



### PLACEMENT TEST 2026

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#### PART A: Reading Comprehension

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Read the text “An amazing memory”

A) Are you good at remembering names and numbers? If the answer is ‘no’, perhaps you need some help from Nelson Dellis. He was the winner of the USA Memory Championships in New York where he broke two American records. He was the fastest to remember a pack of playing cards – in sixty-three seconds. He also memorized the most numbers in five minutes – 248.

The most important part of Dellis’s work is the training. ‘Everybody who’s in this competition trained their memory,’ he said on the Today Show on NBC TV. ‘I train every day ... I work out my body, but I also work out my brain.’

#### **1. Choose True or False.**

- 1- Dellis was the winner of the British championships.
- 2- Dellis was second in the championships.
- 3- Dellis can memorize a pack of playing cards in one minute and three seconds.
- 4- Dellis trains only his body.
- 5- All the people at the championships did memory training.

#### **2. Read again and choose the correct option:**

- 1- Where did Nelson Dellis win the Memory Championships?  
a- New York                      b- Britain
- 2- How many records did he break?  
a- 2 records                      b- 3 records
- 3- What did he remember at the championships?  
a- names                      b- a pack of playing cards and numbers
- 4- Is training the most important part of his work?  
a- Yes                      b- No
- 5- How often does he train his brain?  
a- Every day                      b- Once a week

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B) British-born Dellis was first interested in brain training when his grandmother had memory problems, and he understood it was important for people to improve their memories.

However, Dellis doesn't think he's special or has got a 'photographic' memory. He thinks anybody can be a memory expert. People just need to learn about the brain and how images are important for memory.

If you want to memorize a word or number, you need to change it into a picture. Dellis gives the example of a shopping list. When you see the word 'milk', you need to see a picture of some milk in your head. It's a simple idea, but one that all memory experts use.

### 1. Choose True or False.

- 1- Dellis was born in the United Kingdom.
- 2- One of Dellis's grandparents had memory problems.
- 3- He thinks that he is special.
- 4- There is an example of how to remember things you need to study.
- 5- All memory experts use images to help them.

### 2. Read again and choose the correct option:

1. Did his mother have memory problems?  
a- Yes                                      b- No
2. Why did he first become interested in brain training?  
a- Because of memory problems of one of his relatives  
b- because he wanted to improve his memory
3. Can anybody be a memory expert?  
a- Yes                                      b- No
4. Do people need to learn about the brain?  
a- Yes                                      b- No
5. Does he give a difficult example?  
a- Yes                                      b- No

## **PART B: Use of English**

### **B1. Tenses: Circle the correct option**

Example: Reggie wasn't / is at work last Thursday.

- 1) Tom and I am / are best friends.
- 2) We have an exam on Monday so we study / are studying now.
- 3) Peter doesn't / didn't like the club. She never goes there.
- 4) She has got / have got two sons.
- 5) Mike writes / wrote to me an email four days ago.
- 6) This week they study / are studying for the final exam.
- 7) We started / are starting dance lessons next month.
- 8) I always go / go always to school by car.
- 9) Where are / were you last Wednesday afternoon?
- 10) My brother isn't listening / doesn't listen to his new CD at the moment.
- 11) He didn't / can't ride his bike very well.
- 12) Did James work / Is James working in his parents' shop last summer?
- 13) A: What does he do / is he doing? B: He's a doctor.
- 14) He doesn't / don't come from Mexico.
- 15) Does / Do Mary go to school in the morning?
- 16) she usually works / is working at home.
- 17) He can / could ride a bike when he was 5 years old.
- 18) My grandma was / were from Germany.
- 19) What time do / does you get up every day?
- 20) He couldn't watch the news because there wasn't / weren't a TV in his room.

### **B2. Choose the correct letter. There is an extra one.**

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| 1) Where is she from? ____                    | a- It's Maths.                    |
| 2) How often do you go to the gym? ____       | b- My mum, my dad and my sister.. |
| 3) What are you doing now? ____               | c- In an office.                  |
| 4) When is your birthday? ____                | d- Yes, I was.                    |
| 5) Whose book is this? ____                   | e- No, we weren't.                |
| 6) What's your favourite subject? ____        | f- She's from Buenos Aires.       |
| 7) Where does your mum work? ____             | g- It's in December.              |
| 8) Who do you live with? ____                 | h- Three times a week.            |
| 9) What can we do later? ____                 | i- It's mum's book.               |
| 10) Were you at the party last Saturday? ____ | j- I'm having breakfast.          |
|                                               | k- Let's go to the promenade.     |

**B3- Complete the sentences with one word.**

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**Example: I can sing, but I can't play the piano.**

- 1- The swimming pool is closed \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays.
- 2- \_\_\_\_\_ Mary dance well?
- 3- They are \_\_\_\_\_ friendliest neighbours in the street.
- 4- 'How did your mobile phone break?' '\_\_\_\_\_ fell on the floor.'
- 5- There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ milk on the fridge.
- 6- I'm older \_\_\_\_\_ my brother.
- 7- Are \_\_\_\_\_ trainers new?
- 8- 'What sports do you practise?' 'I \_\_\_\_\_ golf.'
- 9- \_\_\_\_\_ aren't many shops in the neighbourhood.
- 10- 'How much water do you drink?' 'Quite a \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 11- What do you do at the weekend? I \_\_\_\_\_ swimming.
- 12- How \_\_\_\_\_ flour have we got?
- 13- He has got \_\_\_\_\_ new laptop.
- 14- There are 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in the party.
- 15- Can you help \_\_\_\_\_?
- 16- That is the \_\_\_\_\_ book I read.
- 17- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ going to the promenade tomorrow?
- 18- How \_\_\_\_\_ sweets do you eat a week?
- 19- \_\_\_\_\_ is your Maths teacher?
- 20- My aunt is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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| waitress | on       | who   | than |
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| there    | it       |       |      |

**B4. Choose the correct option.**

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1. A) Where do you go on holidays?                      B) Where you go on holidays?
2. A) We didn't went to the party last Friday.                      B) We didn't go to the party last Friday.
3. A) Kate love to play tennis.                      B) Kate loves playing tennis.
4. A) Has she got a pet?                      B) Has got she a pet?
5. A) There is apple juice a lot.                      B) There is a lot of apple juice.

**B5- Circle the odd-one-out and match.**

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Example: Tuesday- Monday- January - Saturday    C

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| 1- Biology- English – Teacher – Maths                      _____ | A.     Food                    |
| 2- spoon - son – grandpa – sister                      _____     | B.     Clothes                 |
| 3- bread- rice – bridge- biscuits                      _____     | C. <del>Days of the week</del> |
| 4- dress – pink- tracksuit – jumper                      _____   | D.     School subjects         |
| 5- town hall – butter– zoo – river                      _____    | E.     Places and buildings    |
|                                                                  | F.     Family members          |

**B6 – Match the opposites.**

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| 1. old       | a. better    |
| 2. worse     | b. rainy     |
| 3. well      | c. slow      |
| 4. fast      | d. cold      |
| 5. happy     | e. ugly      |
| 6. easy      | f. difficult |
| 7. beautiful | g. stand up  |
| 8. hot       | h. sad       |
| 9. sunny     | i. badly     |
| 10. sit down | j. new       |

**B7 - Match the sports below with the correct verb *play, go* or *do*.**

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football    karate    roller skating    swimming    tennis    volleyball

play: *football*, .....

go: .....

do: .....

Total Score: 100

Your score: \_\_\_\_\_