

From PET – Examination Papers. Book 2. Reading Test 4.

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 *Out to lunch. Back by 3. If urgent call me on my mobile. Rick*

A Don't ring Rick while he is at the restaurant.
B Rick is not here today but he can be contacted at home.
C Rick can be contacted if it is very important.

- 2 Refunds are available for the concert which was cancelled yesterday. Come to the office between 9 and 12 this morning.

Why must people go to the office?

A To get some money back.
B To get tickets for the concert.
C To find out about a concert.

- 3 *TO GET AN EXTERNAL LINE, PLEASE DIAL 9 BEFORE THE NUMBER YOU REQUIRE. TO CONTACT RECEPTION, DIAL 0.*

This notice explains how to use

A a public phone box.
B a phone in a hotel bedroom.
C a mobile phone.

- 4 To: Mel
From: Paul

Sorry, but something's come up. I'm afraid I can't manage lunch today at 1.00. I'll ring you later.

Why is Paul apologising?

A He can't meet Mel.
B He can't eat lunch.
C He can't phone Mel.

- 5 **Skaters must wear gloves and should not carry anything on the ice.**

A Skaters must wear gloves and keep their bags with them.
B Skaters should not take gloves or bags on the ice with them.
C Skaters must protect their hands but should not take anything else with them.

PART 2. Questions 6-10

The people below all want to go on holiday. Read the eight holiday advertisements. Decide which holiday (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** **Chloe** comes from Australia. She has not decided whether to spend her holiday in America or Europe. She only has two weeks and she wants to see and do as much as possible. She is travelling alone so she would quite like to join a group of other people.
- 7** **Tony** is a businessman and he works hard all year. In his holidays he just wants to relax with his wife and two children aged two and four. His wife likes water sports but he prefers just lying in the sun with a good book.
- 8** **Adam** is a medical student and he doesn't have much free time. The holidays are a good chance for him to play his favourite sports or try new ones. He also likes to meet other young people and go out in the evenings.
- 9** **Daiki** is an actor. He has to be careful how much he spends. He loves active holidays but he hates being organised by other people. On holiday he always tries to see other actors at work if he can.
- 10** **Amanda** is a very busy history teacher but she still likes to spend her holidays learning something new. She is not very keen on sport. On this holiday she would like to learn something that might help her to earn a little more money.

HOLIDAY OFFERS

A SKIING IN SWITZERLAND. Spend two weeks skiing in the Swiss mountains. There are slopes to suit every level of skier from beginner to expert. Lessons are available if you wish. Stay in a comfortable hotel with an excellent restaurant and enjoy great nightlife in this international resort.

B RELAXING HOLIDAYS. We believe that holidays are the time for busy people to relax and enjoy quality time with their family and friends. Try one of our beach cottages, which are fully equipped and very comfortable with amazing views over the beautiful bay, sandy beaches and pine forests.

C STUDY HOLIDAYS. Our holidays are for people who like to spend their holidays learning something new. Many people return to do another one of our creative writing courses. They take place in a lovely country house and are taught by successful authors. This could be the start of a rewarding new career.

D WALKING HOLIDAYS. On our walking holidays you don't have to carry your things with you. We transport your luggage from hotel to hotel and you simply enjoy the beautiful countryside! We suggest alternative routes each day so that you can have an energetic or a more relaxing walk.

E SAILING HOLIDAYS. You will enjoy our sailing holidays whether you are an experienced sailor or have never been in a boat before. You can learn how to sail with our qualified instructors or you can simply use our boats and our equipment to help you plan your own voyages.

F CITY HOLIDAYS. You can't beat a holiday in New York. There are hotels to suit all tastes and budgets. There are so many theatres, restaurants, exhibitions and shops to enjoy. You can choose from a wide range of excursions on offer or you can explore the city on your own.

G FRENCH COOKING HOLIDAYS. The best way for busy people to relax is not just to lie in the sun but to learn something completely different. Why not do this on our French cooking holidays? Spend your mornings in the kitchen and evenings eating dinner with the other students. Afternoons are for free time.

H EUROPEAN TOURS. Spend a fortnight seeing the sights of eight countries in Europe without worrying about the driving. Our coach tours take you to the most splendid cities of Europe. You will stay in first class hotels and have qualified guides to tell you about all the places that you visit.

