

Test 2

PAPER 1 READING AND WRITING TEST (1 hour 30 minutes)

READING

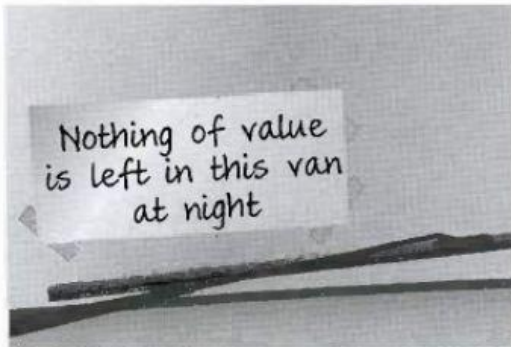
PART 1

Questions 1–5

- Look at the text in each question.
- What does it say?
- Mark the letter next to the correct explanation – **A**, **B** or **C** – on your answer sheet.

Example:

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- A** Valuable objects are removed at night.
- B** Valuables should not be left in the van.
- C** This van is locked at night.

Example answer:

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0	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C

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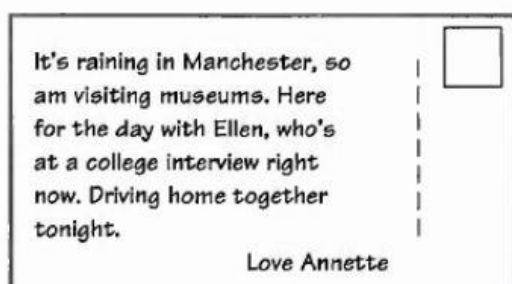
- A** Lock your cycle near this gate before entering.
- B** Cyclists should use a different entrance when this one is locked.
- C** If the side gate is locked, go through the cycle entrance.

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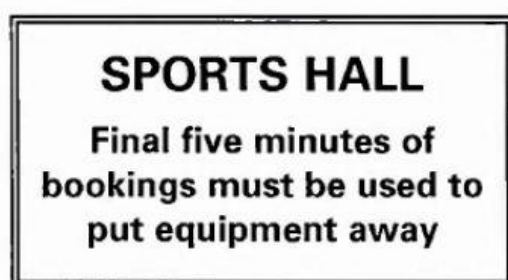
- A We will keep any picture for you if you give us £25.
- B Some of the pictures in the gallery are reserved.
- C It costs £25 to show your picture in the gallery.

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- A Ellen and Annette are spending the day together sightseeing.
- B Annette is writing this card while Ellen attends an interview.
- C Ellen is staying overnight in Manchester, but Annette isn't.

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- A Bookings now include an extra five minutes for equipment to be put away.
- B You have five minutes after bookings have finished to return any sports equipment used.
- C The hall must be cleared of equipment in the five minutes before bookings end.

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John wants Helga to

- A find a boat for hire on the river.
- B do all the cooking on the holiday.
- C help those on board to communicate.

PART 2

Questions 6–10

- The people below all want to move to a new home.
- On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight different homes.
- Decide which home (**letters A–H**) would be the most suitable for each of the following people (**numbers 6–10**).
- For each of these numbers mark the correct letter **on your answer sheet**.



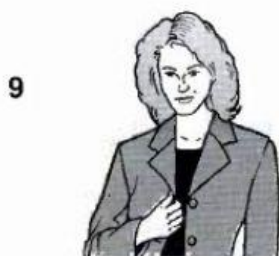
Chris and Sarah want to rent a flat as soon as possible. They would prefer a quiet part of town with views over gardens and water.



George would like to rent a small home near the centre of town with somewhere safe to keep his car. He has only a little time to do the gardening.



Graham and Suzie have four children. They want to buy a house in the countryside which is big enough for each child to have their own room. The children enjoy playing outdoors.



Mary is a lawyer who works mainly in London. She is hoping to buy a home in the country where she can work sometimes. She needs to be able to catch a train to London easily.



James and Miranda have always lived in town, but as their two teenage daughters love riding they now want to buy a house in the country. They need enough space to have two horses.

Looking for a new home?

