

QUESTION BOOKLET
READ THIS BOOKLET FIRST

Cambridge English Language Assessment

FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

Reading and Use of English

Sample Test

TIME: 1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

There are 52 questions in this paper.

Questions 1 – 24 carry 1 mark.

Questions 25 – 30 carry up to 2 marks.

Questions 31 – 42 carry 2 marks.

Questions 43 – 52 carry 1 mark.

NOTE: To help you to do this paper, the texts for Parts 5 – 7 are in a separate booklet.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

PART 1

QUESTIONS 1 – 8

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and on page 5 and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) on pages 6 – 7 best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

EXAMPLE:

- 0 A band
 B set
 C branch
 D series

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

(0) C

What is genealogy?

Genealogy is a (0) _____ of history. It concerns family history, (1) _____ than the national or world history studied at school. It doesn't merely involve drawing a family tree, however – tracing your family history can also (2) _____ in learning about your

roots and your identity. The internet enables millions of people worldwide to (3) _____ information about their family history, without great (4) _____ .

People who research their family history often

(5) _____ that it's a fascinating hobby which

(6) _____ a lot about where they come from and

whether they have famous ancestors. According to a

survey involving 900 people who had researched their

family history, the chances of discovering a celebrity in

your past are one in ten. The survey also concluded that

the (7) _____ back you follow your family line, the

more likely you are to find a relation who was much

wealthier than you are. However, the vast majority of

people who (8) _____ in the survey discovered they

were better off than their ancestors.

OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 1 – 8

- 1 A instead**
B rather
C except
D sooner

- 2 A cause**
B mean
C result
D lead

- 3 A accomplish**
B access
C approach
D admit

- 4 A fee**
B price
C charge
D expense

5 A describe
B define
C remark
D regard

6 A reveals
B opens
C begins
D arises

7 A older
B greater
C higher
D further

8 A attended
B participated
C included
D associated

PART 2

QUESTIONS 9 – 16

For questions 9 – 16, read the text below and on page 9 and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **ONE** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.**

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

(0) **AS**

Motorbike stunt rider

I work (0) **AS** a motorbike stunt rider – that is, I do tricks on my motorbike at shows. The Le Mans race track in France was (9) _____ I first saw some guys doing motorbike stunts. I'd never seen anyone riding a motorbike using just the back wheel before and I was (10) _____ impressed I went straight home and

taught (11) _____ to do the same. It wasn't very long before I began to earn my living at shows performing my own motorbike stunts.

I have a degree (12) _____ mechanical engineering; this helps me to look at the physics (13) _____ lies behind each stunt. In addition to being responsible for design changes to the motorbike, I have to work (14) _____ every stunt I do. People often think that my work is very dangerous, but, apart (15) _____ some minor mechanical problem happening occasionally during a stunt, nothing ever goes wrong. I never feel in (16) _____ kind of danger because I'm very experienced.

PART 3

QUESTIONS 17 – 24

For questions 17 – 24, read the text below and on pages 11 – 12. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap IN THE SAME LINE. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

(0) **COMMONLY**

AN INCREDIBLE VEGETABLE

Garlic, a member of the Liliaceae family

which also includes onions, is

COMMON

(0) _____ used in cooking all

around the world. China is currently

PRODUCT

the largest (17) _____ of garlic,

which is particularly associated with

the dishes of northern Africa and

southern Europe. It is native to central

Asia and has long had a history as a health-giving food, used both to prevent and cure (18) _____. In ILL

Ancient Egypt, workers building the pyramids were given garlic to keep them strong, while Olympic athletes in Greece ate it to increase their resistance to infection.

The forefather of antibiotic medicine, Louis Pasteur, claimed garlic was as (19) _____ as penicillin in treating infections. Modern-day EFFECT

(20) _____ have proved that garlic SCIENCE can indeed kill bacteria and even some viruses, so it can be very useful for people who have coughs and colds. In

(21) _____ , some doctors believe
that garlic can reduce blood

ADD

(22) _____ .

PRESS

The only (23) _____ to this truly
amazing food is that the strong and

ADVANTAGE

rather (24) _____ smell of garlic is
not the most pleasant!

SPICE

PART 4

QUESTIONS 25 – 30

For questions 25 – 30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN.** You must use between **TWO** and **FIVE** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

EXAMPLE:

0 A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.

DRIVEN

We _____ a very friendly taxi driver.

