



B1 PRELIMINARY- READING & WRITING MOCK TEST 3

Part 1

Questions 1-5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Annual Winter Sale

Huge discounts
on coats, jackets
and rainwear.

- A Shop is open only during the winter.
- B Coats, jackets and rainwear come in large sizes only.
- C Great prices available on winter clothing.

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Flight delay.
Check the board
regularly for updates
on new departure time.



- A A new departure time has been set.
- B A new departure time will appear on the board.
- C There has been a delay in posting the departure time.

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Letters are collected from this
postbox by 5 pm on weekdays
and 11 am on Saturdays.
There is no collection on Sundays.

- A Letters posted on Sunday aren't collected until Monday.
- B There are no afternoon collections during the week.
- C You may post letters before 5 pm for collection on Saturday.

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Messages Clear

Hi Maria! Do you want me to reserve the table for 7 or 8 o'clock? I prefer 8, but the restaurant gets crowded as the evening goes on. Let me know.
Cindy

Send

- A Cindy wants to eat earlier in the evening.
- B Most people come to the restaurant before 7.
- C Cindy wants Maria to decide what time to eat.

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The building's main entrance is
closed due to renovations.
Visitors should use the side door
and ring the bell to alert the
security guard.

- A Because of renovations, visitors cannot use the main door.
- B Visitors should ring the front doorbell before going around to the side.
- C The security guard will ring a bell to alert visitors.



Part 2

Questions 6-10

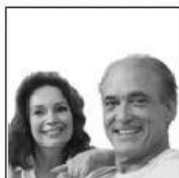
For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below are all looking for a suitable place to stay on holiday.

On the next page, there are descriptions of eight holiday accommodations.

Decide which accommodation would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Alex and Kate Norman save up for their holiday every year. They see this not only as a time to experience the sights and sounds of a city but also as an opportunity to relax and spoil themselves. Therefore, saving money isn't essential. ☐

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Carol and Christopher Marshall take their two young children camping every summer. They have got all the necessary equipment to prepare their own food, though an inexpensive meal at a nearby eatery would occasionally suit them. ☐

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Michelle believes that meeting the locals is one of the main benefits of foreign travel. As a training hairdresser, she hasn't got much money, but she manages to go abroad at least twice a year, using budget airlines and accommodation. ☐

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Andrew, a 19-year-old university student who is on a budget, enjoys backpacking. He doesn't mind sharing his sleeping space or a bathroom with others as long as he stays in a place that is clean and run professionally. He hopes to meet other backpackers. ☐

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Cathy is spending her summer holiday studying at the university as a foreign exchange student. She prefers to live on her own. As long as she's near public transport, she doesn't mind being away from the centre of town. ☐



Accommodation

A Happy Campers Campsite

This accommodation is suitable for young and old alike. As well as water and a gas and electricity connection, the site offers a playground for young children and Wi-Fi access. There is also a fast-food restaurant at the campsite.

C Seaside Bed and Breakfast

If you're willing to spend a little extra, this countryside bed and breakfast is located about 10 minutes' walk from the beach. Each room contains twin beds and there is a shared bathroom on each of the three floors. Breakfast is available from 7.30 to 10 am in the family dining room.

E 12 Dunbar Road

This beautiful Victorian house has been made into several one-bedroom flats. Popular with the university crowd, as it's a short walk from the university. Common dining area and kitchen.

G Glamping

A unique camping accommodation, glamping offers its visitors a luxurious way to relax in nature. All our 2-room tents come with in suite bathrooms. Children under the age of 16 aren't allowed.

B The Youth Hostel Association

This hostel offers accommodation in large dormitories or smaller rooms (sleeping 3 to 4). Facilities include shared bathrooms and communal kitchens. Only a nominal fee is charged. Great place to meet others who are passing by.

D Capital City

This luxury hotel in the heart of the city offers an indoor swimming pool and gym, two restaurants, a coffee shop and a bar. All in suite rooms contain two large double beds and a comfortable sitting area. Well worth the high cost.

F Couch Surfing

In the couch surfing scheme, people offer their spare bedroom to travelers. This inexpensive arrangement allows people to see new places and get to know people they would otherwise never meet.

H 26 Church Street

A quiet one-bedroom furnished flat away from the noisy Centre. Direct bus lines to university. A short walk to the local supermarket and greengrocer's.

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Part 3

Questions 11-15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Read and Ride

As a primary school teacher for over 15 years, I know about the challenge of motivating students to read. It seems more and more kids are having trouble concentrating and don't enjoy reading. So that's why I'm so excited about the Read and Ride programme our school is participating in. This innovative yet simple programme was first introduced at Ward Elementary School in the United States. School counsellor Scott Ertl was reading and doing exercise at the gym when he realised that this could be a fun way of making children active and encouraging independent reading. As a result of this, a reading room containing exercise bikes was made available so children could come in and read while getting a workout on the bikes. The programme was a success and it is working in a big way at my school, too. Students at our school can't wait to get into the reading room. Reading has become a positive experience, but there's a lot more than that. Participants in the Read and Ride programme have made a significant improvement in their reading skills. It supports a well-known fact that physical activity and the release of energy are important factors in brain stimulation and concentration.

