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EXAMINATIONS**

**MAY
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Level A1

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is: PART A Listening, PART B Reading & Usage, PART C Writing.
- Time allowed for all three parts: 90 minutes

A LISTENING (25 points) Time: approximately 20 minutes

- As you listen to the recording, mark your answers in this booklet.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- After the end of the recording, you will have 3 minutes to transfer your answers onto your Answer Sheet. Mark them in 2H or HB pencil.

LISTENING EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 8

We Help at Home



Write the letter of a picture, A to F, in each of the spaces, 1 to 8.
You will use some letters more than once.

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| 1. ____ | 2. ____ | 3. ____ | 4. ____ |
| 5. ____ | 6. ____ | 7. ____ | 8. ____ |

LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 9 to 15**CHEAP HOLIDAY FUN**

Choose the correct number, word or phrase to complete each sentence, 9 to 15.
 Circle its letter, A, B or C.

9. In Paris, Patty's family paid ____ euros to go up the Eiffel Tower.
 A. 60 B. 6 C. 4
10. This year, Patty's family will ____.
 A. go to Paris again B. leave the city C. see the Acropolis
11. To see the sea, Steve must ____.
 A. get a key B. cross the street C. go to another building
12. Patty goes for walks to ____.
 A. find new friends B. see new areas C. go shopping
13. Steve tells Patty and Joe about ____.
 A. his friends B. a shoe-maker C. another country
14. To save money, Patty eats in a ____.
 A. park B. cheap restaurant C. café
15. ____ photographs with a phone camera.
 A. Only Patty takes B. Only Steve takes C. Both Patty and Steve take

B

READING & USAGE (50 points)

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this part of the test.
- You may mark your answers on this booklet while you are working on them.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 1: Numbers 16 to 25

Read the text. Then do the exercises on page 4.

Wild Nature's Web Page for Kids

Are you going outdoors on your holiday? *Wild Nature* wants you to have fun, to learn about nature and to be safe. Here are some ideas.

A

Go for Walks

You can learn a lot about nature. Look at the flowers and trees. Get our *Flowers* book and learn their names. You can also learn about birds.

Stay Safe Idea: You're walking and you see a snake. What can you do? First, don't go too close. Stay about 2.5 metres away. Most snakes can't hurt you, but a few may bite. If you don't know, don't go any closer. Just watch it or walk away from it.

B

Look Under Rocks

Don't walk too fast. Stop and look at little things. Pick up a rock and see the animals under it. You may find some insects - usually, little ones, like ants - or other small animals.

Stay Safe Idea: Don't pick up the insects or animals. Just watch them. Then put the rock back. Be very careful, so you don't hurt the animals or insects.

C

Sleep in a Tent

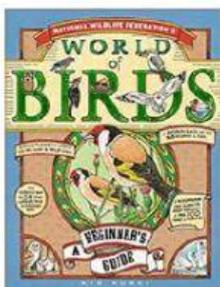
If you stay in a wild area at night, you can learn a lot. Some animals sleep all day and come out at night to look for food. If you sit quietly by your fire or sleep in a tent, you will hear many unusual things. If you hear an animal near your tent, don't be afraid. It usually won't hurt you. Animals just want food and they don't eat people. In fact, most wild animals are afraid of people.

Stay Safe Idea: Never keep food in your tent. Put it in a safe place outside your tent. Animals also do not like fire. They will not come near your fire. But be careful! You don't want to burn down the forest!

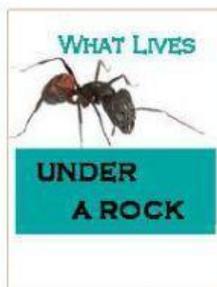
Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence, 16 to 20.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

16. Don't go too close to a snake, because it _____.
A. can't hurt you
B. may bite you
C. may walk away
17. You may find ____ if you look under a rock.
A. some ants
B. some lions
C. both ants and lions
18. If you look under a rock, put it back carefully or you may ____ some animals.
A. help
B. see
C. hurt
19. You hear some animals only at night because they _____.
A. are sleeping
B. feel hungry
C. want to eat you
20. An animal may come close if you ____ your tent.
A. have food in
B. have a fire near
C. go very far from

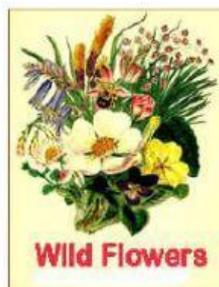
Choose the correct part of the text to match each book.
Mark its letter, A, B, or C, on your Answer Sheet.
You will use some letters more than once.



21. ____



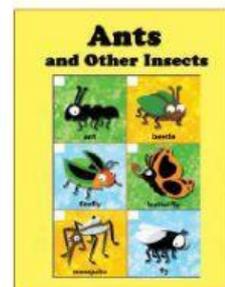
22. ____



23. ____



24. ____



25. ____

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 26 to 30

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A to F, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use only five of the letters.

