

From PET – Examination Papers. Book 1. Reading Test 1.

Part 1 - Questions 1-5

Look at the test in each question. What does it say? Write the correct letter A, B or C on the answer sheet.

1 **WARNING:**

computers on line. To operate printer, switch on computer on its left-hand side.

- A The computer works when all computer on line are switched on.
- B To print a document, the computer where you typed the document must be on.
- C The printer does not work when the computer on its left is off.

2 *No food or drink is allowed in laboratories.*

- A You cannot eat or drink inside or outside laboratories.
- B Eating and drinking are not permitted in laboratories.
- C Food is forbidden in all school laboratories.

3 **USE OF TELEPHONE FOR PRIVATE CALLS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

- A You can use the phone for office reasons.
- B Calling parents is allowed in case of urgent need.
- C The phone is available to students and staff.

4 **SMOKING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

- A Smoking is forbidden inside the classrooms, in corridors and toilets.
- B Smoking is allowed in the school parking area and courtyard.
- C Smoking is not allowed inside the school building and the outside area.

5 **LARGE SCHOOL BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN LABORATORIES**

- A Students must leave books and pens in their classroom.
- B You can take bulky school bags into laboratories.
- C Do not take big satchels into the laboratories.

PART 2. Questions 6-10

The people below all want to go to watch a TV programme. Read the eight TV programmes and decide which programme (letters A-H) would be the most suitable for each person (numbers 6-10). There are three extra letters which you do not need to use. Write the letters on the answer sheet.

6. Peter is generally not interested in television programmes but likes historical films or documentaries dealing with nature, particularly exotic nature. As he wakes up early in the morning, he usually goes to bed before 10.00.

7. David works until late in the evening so he can see only late programmes. He wants to be informed about the world scenario. He thinks that things happening now will probably change the balance of the world.

8. Isabel likes history and is curious about the less-known aspects of the great historical events. She prefers documentary films to fiction films, however.

9. Chris and Charlotte have decided to stay at home because there is an action film on this evening. They like films where there are car chases and suspense keeps you breathless.

10. Mary Ann works as a night nurse in the afternoon she can finally afford a few hours in front of the TV. Then she watches a film, preferably about secret agents.

WHAT'S ON TV?

A The Farm 6.00 p.m. Channel 2. Famous people have accepted to live together on an isolated farm for a month. Interaction between the guests of "The Farm" may be traumatic or idyllic, depending on the individual characters of the participants.

B Does the future belong to China? 7.00 p.m. Channel 5. Is China really going to become the second greatest economic power in the world? Some of the leading journalists will debate the economic and political issue.

C Tennis at Wimbledon 10.00 a.m. BBC 2. The most important tennis event of the year: the afternoon the final match of the tennis championship at Wimbledon will begin at 10 a.m.

D Darwin's Nightmare 11.00 p.m. BBC 1. This acclaimed documentary is a warning to mankind and shows how, in his age of globalisation, things can easily evolve in the worst possible ways.

E Hampton Court: a Witness to English History 2.30 p.m. ITV. The history of a palace that saw the presence of Tudor Kings and Queens, then of Stuart Kings until George II ceased to use it as a royal residence. A palace where each generation has left its mark.

F Mission Impossible II. 8.00 p.m. BBC 2. Action sequel in which secret agent Ethan Hunt must capture a colleague who has stolen a mortal genetically made virus. The villain intends to sell the virus and its antidote to the highest bidder. How will Hunt stop his criminal purpose?

G Deserts. 7.00 p.m. BBC 4. A third of the land in our planet is desert. From space they appear lifeless, but a closer look reveals a very different picture. A documentary presented by Sir David Attenborough.

H Spy Stories. 3.30 p.m. ITV. Tinker, Tailor, Composer, Spy: the story of how composer Elizabeth Poston led a secret life, sending coded musical messages into occupied Europe during the Second World War.

PART 3 - Questions 11-20

Look at the sentences below. Jessica Burnet is complaining about rules for animal owners in Italy. Read the text and decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, write A and if it is incorrect, write B on the answer sheet.

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| 11 | The letter is sent to the Italian Parliament. | A / B |
| 12 | The writer complains about prohibiting admittance to animals into campsites and hotels. | A / B |
| 13 | Campsite owners have a licence and should provide a public service. | A / B |
| 14 | People who are allergic to animals can camp in special areas. | A / B |
| 15 | All European countries refuse to admit animals to holiday villages. | A / B |
| 16 | Farm Holidays have different rules from Holiday Villages. | A / B |
| 17 | Some hotel rooms should be reserved for guests with animals. | A / B |
| 18 | Regulations on the matter are well-known to everybody. | A / B |
| 19 | Many Italian people abandon their pets during the summer. | A / B |
| 20 | The writer complains in a very impolite way. | A / B |

RULES FOR PETS

To whom it may concern

European Parliament

I have recently been informed that the campsites where I have been on holiday for ten years have recently introduced a norm which admits no pets during the months of July and August. I complained to the local authority but had no reply.

I am now applying to you to put forward my point of view.

