

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS B1 PRELIMINARY (PET)

READING

Part 1 Question 1 - 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- A. Sue will have to cook dinner for the guests this evening.
- B. They need some extra ingredients in order to make dinner.
- C. Mum won't be home in time for dinner tonight.

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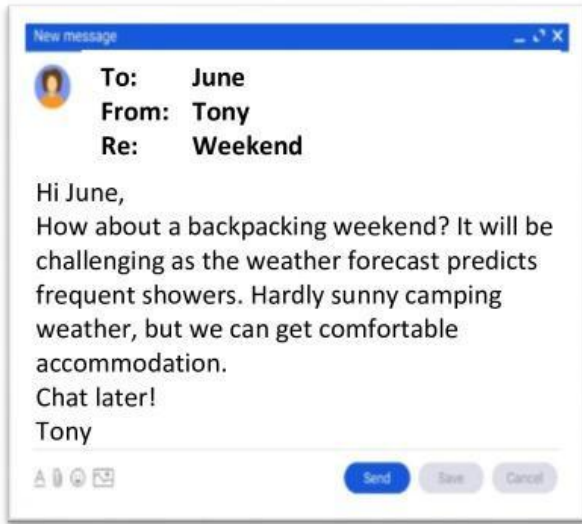
- A. Lost keys cost £1.00 to replace.
- B. Students pay a total of £11.00 for keys.
- C. Students have paid £10.00 in advance.

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- A. Students can park their bicycles late on Friday night if they wish to.
- B. On weekdays people are not allowed to walk on this road.
- C. On Saturdays you can drive by but not park on this road.

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- A. The weather is supposed to be warm at the weekend.
- B. The weather is likely to be wet during their trip.
- C. The weather won't stop them going camping.

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- A. Everything is being sold at half price.
- B. You get a T-shirt at no cost with every sale.
- C. Shoes are sold at a starting price of 5 pounds.

Part 2 Question 6 - 10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The young people below all want to choose a book to read for themselves or someone they love. There are eight book reviews. Decide which book would be the most suitable for each person below.



6. Jake is interested in history, but especially historical figures and buildings. He likes illustrations to help him imagine what life was like in the past. He would love to read an exciting story.

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7. Julia wants to buy a book for her mum. She lives a busy life running her travel company. She enjoys cooking, but wants simple recipe ideas as her free time is limited.

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8. Paul loves mysteries, especially ones where you are left guessing until the very end. He reads every day on the school bus, so the longer the better! He would love something that would grab his attention.

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9. Timothy would like to give a book to his grandad. He is a retired nature photographer of eighty years old. He used to love travelling and learning about different cultures when he was younger.

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10. Sharon and Tom dream of an exciting life and they like being outdoors. They have decided to travel the world for a year and go to unusual places when they finish school.

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NEW BOOKS

A. **The Return**

A mother's missing son turns up at her door one day. He was gone for the past 10 years. Who took him? Where has he been all this time? You won't be disappointed with this excellent crime novel. And if you like to be kept waiting, this is the book for you. It is the first in a series of three, so you won't find out who did it until the third book!

B. **Tasty treats**

This is a great idea for friends or family who can't stop asking themselves and others "What am I supposed to cook today?". Basic simple food, quick to prepare and at a low cost. The author uses ingredients that everybody has in their kitchen cupboards. Nothing complicated, only healthy and convenient.

C. **A Life Well Lived**

A Life Well Lived is an interesting piece of fiction based on the life of Blues singer Billy Holiday. Billy Holiday has been one of the very few musicians who has been such a great inspiration to other musicians as well as music itself. A perfect find for music lovers, or anyone who is interested in the history of Blues music and its influence.

D. **The Long Road**

Although this is quite an old-fashioned book in the way it is written, this excellent translation gives this historical work new life. *The Long Road* is great for history lovers but especially for anybody interested in other cultures and languages. Many may find it boring, but the few who will actually understand it will be amazed.

E. **The History of Food**

Do not rely on the title to get the full picture! It is, in fact, a recipe book but it is based on what people used to eat in the past and is full of interesting food from all around the world. *The History of Food* is a great book for anybody who likes to spend hours in the kitchen.

