

From PET – Examination Papers. Book 2. Reading Test 3.

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 **PAY AND DISPLAY
YOUR
PARKING TICKET**

- A You do not need to pay for parking if you display the correct document.
- B You pay for parking when you leave the car park.
- C You need to show evidence that you have paid to park your car.

2 Suzie,
Could you get my dry cleaning
when you're in town? It's my grey
suit. The receipt is by the phone.
Thanks, Anna

Anna wants Suzie to

- A phone her about some cleaning.
- B pick up her clean suit.
- C buy her a grey suit.

3 **BAGS WHICH ARE LEFT
UNATTENDED
WILL BE REMOVED
BY STATION STAFF**

- A Leave things you don't want for station staff to collect.
- B Station staff will help you with your bags.
- C You should keep your bags with you at all times.

4 Candidates may not take
anything into the exam room.
Pens will be provided.
Calculators may not be used.

What can candidates take with them into the exam room?

- A Nothing.
- B Calculators.
- C Pens.

5 To: Gerry
From: Gina

When you arrive, go to room 901.
I'll leave a message with the
secretary there to say where you
can find me.

- A Gina will be in room 901 when Gerry arrives.
- B Gina will leave a note in room 901 to say where she is.
- C Someone in room 901 will tell Gerry where Gina is.

PART 2. Questions 6-10

The people below all have a birthday next month. Read the eight descriptions of presents and decide which presents (letters A-H) would be the most suitable for the following people (numbers 6-10). There are three extra letters which you do not need to use. Write the letters on the answer sheet.

- 6 **Miranda** is going to university in a few months to study computer science. She has used computers since she was a girl. Miranda also loves clothes and she is very keen on all kinds of sport.
- 7 Miranda's brother, **James**, is interested in pop music and his ambition is to sing in a band and become a star. He doesn't play a musical instrument yet, although he is keen to learn to play the guitar.
- 8 **Miranda's grandmother** used to be an opera singer. She has just become interested in computing. She has bought a laptop computer and she wants to learn how to get onto the Internet and to send emails.
- 9 **Miranda's other grandmother** is going to retire soon and she is not sure how she is going to spend her time. She wants to take up a new hobby. She would like to do something in the open air but she is not very interested in sport.
- 10 Miranda's cousin, **Laura**, has two small children and is at home most of the time. Although her neighbour can babysit for her, Laura can't afford to go out in the evenings now. She used to love going to the theatre.

OUR GIFT SUGGESTIONS

A This is a **two-hour video** which is aimed at young people who dream of a career in popular music and want to become a star. It provides some fascinating information about the life of a pop musician and gives some good tips on how to succeed in a world where many try and fail.

B This attractive **tennis dress** is both comfortable and fashionable. It comes in a range of sizes and is popular with both younger and older players. Although this dress may not improve your game, you will feel confident that you are looking good while you are playing.

C This delightful **picnic basket** contains everything you need to enjoy a meal in the open air - plates, glasses, knives, forks and spoons, boxes for food and flasks for tea or coffee. There is enough for six people, all in an attractive basket. The children will love a picnic - and it's so much easier for you.

D The A to Z of Computing. This attractively illustrated guide explains computing to beginners in a clear and simple style. Even someone who has never touched a computer before will quickly be able to master all they need to know in order to become a confident computer user.

E Improve Your Guitar Skills. This is an excellent book with accompanying video aimed at the guitarist with some experience of playing either pop or classical guitar. The author suggests a range of exercises to help the student make progress. Instructions are clear and practical and there are some nice humorous touches too.

F This is an original and imaginative present which will be appreciated by anyone with an interest in culture. It is a special **voucher** for tickets to the theatre for two people with drinks in the interval included. The voucher may be used to buy tickets for any theatre, opera or ballet performance of your choice.

G Try this new **tennis racket** and you will be immediately impressed. It is light and comfortable to use. It looks smart too. It is the choice of many professionals and has been seen at the most important competitions this summer. It comes in its own case with a pocket that can hold four balls.

H This lovely paint box contains 24 different **watercolours** and four **brushes** of various sizes to create delightful water-colour paintings. It is ideal for capturing those wonderful country views. An excellent present for either the beginner or the professional artist.