1. All campsites should welcome animals. They live in their master's "house" and it would be illegal to deny them this right. It is well known that many campsites refuse admittance to children and animals claiming that a campsite is private property. However, it is also true that campsite owners are granted a licence to provide a service and therefore they should follow the rules that apply to public services.
2. Campsites where there are caravans and tents for hire should reserve an area of their facilities for animal owners. In this way campers who are allergic to animals would never get close to them.
3. In Italy holiday villages do not admit animals whereas in similar structures they are accepted all over Europe. Also in the case of holiday villages an area should be reserved for animal owners.
4. Same for Farm Holidays.
5. With regard to hotels, a number of rooms should be reserved for animal owners. When checking in at a hotel, animal owners know that there are rooms reserved for them. If all rooms reserved for animal owners are full, they should be able to travel to the nearest hotel knowing that, given the availability of rooms, their animals will not be refused.

I carried out research but was unable to find the laws regulating campsites, holiday villages and holiday farms. I wonder if you can give me information to understand what my right - and my dog's right - are.

Helping animal owners may help to resolve the long-lasting problem of abandoning pets during the long Italian summer.

Thanking you in advance

I remain yours faithfully

PART 4 - Questions 21-25

Read the text and the questions below it. For each question write A, B, C or D on the answer sheet.

You are what you eat

Many people in the world today are starving, but this is not the problem in Western countries. In Britain over one third of the population is overweight. It seems that although people eat about as much as they used to, they have become lazy because of cars and labour -saving devices and so they have also become fat.

There are many illnesses associated with being overweight, and as people realize the dangers of heart disease, they try to improve their diet and their way of life. They cut out sweets, fatty foods and bread and they start to exercise regularly. The food we eat gives us energy and, unless we lead active lives, the food is turned into fat.

Most people don't know that most of the foods we eat contain substances that may be harmful if absorbed over a long period of time. For example there are chemicals to preserve the colour and flavour of our foods. A growing number of people are trying to live without them. In Britain today, there are thousands of healthfood shops which sell natural, unprocessed, "biologic" foods - everything from whole-meal flower to soya beans. Healthfood shops do not sell meat as many people consider it an unhealthy part of our diet. They now substitute beans and vegetables for it. Lizzie Swan has been a vegetarian since she was ten. "I decided that I didn't like the taste or texture of meat so I refused to eat it. This caused quite a lot of problems with my family because meat was a part of almost every meal. My mother was worried that I wasn't getting enough proteins and vitamins so she took me to see a doctor. She was very surprised when he told her that I was probably healthier without meat. Later I stopped eating fish, too but I still eat eggs, milk and cheese. The food I eat is both varied and interesting and I'm certainly healthy! Being vegetarian is easy!"

21 What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A To convince readers to become vegetarians.
- B To explain why so many people are fat today.
- C To encourage readers to pay more attention to their diet.
- D To promote shops that sell natural food.

22 What is the basic cause of people getting fat?

- A Eating too many sweets.
- B Eating meat and fatty foods.
- C Eating too much food and doing few activities.
- D Not following a diet.

23 How can you avoid illnesses connected with being overweight?

- A By replacing meat with vegetables.
- B By avoiding too much sugar and fatty food.
- C By buying food at healthfood shops.
- D By choosing o correct diet and exercising.

24 What was Lizzie's mother's reaction after she went to see the doctor?

- A Her mother was angry because she had to change her cooking habits.
- B Her mother thought Lizzie was not eating healthily.
- C Her mother was reassured about Lizzie's state of health.
- D She was convinced that meat was necessary for Lizzie's health.

25 Which of these notices would best express the writer's opinion?

- A Too many highly processed foods on our tables.
- B Being a vegetarian makes you a healthy person.
- C Western people eat too much and eat the wrong things.
- D Activity and healthy food will prolong your life.

PART 5 - Questions 26-35

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Music in the UK

Black music has been a prominent influence (26) popular music, with Black musicians becoming role (27) for all young people. Predominantly Black-created music, (28) reggae, soul and rap as well as jazz, has helped to shape British music in the (29) thirty years.

New home grown sounds, such as bhangra - mixing traditional Asian, Black American and electronic music - have emerged and in turn (30) new hybrid and cross-over styles, (31) mainstream Britpop.

The growing number of (32) of “world’s music” also draws on the wide range of musical skills, traditions and innovations now (33) in Britain.

Even classical music orchestras in Britain are now becoming (34) ethnically diverse, as (35) minority musicians begin to enter orchestras, opera companies and music schools.

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| 26 | A over | B on | C in | D of |
| 27 | A examples | B companions | C musicians | D models |
| 28 | A such as | B as | C unlike | D also |
| 29 | A first | B last | C final | D next |
| 30 | A contrasted | B changed | C influenced | D neglected |
| 31 | A too | B more | C but | D as well as |
| 32 | A supporting | B opponents | C fans | D friend |
| 33 | A flourishing | B disappearing | C living | D prohibited |
| 34 | A less | B equally | C more | D most |
| 35 | A ethnic | B national | C international | D popular |