

## From PET – Examination Papers. Book 7. Reading Test 5.

### 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.

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#### **WHEELCHAIR ENTRANCE ONLY**

**OTHER ENTRANCE 50 METRES  
LEFT**

- A Wheelchairs can use the entrance 50 metres to the left.
- B Everybody can use both entrances.
- C Only people in wheelchairs may use this entrance.

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We are open until 6 o'clock pm.  
After six: bus tickets available  
at the newsagents Regent  
Street 8.

- A You cannot buy tickets here.
- B In the morning you can buy tickets here.
- C You can always buy tickets at the newsagent's on Regent Street

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**Sorry Emma**  
**I promised you I would go to the**  
**gym today, but I'm too busy and I**  
**can't make it - definitely tomorrow.**  
**Jenny**

- A Jenny will go to the gym tomorrow.
- B Tomorrow she will be busy too.
- C She promises she'll go to the gym today.

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#### **WOMEN'S NURSING ROOM** **ENTRANCE FORBIDDEN TO MEN**

- A Female nurses lounge room.
- B Women for women breastfeeding their babies.  
Men are not allowed to enter.
- C Nursery room for babies and their mothers.

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**Timetable:**  
**Monday to Thursday**  
**We apologise for any likely**  
**delays to trains caused by**  
**our construction work.**

- A There will be no trains from Monday to Thursday.
- B Some trains services may be interrupted.
- C Some train services will definitely be interrupted.

## PART 2. Questions 6-10

**The people below all want to buy a pair of shoes. Read the descriptions of eight pairs of shoes. Choose which pair (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 Sarah:** I have got a wedding to attend in June and I have already bought my dress. It's brown. My only problem is that I do not have the shoes yet. I will be standing for the majority of the day.

**7 John:** I work in construction and require well-protected boots for all weather conditions (e.g. snow, rain, hot sun). My shoes must be sturdy and able to withstand the elements as well. The shoes must be durable and as comfortable as possible because I am on my feet all day long.

**8 Joyce:** I'm a nurse and work in a hospital. I work in and out of surgery rooms and frequently have direct contact with the hospital's patients. I walk a lot during my shifts. My uniform is white, which is a requirement of the hospital where I work. We must be dressed completely in white. Lastly, I want to slip in and out of my shoes with ease.

**9 Gene:** I am a lawyer. I work in an office all day long. Anyone can find me at any time of the day sitting at my desk working on my computer or speaking on the telephone. Unfortunately, I only get out of my office twice a day: once for a coffee break and the other for lunch. I always wear suits to work.

**10 Leslie:** I am a teacher and live four kilometres from school. I never use the car and, when I can, I also avoid means of transport. I walk everywhere! Even when it rains and it is cold, I prefer walking.

### SHOES

**A** These shoes are great for any occasion, especially walking. They have a rubber sole to protect against rain and dirt below one's feet. The shoes are available for both men and women and may be found in a variety of colours.

**B** This pair of shoes is particular and usually used by those in the medical field. They're a type of mule shoe, which makes them easy to put on and take off. They're great for someone who works on their feet all day. They come in various sizes and colours.

**C** The shoes here are made by a famous designer in France. They are elegant and open-toed. They have a 3cm heel and the upper and bottom parts of the shoe are made of leather. They are shoes designed for a special occasion and not everyday wear.

**D** These are boots. They have a steel-toe, which offers protection from falling objects. They are frequently used by those who work outdoors or in dangerous jobs that require proper protection of one's feet. The upper part of the shoe is made of thick reinforced leather, while the sole is rubber.

**E** These shoes have been designed and made to leave the feet completely exposed. They are made of rubber and plastic. They are not only casual, but may also be used for special occasions. They come in various colours, but are offered in limited sizes.

**F** This pair of shoes has been made with a low 1cm heel. They will look great with casual and formal clothing. They are available in a wide range of colours.

**G** These shoes are a particular boot that offers protection against rain and bad weather. The upper part is made of rubber. They are great for walking around the garden or shopping in town on a rainy day because they keep one's feet not only dry, but warm. They are available in various patterns and colours.

**H** These shoes are made of real leather. They're made by hand and of top quality materials. They're black and have small laces made of sturdy cotton. They are offered in two colours: black and brown. Many men like them because of their timeless style and comfort.

## PART 3 - Questions 11-20

**Look at the sentences below about organic food. 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 | Many people collect stamps in Europe.  | A / B |
| 12 | In England it is particularly popular.   | A / B |
| 13 | People at war don't collect stamps.  | A / B |
| 14 | Stamps have always been used for particular aims.                                  | A / B |
| 15 | Canada was one of the first countries to have the image of a monarch stamp issued. | A / B |
| 16 | There are a lot of different kinds of stamps.                                      | A / B |
| 17 | If you want to send a package, you'll probably need a particular kind of stamp.    | A / B |
| 18 | To start collecting stamps you'll need an album.                                   | A / B |
| 19 | You'll also have to buy some other tools.  | A / B |
| 20 | If you want to start a stamp collection, you won't have to spend much.             | A / B |

## THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO STAMP COLLECTING

Stamp collecting, also called "philately", is a hobby widespread throughout Europe, particularly in some countries like England, France, Germany and Switzerland. It is of lesser importance, but also with a substantial number of followers, in Belgium, Holland, Italy and Spain.

In Asia, China and Japan, centres of stamp collecting have been important for a long time.

Many countries have officially acknowledged that this hobby can be seen as an important means for improving the understanding between people all over the world and living in peace with each other.

