

# Practice Test 1

## Reading and Use of English

1 hour 15 minutes

### PART 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

**Example:**

0 A falls

B puts

C goes

D breaks

0 A B C D

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### THE IDEAL JOB INTERVIEW

When you are being interviewed, 80 per cent of your mental effort (0) ..... into thinking about what to say and about 20 per cent into how to say it. However, the interviewer measures you the (1) ..... way round. According to one expert, you need to (2) ..... your role before the interview.

(3) ..... of confidence at an interview puts employers off, so sit on a chair in front of a mirror before the interview and take a critical look at yourself. Make sure you sit up (4) ..... and do everything in a (5) ..... way. If you think you may look (6) ..... , you will feel tense. Get someone to listen to your voice. If you are nervous, you are (7) ..... to talk in a dull tone. But if you talk faster than you normally do, what comes out might not make sense. A good interviewer will (8) ..... open-ended questions, so try and give answers which are clear and precise.

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|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|---------|---|------------|
| 1 | A | next      | B | other     | C | wrong   | D | best       |
| 2 | A | train     | B | practise  | C | try     | D | repeat     |
| 3 | A | Lack      | B | Scarcity  | C | Failure | D | Absence    |
| 4 | A | direct    | B | regular   | C | neat    | D | straight   |
| 5 | A | loose     | B | simple    | C | relaxed | D | gentle     |
| 6 | A | unnatural | B | irregular | C | false   | D | artificial |
| 7 | A | possibly  | B | really    | C | likely  | D | probably   |
| 8 | A | say       | B | give      | C | ask     | D | reply      |

## PART 2

For questions 9 – 16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

### Example:

O T H E R

## **Northern lights**

*Aurora borealis* – the northern lights – is one of (0) ..... world's most magical firework displays. These displays of light are most intense around the North Pole, so in (9) ..... to experience them fully on a dark winter's night, you should ideally be in the Arctic Circle. (10) ..... the displays occur all year round, the number varies in any one year, depending (11) ..... the sunspot cycle.

You need to be far from the glow of the city on a cloudless night to see the northern lights properly, and people (12) ..... have witnessed them say they are unforgettable. At (13) ..... brightest, it's possible to read a book in the middle of the countryside as the whole area is lit up. Great sheets of light move across the sky in constantly changing patterns, just (14) ..... huge colourful curtains. (15) ..... fact, you don't really have to go to the Arctic Circle to get a good view of the lights. According (16) ..... many people, it's possible to see the effect on dark nights from the far north of Scotland.

**PART 3**

For questions **17 – 24**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

**Example:**

0	I	N	V	E	N	T	O	R						
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## ERNO RUBIK

Erno Rubik is the **(0)** ..... of the well-known Rubik's Cube, which sold over 100 million in its first ten years. He is one of the **(17)** ..... men in Hungary and says that his most important tools are his **(18)** ..... and his brain. He enjoys geometry and the problems of construction. He says that he has many **(19)** ..... , who bring their dreams to him and want him to turn them into **(20)** ..... , but it's his own dreams that really excite him.

**INVENT**  
**WEALTHY**  
**IMAGINE**  
**VISIT**  
**REAL**

Before he invented his famous Cube, he was a **(21)** ..... in interior design. Now he runs his own organisation from an office in Budapest, but is rarely seen in public. He is usually **(22)** ..... to go on television or make guest **(23)** ..... anywhere, although one year he did agree to attend an **(24)** ..... stunning exhibition of Hungarian design in London.

**LECTURE**  
**WILL**  
**APPEAR**  
**EXCEPT**

**PART 4**

For questions **25 – 30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

**Example:**

- 0 The suitcase is not light enough for me to carry.

**TOO**

The suitcase ..... for me to carry.

The gap can be filled by the words 'is too heavy', so you write:

**Example: 0 IS TOO HEAVY**

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

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- 25 Despite the heat Sam kept his jacket on.

**OF**

In ..... Sam did not take his jacket off.

- 26 Swimming in the river is forbidden.

**ALLOWED**

You ..... in the river.

- 27 I'm really sorry I didn't see you when you were in Paris.

**REGRET**

I ..... you when you were in Paris.

- 28 The apples were too sour to eat.

**SWEET**

The apples were ..... to eat.

- 29 Why did she change her plans?

**REASON**

What ..... her change of plans?

- 30 I am not very interested in sport.

**INTEREST**

Sport ..... me.