The gap can be filled by the words ‘were driven into town by’, so you write:

(0) WERE DRIVEN INTO TOWN BY

Write **ONLY** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.**

25 Joan was in favour of visiting the museum.

IDEA

Joan thought it would be

_____ to the museum.

26 Arthur has the talent to become a concert pianist.

THAT

**Arthur is so _____ could
become a concert pianist.**

**27 ‘Do you know when the match starts, Sally?’ asked
Mary.**

IF

**Mary asked Sally _____
time the match started.**

28 I knocked for ages at Ruth’s door but I got no reply.

LONG

**I _____ knocking at Ruth’s
door but I got no reply.**

29 Everyone says that the band is planning to go on a world tour next year.

SAID

The band _____ planning to go on a world tour next year.

30 I'd prefer not to cancel the meeting.

CALL

I'd rather _____ the meeting.

PART 5

QUESTIONS 31 – 36

Read the extract from a novel on pages 2 – 4 of the separate booklet in which a young woman called Caitlin talks about her life on an island, and answer questions 31 – 36 below and on pages 17 – 18. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Write your answers ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

31 In the first paragraph, what is Caitlin's main point about the island?

- A It can be dangerous to try to cross from the mainland.**
- B It is much smaller than it looks from the mainland.**
- C It is only completely cut off at certain times.**
- D It can be a difficult place for people to live in.**

32 What does Caitlin suggest about her father?

- A His writing prevents him from doing things he wants to with his family.**
- B His initial reaction to his son's request is different from usual.**
- C His true feelings are easily hidden from his daughter.**
- D His son's arrival is one event he will take time off for.**

33 Caitlin emphasises her feelings of discomfort because she

- A is embarrassed that she doesn't understand what her brother is talking about.**
- B feels confused about why she can't relate to her brother any more.**
- C is upset by the unexpected change in her brother's behaviour.**
- D feels foolish that her brother's attention is so important to her.**

34 In the fourth paragraph, what is Caitlin's purpose in describing the island?

- A to express her positive feelings about it**
- B to explain how the road was built**
- C to illustrate what kind of weather was usual**
- D to describe her journey home**

35 In 'because of that' in line 56 on page 3, 'that' refers to the fact that

- A locals think it is odd to walk anywhere.**
- B it is easier for people to take the bus than walk.**
- C people have everything they need on the island.**
- D there is nowhere in particular to walk to from the island.**

36 What do we learn about Caitlin's reactions to the boy?

- A She felt his air of confidence contrasted with his physical appearance.**
- B She was able to come up with a reason for him being there.**
- C She realised her first impression of him was inaccurate.**
- D She thought she had seen him somewhere before.**

PART 6

QUESTIONS 37 – 42

Read the newspaper article on pages 5 – 7 of the separate booklet in which a former ballet dancer talks about the physical demands of the job. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – G below and on page 20 the one which fits each gap 37 – 42. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Write your answers ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

SENTENCES A – G FOR QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- A Through endless tries at the usual exercises and frequent failures, ballet dancers develop the neural pathways in the brain necessary to control accurate, fast and smooth movement.**
- B The ballet shoe offers some support, but the real strength is in the muscles, built up through training.**
- C As technology takes away activity from the lives of many, perhaps the ballet dancer's physicality is ever more difficult for most people to imagine.**
- D Ballet technique is certainly extreme but it is not, in itself, dangerous.**
- E The principle is identical in the gym – pushing yourself to the limit, but not beyond, will eventually bring the desired result.**

- F No one avoids this: it is ballet's great democratiser, the well established members of the company working alongside the newest recruits.**
- G It takes at least a decade of high-quality, regular practice to become an expert in any physical discipline.**

PART 7

QUESTIONS 43 – 52

Read the newspaper article on pages 8 – 10 of the separate booklet about a young professional footballer.

For questions 43 – 52, below and on page 22 choose from the sections A – D. The sections may be chosen more than once.

Write your answers **ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

WHICH PARAGRAPH

states how surprised the writer was at Duncan's early difficulties? 43 _____

says that Duncan sometimes seems much more mature than he really is? 44 _____

describes the frustration felt by Duncan's father? 45 _____

says that Duncan is on course to reach a high point in his profession? 46 _____

suggests that Duncan caught up with his team-mates in terms of physical development? 47 _____

explains how Duncan was a good all-round sportsperson? 48 _____

gives an example of how Gavin reassured his son? 49 _____

mentions Duncan's current club's low opinion of him at one time? 50 _____

mentions a personal success despite a failure for the team? 51 _____

explains how Duncan and his father are fulfilling a similar role? 52 _____

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