When the first stamp was issued, and for a number of years thereafter, stamps were only functional, that's to say they were exclusively aimed for paying postage on letters. They usually carried the image of a current ruling monarch.

The first country to attribute a new function to the stamp was Canada, which was among the first countries all over the world to introduce stamps. Its first stamp, issued in 1851, carried a beaver as a central motif. Over the following years, stamps were used for many other goals: to commemorate events (commemorative stamps), to raise funds (charity stamps), and special stamps issued in limited numbers for collectors.

Furthermore, there are not only stamps for regular postage purposes, but there are also different sorts of stamps to provide for the other services offered by the postal service, such as parcels or special deliveries.

Do you want to start collecting stamps? If so, it is necessary to find the stamps. But it is also necessary to have a place where you can put them, like in an album. Once you've chosen an album, you will need to buy a stamp catalogue, which will help you identify each stamp and how to organize them in the album. You will also have to buy instruments for identification of the stamps and a tool to handle the stamps.

You can purchase all of these items noted above at a stamp dealer shop. It's not necessary to worry about the money it will cost to buy these things because it really costs very little.

Do you want to know more about how to collect stamps and build-up your collection? Visit our site [www.stp.com](http://www.stp.com).

## 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.

### The World through Transport

It is often noted that the best way to visit places is by using methods of transport that are traditional to a location. For example, visiting the United States is better done by car, the Netherlands' canals by bicycle, Argentina on horseback, Ireland on foot and India by train. By sharing the same method of transport as the locals, one is more likely to experience and see a place in the same or similar way the locals do.

When people travel, they often times miss out on many aspects of the place they're visiting. Let's take the US as an example. If people choose to fly across the US from one coast to the other, they'll never get to see or experience the sunset over the Great Plains; the deep, burnt-red desert rock and soil; the golden fields of wheat of the Mid West; the nation's longest river; the winds sweeping the Gulf's coastal towns; or the deep southern weeping willow trees. If instead, people decide to rent a car and drive from coast to coast, or simply select a small area to visit, they'll see and experience the US in the way the locals do.

People forget that travelling the world isn't just about getting a stamp on one's passport, but it's about the sights, sounds and smells of a new place. We spend a lot of money travelling to exotic places around the world, so we should want to see it from the locals' eyes. Give it a try!

Next time you decide to travel, research the best modes of transport at your vacation destination, according to the locals, and follow their suggestions. Will it be in an Italian seaside town by scooter? The city streets of China by bicycle? Mexico by bus? India by train? Or Morocco by camel?

**21 What is the main point of the article?**

- A It is better to travel by car to see the US.
- B It is often better to travel by local traditional transport to truly see a place.
- C It is encouraged to see the US by doing a coast-to-coast tour in a car.
- D It is a good idea to get your passport stamped when visiting other countries.

**22 What mistake is common of travellers, according to the author?**

- A Flying, instead of driving.
- B Packing too much stuff so that their luggage is impossible to carry.
- C Visiting places and using incorrect forms of transport to truly experience them.
- D Visiting a place too quickly.

**23 How does experiencing local transport benefit the traveller?**

- A It gives the traveller freedom.
- B The traveller will save money.
- C The traveller will understand the place's history.
- D The traveller will experience and enjoy the beautiful things of the place, like the locals do.

**24 What should travelling the world not be about?**

- A Travelling by plane.
- B Hurrying through your holiday.
- C Getting your passport stamped.
- D None of the above.

**25 What's the author's final word of advice?**

- A Read the newspaper for special low-cost deals before choosing.
- B Research the local modes of transport before travelling to your destination.
- C Visit Italy by scooter.
- D See China by bicycle.

## PART 5 - Questions 26-35

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

For each question, mark the letter next to the correct word - A, B, C or D - **on your answer sheet.**

### Dogs vs Cats

Have you ever had a pet before? Did it live with you in the house or was it kept (26) .....? Psychologists say that children who grow up having a household pet, such as a cat or a dog, (27) ..... more sensitive to animals and creatures weaker than them. There is something about raising a (28) ..... together with a pet in the house that teaches them (29) ..... and (30) ..... someone or something.

One parent, Sandy, said that (31) ..... her son, Jacob, and puppy, Moses, together hasn't been easy, but definitely gratifying because her son has (32) ..... tenderness and kindness towards animals. Sandy says that she couldn't have taught him these things very well without having Moses around. Her son also (33) ..... from not fearing animals he sees when walking to the park with his mom. When asked where she got Moses, she said she found him at the dog pound in her city. She made a 20 euro (34) ..... to her local dog pound and they Moses to her. When asked if she will get another pet she said: "I will get a cat for Jacob and myself this Christmas so Moses has a friend to play with". Apparently, Sandy doesn't (35) ..... cats and dogs are enemies.

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| 26 | A inside          | B outside     | C out         | D over        |
| 27 | A are             | B raise       | C intend      | D want        |
| 28 | A individual      | B pair        | C child       | D dog         |
| 29 | A to learn        | B to love     | C to teach    | D to grow     |
| 30 | A to struggle for | B to look for | C to care for | D to take for |
| 31 | A because         | B bringing    | C diving      | D raising     |
| 32 | A lots            | B improved    | C very        | D learned     |
| 33 | A doesn't         | B said        | C benefits    | D experiences |
| 34 | A donation        | B paid        | C refund      | D cash        |
| 35 | A believe         | B like        | C see         | D support     |