

From PET – Examination Papers. Book 7. 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 **BEACH CLOSED
STRONG
UNDERCURRENT!**

A Swim with caution.
B Swimming not allowed, but surfing is.
C Risk of life - do not enter beach.

- 2 **SWIM AT OWN RISK
NO LIFEGUARD
ON DUTY**

A Swimming is not permitted without a lifeguard on duty.
B Lifeguard required to swim.
C Swim with caution.

- 3 Occasionally items go missing in the postal system.
If you have not received your item within 10 days, please phone the number below or write an e-mail to postfr@tt and we shall send another free of charge.

A If they send you an item by post, you can be absolutely sure you will receive it.
B If they send you an item by post, it can happen that it goes missing, but it will be found and sent again.
C If they send you an item by post, it may go missing, but they'll send you another one again and you won't have to pay.

- 4 **DANGER:**
do not LEAN on doors.

A Attention: do not stand near doors.
B Attention: do not sit near doors.
C Attention: do not place weight against doors.

- 5 John, I can't find your phone number.
Write or phone me, please.
I need to talk to you.
Nick

A Nick hasn't got John's phone number and wants to talk to him.
B Nick cannot find his mobile phone and thinks that John has got it.
C Nick will talk to John tomorrow.

PART 2. Questions 6-10

The people below all want to go on a guided tour. Read the descriptions of eight descriptions of guided walks in the city. Decide which tour (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 Carol has two children under ten years of age. She and her family all like short walks and are interested in visiting some of the parks and sites of London, and less of the museums due to the age of her children. Whichever guided walking tour they take she will need to be nearby public toilets and places for snacks.

7 David is in his sixties and an early riser! He loves history and has already been to London once before, but that was over twenty years ago. He loves Shakespeare and portrait art. His love and knowledge of British history is abundant. He is a hearty walker, so distances aren't a problem, but his pace isn't like that of a 20 year old.

8 Kaitlin is eighteen years old and has never visited London before. She will be in London for one week, so time is not a problem for her! She is fascinated by the London architecture she has seen in books, so she is ready for anything, within reason.

9 Antonio is in his early thirties. He lives in a big metropolitan city that requires him to walk quite a bit. He is also a fast walker because of his life in the city. Antonio does have a preference for walks in the evening and requests evening tours to see the city by night, rather than by day.

10 Andy is an athletic nature lover. He would prefer to visit primarily the parks and secret gardens of London. He's not too interested in the buildings, architecture or museums, since all that simply bores him. He is very keen on seeing the birds and plants within the parks, along the River Thames and the private gardens he's heard about in Notting Hill.

WALKING TOURS

A Take a leisurely 10 kilometre walking tour that goes along the River Thames and winds its way into Hyde Park and Regent's Park. It offers its participants a few hours of leisure walking within London and some ideal bird spotting along the way.

B This is a 5 kilometre walk that takes place early morning and focuses on London's top 10 most famous landmarks in its history. There is no rush to walk quickly because it takes place over the weekend and is quite early for any locals to be up and about.

C Discover the beauty of London by its nightlife! A walking tour that is tailor made to those who love to party and dance the night away. Enjoy a pub crawl with some locals who really know the places to see and be seen. The walking tour can be anywhere from 500 metres to 5 kilometres, depending upon how late you want to stay up!

D Let us take you on a fun walk through Hyde Park that is not only for the kids, but also for adults! The walk goes through Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park and onto Buckingham Palace. All parks are equipped with a wide variety of cafes and eateries along the way for both parents and kids.

E A walking tour of the 5 main museums in London. This tour generally takes 5 hours of walking, plus the time it takes to view the various museums where we stop along the way.

F This walk is for anyone, but we frequently see couples signing up for this walking tour. It is a short walking tour that shows our visitors London by night, when London is all lit up. It is a sight to see! The sights and sounds of London as it's closing up and lighting up for the night is indescribable. Those who are romantic at heart fall in love with London as the sun sets behind her skyscrapers and regal architecture. It's a sight to behold.

