PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

To: Steve
From: Karen

I phoned the cinema and I've reserved 2 tickets for the film tonight. Can you pick them up on your way home from work?

A. ? Order the cinema tickets.

B. ? Collect the tickets.

C. ? Meet after work to go to the cinema.

Lift out of order

Please ask a member of staff if you need assistance with the stairs

A. ? The lift is only for employees.

B. ? Ask someone if you need help with the lift.

C. ? The lift isn't working.

I'll be late home today. Could you get dinner ready? It's in the fridge and just needs warming up.

A. ? Think about what you can have for dinner.

B. ? Buy something for dinner.

C. ? Prepare the dinner.

PARKING
Customers only in this area.

A. ? This car park is for people who use the shop.

B. ? No parking here.

C. ? Anyone can park here.

Students

Because of building work the café will be closed until further notice.

A. ? The cafe is where the builders eat.

B. ? Students will be told when the cafe is open.

C. ? The cafe will still be open while building work is being done.

Reading Part 2

The people below all want to visit somewhere.
There are descriptions of eight places.
Decide which place would be the most suitable for the people below.

1. **Marco** studies physics and is interested in anything to do with science. He'd like to visit somewhere to see some examples of early mechanical engines.

2. **Gemma** wants to take her 5-year-old to see some animals. She'd also like to look around some shops to buy something for her mother's birthday.

3. **Ingrid's** eldest daughter is learning about English history and would like to go somewhere to bring this subject to life. Ingrid is really interested in flowers.

4. **Trevor** is an artist and enjoys drawing wildlife. He recently visited a zoo and drew large animals and would like to try sketching something smaller.

5. **Sarah** and her husband would like to spend the day outdoors. They don't like going on rides but are both interested in history and how people used to live.

Places to go this summer

A. **Stratford Butterfly Farm**
The biggest butterfly farm in Europe. Whatever the weather come and see these beautiful creatures as they would live in their natural environment. Walk around a tropical rainforest as butterflies fly freely around you. See them as they come into the world in the Caterpillar Room. And don't miss Insect City where you can view huge spiders and our very own scorpion colony!

B. **National Sea-Life Centre**
You wouldn't expect to bump into a hammerhead shark whilst visiting Brum city centre. But yes, it's true, The National Sea Life Centre in Birmingham is the only aquarium in the UK where you can see this creature along with our Sea Dragons from Australia and baby stingrays from the Amazon. We guarantee an experience you'll never forget.

C. **Coventry Transport Museum**
Coventry Transport Museum hosts the world's largest transport collection. A day out here will give you the chance to see some of the earliest motor cars as well as more modern vehicles like the De Lorean 'back from the future' car. You can also design your own car and experience what breaking the sound barrier at 763 miles an hour feels like.

D. **Warwick Castle**
Regarded by many as Britain's greatest Medieval Castle. Visit exhibitions, climb the castle towers, relax as you walk around the gardens, designed and created in 1753 by Capability Brown. Experience the preparations for battle in the Kingmaker exhibition or witness a Victorian Royal Weekend. And if your interest is more in the darker side of the Castle's history visit The Castle Dungeon.

E. **ThinkTank**
At Thinktank you will find four floors of hands-on exhibits and historical collections that will amaze and inspire you, showing you the science of the world all around us from the past, the present and the future. From galleries and exhibitions to an exciting programme of events and activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy, whether your interest is steam engines, looking into deepest space or seeing how doctors perform life-saving surgery.

F. **Drayton Manner**
One of the UK's most popular attractions. The park is home to some of the scariest rides you'll find like Stormforce 10 and Apocalypse, which has been voted the UK's most frightening ride. You'll also find an indoor and outdoor play area and of course, Drayton Manor Zoo with over one hundred different species, including twelve rare breeds from across the world.

G. **Hatton Country World**
If you're keen on seeing unique crafts and craft work side-by-side with antique shops and a traditional butchers shop, Hatton Country World is the place for you. As well as these wonderful shops you'll be able to enjoy the Farm Park with many farm animals to help keep the kids entertained.

H. **Black Country Museum**
It's been called Britain's friendliest open-air museum. Come to Black Country Museum and discover an old-fashioned village by the canal. Look around original old-fashioned shops and houses, see what it's like down a mine and take a ride on a tramcar.

Reading Part 3

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

The End of TV?

Tom Collins offers his opinion

I keep reading articles that argue the TV is dead. According to this view, people are spending far more time using the Internet for their entertainment and for information. As a result, they argue the TV is becoming less and less important in our lives. The time we spend watching videos online is certainly increasing but I don't think this is a reason to believe we should be saying goodbye to the television.

The TV is still a very popular way a lot of us get our entertainment at home. It offers us the chance to see top musical artists, great films and documentaries and sometimes, thanks to important live events, it has the power to bring the whole country and all ages together in a way the Internet never could. How often do thousands or even millions of friends or families sit down at the same time to watch something together online?

Some people argue that the TV offers a poor quality of programmes on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many of the channels do nothing more than repeat old shows or offer cheap, low quality programmes. However, I would argue that a lot of content on the Internet isn't particularly great. At least TV shows have professional people checking the quality of shows, which a lot of content on the web doesn't.

