

SAMPLE TEST (B₁)

TASK 1 *Mark the correct letter A, B or C.*

Example:

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**IT IS FORBIDDEN TO
MOVE COMPUTERS FROM
THIS ROOM WITHOUT
PERMISSION FROM
THE HEADTEACHER**

- A** You mustn't take the computers out of this room without asking the headteacher.
- B** You should check with the headteacher before using the computers in this room.
- C** You must ask the headteacher for permission to move the computers into this room

1.

**THE BUS DRIVER TAKES
CASH ONLY.**

**THE TICKET OFFICE TAKES
CREDIT CARDS OR CASH.**

- A** You cannot pay the bus driver with a credit card.
- B** The ticket office can give you change for the bus.
- C** It is not possible to buy a ticket with a credit card

2.

**PARENTS ARE REMINDED
THAT THIS IS NOT A
PLAYGROUND –
PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN
OFF SCULPTURES!**

- A** Families can only watch sports events in this park.
- B** Children must not climb on the sculptures.
- C** Some of the sculptures are unsuitable for children.

3.

**PASSENGERS FOR
INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHTS –
CHECK LUGGAGE
IN HERE**

- A** Passengers arriving from abroad must check in their luggage here.
- B** Travellers from other countries have to check in their own luggage here.
- C** This is where you check in your luggage if you are going abroad.

4.

**WARNING –
SECURITY CAMERAS
IN USE AROUND THIS
BUILDING**

- A** Cameras cannot be used in this area.
- B** You must look after your cameras here.
- C** This area is guarded by cameras.

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TASK 2 *Read the article carefully and choose the most suitable heading (A-H) for each part (5-9) of the article.*
F is done for you. (2 points for each correct answer).

A Dangers and disasters
B The first suntan
C Mood changes

D A warmer world
E Global destruction
F Good for body and mind

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When there's sunshine, people are happy. Sunshine is popular and healthy. At least, in some ways, it's healthy. It helps our bodies produce certain vitamins. It provides vitamin D which keeps our bodies healthy. The sun also stops us getting depressed.

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When it's sunny, most people actually feel happier. They also behave in a more friendly way to others. If a country has a 'bad' summer when there's little sunshine, psychologists say you can clearly see that people become more miserable.

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Until the 1930s, it was fashionable to have white skin. Then the fashion designer, Coco Chanel appeared in Paris with a suntan. It quickly became the fashionable thing to do and everyone wanted to have tanned skin.

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Now we know more about the effects of sunshine than ever before. The negative aspects, for example skin cancer, are much more widely known. Many more people now use sun cream as protection from the sun.

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Our weather systems are changing. The ten warmest years ever recorded were in the 1980s and 1990s. The oceans cover 72% of the Earth's surface and they take in huge amounts of heat from the sun.

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As the Pacific Ocean becomes warmer it makes *El Niño* (a warm current of water along the west coast of South America) more powerful. This plays a part in creating disasters, such as flooding as far away as Europe, India and northern China.

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TASK 3 Read the text about Ferndig Islands to decide if each sentence is True or False.

If it is True mark **T**.

If it is False mark **F**.

10. There was no one living on the islands in the 1980s.
11. Flowers are for sale in the island shop.
12. The church is at the top of the highest hill.
13. There is one beach on St. Michael Island where it is safe to swim.
14. It is possible to take a boat trip on a Saturday.
15. There is a fee for landing on the islands.

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FERNDIG ISLANDS

Three miles across the water from the town of Blascott lies the group of islands known as the Ferndigs. The main island is St. Michael. Separated by a narrow channel of water is St Michael's little sister, St Margaret. People first lived on these islands 1, 500 years ago. By the 1950s the population had gone down to below twenty, and in 1960 the last person left the islands. But in 1991 two families moved back, and since then more people have followed. Tourists now visit regularly to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Visit the one shop on the islands which sells butter, cheese and bread produced by the families who live there. The produce is also taken by boat to restaurants in Blascott, where it can be enjoyed by visitors to the area. Perhaps more interestingly, a range of perfumes is made from the wild flowers and herbs which grow on the island and can be bought in the shop. They are produced mainly for export and are very special. So a visit to the shop is a must!