F. **The Search**

Do you love wildlife and nature? With this book there is no need to bother to get off the sofa to travel to beautiful destinations. It's better than any travel brochure and full of wonderful photography and interesting facts for the curious. You'll feel like you're actually there.

G. **Going to Extremes**

Do you like travelling and taking part in extreme sports? Written by an extreme sports athlete who has done just about everything in every location, this book is the perfect guide to the best places for those who love excitement and want to achieve their dream. A book for the brave ones!

H. **The Emperors**

This is history brought to life for anybody with an interest in the deep drama and danger of Ancient Rome, where life and death depended on the mood of the Emperor. *The Emperors* is beautifully illustrated with interesting information about the architecture and culture of this ancient civilisation.

Part 3 Question 11 - 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

My summer volunteering

by Tina Newbury

At the age of 14 I have already decided that I want to be a vet. So, last summer I convinced my parents to spend our summer holidays volunteering. I really wanted to deal with sea animals, so when a friend told me about Archelon, the sea turtle organisation in Greece, I was really excited because I would leave the UK for the first time and go to a perfect destination, but I had no idea how amazing it would really be or how many new friends I would make. Now, I would recommend volunteering to any student who wants to get job experience, or simply have fun and meet great people.

Turtles have been on our planet for millions of years but are dying in large numbers because of fishing and pollution. This was a shock to me when I spent a few days at the Rescue Centre in Athens before leaving for my first project. There, I found out that the majority of the centre's turtles had been injured on the head by humans. Some were by accident, from speedboats, but a lot were done on purpose, often by angry fishermen, as these creatures get caught in their fishing nets while trying to eat the fish which are

part of their natural diet.

For the fishermen, however, this has a cost, as fewer fish mean less

money, so they view the turtle as their enemy, even though these turtles are a protected species. And as if this isn't enough for these unlucky creatures to deal with, they also face the problem of eating plastic bags, thinking they are jelly fish, which are a key part of their diet.

The following months were spent learning and having fun in five different locations, but the most memorable was the last project, where we camped in an old museum with no electricity or water. However, the main problem was the insects which shared the museum with us, especially those that bit. But even that could not stop me from enjoying the daily contact with the turtles, and relaxing around a campfire sharing stories after sunset. Volunteering is a life experience I really recommend for any student.



- 11. What do we learn about Tina In the first paragraph?**
- A. She has a job with animals.
 - B. She only likes sea animals.
 - C. She is going to be an animal doctor.
 - D. She finished studying a year ago.
- 12. While Tina was In Greece,**
- A. she found out about an organisation called Archelon.
 - B. she enjoyed herself and formed new friendships.
 - C. she volunteered for several animal organisations.
 - D. she worked for Archelon as part of her training.
- 13. What does Tina say about the fishermen?**
- A. Their actions make her angry.
 - B. She understands their actions.
 - C. They try to look after the turtles.
 - D. They try to catch the turtles.
- 14. Tina suggests that**
- A. despite the difficulties she enjoyed herself.
 - B. insects spoilt her last project.
 - C. having no water was a big problem.
 - D. she enjoyed the nights most.
- 15. Which of the following is the best description of Tina?**
- A. a professional woman who is paid to look after sea turtles
 - B. a girl who hopes to help animals through her work in the future
 - C. a girl who has been volunteering abroad in her summer holidays for years
 - D. a girl who had wanted to help turtles all her life

Part 4 Question 16 - 20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are **THREE** extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Cycling the Most Dangerous Road

Like most children, I got my first bicycle at a young age. You could easily tell from all the pictures that I fell in love with it from the moment I saw it. So, while most children grow out of cycling, I took it to a whole new level. **(16)** My mum was not too keen on the idea but soon got used to it.



Nowadays, every spare moment I ever have I'm out, exploring different places. **(17)** Hills, mountains, forests, nothing beats that sense of achievement when you manage to get through some of the most difficult landscapes on a bike. It's not so much about others knowing what you can do, but rather proving to yourself that you are able to do it.

And of course, there's being in the natural environment. **(18)** Breathing some fresh air while getting away from the city not only relaxes you but also keeps you healthy.