I agree that it is easy to keep up-to-date with the latest news on the Internet, even though much of it is not true or certainly can't be trusted. I enjoy sitting down to the news on TV in the evening, knowing that I am more likely to believe the information than the things I read online. Anybody can post information on the Internet and a lot of it is opinion rather than fact.

So I don't think we should be so quick to say goodbye to the TV. In fact, I think it has many more years left in it! I certainly won't be swapping my TV for the latest laptop and will continue to enjoy relaxing in front of it in the evenings.

1. The author thinks that

A. TV is no longer important.

B. people are spending more time watching videos on the Internet.

C. people spend too much time on the Internet.

D. people don't have time to watch TV.

2. What does the author say about TV?

A. It's the only way to see important live events.

B. It is more popular than the Internet.

C. It can attract huge audiences for live events.

D. It is more popular with certain age groups.

3. The author thinks that

A. nothing on the Internet is checked.

B. it is cheaper to make programmes for the Internet.

C. some programmes are shown again and again on TV.

D. there are too many channels on TV.

4. The author says that compared to the Internet,

A. TV news is more reliable.

B. people don't give their opinion on TV.

C. TV news is not up to date.

D. TV news can always be trusted.

5. What might the author say about the TV?

A. "Eventually, mobile phones and laptops will replace it."

B. "It will remain a popular form of entertainment."

C. "We need fewer channels and better quality programmes."

D. "It's not as important as it used to be."

Reading Part 4

- Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer (A-H) There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use

How to Save Petrol and the Environment?

We all know how important it is to protect the environment. **1)** ____ For example, if you're a motorist jumping in the car to go somewhere is balanced against the knowledge of how harmful each journey can be. But did you know that making a few simple changes to your driving habits will not only do less damage to our world but will also save you money and could even be good for your health?

Do you really need to take the car? **2)** ____ If the service is reliable you'll soon get used to using buses and trains. In fact, for shorter journeys why not take the opportunity to get into shape and go on foot.

Why not share the journey! How often do you see cars with just one occupant with the driver making the same journey as others living nearby? Why not car share and half the cost of the journey? **3)** ____

Try changing your habits. When you must use the car plan your journey so you can go to all the places you need to visit rather taking the car out again and again. If you get caught in a traffic jam switch off the engine when you're stationary for a long time. Try not to brake too sharply or accelerate too quickly as this will lead to you using up more fuel. On cold mornings don't warm up the engine before you start your journey and when you next put fuel in your car think about whether you really need to fill up the tank. **4)** ____

Taking care of your car is very important. **5)** ____ And keep your car regularly serviced so that it runs as efficiently as possible.

Steps like this will save you money and help you do your bit to protect the environment.

<u>Sentences</u>

A. There are websites where people can arrange to meet up.

B. If your car is this old it may need replacing.

C. Make sure you carry out basic maintenance like checking the tire pressure regularly.

D. Try making more use of public transport.

E. These problems mainly affect the city centers.

F. All that extra weight will put more pressure on the engine.

G. But sometimes it's difficult for us to do the right thing.

H. They can also advise you on safer driving.

Reading Part 5

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

Lucky Escape

After having **(1)** ……. their money for years the Clarke family were finally in a position to see their dream come true. They were ready to travel from Scotland to start a new life **(2)** ..... America.

The **(3)** ..... family were looking forward to it. Unfortunately, just days before their departure, one of their sons was bitten by a dog. They were told they would not be able to travel because of the possibility the boy could have rabies. The father went to the docks to watch the ship that he had hoped would **(4)** ..... them to their new life depart. As he stood on the harbor thinking about his son, he watched the ship and wondered if the family would ever get to make the journey.

However, soon after this disappointment the father **(5)** ..... how lucky the family had been. The son did not have rabies and a few days **(6)** ..... the news came that the ship the Clarke family should have been on, The Titanic, had sunk.

1.

A. collected.
B. saved
C. stored
D. kept

2.

A. ? to
B. ? on
C. ? in
D. ? at

3.

A. ? altogether
B. ? all
C. ? whole
D. ? total

4.

A. ? take
B. ? move
C. ? send
D. ? set

5.

A. ? missed
B. ? discovered
C. ? found
D. ? checked

6.

A. ? following
B. ? later
C. ? passed
D. ? past

Reading Part 6

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

Cornish Pasties

I'm having a fantastic time here in the UK and I thought I'd write (1) ..... tell you about somthing I've eaten which I loved!

As you know, I'm in a place called Cornwall, (2) ..... is in the south west. They have something called a Cornish Pasty. It looks like a parcel made of pastry and the pastry holds together a mixture of meat and vegetables. Cornish pasties have (3) ..... interesting history. In the past, they were the basic meal for Cornish miners who worked underground digging for tin. After a hard morning's work the miners would sit down to eat (4) ..... lunch. But because of the job they were doing, their hands (5) ..... covered in dangerous materials. The design of the pasty meant they could eat the meat and vegetables before throwing away the dirty pastry.

I don't know if it's true and (6) ..... seems a shame that they couldn't eat all of it! You can get Cornish pasties anywhere in the UK but I've been told the best ones are in Cornwall.