, providing snorkelers with the opportunity to see one of the most amazing marine life events on earth.

### **Reading Part 3**

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

O'Connell Street is the main thoroughfare and is one of the busiest shopping streets in Dublin. Even though it is not a very long street, the locals will proudly tell the visitor that it is the widest street in all of Europe. This claim often meets with protests, especially from French people, claiming the Champs Elysees of Paris as Europe's widest street. But the witty Irishman won't easily relinquish bragging rights and will trump the French visitor with a fine distinction: The Champs Elysees is an avenue; O'Connell is a street. Divided by a few important monuments running the length of its centre, the street is named after Daniel O'Connell, an Irish patriot. His monument stands at the lower end of the road, facing O'Connell Bridge. O'Connell stands high above the business people, unhurried crowds of shoppers and students on a big column, surrounded by four angels representing Patriotism, Courage, Eloquence and Fidelity. Further up the street on the other side is the famous General Post Office or the GPO as Dubliners call it. During the Easter Rising of 1916, the GPO was taken over by the Irish Volunteers on Easter Monday and occupied by the revolutionary forces, sparking weeks of armed combat in the heart of Dublin. To this day, three of the angels bear bullet holes - two with a wound in the chest and one in its left arm.

What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A)** to explain what it's like to be Irish
- B)** to describe historic sights on Dublin's O'Connell Street
- C)** to introduce readers to the biography of Daniel O'Connell
- D)** to show how difficult being a Dubliner can be

Dubliners claim that O'Connell Street ...

- A)** is the widest street in the world
- B)** is the widest street in Europe
- C)** is the longest street in all of Europe
- D)** wider than it is long

What does the author say about the Irish people?

- A)** They are talkative and playful
- B)** They are rebellious and do not like foreigners
- C)** They never agree with French people
- D)** They are clever and funny

The Daniel O'Connell statue stands ...

- A)** opposite O'Connell Bridge
- B)** behind the General Post Office
- C)** at the upper end of the street
- D)** far away from the city centre

Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A)** The Irish Take Pride in Their Capital City
- B)** The Widest Street in Europe
- C)** Sights and History on Dublin's O'Connell Street
- D)** Dublin's Famous Landmark

#### **Reading Part 4**

- Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer (A-H) There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use

#### **Dangerous Snakes**

Many people believe that snakes are the world's deadliest creatures to humans, but actually they are not. The most dangerous creatures to humans are insects. 1) Choose  One of the most dangerous insects is probably the mosquito. Mosquitoes can carry certain diseases, such as West Nile virus, malaria, yellow fever, which many millions of people die from every year. Flies can also carry many diseases of humans and domestic animals.

2) Choose  There are more than 3,000 species of snakes in the world and they're found everywhere except in Antarctica, Iceland, Ireland, Greenland, and New Zealand. 3) Choose  But not all snakes kill with venom. A constrictor grabs its prey with its teeth, then quickly winds itself around it and squeezes tightly. 4) Choose  The snake can then swallow it.

Most constrictors are very large snakes. 5) Choose  More than 30 000 people die every year because of snake bites, the vast majority in South East Asia and India. They die because they live far away from towns and medical help.

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**A)** Snakes have extremely poor sight and hearing.

**B)** Snakes are actually the second most deadly animals in the world.

**C)** Of these, about 400 can kill a man with their venom.

**D)** These snakes are not usually kept as pets.

**E)** For example, The anaconda of South America can grow up to 11 metres long.

**F)** But people are usually more dangerous than animals.

**G)** Many of them carry and transmit diseases that can kill people.

**H)** The prey cannot breathe and usually dies.

### **Reading Part 5**

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

#### **Elephants**

When you think about the (1) ..... of an elephant do you think of their amazing trunks, beautiful ivory tusks, their large flapping ears, or just their immense size? As you may already know, elephants are the largest land animals in the world today. (2) ..... part of their anatomy is helpful to the elephant to survive in their environment. But it is the elephant's trunk that is the (3) ..... important to them. Because their trunk has over 40,000 muscles, it allows the elephant to move their trunk in many different positions, and gives them the ability to grasp and to (4) ..... up objects. Their trunks are also very strong. In (5) ....., they could uproot large trees from the ground if they needed to. The elephants also use their trunks to communicate with, and for their sense of smell. Even though an elephant has a total of 24 sharp teeth, they only (6) ..... to use two or three of these teeth at the same time.

1. A) marks	B) points	C) features	D) articles
2. A) None	B) Both	C) Each	D) All
3. A) best	B) most	C) more	D) worst
4. A) pick	B) go	C) raise	D) grow
5. A) order	B) fact	C) advance	D) case
6. A) make	B) do	C) set	D) put

### **Reading Part 6**

- For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

#### **Something About Me**

I'm Oliver and I live in a house with my parents, two sisters - Sophia and Alice and a dog.

We live near the railway station but my school is (1) ..... far from my house to go on foot so it takes me about 25 minutes to get there (2) ..... bus. There's a big park with green lawns opposite our house but there aren't any shops.

My grandparents live in a small cottage (3) ..... the country. I often go to visit them with my parents. When the weather's good, I go mountain biking in the forest. There's also a big lake, (4) ..... the whole family can sail a boat on it. I love spending holidays with my grandparents.

Art is (5) ..... of my favorite subjects in school. I really enjoy painting and drawing.

My parents have a big collection of my landscape paintings. I'm going to be (6) ..... artist and have my own studio. I will not be a doctor like Mum because it's a very difficult job. And I don't want to be an accountant like Dad. Working in an office is not for me!