The Read and Ride programme has produced such impressive results that it has spread across North America and to Europe. In most places the equipment is donated, and schools receive a variety of sports equipment. One school has taken Read and Ride to another level – introducing green microcycles – bicycles fitted with generators that save the kinetic energy students produce as they pedal! In addition to making students smarter and healthier, these bikes increase environmental awareness.

You can start a Read and Ride programme in your school, too. Teachers can have an exercise bike in the classroom to use as a reward for when students complete their work or schools can create their own Read and Ride room so a lot of students can use the bikes at the same time.

This simple, low-cost reading programme could inspire all kinds of changes in the way children are being educated – not only by reading but in other areas of learning.

11 What is the writer doing in this text?

- ☒ A encouraging students to ride bicycles
- ☐ B presenting a new physical fitness programme
- ☐ C giving information about reading proficiency
- ☐ D describing a new programme to encourage reading

12 What is NOT mentioned as a benefit of the programme?

- ☐ A better concentration
- ☐ B opportunity to exercise
- ☐ C weight loss
- ☐ D increase in reading skills



13 Green micro cycles

- A are produced by students.
- B are healthier to ride.
- C are inexpensive.
- D allow students to produce energy.

14 Why is the Read and Ride programme inexpensive?

- A The equipment is second-hand.
- B The equipment is not usually purchased by the schools.
- C Schools use only eco-friendly equipment.
- D Schools use less expensive equipment.

15 Which statement best describes the Read and Ride programme?

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| A | It is a great way to improve reading, get in shape and have fun. | B | It helps students do their homework and get ready for sports competitions. |
| C | It teaches children to ride bikes and read books. | D | It encourages children to be environmentally aware. |



Part 4

Questions 16-20

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.

A Different Tour

by Lucas Hunt

Last week, my parents and I went on a special tour of London. I'd been to London so many times that I was sure that this tour would be just like all the others. **16** Just before we got to the meeting place, my father told me it was going to be led by a homeless person.

OK – this was certainly different, but I was just a little worried. **17** I imagined going from place to place and seeing how the homeless lived in London. I told my dad that it was a really bad idea, walking around the streets and slums to see how people who are less fortunate than we are live. **18** He explained that this tour was aimed at helping homeless people and giving them a chance to turn their lives around. First of all, these tours offer homeless people jobs. The guides get 60% of the cost of the tour. Secondly, it gives them a chance to share their knowledge with tourists and change people's perspectives of them.

When I saw our guide, I was surprised. My first thought was, "He doesn't look homeless"! **19** He must have seen how some of us were looking at him and said, "People find it hard to believe that I am homeless, because when they think of homeless people, they often imagine drug addicts or alcoholics". Today, I hope I will be able to change that image. **20** In the end, we had an amazing tour. Thanks to our guide's way of life, he was able to show us a side of London that we certainly didn't know. He totally changed my way of thinking. He showed us a side to being homeless that I hadn't thought about. I'd recommend this tour to everyone – locals and tourists!

- A. Apparently, I wasn't the only one who thought so.
- B. He told me it was important to see how other people live.
- C. He certainly managed to successfully achieve that goal.
- D. It turned out that I was totally wrong!
- E. Unfortunately, he didn't succeed.
- F. He laughed and said that he totally agreed.
- G. I suppose that was because I didn't really know what to expect.
- H. I was afraid it might be really dangerous.



Part 5

Questions 21-26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Elephant Awareness

They are huge, grey and have a long "nose" which is called a trunk. What are they? You probably had no (21) in answering "elephants". And huge they are! The adult elephant is the largest animal living on (22)

However, perhaps less known is the fact that elephants are in many ways (23) humans. For example, they live together as a family. In (24) they communicate with each other and express emotions.

However, elephants are in danger of facing extinction. They have no natural predators (25) for humans, who kill them for their ivory or sell them to places of entertainment, where they are often mistreated. Those left in the wild find it difficult to survive, since human activities such as mining and farming continue to (26) their habitat.

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| 21 A obstacle | B difficulty | C Conflict | D argument |
| 22 A ground | B surface | C country | D land |
| 23 A same | B similar | C like | D resemble |
| 24 A contrast | B more | C turn | D addition |
| 25 A accept | B except | C besides | D only |
| 26 A destroy | B hold | C grab | D get |

Part 6

Questions 27-32

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write one word for each gap.

Antarctic Heroes

At first, when our teacher (27) us we were going on a trip to see the famous ship *RRS Discovery*, I thought it would be boring because I'm not really interested in ships. In the end, it turned out to be one of the (28) interesting school trips I have ever been on.

Captain Scott (also known as "Scott of the Antarctic") sailed on the *Discovery* on a special research mission. Scott and his crew left the UK (29) 6th August 1901 and arrived in Antarctica about five months later. Our guide told us about life on the *Discovery*. The temperatures were below zero and they (30) not have enough food. Some men died. In spite of these difficulties, Scott and his men tried to live a "normal" life. They even published (31) newspaper once a month.

After this trip, one thing is for sure – I (32) never complain about cold weather again!