So, when I saw an advertisement for cyclists to join a group to cycle in Bolivia, I was not just keen. **(19)** My mum was terrified when I announced I wanted to go, but as my father is a keen cyclist himself, he managed to persuade her that we should definitely go.

The Yungas Hwy is the world's most dangerous road. An average of twenty six vehicles disappear over its edge every year. **(20)** With only space for one vehicle the 1,000 metre drops are terrifying. Add to that the waterfalls, which fall directly onto the road, and the journey becomes even more dangerous as you try to avoid the frequent speeding lorries. But despite this, the excitement draws cyclists from around the world. And I just couldn't be the one to miss it.

- A. Just to be outside, travelling through nature, is enough of a reason to do this.
- B. I must admit, it was a country I had never wanted to visit.
- C. Actually, it's more of a track than a road.
- D. All my friends got motorbikes or cars.
- E. The trouble is finding the free time.
- F. It was a dream opportunity not to be missed.
- G. The more challenging, the better.
- H. This meant getting myself a mountain bike and being out in all weathers.

Part 5 Question 21 - 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

An interesting school project

by Terry Smith

This month we're doing a project on unusual animals and my team got the Japanese Macaques, or as they are often called, snow monkeys. It was exciting to **(21)** out so much about them.



These monkeys live at much lower temperatures than any other monkeys, feeding on a few plants while trying hard to stay warm. But what makes them so strange is their **(22)** to pass on new ideas to each other, something **(23)** in a scientific study when a single snow monkey started washing her food in the ocean. Following this, after a few generations, every monkey was doing it.

People who are **(24)** in the Macaques often visit the Jigokudani Monkey Park in Jigokudani Valley, Japan. There the Macaques often have hot baths on a snowy winter's day. Well, this is not part of their typical **(25)** They have once again copied a single snow monkey who decided to jump into the hot spring water back in 1963 on a(n) **(26)** cold day.

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| 21. | A. carry | B. find | C. check | D. hand |
| 22. | A. possibility | B. qualification | C. ability | D. lesson |
| 23. | A. discovered | B. invented | C. designed | D. located |
| 24. | A. amazed | B. interested | C. curious | D. excited |
| 25. | A. behaviour | B. portrait | C. act | D. role |
| 26. | A. frozen | B. extreme | C. spring | D. freezing |

Part 6 Question 27 – 32

For each question, write the correct answer. Write **ONE** word for each gap.

A person I admire

by Lea Carson

People are always trying to do things never achieved **(27)**, and Ross Edgley is definitely one of the few who are brave **(28)** to try to do the incredible. Ross, a thirty-three-year-old fitness expert, is the first person in history to swim the 1,792-mile journey around Great Britain. His amazing journey of 157 days **(29)** even recorded in a weekly internet series, "Ross Edgley's Great British Swim".



Although he may **(30)** best-known for this achievement, he has done plenty of other extraordinary things, ranging from running a marathon while pulling a 1.4 tonne car **(31)** completing an Olympic Distance Triathlon carrying a 100-lbs tree.

The reason I admire Ross, however, is **(32)** so much that he is one of the fittest men alive, but for the fact that he wishes to teach us that the human body is much more powerful than our minds often lead us to believe.

WRITING

Part 1

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Sonia and the notes you have made.

The image shows a screenshot of an email client interface. At the top, there is a blue header with an envelope icon, the text "New message", and three icons: a minus sign, a share icon, and a close icon. Below the header, the email fields are filled: "From: Sonia" and "Subject: School exchange". The main body of the email contains the following text: "Hi Marco!", "I remember you mentioned you were going on a school exchange this year. Where are you going? I hope it's somewhere interesting so that you will have lots to do.", "Are you going to practise your English or another language? It's really the best way to improve your speaking skills.", "Have you got Information on the family you are staying with?", "When are you coming back? I'd love to come for a visit.", "Write soon.", and "Sonia". Handwritten blue notes with arrows point to specific parts of the email: "Describe..." points to the first paragraph, "Explain..." points to the second paragraph, "Yes..." points to the question about the family, and "Tell Sonia..." points to the closing "Write soon.". At the bottom of the email, there is a "SEND" button and a row of icons for text formatting, emojis, attachments, images, links, stars, and a trash can.

Write your **email** to Sonia using **all the notes**.

