



PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

Reading

Test: FINAL PET 6

V 11.2024

Time: 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

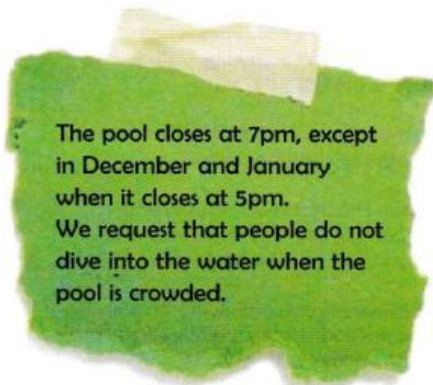
Questions 1 - 32 carry one mark.

Part 1

Questions 1 - 5

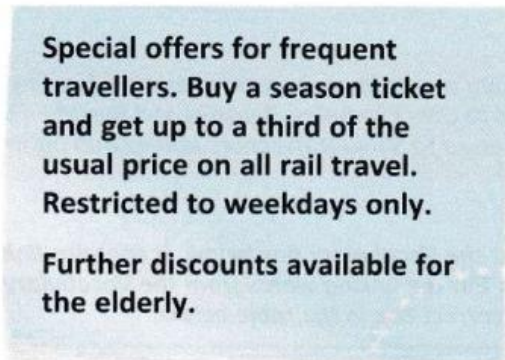
For each question, choose the correct answer.

1.



- A. The pool shuts earlier at certain times of the year.
- B. The pool stays open later for two months of the year
- C. The pool does not open in December and January.

2.



- A. The ticket is best for people going on a single journey.
- B. The ticket is good for older people who travel often.
- C. The ticket can be used seven days a week.

3.



- A. Anna will have a coffee with Mike.
- B. Anna will give Brian a lift.
- C. Anna will wait for Mike near the café.

4.



Hi Simon, due to the terrible weather, it's too wet for tennis tonight but let's go to the gym for a workout.
Bob

- A. Simon and Bob won't meet tonight.
- B. The weather will stop them doing any exercise tonight.
- C. Tennis has been cancelled.

5.

You must keep your seatbelt on until the ride has completely stopped.
It is forbidden to stand up at any time when the ride is in motion.

- A. The ride starts when all the seats are full.
- B. Always stay seated when the ride is moving.
- C. It is recommended that you wear a seatbelt on the ride.

Part 2

Questions 6 - 10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

These five people all want to buy a present for someone.

There are eight advertisements for different products

Decide which product would be most suitable for each person to buy.

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Anita's husband has everything he needs so she frequently finds it hard to come up with a good idea for a present for him. He has retired from his job as a lawyer and has too much free time. She would never admit it but she wishes he would go out of the house and be more active.

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Sandra has just enrolled for a chef's course at college. She is passionate about food and hopes to work in a famous restaurant one day. She needs to buy lots of equipment for her course but she doesn't have much money. She also needs a chef's uniform and special protective shoes.

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Michael wants to buy something special for his girlfriend because she always complains that he is not romantic. He has just received a bonus at work so he is feeling generous. But he doesn't want to risk buying her clothes in case they don't fit her.

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Anna is a student. She doesn't have much money but she wants to buy her flatmate a birthday present. Her flatmate isn't very sociable and spends a lot of her time studying and reading. She also enjoys art and crafts.

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Susan and her husband John want to buy a thank-you gift for their neighbours for looking after their dog while they were on holiday. Their neighbours are very sociable people who like to go out and have a good time with friends. They are also big fans of foreign food.

A. Everything for the home!

Whether you have just got married or are moving house, we have everything you could possibly require for your home. We specialise in kitchens and bathrooms and this month's special offer is for a high quality set of kitchen knives which come in their own bag to keep them safe.

B. Give a gift of good health!

Do you know someone who would benefit from some exercise? We have gift vouchers of a month's gym membership for individuals and couples. You can select which type of membership you would like to buy. There are half memberships which just give you use of the gym or full memberships which allow you to use the pool and sauna too.