St Michael Island is easily explored on foot but, in the interests of safety, visitors are requested to keep to the main footpaths. From where the boat lands, walk along the cliff until you reach a steep path signposted to the church. When you get there, it is worth spending a moment in this lovely old building. Carry on along the same path which continues to climb to the highest point on the island. Priory Beach on the eastern side of the island is safe for swimming. Sandtop Bay on the western side is the other sandy beach, but swimming is not advised here.

It is possible to hire a boat to cross to the islands, or you can take one of the boat trips which depart from Blascott harbour in summer, Monday to Friday. The islands are always open to visitors apart from on Sundays. Buy a ticket for a boat trip from the kiosk in Blascott harbour. The charge for landing on the islands is included in the ticket but, if you take your own boat, remember to take some money. The crossing takes thirty minutes, and boats run every fifteen minutes.

Before you set off on a trip, visit the exhibition centre which tells the history of the islands.

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TASK 4 *Read the article, choose and circle the best alternative to answer the questions.*
 (2 points for each correct answer).

LIVING ABOARD

In many of the world's cities, on canals and rivers or in marinas, you can find people who have chosen to live on the water. The Wilkinsons have lived aboard their boat for fifteen years. Much of that time they have spent sailing around the world. Here's what they had to say about living aboard.

Mary Wilkinson

People sometimes ask me if I think it's fair to the children. How could it not be fair? They live in a less polluted, safer environment. They get to travel and become comfortable with and able to deal with people of all ages and from different cultures. This makes them confident and relaxed. Children who live aboard are often better educated because instead of being taught in overcrowded classrooms they learn with their brothers and sisters and with a parent as the teacher.

Sunny Wilkinson

People usually don't believe we live on a boat until I show them a photo. It seems so different to the lifestyles they know. Of course living aboard has its advantages and disadvantages. It's fantastic living so close to nature and getting to know other cultures and languages. It's also really exciting to sail off somewhere and know that you will see new places and meet new people, but sometimes I have made new friends somewhere and then they move on or we do. Saying goodbye to people is always hard.

Jeffrey Wilkinson

I've already decided that I'm going to get a boat when I'm older and go cruising with my friends. I have had so many experiences and seen so many amazing things: dolphins, whales, fantastic tropical fish and a lot of beautiful places on land as well. My only worry is how I will get on with the kids in a normal classroom and with the school system in general. I want

to go to university and I don't know how well I'll do in the final exams. Mum and Dad both say I'm ahead of other kids of my age, but I'm not sure.

16. What does the writer of the article want to tell her readers about?

- A One family's experience of living on a boat.
- B Why she thinks it's a good idea to live on a boat.
- C The disadvantages of living on a boat.
- D Where you can see people living on boats.

17. How does Mary Wilkinson feel about other lifestyles?

- A She thinks they are unfair to children.
- B She thinks they do not offer the advantages of living aboard.
- C She is not sure what she thinks about them.
- D She thinks they are safer than living aboard.

18. What is the main disadvantage of living aboard according to Sunny Wilkinson?

- A She has to learn foreign languages.
- B She hasn't made many friends.
- C They stay in the same place for too long.
- D She misses her friends.

19. Why is Jeffrey Wilkinson worried?

- A He does not know as much as other people his age.
- B His parents think he is behind other people his age.
- C He thinks he might not get good enough results to get into university.
- D He wants to go to a normal school.

20. Which of the Wilkinsons have the same opinions about the advantages of living aboard.

- A Mary and Jeffrey agree that the children are better educated.
- B Jeffrey and Sunny agree that meeting new people and getting to know new cultures are important.
- C Mary and Sunny agree that it is good to get away from pollution.
- D Sunny and Jeffrey both think it is wonderful to be in close contact with nature.

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TASK 5 Questions 21-30

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each questions, mark the letter next to the correct word **A, B, C or D**. The first (0) is done for you.

