

# Exam practice 1

## Part 1

For questions 1–12, 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).

### Teen sails around the world

A nineteen-year-old Australian who spent seven months at sea in her pink yacht <sup>(0)</sup> crossed the finishing line of her round-the-world journey on Saturday. She <sup>(1)</sup> ..... the youngest sailor to sail round the globe solo, non-stop and unassisted. Thousands of spectators <sup>(2)</sup> ..... into applause as Emily Watson sailed into Sydney Harbour, the finale to an epic journey from which critics said she'd never <sup>(3)</sup> ..... alive.

Watson's parents <sup>(4)</sup> ..... for her when she arrived, and the teenager burst into tears; she <sup>(5)</sup> ..... her mum and dad for seven months.

Emily Watson, from Buderim in Queensland, had <sup>(6)</sup> ..... from Sydney on October 18th, ignoring comments by critics who said she was too immature and inexperienced for the journey. Her parents said that they had <sup>(7)</sup> ..... her up to be independent and that she was well-prepared because she <sup>(8)</sup> ..... since she was eight.

How did Emily feel to be back home? 'Well, I haven't had a good meal <sup>(9)</sup> ..... seven months; I've been at sea, alone, <sup>(10)</sup> ..... October; I've missed my friends,' she told reporters. Is she planning another voyage? 'First, I think <sup>(11)</sup> ..... a nice long rest – chill out, you know. And then I'm <sup>(12)</sup> ..... my studies.' Emily is planning to study physical education at Sydney University.

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 <b>A crossed</b> | B has crossed     | C has been crossing | D had crossed       |
| 1 A becomes        | B is becoming     | C became            | D was becoming      |
| 2 A burst          | B were bursting   | C had burst         | D had been bursting |
| 3 A get on         | B get back        | C get down          | D get up            |
| 4 A were waiting   | B have waited     | C had waited        | D had been waiting  |
| 5 A didn't see     | B wasn't seeing   | C hasn't seen       | D hadn't seen       |
| 6 A put off        | B set off         | C called off        | D gone off          |
| 7 A brought        | B given           | C held              | D grown             |
| 8 A sailed         | B was sailing     | C had sailed        | D had been sailing  |
| 9 A for            | B since           | C during            | D while             |
| 10 A until         | B over            | C since             | D in                |
| 11 A I have        | B I'll have       | C I'm having        | D I will have had   |
| 12 A finishing     | B going to finish | C about to finish   | D to finish         |

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## Part 2

For questions **13-24**, 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)**.

3-D films have been around <sup>(0)</sup> ..... **for** ..... more than sixty years. They have existed <sup>(13)</sup> ..... the 1950s. However, they <sup>(14)</sup> ..... not very popular back then as they were too expensive to produce and display.

Today, 3-D <sup>(15)</sup> ..... becoming more and more popular and common in all kinds of film. 3-D films <sup>(16)</sup> ..... also become much more profitable for producers and although they have not <sup>(17)</sup> ..... become the 'norm', it looks like they soon <sup>(18)</sup> ..... We're definitely <sup>(19)</sup> ..... to see more 3-D releases in the coming years.

3-D technology <sup>(20)</sup> ..... also getting better. There <sup>(21)</sup> ..... now viewing systems which <sup>(22)</sup> ..... not require the use of special viewing glasses, while 3-D TV <sup>(23)</sup> ..... also increasing in popularity. Soon, we will all <sup>(24)</sup> ..... getting rid of our old TV sets and replacing them with new, high-end 3-D ones. It looks like 3-D is here to stay!

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## Part 3

For questions 25–34, 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 gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

## Social networking: risks

Social networking sites have increased enormously in  
(0) popularity in recent years. They have millions of  
(25) ..... from around the globe and they've done a lot  
to bring people closer together. They are a marvellous  
(26) ..... and they are a unique way of encouraging  
(27) ..... between people from many different parts of  
the world.

Sadly, social networking sites are becoming a target for  
Internet (28) ....., ruthless people who take advantage  
of the (29) ..... of these sites and gather personal  
(30) ..... about the people who use them – personal  
details that the (31) ..... themselves have made  
publicly available.

Luckily, there are things we can do to reduce the risks  
without spoiling the fun and (32) ..... . Schools are a  
good place to start. (33) ..... can inform children of  
the dos and don'ts of social networking. Internet safety  
should become a part of technology (34) .....

POPULAR  
VISIT

INVENT  
FRIEND

HACK  
WEAK  
INFORM  
USE

EXCITE  
TEACH

EDUCATE

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### Part 4

For questions 35–42, 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 She started working at noon and she hasn't finished yet.

**BEEN**

She ..... *has been working since* ..... noon.

- 35 I last saw Helen before she left for Australia.

**SINCE**

I ..... she left for Australia.

- 36 They're going to cancel the meeting.

**CALL**

They've decided ..... the meeting.

- 37 My mobile rang during the nine o'clock news.

**WATCHING**

My mobile rang ..... the nine o'clock news.

- 38 It was the best film I had ever seen.

**NEVER**

I ..... such a good film before.

- 39 He learnt to use a computer when he was six years old.

**WAS**

He's known how to use a computer ..... six years old.

- 40 At the moment, he is a reporter for the local newspaper.

**AS**

He ..... a reporter for the local newspaper right now.

- 41 I started cooking about two hours ago.

**HAVE**

I ..... two hours.

- 42 When did you meet Eric?

**KNOWN**

How long ..... Eric?

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TOTAL SCORE / 50