C. Baxter's Book Sale.

We have hundreds of books in our summer sale on a variety of topics. If you are looking for a romantic novel or a practical book on how to do something like a new hobby, we are sure to have the perfect book for you.

D. Buy one get one half price on top designer fashions!

For the whole of June we are offering this fantastic offer of buy one get one half price on designer clothes. Never before have we made such a generous offer to our customers. This is for a limited period of time so don't hesitate for too long!

E. Dining experience for two.

Come and enjoy an evening at our brand new French cuisine restaurant. Treat yourself or someone else to a delicious four-course meal including two drinks per person all for the very reasonable price of just £40 per person. Please be aware that the restaurant must be told about any food allergies at the time of booking.

F. Have you got a special date coming up?

At Sarah's Beauty Rooms we do hair and make-up for any special occasion. There are discounts for brides who have more than two bridesmaids or maybe you are going to a big party and want to look glamorous for the night. Come and have a chat with us about your requirements.

G. Looking for something special for the one you love?

We sell original pieces of jewellery created by local craftsmen and women. Every piece is unique and you can even have a piece of jewellery made to your own design. We guarantee you won't be disappointed in the quality of anything you buy from us.

H. Computer games are us!

We have all the most popular games that are available today and some more unusual games that can only be bought from us. Do you want to buy an exciting present for someone who loves playing on their computer? We are the people to talk to for something new and exciting in the gaming world.

Part 3

Questions 11 - 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

WHY THE WORLD NEEDS INTROVERTS?

'It's good to be sociable! It's good to be confident! It's good to be loud!' In her book *Quiet*, Susan Cain points out how deeply this belief is held by society. Very often the qualities of extroverts - being active and lively, making quick decisions and working well in a team or group, for example - are valued more than the shy, serious and sensitive qualities of introverts. Susan Cain calls this attitude the 'Extrovert Ideal'. In her book she looks at the way society places such value on the Extrovert Ideal that many modern schools and workplaces are built around it. Desks in classrooms are pushed together so that students can work in groups more easily. In Europe and the USA, employees are frequently put in shared offices so that they can work in teams. Students and employees are also expected to be confident and talkative.

Why are the needs of introverts ignored in this way when introverts have so much to offer? Introverts need less excitement around them than extroverts, it's true, but that doesn't make them less exciting people. Many of the world's greatest ideas, art and inventions have been produced by introverts. The Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi was an introvert, as were the artist Vincent Van Gogh and the physicist Albert Einstein.

Then there was Rosa Parks, who started the US civil rights movement in 1955 by bravely and quietly saying 'no' when a white passenger wanted to sit in her seat on a bus. Famous introverts in modern times include Angelina Jolie and Mark Zuckerberg.

Jolie, a hugely successful actor, supports charities that help people in war zones. She describes herself as an introvert, saying she loves to spend time alone or with small groups of people because it helps her develop as a person. And despite the huge success of his social networking site, co-founder of Facebook Zuckerberg remains a private person who doesn't like speaking in public.

But let's not forget that we need extroverts too. Because of course, introverts can come up with great ideas, but they also need help in communicating those ideas to the world. Songwriters need singers. Designers need salespeople. In other words, extroverts and introverts need each other.

- 11.** What belief does society often hold, according to Susan Cain?
- A.** Introverts are better suited to group work than extroverts.
 - B.** Being sociable, confident, and loud is highly valued.
 - C.** Introverts are more important than extroverts.
 - D.** Schools and workplaces favor introverts over extroverts.
- 12.** How are modern schools and workplaces often organized?
- A.** Students and employees work mostly alone.
 - B.** Desks are separated so students can work independently.
 - C.** Shared spaces encourage group work and communication.
 - D.** Teachers and managers avoid encouraging team work.
- 13.** Why are introverts' contributions important, according to the text?
- A.** Introverts have created some of the world's greatest ideas and art.
 - B.** Introverts are more sociable than extroverts.
 - C.** Introverts are generally better at leading teams.
 - D.** Introverts are more productive in quiet environments.
- 14.** What characteristic does Angelina Jolie say helps her develop as a person?
- A.** Spending time with large groups of people.
 - B.** Speaking in public frequently.
 - C.** Spending time alone or with small groups.
 - D.** Collaborating with extroverted people.
- 15.** What is the final message of the text about the relationship between extroverts and introverts?
- A.** Extroverts and introverts are equally unnecessary in modern society.
 - B.** Extroverts and introverts need each other to succeed.
 - C.** Introverts can communicate ideas without extroverts' help.
 - D.** Extroverts should learn more from introverts' creativity.