G Discover London's rich and famous on foot! This walking tour takes our participants past London's top 10 most rich and famous and their homes. It's a tour for those who love to follow the city's most elite.

H A three-day walking tour that takes its participants through all of London's sights and sounds is well worth it! Each day you will see London by day and by night! It's a tour that stops at many places along the way for its participants to sit, eat local fare, shop and really experience London as much as possible in just three days, all on foot! We recommend this walking tour to the younger generation, but we certainly don't discourage seniors either.

PART 3 - Questions 11-20

Look at the sentences below about Washington, DC. 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 | You fly directly from Milan to Philadelphia. | A / B |
| 12 | From Philadelphia you fly to Washington, DC. | A / B |
| 13 | Near George Washington University there are many schools. | A / B |
| 14 | The food you can eat in Washington, DC is typically American. | A / B |
| 15 | In one restaurant you can eat with your fingers. | A / B |
| 16 | You can find long lines to get into some of the museums. | A / B |
| 17 | You can get to see real dinosaur bones. | A / B |
| 18 | The Museum of Natural History houses the largest diamond in the world. | A / B |
| 19 | The Spirit of St Louis was a famous airplane. | A / B |
| 20 | It takes a long time to see the Holocaust museum. | A / B |

WASHINGTON, DC

Washington, DC is not as big as New York or Los Angeles, but it's an interesting and exciting city, which certainly deserves a visit. If visitors want to go to Washington, DC from Milan, Italy, they can depart Milan in the early morning on a direct flight to Philadelphia, followed by a domestic connecting flight to the Reagan National Airport, which is near the centre of Washington, DC. The flight is quite long, 7 hours, but to pass the time passengers can read books or magazines, or use their own personal DVD player to watch films. When flying above the city, it is possible to see all of the American national monuments, and there are many! In the Foggy Bottom District, near George Washington University, visitors will find some of the best hotels in the city. In fact, this neighbourhood offers a rather central location and a wide variety of great ethnic restaurants. Residents and tourists alike can eat out each night and never eat the same kind of food! There are Italian, French, Chinese and Japanese restaurants, only to name a few. One of the most particular places is the Afghan restaurant, where customers can sit on floor pillows at a low table and eat their dinners with their fingers! Visitors can spend their days going into the various Smithsonian Museums: the Natural History Museum, Air and Space Museum, American Indian Museum, American History Museum and African Art Museum, and their evenings relaxing along the Potomac River. One of the most remarkable museums in Washington, DC is the Natural History Museum. Henry, the elephant, greets all visitors when they enter the museum rotunda, and he's enormous! There are dinosaurs, mammals from thousands of years ago and priceless gems. In the famous Smithsonian Dinosaur Hall, visitors will see a plant-eating *Stegosaurus*, from about 135 million years ago and a meat-eating *Allsaurus*, which is a fierce and scary-looking dinosaur. The Hope Diamond is on display too. It's one of the largest diamonds in the world. It's a violet-blue 52.52 carat diamond most likely originating from Golconda, India. Another interesting Museum is the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum where there are many historical airplanes, spacecraft and rockets. The Spirit of St Louis was the first plane to fly a non-stop transatlantic flight between New York and Paris, France, and visitors will find it suspended from the ceiling in the entry hall of the museum just as they walk in. There is also a museum dedicated to the Holocaust. It was built less than a decade ago and has been one of the more frequently visited museums in all of Washington, DC. Everyone says that it takes a full day and a half to see the entire museum because it is so large, so take your time! Washington, DC also hosts the United States National Capitol, Supreme Court, Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the famous Arlington Cemetery, the Pentagon, White House and the FBI building. Due to the fact that Washington, DC is so full of museums, memorials, government buildings and various other places of interest, it is highly recommended to allow a minimum of two weeks to visit this beautiful gem of a city that is often overlooked.

