

Parcial (Mid-term test) B2

Section A - Writing

You must do both Task 1 and Task 2. They both relate to the situation below:

A new hotel in your town is looking for employees for the summer. You are looking for a summer job.

Task 1: Write a formal letter of 80-100 words to the hotel manager. In your letter, you should:

- Explain why you want the job
 - Ask some questions about the job
- (You do not need to include the addresses in the letter)

Task 1

Task 2 Write an informal email of about 50 words to a friend. In your email, you should:

- Tell your friend about the hotel
- Explain why you really want a summer job

From:

Subject:

Message:

Section B - Reading

Read the five short news stories below. Choose from the articles (A to E) and complete the answer grid. The articles may be chosen more than once. ONE article should NOT be chosen at all. One has been done for you as an example

A. Peterham Rovers footballer Rafa Bertran has announced that he is still having treatment for an infected toenail and is unable to take part in Saturday's cup semi-final. Fans of the club are worried and hope that the team can manage without him. This is the furthest that Peterham has ever progressed in this competition, so it means a great deal to them.

B. Ruben Decker has recently taken up underwater hockey. Like most people, he was unaware of the game's existence, but this team sport has been played since 1954. Participants hold their breath while playing hockey on the floor of the swimming pool, but apart from that, the method of play is similar to that in field hockey. Ruben had to train to be able to hold his breath for a long time but, apart from that, managed to pick the game up easily.

C. With school and a social life, it's impressive that 16-year-old Gina King still finds time to practise table tennis every week. She plays for at least ten hours a week, often competing in matches at the weekends. Gina is currently ranked 3rd in her country in the category of under 20 females, but it's clear she has many promising years ahead of her as she begins competing with adults.

D. Sports teacher Julia Machin recently broke her own high- jump record. This was the over- 50s women's British record, and she beat her previous jump by 5 centimetres. Julia said she was relieved to manage the height and had long believed that it was possible. She had been training and keeping in shape until she had an opportunity to jump at an athletic event. Julia loves competing in her free time.

E. Tom Gregory's recent book recalls how, at the age of just 11, he swam 32 miles across the Channel, from France to England. The challenge took him almost 12 hours. Tom's name appears in record books as the youngest person to swim the Channel, and his achievement won't be bettered, as a minimum age of 16 was introduced in 2000 by the Channel Swimming Association.

F. Welsh marathon runner Natasha Cockram was thrilled with her 13th place finish in the London marathon. Three weeks before the race, she suffered an ankle injury and didn't run for a week before the race. Despite believing that she may not finish at all, in fact Natasha finished as the highest placed British woman in a time that was 3 minutes outside her personal best.

Which article, A, B, C, D, E or F, talks about

a strong performance by a young person?	e.g.	E
a potential future champion?	1	
somebody who will be missed?	2	
an unbreakable record?	3	
an alternative to a traditional sport?	4	
an important event approaching?	5	

an unexpected success?	6	
an unusual skill required?	7	

Section C – Use of English

Choose the correct answer in each sentence and write it on the line.

- I should _____ driving more when I had the opportunity.
A enjoying B have enjoyed C enjoyed D enjoy
- Phil didn't turn _____ to the party until 11pm!.
A off B over C up D on
- I'd rather James _____ by bus than on his bike.
A to go B went C going D been
- I want to finish this book before _____ another.
A to start B start C started D starting
- We'd better _____ a start on the washing up before mum arrives
A made B make C making D to make
- John has been _____ the meeting.
A postpone B to postpone C postponing D postponed
- Write down my mobile phone number in case you _____ lost.
A get B will get C had got D are getting
- I didn't recognize you. Did you _____ have blonde hair?
A use to B get used to C be used to D was used to
- Come and _____ hello to Auntie JO when she arrives.
A tell B speak C say D talk

10. I'd like _____ the car again before I bought it.

A to have seen B to see C seeing D seen

Section D

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original.

1. Maria didn't go on holiday because she hadn't saved enough money.
If Maria

2. Chris hardly ever pays for lunch when we go out.
Rarely

3. 'Can you give me a lift to school, Charlie?' asked Jenny.
Jenny asked

4. I couldn't cycle to your house because someone was mending my bike.
My bike

5. Jane thinks the children should clean their rooms.
It's high time

6. I would love to be able to ski
I wish

Section E

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. Meena has a good _____ and writes great stories. (imagine)

2. Please clean the glasses _____ this time. (care)

3. Abby will be recovering from her _____ for several weeks. (operate)

4. Kelly wore a nice dress and _____ shoes to the dance. (fashion)

1. The manager is going to make an _____ about pay cuts. (announce)
2. We had a _____ time at the cinema. (wonder)
3. Don't touch that plant. The leaves are _____. (poison)
4. Passengers should pick up their luggage on _____. (arrive)
5. I got a _____ to Mallorca for only \$15! (fly)
6. Losing your wallet once is unlucky, twice is _____ (care)

Section F

Choose the correct verb and complete the sentences.

1. I _____ swimming twice a week.
2. You _____ football.
3. They _____ fishing.
4. People _____ aerobics.
5. You _____ golf.
6. They _____ gymnastics.
7. People _____ cricket.
8. You _____ athletics.
9. You _____ skiing.
10. You _____ rugby.

Section G

Tenses

1. **How long** _____ here?. (he/LIVE)
2. She _____ for 12 hours **before** she _____ everything. (WORK, FINISH)
3. He _____ the office **yet**. (LEAVE)

4. I'm afraid I _____ to the party. (COME)
5. Jim was cooking dinner in the kitchen while Jo _____ the dog. (FEED)
6. I think they _____ the cup this season. (WIN)
7. There is a train strike in town, so I _____ a taxi to go to work today. (TAKE)
8. I _____ dinner with James tomorrow. (HAVE)
9. He's a famous singer. He _____ a lot of concerts so far. (GIVE)
10. Do you have plans for your holidays? – Yes, I _____ my aunt in Switzerland.

(VISIT)

Section H - Listening

Hanley Crazy Golf

Opened (on) Saturday 4th

Minimum age limit: _____ years old.

_____ number in group = 5

Cost per child = £3

Only £1 more for _____

Total cost for group = _____ pounds

Can pay cash but need to _____ booking.

Website address: _____

Children must wear _____

Slots available on _____ morning.

Postcode: _____

Location – near the _____