Part 4

Questions 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.

CLOTHES EXCHANGE

Are you like me and have clothes in your wardrobe that you have hardly ever worn? Perhaps you even have something with the label still attached. Before you put them in a bag and take them to your local charity shop or throw them away, consider another possibility. **(16)**.....

Clothes swaps are becoming very popular as they give people the chance to offer their clothing they don't want in exchange for something they'd like to have for themselves. These parties are great for the environment. **(17)**..... They also allow you to update what's in your wardrobe and to do it without spending any money at all.

If you're thinking of organising one yourself, it's best to keep the event quite small, just inviting friends and relatives. **(18)**..... In order to make sure there's something for everyone, and that everyone feels included, invite people who are of a similar size and age. Either that or make sure there'll be a wide range of sizes on offer. Finally, decide on the number of items that everyone should bring before the event.

On the day, each person is given a button for every item they bring. These are used instead of money. You might decide before you start that some high-quality items should be worth more buttons than a much cheaper item. **(19)**.....

Make sure items are presented nicely, not thrown on a table in a pile. The idea is to make the whole experience feel professional, almost as enjoyable as looking round your local clothes shop.

Allow 15 minutes at the beginning for people to look at what is on offer. **(20)**..... Make sure nobody tries to take anything before the swap is supposed to start or it may result in an argument!

- A** For example, some people bring clothes that are damaged.
- B** Do this with another person so everyone knows it has been done fairly.
- C** Then when you're ready, the swap can begin.
- D** Why not organise a clothes exchange or clothes swap party?
- E** Firstly, people can recycle clothes that would otherwise end up as rubbish.
- F** That's why you'll have to find another location.
- G** With small numbers you can hold the event in your home.
- H** However, the idea became very popular with university students.

Part 5

Questions 21 – 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

LONDON PARKS

London is famous (21) its parks and gardens. Some of them belong to the Crown, but they are all open to the public, and the entrance is free of charge. In St James's Park, you can watch and (22) swans, ducks, geese, and other water birds. Hyde Park (23) to be a hunting ground and is still popular with horse riders.

Those who like a good argument should go to the Speakers' Corner to listen to individuals (24) speeches on various subjects. Regent's Park now houses London Zoo and open-air theatre where Shakespeare's plays are staged in summer. Not (25) the parks are in the city centre. Greenwich and Richmond are located in the suburbs. All these areas of green give the city dwellers an excellent (26) to enjoy some peace away from traffic and crowded streets.

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| 21 | A by | B for | C from | D with |
| 22 | A feed | B eat | C breed | D lead |
| 23 | A should | B ought | C used | D have |
| 24 | A doing | B giving | C taking | D talking |
| 25 | A each | B whole | C every | D all |
| 26 | A chance | B knowledge | C account | D source |

Part 6

Questions 27 – 32

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write **ONE** word for each gap.

KEEP CALM!

If you get really nervous when you have to perform in front of an audience, you're not alone. It's a very common fear. Even some very experienced actors and musicians get extremely anxious before performing. Some people say that feeling anxious makes (27) give a better performance, but other people can feel (28) nervous that they can't perform at all. This is a very serious problem (29) it affects their confidence and can destroy their career.

The (30) useful thing to do if you feel worried about a performance is to try to relax. Don't think about all the things that could go wrong. Instead, keep calm and think positively. Before the performance, imagine the audience clapping and laughing. Think about (31) good you'll feel after a successful performance. And remember, if you make a (32) mistake, the audience probably won't even notice.