Phone Call from Greece to the USA

Ten years ago, it cost a lot to make a phone call to other countries. Now, it's very (26). So, you can ring a cousin in New York, USA, and pay very little. The only (27) is the time. What time can you call from Greece that's good for the (28) in the USA? Greece is seven hours later than New York. That means, if it's 12 noon in Greece, it's 5:00 a.m. in New York. No one (29) up that early!



Your cousin in New York gets home at 4:00 in the afternoon. That's 11:00 at night in Greece and you're asleep! So call at the (30) in the afternoon. Then it's late morning in New York, and both you and your cousin are at home and awake.

- A. weekend
- B. problem
- C. wakes
- D. cheap
- E. Saturday
- F. person

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 31 to 35

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Steve's New House

Steve's dad, George, builds houses. For 15 years, George (31) houses for other people. Last year, he had (32) money to buy a house for his own family. It was an old house and it needed a lot of work. First, George (33) a plan and made a list. After that, he and Steve went shopping. (34) got new windows and paint for the walls. It took a month to finish the work, and (35) the family moved in. They were all very happy!

- 31. A. built B. build C. building
- 32. A. much B. many C. enough
- 33. A. drew B. draws C. is drawing
- 34. A. We B. They C. You
- 35. A. then B. after C. when



READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 36 to 40**TRY TO WIN THE RACE!**

Here are some pictures of people who like to race.

Choose a picture to match each statement about the people.

Mark its letter, A to D, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use one letter more than once.



36. Kate runs in the stadium very early in the morning. No one is there and it's very quiet.
 37. Elton races in the country. He runs across farms and fields and climbs over walls and fences.
 38. Ted hurt his legs and now he can't run. He still enters competitions and wins a lot of races.
 39. Jacki's road race is 42 km long. She's never won one, but she doesn't mind. It's great fun!
 40. The people in the street help me finish. I run by and they shout "Keep going! You can do it!"

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 41 to 45

Jim and Zoe are talking about plans for a show at their dance school.

Match one of Zoe's answers with each thing Jim says.

Mark its letter, A to G, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

Example: Jim: Have they said when our dance show is?

Zoe: (EX)

The answer is A. Yes, it's going to be on May 21st.

A B C D E F G H

Jim: Have they said when our dance show is?

Zoe: (EX)

Jim: The 21st? Oh, no! I want to leave on the 20th.

Zoe: (41)

Jim: To Paris, to spend the summer with my aunt.

Zoe: (42)

Jim: Why can't I?

Zoe: (43)

Jim: Well, yes. I have to be here for you, don't I?

Zoe: (44)

Jim: No, I haven't. So, I can still buy a later one.

Zoe: (45)

Jim: Or the 23rd. I'll need to rest before I fly!

- A. Yes, it's going to be on May 21st.
 B. But you can't go! Not on the 20th!
 C. Because we're a team! Who will I dance with if you're gone?
 D. Right! You can buy one for the 22nd, the day after the show!
 E. You're not a good dancer.
 F. Leave? Where are you going?
 G. Yes, you do. Look, have you got your plane ticket yet?

C

WRITING (25 points)

- You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this part of the test.
- You may use a blank sheet of paper as a draft.
- Write your task in the space provided on the back of your Answer Sheet in pencil or pen.

You have **ONE** writing task to do. Choose either Topic A or Topic B.

Write your task in about 70 words on your Answer Sheet.

EITHER THIS TOPIC

TOPIC A: Look at this picture of people at the dentist's.

In about 70 words, describe the picture and say what is happening in it.

Use the words under the picture.

Add any other words you wish.

Begin like this: *Tom is waiting to see the dentist. ...*



Tom-wait-see-dentist
other people-wait
there be not-chair
Tom-stand-text-phone

woman-sit-near Tom
dentist-go-clean-teeth
son-sit-floor
play-toy

secretary-be-office
call-patient
near-office-woman-talk
all-wait-all want-leave

OR THIS TOPIC

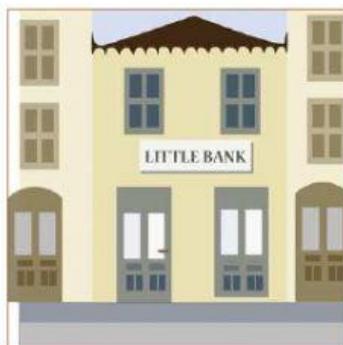
TOPIC B: Look at the pictures of Sam, his bank and his shopping.

In about 70 words, write what happened.

Use the words below each picture.

Add any other words you wish.

Begin like this: *Things have changed in Sam's town. ...*



thing-change-Sam-town
bank-be-near-home



walk-get-money-shopping
ATM machine-always-open



big bank-buy-little bank
change-name



last year-close-bank
when-need-money-take-bus



at-night-use-card-buy-thing
later-use-phone-pay



like-people-old bank
now-also like-phone