PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

ATTENTION

In case of fire, use this emergency exit. Alarm bell rings when open.

A Ring the bell before opening the emergency exit.
B You must find another exit if there is a fire.
C Only go out this way if there is an emergency.

2

To: Lacey

From: Zara

I'm still really keen on having a holiday together, but I'm a bit short of cash right now. Would you mind if we booked for a week rather than a fortnight?

A Zara wants to have a shorter holiday.
B Zara doesn't want to go away with Lacey.
C Zara regrets paying for a two-week holiday.

3

FOR SALE

Fashionable winter jacket
(Size: medium)
Hardly ever worn
Small tear on left sleeve
but now mended
£20, or make me an offer!
Contact Alex in the
Research Department

A The jacket is in perfect condition.
B The seller may accept a lower price.
C Alex has worn the fashionable jacket many times.

4

FOREST NATURE PARK

- No fires or barbecues
- No camping permitted except at Forest Campsite
- No rubbish – take it all away with you!

A There is a particular location where people can camp in the park.
B Rubbish must be left in the bins provided by the park.
C Pay special attention when cooking food on fires at the park.

5

February's ski trip

Places are still available, but the University must receive all forms by January 31st.

A photocopy of your Student ID must be attached to the form, or it will not be accepted.

A All students should take their identity cards on the ski trip.
B Students must apply for the ski trip before February.
C It is now too late to book a place on the ski trip.

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Reading Part 2

You are given a piece of text which is divided into sections.
You are also given information about people who are interested in elements of the text.
Choose which section of the text corresponds to each person.
There is only one section for each person.

QUESTIONS - HOLIDAY MAKERS

1 - **Joe,** who drives a taxi at night in London, loves driving and wants to visit little villages off the beaten track. He is thinking of going on a driving holiday with some friends and just stopping where they like for some pub food in a restful atmosphere.

2 - **Megan** is from a small village near Aberdeen, and would like to visit a big city, but doesn't want to spend a lot of time getting there. She wants a good hotel and good food, but doesn't want to break the bank.

3 - **The Jordan family,** originally from Scotland, needs a short day out, but money is tight. They have never been out of the UK, and would love to visit Europe, but they are not sure how they will ever be able to manage that.

4 - **Didier** is a French student from near Calais, studying in Aberdeen who would like to see some more of Scotland. He has heard of the fantastic scenery but doesn't like driving. He loves the sea and wouldn't mind trying the whisky and some local food.

5 - **The Coe family** have been saving up and want to go somewhere special. The kids love anything to do with the sea. Unfortunately, they must be back before 11p.m. They went to Morocco the previous year.

HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

A - *Dive into the Ocean*

This special marine experience allows you to swim with dolphins and feed the seals. You are given wet suits and you spend the day with the staff of one of the biggest aquariums in Europe. A five-star lunch is included in the package, and your ferry home sets sail at 6.00 p.m. It is quite expensive, but well worth it.

B - *A Desert Experience*

You fly to Marrakesh, the biggest city in Morocco, and then a short bus ride into the desert, where you sleep under the stars in special tents. In the morning you race four-by-fours over the dunes and taste the delicacies of the Middle East. This three-day package is very well priced and is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

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C - *North Wales*

This area is far away from any major cities and you can just lose yourself in country lanes and suddenly be surprised by spectacular views. There seems to be a pub round every bend with good beer, lovely people and fantastic local food. If you want a holiday to remember, come to North Wales by car, and make yourself at home.

D - *Calais on you Doorstep*

This day trip to Calais brings all the romance of France into your front room at a price that is ridiculously cheap. You start from Dover, and after a thirty-minute hovercraft ride, start your guided tour round one of the most closely guarded secrets in the travel world. You walk through the old town and then on to a typical French lunch. In the afternoon you visit one of the biggest Hypermarkets in Europe before it's time to run back to the Hovercraft and home for dinner with lots of wonderful memories.

E - *Shopping Planet*

This package is not for beginners. You take a six-hour flight from London to New York, lunch on the plane, and straight to the shops as soon as you land. Your limousine takes you to all the best places, and the only question is - will you survive? The price is not cheap, but then none of the best things in life are cheap.

F - *Visit Antwerp*

A four-day all-inclusive break in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. This package offers you four-star living, full board, at two star prices. Places are selling fast, so don't hesitate. The price also includes the 45-minute flight, and before you know it, you will be getting ready for the hotel happy hour in the roof top bar with spectacular views of the big city lights.

G - *London by Night*

You meet as a group after dinner at 9.00 p.m. in Piccadily circus and your guide takes you to all the best places for after dark thrills in London. You are invited into a few, and the first drink is on the house, as you move on to the next oasis. The full tour lasts five hours; after which you are free to re-visit the place you liked the best.

H - *Come home to Orkney*

You take a short ferry ride from Aberdeen harbour and when you arrive in Orkney, it is as if you are on a different planet. No big city noise and congestion here, just beautiful scenery, lovely warm people and unspoilt nature. You drift around the main village, taking in the peaceful atmosphere, and now and again you stop for a quick drink of something warm. You eat a proper Scottish lunch, do some more sightseeing, before it's time to return to the grindstone, until next time.

Reading Part 3

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Do you find it difficult to get out of bed in the morning? Have you ever fallen asleep in class? If the answer is yes, then you're not the only one. Across the world, bedtimes are getting later and teenagers are sleeping less. Health experts recommend that 15-year olds should get around nine hours' sleep, but only a third of us even get eight hours.

