

Question Booklet
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Linguaskill SAMPLE TEST

Reading

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

READ THE NOTES ON PAGE 2

Cambridge Assessment English

NOTES

Please note that this is a sample of the full paper-based Linguaskill Special Requirements (SR) Test for visually impaired candidates.

It contains some of the typical tasks you will find in the SR Test, which has 25 questions for you to complete in 40 minutes plus your extra time allowance.

To help you do this sample test, the text for Reading Part 3 is in a separate TEXT booklet.

READING

PART 1

Question 1

Read the text in the question. What does the text say?

For question 1, write the correct letter A, B or C on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

1 The notice says:

The Orient restaurant's lunch menu will change from next Monday and there will be a new dinner menu from March 8th.

- A The food in the Orient restaurant is going to be different.**
- B The two menus in the Orient restaurant will change at the same time.**
- C The Orient restaurant will open for dinner for the first time in March.**

PART 2

Question 2 – 6

For questions 2 – 6, read the text below and options on page 5 and decide which option A, B, C or D best fits each gap. Write the correct letter on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

The early history of soap

Soap is something that nowadays we all take for granted. It is not certain how, or when, soap was first used but people have been (2) _____ of it for at least 2,300 years. The importance of soap for washing was (3) _____ not at first recognised – indeed some ancient writers mention soap as being an important medicine! The Ancient Egyptians evidently used a kind of soap which combined animal and vegetable oils with alkaline salts for (4) _____ skin diseases.

However, although soap was used for washing in Roman times, it was not until the nineteenth century that it came into (5) _____ use in Europe. In Europe, soap production during the eleventh and twelfth centuries was (6) _____ first around Marseilles, then around Venice.

OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 2 – 6

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- A acquainted**
- B familiar**
- C aware**
- D knowledgeable**

3

- A apparently**
- B unmistakably**
- C absolutely**
- D scarcely**

4

- A treating**
- B mending**
- C caring**
- D medicating**

5

- A usual**
- B everyday**
- C average**
- D typical**

6

- A centred**
- B met**
- C surrounded**
- D seated**

PART 3

Questions 7 – 12

Read the extract about a customer review of Alverton Hotel on pages 2 – 3 of the separate booklet and answer questions 7 – 12 below and on page 7.

Choose the correct answer A, B, or C which you think best fits according to the text.

Write the correct letter on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

7 What does the guest say about the hotel website?

- A The booking process was too complex.**
- B Some of the information was wrong.**
- C There was no place to write special requests.**

8 When the guest arrived,

- A the car park was full.**
- B nobody offered to carry her bags.**
- C there were not enough lights outside.**

- 9 What does the guest say about check-in?**
- A Reception staff were friendly.**
 - B The hotel facilities were explained.**
 - C There were not enough staff on duty.**
- 10 What does the guest say she liked about the bedroom?**
- A The bathroom was clean.**
 - B The bed was comfortable.**
 - C The decoration was modern.**
- 11 The guest was disappointed because**
- A she wasn't given a menu.**
 - B she wasn't shown to a table.**
 - C she wasn't told about the service.**
- 12 When the guest checked out, the receptionist**
- A explained the charges on the bill.**
 - B asked if she was happy with her stay.**
 - C thanked her and encouraged her to return.**

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