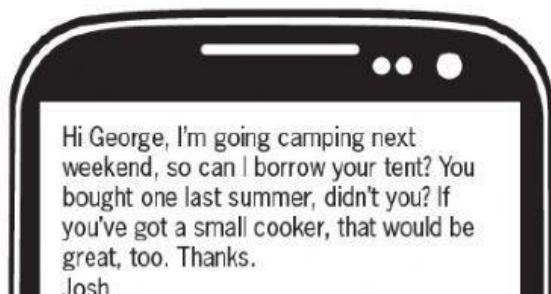


PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

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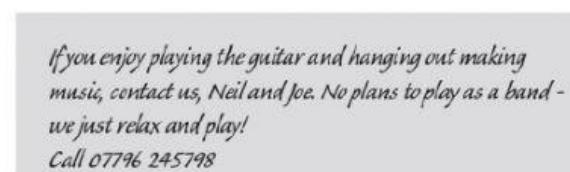
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Why has Josh sent this message?

- A to ask George to go camping with him next weekend
- B to tell George about a new tent he's going to buy
- C to ask if George will lend him some camping equipment

What should club members do?

- A come to the picnic with food to cook
- B take lots of photos at the picnic
- C tell Tom if they want to go to the picnic

- A There will be five workshops each week.
- B You don't have to be talented to go to the workshops.
- C The final workshop is on Saturday 15 September.

Call this number if you want to

- A play music with others
- B learn the guitar
- C join a band

- A The stamps are all very old.
- B Some of the stamps are very unusual.
- C You can buy just a few of the stamps.

Reading Part 2

The people below all want to go on holiday. On the next page there are descriptions of eight holidays. Decide which holiday would be the most suitable for the following people. For 1–5 write the correct letter A–H.



1

George wants a holiday with a big group of friends. They are into sports and want to do different things every day. He doesn't like boats, and some in the group have young children.



2

Ana loves to be near the sea. She wants to visit different places, but she also wants to keep away from holiday resorts. She enjoys being active and learning new skills.



3

Harry just wants to relax and have fun by the sea. He loves going out and wants to meet other people. He wants a cheap hotel and would prefer to pay for everything together.



4

Jess wants to travel abroad and learn about a different way of life. She wants to stay with local people, not in hotels. She would also like to see some performances.



5

Greg doesn't like crowded beaches and wants a peaceful holiday where there aren't many people. He enjoys walking in the countryside and is happy to spend some time alone with a good book.

The best holidays

A Golden Sands Beach Club

There's lots to do at the Golden Sands Beach Club in Mallorca. It's a holiday you can afford. Enjoy wonderful beaches and swimming in the Mediterranean or take trips to nearby villages! Then enjoy shows and make friends at the social activities in the evening. All meals and drinks are included in the price!

B Making waves

Our learn-to-sail holiday in Greece will teach you all the basics of sailing. You'll be busy but will still have time to enjoy the silence of the open sea. We stop at a small harbour every night where you can enjoy local food in small restaurants, before sleeping on your boat. Price includes accommodation but not food.

C Forest camp

Get away from it all at Welldale Forest. Stay on a local working farm or in cabins in the forest. Join in farm life or explore the many paths through the forest with our friendly guides. For those who prefer to relax, you can just enjoy time on your own listening to the sounds of the forest.

D Culture shock

Get away from the usual tourist destinations and visit India. On this tour, you'll visit seven cities, see the famous Taj Mahal and enjoy time at a beach resort. You'll stay with families and experience daily life with them. A full programme of cultural events includes some amazing dance shows!

E Seaview Hotel

Enjoy a week at this wonderful, small, luxury hotel in Spain. The price includes all food and drinks, and the facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts and a restaurant. We organise trips to plays and concerts in the evenings. There's also a beach where you can sit quietly and relax or read!

G Active fun

Looking for an active holiday? This wonderful busy holiday resort offers tennis, swimming, golf and lots more. There's something for everyone. Lessons are available, so you can learn something new, whether you're 5 years old or 55! Fun for all the family! Price includes accommodation and breakfast.

F Hotel on the sea

Enjoy two weeks of luxury on this cruise around the Mediterranean visiting seven popular destinations. Relax in the sunshine by the ship's swimming pool. You won't get bored, as there are cinemas, tennis courts and a theatre on board, plus plenty of social activities in the evening.

H On foot

Do you love walking? Try this walking tour in the mountains of Italy. Each day, you will walk with an experienced guide as part of a group of walkers, then spend the night as guests of local people. It's a great way to see some beautiful countryside and make new friends.

Reading Part 3

Jamaica has produced some of the world's best athletes, including stars such as Usain Bolt and Veronica Campbell-Brown. Is this success partly due to one event – the Jamaica Schools' Championships?

The four-day Championships have taken place every year since 1910. Nearly 200 school students take part in front of an audience of over 30,000 people. The event is also shown on live TV, and the whole country watches what is sometimes called Jamaica's mini-Olympics. The competitors take it very seriously, and they all want to win. Classmates and former students also come to support and encourage their schools.

School coach Dwayne Simpson has trained many young stars. He believes the Championships have an important role in the development of young athletes. They are the biggest schools' competition in the world, he says, and other countries are now looking to copy them. He also believes that the Championships give young athletes a reason to practise. They want to do well for their school, so

they work and train together as a team, so they produce better results.