So what are the reasons for this? Well, stress is an important factor. Like many young people, I find it hard to go to sleep before a big event such as an exam. Our increasing use of technology may also be to blame. New research at Kings College London, involving 125,000 children and teenagers on four continents, shows that using a phone or tablet before going to bed makes it twice as likely you'll sleep badly that night. And the following day, this lack of sleep can make it difficult to concentrate on studying.

But while many schools are attempting to solve this problem by starting the school day later, some schools in New Mexico in the United States are trying something a bit different – they have installed sleeping areas, where students can sleep for 20 minutes in specially designed chairs. I recently tried one of these chairs and my first thought was that it looked like something from a science-fiction film. When I lay down on it, the top part slowly covered my head and upper body so that it became dark inside. Some people might find that scary, but I didn't mind, and the gentle music was quite nice. I started to feel sleepy, and that was all I could remember until the lights came on and I woke up. Then, when I got up, I noticed I was a bit calmer than I'd been before. I'm sure someone who had slept badly before they went to school would feel a lot better.

Some parents might say that their children should be studying during school hours, not sleeping. What I'd say is that sleepy students don't pay attention, but this way they can return to class ready to concentrate on their work. The real solution, though, is to find ways to make sure we all get enough sleep at night, so that nobody has to go to school feeling tired.

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1 What is Julia's main purpose in writing this text?

A To describe how she learnt how to sleep better at night.

B To discuss the problem of teenagers sleeping too little.

C To explain how using technology at night can help us sleep better.

D To show that nowadays we need less sleep than we used to.

2 Julia has trouble getting to sleep

A just before something important happens.

B when she has to get up early the next morning.

C if she leaves her phone switched on all night.

D the night after she has taken an exam.

3 What was Julia's opinion of the chairs she tried in New Mexico?

A She decided to start going to bed earlier.

B She was rather frightened at first.

C She was convinced they would help people.

D She thought they were rather uncomfortable.

4 In the final paragraph, what does Julia say about the use of these chairs in schools?

A Students always sleep better the night after they use them.

B They can help students learn when they are lying on them.

C Parents want their children to use them more often.

D They can improve students' ability to learn in class.

5 What might Julia say to a teenager who feels sleepy at school?

A Sleeping during the day is not a good idea.

B Schools should do more to help students sleep well.

C At night, you should relax more, avoid doing things that can make you feel stressed and try to sleep longer.

D Feeling tired during school is normal.

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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

International star Romany has just published a book about her life. Her story describes how she dealt with personal problems and eventually realized her dream of becoming a magician. Her book is a very honest account of her life. Select

As a child, Romany loved ballet. She was convinced that one day she would be discovered and have a life on the stage. At the age of fifteen, she was given a role in a show. Select She managed to stay very slim but it was not good for her. She developed a serious eating problem.

After that, she decided that ballet was not for her. She got a degree and got a job in sales. But she never stopped being attracted to performing. In her free time, she joined a circus club. Before long, she was offered occasional jobs. Select She was working all day, and spending all her free time doing circus work. She became very stressed and tired and her eating problems returned.

She knew that her life could not continue in this way. So she took a long look at her life and thought about what she really wanted. She realized she really wanted to work on stage. However, she wasn't sure what to do. Select But then she had an idea. She quit her job and applied to the National Centre of Circus Arts to study magic.

Now Romany travels the world performing magic tricks on cruise ships. She is also often asked to tell the story of her life. Select Romany teaches them that life is difficult for everybody. But if you have a dream and work hard to achieve it, anything is possible.

A However, life on board a ship isn't always the dream she expected.
B But to take part, she had to stay on a very strict diet.
C One day, she was inspired by a female magician to study magic.
D She was too old to dance and could not act or play a musical instrument.
E Many people are inspired by the story of her life.
F She had never spoken about some of her issues before writing it.
G Although this was a successful time in Romany's life, she was not happy.
H She went to college to do a course in story-telling.

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Reading Part 5

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

A SCHOOL EXPEDITION ABROAD

A group of Highfield Secondary pupils have worked extremely hard on a school expedition to East Africa. In (1) [ ] to pay for the expedition, the students decided to grow vegetables in the school garden, and then sold them to local shops, family and friends. They also took (2) [ ] in a local radio show to advertise all the events they had organised to raise money. These hard-working students have recently returned from East Africa, where they spent a month in a nature park working on a (3) [ ] of environmental projects. The pupils planted trees to (4) [ ] food for wild animals, (5) [ ] care of sick and injured wildlife in an Animal Rescue Centre, and helped to dig water holes for elephants. The expedition was an educational (6) [ ] that they will never forget.

1	A	aim	B	plan	C	order	D	reason
2	A	part	B	time	C	place	D	turns
3	A	row	B	range	C	chain	D	crowd
4	A	provide	B	serve	C	benefit	D	support
5	A	made	B	had	C	got	D	took
6	A	background	B	curriculum	C	experience	D	qualification

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Reading Part 6

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

DIFFERENT CHOICES

People who know they want (0) to be doctors study medicine and future lawyers study law. But what (1) _____ those who don't know what they want to be but know what they enjoy? Equestrian Psychology is perfect for horse lovers who (2) _____ keen to understand this animal's behaviour. There's even an opportunity to take part in (3) _____ exchange programme with universities in Australia, Hungary or Canada. An option for water sports fans is a degree in Surf Science and Technology. Students do subjects such (4) _____ geography, surf culture and how to be safe in the water. Back on land, someone who likes plants can apply for a degree in Floral Design and learn how to arrange flowers for a living. And finally, people (5) _____ enjoy making friends or family members laugh should consider a degree in Stand-Up Comedy. Apart (6) _____ regular classes, they also have the chance to perform in comedy clubs.

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