PART 3 - Questions 11-20

Look at the sentences below about how to do well in a job interview. 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 | Feeling confident makes you more likely to be successful at a job interview. | A / B |
| 12 | You have to do some housework before going to your interview. | A / B |
| 13 | You can use the Internet to find out more about the company you want to join. | A / B |
| 14 | You should try to predict what questions the interviewers will ask. | A / B |
| 15 | You should prepare some questions to ask at the interview. | A / B |
| 16 | At the interview you should check how much you will earn. | A / B |
| 17 | It is important to wear your most comfortable clothes for an interview. | A / B |
| 18 | The interviewers will be angry if you are late for your interview. | A / B |
| 19 | You must shake hands with the interviewers when you go into the interview room. | A / B |
| 20 | You should go into the interview feeling as calm and as confident as possible. | A / B |

How to do well in a job interview

You've got the qualifications and filled in the application form. You've got as far as the job interview, but so have other applicants. So how do you make sure that you are the one who is offered the job?

The most important thing for a successful job interview is confidence. Here are seven tips to help you appear, and feel, more confident.

- Do your homework - find out as much as you can about the company before the interview. You can visit the company's websites to help you do this. This will make it easier for you to understand the interviewers' questions and to answer them properly.
- As part of your homework, read the information you have about the job again. Think about what kind of person they are looking for and what questions they might ask. Think about your strengths and how you can make these strengths clear in your interview.
- Be ready to ask some questions of your own. It's better not to ask about holidays and your pay, but to ask about the company or what the job will involve.
- Wear clothes that are smart but also comfortable. If you feel that you look good, you will be more confident and so make a stronger first impression.
- Make sure you arrive in plenty of time. If you arrive at the last minute, you will be feeling hot and anxious. If you are late, they might think that you do not really want the job.
- Look at the interviewers and smile as you shake hands with them. Make eye contact as you answer their questions. Do not sit on the edge of your chair and try to avoid appearing nervous.
- Before you go into the interview room, make sure you are calm and relaxed, remind yourself that you want the job and you know you can do it - all you have to do is show the interviewers.

Good luck!

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.

Dear Editor,

Why does the bus service in this town get worse rather than better? Five years ago there were buses every five minutes from our home in the south of the city into the centre and every ten minutes there was another bus for the railway station. Now there are only three buses an hour to the centre and you can't get to the railway station without changing buses. However, fares have doubled over this five-year period.

My sister lives on the north side of the city and she tells me things are not much better there. She works in a restaurant in the city centre in the evenings and the buses now stop at ten o'clock in the evening instead of at midnight, so she cannot get home after work.

Every week in your paper there are letters complaining about traffic problems in our town. The roads are more and more crowded and, during the day, it can easily take three quarters of an hour to drive into the city centre from here. When you get to the centre, it can take another hour to find a parking space.

A more frequent and cheaper bus service would mean fewer cars on the roads, less pollution and a better quality of life for everyone. So why does the City Council not do something about this problem? They should subsidise the buses and make sure that services to the residential areas of the city are frequent and convenient.

*Yours sincerely,
Catherine Hill*

21 What is the writer's main purpose in writing this letter?

- A To persuade the bus company to provide a better service
- B To entertain the readers of the newspaper
- C To ask the bus company to explain their behaviour
- D To suggest a solution to the town's traffic problems

22 What do we learn about bus services in the town?

- A Buses no longer go to the railway station
- B The bus service starts later and finishes earlier than before
- C Buses are less convenient and more expensive than before
- D The service has got better for people in the north of the city

23 Which of these is mentioned as a problem for car drivers in the town?

- A Rude bus drivers
- B Traffic jams
- C Traffic lights
- D One-way streets

24 What does the writer want the Council to do?

- A Hire more intelligent people
- B Make some main roads wider
- C Spend more on the bus service
- D Get better bus drivers

25 Which word best describes the writer of this letter?

- A Confused
- B Amused
- C Angry
- D Surprised

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.

HONEY

Honey not only tastes good but it is also one of nature's most effective natural medicines. Honey (26) produced by bees. They have to (27) the pollen from about one and a half million flowers in (28) to make half a kilo of honey.

It has been enjoyed by humans (29) ancient times. The Greeks and the Romans called it the food of the gods and thought that (30) was eating honey which gave the god the ability to live for ever.

Today it is known that honey (31) indeed have medical powers. It contains substances which prevent bacteria (32) growing. If you put some honey on a cut or a burn it seems to heal (33) quickly, and adding some to a hot drink of lemon juice (34) help a sore throat get better.

Honey is also used in beauty products. Use it to soften your skin by spreading some over your face. (35) it for 15 minutes and then wipe off with a wet cloth.

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| 26 | A is | B was | C are | D were |
| 27 | A grow | B collect | C choose | D produce |
| 28 | A place | B case | C time | D order |
| 29 | A for | B since | C when | D by |
| 30 | A there | B this | C it | D that |
| 31 | A is | B has | C does | D will |
| 32 | A from | B to | C off | D of |
| 33 | A so | B most | C too | D more |
| 34 | A must | B ought | C can | D has |
| 35 | A Leave | B Let | C Put | D Hold |