PART 3 - Questions 11-20

Look at the sentences below about a new fitness centre. 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 fitness centre is already open. | A / B |
| 12 | The fitness centre does not have a swimming pool. | A / B |
| 13 | Members can choose from a wide range of different classes. | A / B |
| 14 | Normally fees have to be paid for the classes. | A / B |
| 15 | Membership is more expensive if you want to use the centre in the evenings. | A / B |
| 16 | Children are only allowed to use the facilities if they are with a qualified instructor. | A / B |
| 17 | Members are given a personal fitness programme. | A / B |
| 18 | People's progress is checked every month. | A / B |
| 19 | The café is run by a fast food chain. | A / B |
| 20 | You may only buy the recipe book at the fitness centre. | A / B |

FITNESS CENTRE – OPENING 10 JANUARY

What We Offer

Now the Christmas and New Year celebrations are almost over, start the new year in a positive and healthy way by joining the town's new fitness centre. This fitness centre has already opened with great success in other towns in Britain and it is now coming to your town. It will offer not only a gym, a pool and qualified instructors, but also classes in a variety of healthy activities from yoga to salsa dancing, from aromatherapy to judo, from aerobics to homeopathy. It will have a large library with books and videos providing information about different sports, therapies, diets and other activities which can improve your health and fitness.

Join this month and you will be able to enrol on two of the special courses free of charge.

Membership

Membership is open to all over-18s. Special membership rates are available for pensioners and full-time students. Discounts are also available for members who wish to use the centre between 9 and 5 on weekdays. Children can use the facilities on Saturday mornings if accompanied by a responsible adult. New members are given a health check and are then provided with an individual fitness programme to suit their needs. Progress checks are offered free of charge every six months. Qualified instructors will be present at all times to give guidance and help when needed but members who prefer to work out alone will be able to do so.

Opening Hours

Opening hours are from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily including Sundays.

Café and Restaurant

The Centre contains an excellent café and restaurant. Both are run by a company that specialises in healthy foods and drinks. You will find their meals delicious and satisfying. They will be happy to share their most popular recipes with you in their newly published *Healthy Eating for a Long Life*, which can be purchased in the Fitness Centre as well as at good bookshops.

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.

Mel Gibson, the popular Hollywood actor who starred in *Braveheart* and *Lethal Weapon*, is going to start work on a new film called *The Passion*. It deals with the last twelve hours in the life of Christ and is written entirely in Latin and Aramaic. Gibson says that, if necessary, he will add subtitles to the film but he would prefer not to do so. The actor, who earned £27 million last year, is investing his own money in the film. He has arrived in Rome to spend the next ten weeks shooting the film but he still has not found a distributor for it. No one is keen to show the film even though Gibson is such a popular and successful star.

The actor says that he is not surprised because it is a risk to take on a film that has been made in two dead languages. Many people are saying that Gibson has gone mad and he agrees that that might be possible but he adds, "I might be a genius!"

Bill Fuco, who is a linguistics professor from Los Angeles, has translated the film and is the dialogue coach on the set. Gibson says that it was his Catholic faith which helped him after his wild youth. He has been married to his wife, Robyn, for 22 years and they have seven children. Their only daughter is planning to become a nun.

In the film Gibson wants to show Christ as a man as well as being divine. He wants the film to be as realistic as he can make it. He has refused to say how much he is spending on the film, adding, that this film is "good for the soul, not for the wallet".

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

- A Tell readers about a surprising new project
- B Give readers news about some Hollywood film stars
- C impress readers with his special knowledge
- D persuade readers to watch a new film

22 What do we learn about Mel Gibson?

- A He has a good knowledge of Latin
- B He thinks he is very clever
- C He is a religious man
- D He has made a stupid decision

23 What is the main aim of the film?

- A To tell the story of the life of Christ
- B To persuade people to be more religious
- C To be as historically accurate as possible
- D To make as much money as possible

24 In which section of the newspaper would you be most likely to find this story?

- A Reviews
- B Business
- C News
- D Fashion

25 Which phrase is part of an advert for Mel Gibson's new film?

- A All children will love this exciting new film ...
- B This film brings the past to life ...
- C This film teaches you Latin ...
- D This film teaches Christian values ...

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.

LUCKY ESCAPE!

A group of Australian teenage boys were on a school camping trip in 1995. They set up camp at the (26) of a river where they could (27) lots of water sports.

On the first morning three of the boys decided (28) take a rowing boat out. They did not have much experience of rowing and they lost an oar. They tried to get it back but only (29) in making the boat turn over.

They held on to the upside-down boat but soon (30) that the current (31) taking them out into the Indian Ocean.

No one (32) hear their calls for help. After (33) half an hour or so they saw a large whale. It swam round and dived under them to lift them up into the air and hold them there.

A man (34) was standing on the shore with a telescope looking out for whales noticed that this particular whale had three boys on (35) back.

He called for help and the boys were rescued.

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| 26 | A end | B eye | C mouth | D door |
| 27 | A go | B do | C make | D get |
| 28 | A for | B at | C about | D to |
| 29 | A managed | B succeeded | C resulted | D finished |
| 30 | A saw | B looked | C viewed | D watched |
| 31 | A is | B has | C was | D had |
| 32 | A did | B could | C should | D might |
| 33 | A round | B near | C about | D next |
| 34 | A which | B where | C whose | D who |
| 35 | A its | B a | C the | D their |