The Threat to the Environment

Nowadays people are more aware that wildlife all over the world is in (0)A.... . Many (21) of animals are threatened, and could easily become (22) if we do not make an effort to (23) them. There are many reasons for this. In some cases, animals are (24) for their fur or for other valuable parts of their bodies. Some birds, (25) as parrots, are caught (26) , and sold as pets. For many animals and birds, the problem is that their habitat – the (27) where they live- is disappearing. More land is used for farms, for houses or industry, and there are fewer open (28) than there once were. Farmers use powerful chemicals to help them grow better (29) , but these chemicals pollute the environment. The most successful animals on earth – human beings – will soon be the only ones left, unless we can (30) this problem.

0. A danger	B threat	C problem	D vanishing
21. A marks	B more	C species	D forms
22. A disappeared	B vanished	C empty	D extinct
23. A harm	B safe	C protect	D serve
24. A hunted	B chased	C game	D extinct
25. A like	B such	C or	D where
26. A lively	B alive	C for life	D for living
27. A spot	B point	C place	D site
28. A spaces	B air	C up	D parts
29. A products	B fields	C herbs	D crops
30. A answer	B calculate	C solve	D explain

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TASK 6**For questions 31-35 circle A, B, C or D.****(1 point for each correct answer)**

31 You finish your homework now. You can always do it after dinner.
 A couldn't B mustn't C don't have to D shouldn't

32 Ray get into his house because he'd forgotten his keys.
 A can't B wouldn't C mustn't D couldn't

33 I well go to the movies after work tonight.
 A could B should C shall D might

34 I rang the door twice. Dora wasn't at home. She left already.
 A can't have B must have C needn't have D should have

35 Why are you still here? You been helping Dianne in the yard.
 A should have B must have C might have D would have

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TASK 7**Questions 36 - 40****Choose prepositions or prepositional adverbs given in the box.**

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0 The novel we talked about is being made into a movie.

36. We have tried to get over our fear _____ flying.

37. She turned this place _____ looking for keys.

38. The dieter lost weight _____ not eating between meals.

39. We won't stay long at a party; just a quick _____.

40. Due _____ poor attendance, this course has been cancelled.

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TASK 8

Questions 41-45 *Tense forms*

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. (1 point for each correct answer)

41. By the end of this century thousands of species of animals(die) out.
42. Can you buy some wood because I(put) up some bookshelves this afternoon.
43. I'm sure that soon people(live) under the sea.
44. Sam (think) of changing his job soon.
45. This time tomorrow we (lie) on a beach a thousand kilometres away.
46. I (wait) for the bus when it started to pour with rain.
47. Tom (work) on the same book for five years now.
48. When we met, I knew I (see) John somewhere before.
49. After waiting for half an hour, Sue(leave) a message and went home.
50. I don't think they (arrive) before 9 o'clock because they didn't leave until 6.

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TASK 9 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.
(2 points for each correct answer).

Example: 0. I asked him if he could have a ride on it.

I said: ‘ Can I have ... a ride on it.’

51. A man told us where to put our tent.

We _____ our tent.

52. There are lots of CDs in the library.

The library _____ lots of CDs.

53. The new computer is smaller and lighter than my old one.

My old computer was bigger and _____ than my new one.

54. It rained, but the bad weather didn't spoil our weekend.

It rained, but our weekend _____.

55. He said my sister had already phoned the hospital.

He said: ‘ _____ the hospital.’

56. This book is more interesting than that one.

That book isn't _____ that one.

57. The hairdresser cut my hair really short last time.

I had _____ really short last time.

58. Three men are painting our house at the moment.

We _____ our house painted by three men at the moment.

59. I don't like computers, so I still use a typewriter.

If I _____ I _____ a typewriter.

60. The bridge is too weak for lorries to go across.

The bridge isn't _____ for lorries to go across.

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TASK 10 WRITING

This is a part of a letter you receive from an English friend.

I was given some money for my birthday but I can't decide whether to save it or not. Are you good at saving money or do you spend it immediately? Which do you think is best?

- Now write a letter of between **120-150** words, answering your friend's questions. **Do not** write any addresses.

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