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 TRAVELLER'S CHOICE

This year we have decided to go away on holiday during the month of July. It's going to be terribly hot and it's also high-season where we are. It hasn't been easy choosing where to go and how to get there. Travelling has become more expensive these days. We don't know where to go yet because we have to consider our means of travel first. We have considered multiple means of travel, such as flying, driving and taking a train.

Travelling by plane has often been the cheapest, fastest and most efficient mode of travel, but these days fuel prices, airport taxes and security fees have made flying less appealing. Then there is the traditional method of travelling by car. I feel guilty driving long distances when there are other modes of travel available, but today it comes down to convenience and costs. Fuel is expensive, but at the same time it's convenient to be able to make one's own itinerary and timetable without relying on someone else and being able to listen to the radio as you drive while watching the local landscape. Lastly, we must also consider travelling by train. Let's face it, it's less polluting to the environment! While many places around the world, such as Europe, offer a great network of train connections and schedules that enable travellers to move around with ease, locations like the United States do not. Travelling by train has a few particularly important drawbacks: lack of availability, random and unaccounted for strikes, and of course the possibility that it is less comfortable than a plane or car offering such amenities as air-conditioning.

After considering the options, we have decided to be good citizens of the world and go green! We're going to visit France by train. It will actually cost us a little less than a plane ticket, but in the end we're choosing a method of travel that is not only environmentally low-impact, but we'll get to see the landscapes of Italy and France as we travel, and of course it is comfortable too! Therefore, our advice to travellers when choosing a travel method, consider all your options and their environmental impact, just like we have! Fingers crossed we won't experience any strikes and that the weather cooperates.

21 What is the writer trying to do?

- A Be a travel agent and sell plane tickets.
- B Support travel through Europe and the United States by train.
- C Describe his journey.
- D Remind travellers to consider the environmental impact of their choice of travel.

22 Travelling by plane is:

- A not the most convenient way of travelling.
- B no more so convenient as before.
- C the fastest mode of travel.
- D an environmentally-friendly mode of travel.

23 The writer chooses to travel by train because:

- A it's environmentally friendly.
- B he will save money.
- C it offers air conditioning.
- D it's easier and less hectic than by car or plane.

24 What are the risks of travelling by train?

- A It costs more than a plane ticket.
- B Many countries may not have a good train system.
- C Unexpected schedule changes due to strikes.
- D Derailing or accidents on the tracks.

25 Which alternative title best fits this story?

- A Travel Green.
- B Too Many Travel Options.
- C Troubles of Travel.
- D Examine your expenses.

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.**

HORSES

While growing up, I frequently travelled with my family. My father was a university professor and he often (26) to research in places around the world. We would travel across the United States and around Europe, so he could research and (27) his books. I remember (28) many famous people and (29) some of the most amazing places, but my favourite memories growing up are of those when I spent many weeks (30) the summer at my grandparents' horse farm. They (31) beautiful Belgian horses and other various farm animals, like cows, pigs and chickens. I often (32) with my sister and cousins outside. We always (33) into trouble making messes in the barns playing in the hay! My grandparents had many cats (34) ! All of the grandchildren would make cat castles and houses out of cardboard boxes. (35) were the summer holidays that taught me to appreciate and love animals. Today I dream of raising horses, like my grandparents, and living in the countryside on a farm. Maybe one day that dream will come true.

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| 26 | A came | B must | C had | D did |
| 27 | A write | B visit | C list | D compile |
| 28 | A introducing | B meeting | C speaking | D looking |
| 29 | A seeing | B meeting | C knowing | D getting |
| 30 | A during | B through | C on | D with |
| 31 | A grew | B have | C raised | D bread |
| 32 | A rode | B joked | C played | D darted |
| 33 | A got | B found | C sang | D happened |
| 34 | A to | B even | C also | D too |
| 35 | A that | B those | C them | D their |