A Tidmarsh

This six-bedroom, nineteenth-century house, just outside the village of Tidmarsh, is a very pleasant family home with two sitting rooms and a dining room. There is a garage and a garden with a swimming pool. Quick sale wanted.

B Brettisham

This elegant one-bedroom house near the river consists of an unusually large living room, bright kitchen and bathroom. It has gas central heating, a small garden which is easy to look after, and a garage. Reasonable monthly rent for a town centre property.

C Lower Farleigh

For sale: this newly-built one-bedroom town house has a large lounge, kitchen, bathroom, garage and a private garden at the back that needs some work. It is very close to the shopping centre and within five minutes' walk of the bus station with connections to London and Birmingham.

D Corbridge

A lovely, furnished apartment away from the noise of the city centre, with a balcony looking down on beautiful lawns, flowers and, beyond them, the River Thames. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen/dining room. Cars may be parked in the road. Available to rent immediately.

E Dinton

A beautiful small cottage for sale in a pretty village with lovely views over farms and hills. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, kitchen, living room and study/office. Enjoy the quiet of the countryside and still benefit from good connections with all major cities as the railway station is very close.

F Winchcombe

For sale: an interesting old country farmhouse with two reception rooms, comfortable kitchen and three bedrooms. Next to the house there are some old buildings which could be used to store equipment or keep animals, and a field which could be turned into a garden with tennis court or swimming pool.

G Saxford

A spacious new two-bedroom apartment will become available for rent when the owner moves abroad in three months' time. It has views of the park and canal although it is only one street away from the main shopping area. No private parking facilities are included but there is usually space to park in the street outside.

H Beckington

For immediate rent: an attractive, large nineteenth-century town house with ten bedrooms. At the end of the garden, there is an old building, originally used for horses, which could be used as a garage or turned into office accommodation.

PART 5

Questions 26–35

- Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
- For each question, mark the letter next to the correct word – **A, B, C or D** – on your answer sheet.

Example answer:

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THE ESCALATOR

An American, Charles D. Seeberger, invented moving stairs to transport people (0) the 1890s. He (26) this invention an 'escalator', (27) the name from the Latin word 'scala', (28) means 'ladder'. Escalators move people up and down short (29) Lifts do the same, but only move (30) small number of people. If an escalator breaks down, it can still be (31) as ordinary stairs. An escalator can move (32) 8,000 and 9,600 people an hour, and it (33) not need a person to operate it.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century, cities were (34) more crowded and the first escalators were built at railway stations and in big department (35) , so that people could move about more quickly. Today we see escalators everywhere.

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|----|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 0 | A in | B at | C by | D on |
| 26 | A announced | B called | C translated | D explained |
| 27 | A fetching | B lending | C taking | D carrying |
| 28 | A what | B whose | C who | D which |
| 29 | A distances | B directions | C measurements | D lengths |
| 30 | A the | B a | C some | D any |
| 31 | A walked | B made | C used | D changed |
| 32 | A from | B between | C to | D above |
| 33 | A is | B has | C did | D does |
| 34 | A coming | B becoming | C continuing | D developing |
| 35 | A stores | B shops | C places | D houses |

WRITING

PART 1

Questions 1–5

- Here are some sentences about daily travel.
- For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, **using no more than three words.**
- **Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.**

Example: Going by bus is quicker than cycling.

Cycling ~~takes longer than~~ going by bus.

- 1 Maria lives a long way from her office.
Maria's office isn't her home.
- 2 It is a forty-minute bus journey to her office.
The bus journey to her office forty minutes.
- 3 Driving a car in the town centre is not allowed.
You are not allowed cars in the town centre.
- 4 Maria sometimes takes a taxi although it is expensive.
Maria doesn't often take a taxi it is expensive.
- 5 Yesterday she got up too late to catch the bus.
Yesterday she got up so late that she the bus.

PART 2

Question 6

You are planning a surprise party for your cousin and want to invite an English-speaking friend to the party.

Write a card to send to your friend. In your card, you should

- **invite your friend to the party**
- **say when it will take place**
- **explain why you want to surprise your cousin.**

Write 35–45 words on your answer sheet.