The Championships have turned many young students into stars, but those who are most talented as adults don't always win as young teenagers. Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt, for example, failed to win a single race at the Championships as an under-15 runner. Olympic champion Veronica Campbell-Brown was always easily beaten in the lower-age groups before finally winning as an older student.

Nathaniel Day, a young runner from Britain, has studied and trained in Jamaica for the last two years. 'Young athletes here get experience of being on TV from the age of 12,' he says, 'so when they're older, they aren't scared of big occasions and they perform well. In the UK, athletes don't perform in front of the cameras until they're adults, and sometimes they find it hard to deal with.' According to Nathaniel, the Championships also give young athletes a goal. 'Because it's such a big event, it gives them an idea of how exciting it is to perform in an Olympic stadium. It helps them develop the ambition to become champions.'

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 What does the text say about the Championships?
 - 30 thousand people watch them on TV.
 - Young athletes take part just to have fun.
 - They started over 100 years ago.
 - Some former students take part.
- 2 What does Dwayne Simpson say about the Championships?
 - Other countries should try to hold a similar competition.
 - They have grown too big in recent years.
 - They encourage young athletes to do their best.
 - Schools are always keen to do well.
- 3 In paragraph 4, what does the writer say about Jamaica's Olympic champions?
 - They could beat even the oldest students in some races.
 - They occasionally lost races, but only to much older students.
 - They tried much harder after losing all their races as teenagers.
 - They took time to develop into world-class athletes.
- 4 According to Nathaniel Day, the event
 - helps young athletes get used to being filmed.
 - is more exciting than the Olympics.
 - makes some young athletes feel nervous of big occasions.
 - is hard for some young competitors to deal with.
- 5 Which best describes the Jamaica Schools' Championships?
 - It's an international competition which prepares young athletes for the Olympics.
 - It's an important event which helps young athletes to improve.
 - It's a huge social event which brings people together to have fun.
 - It's a local event which gives young athletes the chance to perform in a relaxed atmosphere.

Reading Part 4

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

Bees, bees, bees



Most people enjoy seeing bees in gardens and parks, but it can be scary when they're flying together in large numbers, and it can be even more frightening if they come a bit too close!

A few years ago, Lisa Turnbull was in her home in York. She had made a cake, which she had left on the kitchen table. (1)..... But, as she opened the window to help the cake cool more quickly, she unfortunately didn't notice the large number of bees flying around in her back garden. Lisa left the cake in the kitchen and went upstairs. A few minutes later, she heard a loud noise coming from her kitchen, so she went back downstairs. (2)..... They had left their old home and were looking for a new one. It seems that the queen bee, which controls all the others, had fancied a bit of cake and landed on it. She was followed by 15,000 others!

Lisa calmly closed the kitchen door and called a local beekeeper, who removed the bees from her cake. (3)..... Last summer, Jane Norton from Manchester had a similar experience. She was driving home from work when she noticed thousands of insects following her car. (4)..... She stopped the car, hoping that they would continue and leave her in peace. However, they landed on it and stayed there. Feeling rather nervous, Jane used her phone to look online and find the phone number of a local beekeeper. (5)..... It turned out that the queen bee had flown into the boot of the car while Jane was putting shopping into it. When she closed the boot, the queen was stuck inside, so when she drove off, the rest of the bees followed. Jane stayed in her car until the beekeeper had safely removed all the bees – which took over three hours! That's a good excuse for being late home!

- A She realised after a while that they were bees flying after her.
- B There were still a few bees in the room, but the cake had disappeared!
- C She opened the door and saw a huge number of bees.
- D The beekeeper told her that he couldn't remove such a large swarm.
- E She was very much looking forward to having a slice.
- F He arrived just half an hour later.
- G Although it wasn't damaged, Lisa didn't feel very hungry any more!
- H The bees seemed to be attracted by the cake and followed her.

Reading Part 5

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

Weather forecasts

People have always tried to predict the weather. In the past, people often watched the sky for (1) of how the weather was changing. A red sky at night, for example, suggested that the (2) day would be fine. Animals' behaviour also provided information for forecasting the weather. For example, if cows were lying down it meant it was (3) to rain. Nowadays, however, scientists use complicated computer models to produce weather forecasts that are much more (4) They can say, for example, if there is a 20% or 30% chance of rain on a particular day. They can also warn people if a storm is (5) This is important for farmers and other people who work outside. It also helps ordinary people know whether they need to (6) an umbrella with them when they go out!

1 A marks	B notices	C signs	D alarms
2 A last	B following	C later	D other
3 A possible	B likely	C accepted	D able
4 A accurate	B close	C true	D near
5 A reaching	B getting	C going	D approaching
6 A bring	B fetch	C wear	D take

Reading Part 6

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

Making my clothes

I started making some of my own clothes last year and I'm really enjoying it. It was my mum (1) first got me interested in learning to sew because she makes a lot of her own things. I started off by designing something quite simple – a T-shirt. It wasn't as easy (2) I thought it would be, and it took me quite a long time. I was pleased (3) the finished product, though, and I enjoyed sewing it. I liked it so much, (4) fact, that I decided to study how to make clothes at college. I signed (5) for a course earlier this year and started in July. So far on the course, I've learned all about making trousers and skirts and we're going to start looking

at shirts quite soon. It's great, and I've saved loads (6) money, as I've bought fewer clothes.