Part 2

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

Question 2

You see this notice in your school's English-language website for student.

Articles wanted!

An Interesting Place

Write an article telling us about the most interesting place you have ever been to. What did you do there? Would you recommend it for other people to go?

The best articles answering these questions will be published next month!

Write your **article**.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

When I heard the sound, I slowly turned around.

Write your **story**.

LISTENING

Part 1 Question 1 - 7

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. How had the girl expected to travel?



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B

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2. Which skirt did the girl buy?

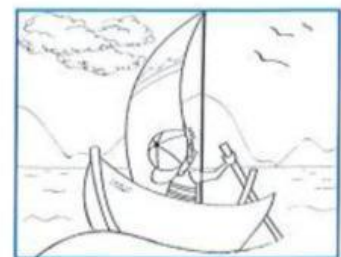


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3. What is the weather forecast for Saturday?



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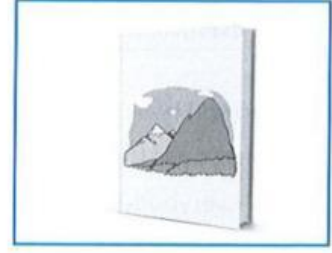
4. Which book has the boy already bought?



A



B



C

5. Which lesson did the girl have first?



A



B



C

6. Who is the girl phoning?



A



B

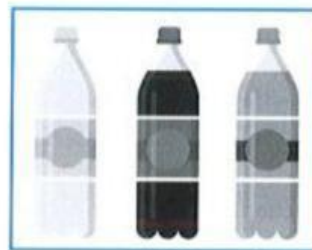


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7. What is the boy's mother going to get?



A



B



C

Part 2 *Question 8 – 13* For each question, choose the correct answer.

8. You will hear two friends talking about a new sports centre.

What does the girl say about it?

- A. Everybody gets a membership discount.
- B. It's worth becoming a full member.
- C. Members pay extra for some classes.

9. You will hear two friends talking about shopping online.

How does the boy feel about it?

- A. He finds it difficult to decide what to buy.
- B. He finds online shopping stressful.
- C. He finds online shopping satisfactory.

10. You will hear a girl telling a friend about a holiday she's been on.

What does the girl say about herself and her cousin?

- A. They both liked outdoor activities.
- B. They enjoyed most of their time together.
- C. They had little in common.

11. You will hear a boy asking a girl about an article he has written.

The girl tells the boy to

- A. give more examples.
- B. change the subject.
- C. correct some mistakes.

12. You will hear two friends talking about a new television series.

What does the boy think about it?

- A. The acting is quite good.
- B. He finds it amusing.
- C. It should be in English.

13. You will hear a girl talking about a new teacher.

How do the girl's parents feel?

- A. negative towards her new maths teacher
- B. worried about her changing class
- C. surprised by her progress in maths

Part 3 Question 14 – 19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write **one** or **two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

You will hear a man called Jack Pindar talking to a group of students about his job as a radio presenter.

Radio Presenter

At university Jack studied **(14)** _____ .

Before the show Jack drinks **(15)** _____ .

Jack's favourite part of the job is **(16)** _____ .

Jack was embarrassed when he couldn't remember a **(17)** _____ .

If Jack wasn't a radio presenter he would be a **(18)** _____ .

Jack will be doing a charity show at **(19)** _____ at the weekend.

Part 4 Question 20 - 25

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear an interview with a 17-year-old boy called Daniel, who arranged some events to raise money to improve a local youth club.

20. Daniel decided to try to raise money because

- A. there was a lot of crime in his neighbourhood.
- B. he and his friends were bored.
- C. it was part of a school project.

21. How did Daniel let people know about the events?

- A. He used social media.
- B. He put posters in public places.
- C. He phoned everyone.

22. Daniel says that in the beginning he thought

- A. he wouldn't raise enough money.
- B. it would be easy to raise the money.
- C. It would take a long time to raise the money.

23. How did Daniel feel after the first event?

- A. excited
- B. disappointed
- C. angry

24. Daniel's favourite event was

- A. the Sunday sale.
- B. the cooking competition.
- C. the dog show.

25. In the future, Daniel plans to

- A. do more work for charity.
- B. open another youth club.
- C. become a better cook.