

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](mailto: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 *Allsauros*, 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    |

**From PET – Examination Papers. Book 7. Reading Test 2.**

**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 I'm here for a short visit. Edinburgh is fantastic. After visiting Scotland, I'm going to Wales. Be back on Saturday.  
Julia

- A Julia is visiting Scotland.
- B Julia will go to Wales on Saturday.
- C Julia will be in Edinburgh on Saturday.

2 **WE I.D.  
UNDER  
AGE 30**

- A We reserve the right to check anyone's identification.
- B All people under the age of 30 must present their identification.
- C All people 30 years and older must present their identification.

3 **These seats must be vacated  
for Seniors and Disabled  
Persons**

- A Seating only for the elderly and handicapped.
- B Please give up this seat if you see an elderly or handicapped person standing.
- C Seating for young people.

4 **10 min. PARKING  
PICK UP / DROP OFF  
Driver must remain w/vehicle**

- A You may park your car here for a minimum of 10 minutes.
- B You may leave your car here for only ten minutes.
- C You're permitted to park here for a maximum of 10 minutes and required to stay with your car.

5 Mary, can you please send me the packet of three books I asked you for? You can send it to my house or to the office. Remember that I won't be at home on Tuesday.  
Michael

- A Michael wants Mary to send him three books either to his home or office.
- B Michael won't be in his office until Tuesday.
- C Michael wants a packet of books on Tuesday.

## PART 2. Questions 6-10

**The people below are all looking for an ideal job. Read the eight descriptions of various jobs available. Choose which job (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 Erik:** I studied computer science for 5 years at university and have a photographic memory when it comes to details. I enjoy working in a team or independently, as I am very well organized. I have 3 years of work experience in a private company, working as the Assistant Head Technician. I am looking for a full-time job.

**7 Carl:** I am a full-time biology student currently attending university. My courses are throughout the morning and afternoon hours. I am available to work during the evening hours and at weekends.

**8 Shelby:** I am at home busy raising my three children. I am looking for a job that will allow me to work from home and guarantee a minimum income of €800 a month. I have strong computer and secretarial skills. I am a native French speaker.

**9 Julia:** I have just graduated from university with a degree in special education. I am looking for a school where I can gain experience. I have just finished one year substitute teaching for a colleague on maternity leave. I hope to find a permanent position for the upcoming year.

**10 Teresa:** I am a Spanish speaking Hispanic-American with six years of work experience in sunglass retail. I love living in different places and travelling. I'm hard-working, sociable and active. I have no restrictive work requests. I only require a good medical plan.

### JOBS

**A** Excellent chance to work with young people as an instructor in a classroom. One year of prior experience in the classroom, substitution or student teaching is required. The chosen candidate will be responsible for working from 8 am to 3 pm five days a week with possible meetings outside of normal working hours.

**B** Excellent opportunity available with a major corporation in the optical industry. We are looking for part time and full time sales associates. Must be willing to travel and be flexible. We offer a great benefit package including medical and dental plans. We offer a base salary plus a great commission program. Optical experience would be a bonus and bilingual a plus, but not necessary. We are looking for out-going and energetic people.

**C** Server Needed Immediately - prior restaurant or bar experience would be an asset, but not necessary. Restaurant serves dinner only, so good references needed and flexibility to work late night or weekend shifts required.

**D** We are looking to hire someone with computer skills, who has drive and is autonomous. Bilingual an asset, and office hours aren't necessary. Salary based upon skills and time, though a monthly salary of minimum 900 euro is guaranteed.

**E** We are looking for an IT technician who can assist us in building up our team of IT techs in a new start-up operation. He/She must have 2-3 years of work experience, valid driving license and flexibility to travel for work and ability to work independently and long hours.

**F** Must have excellent customer service skills. Excellent organizational skills, great work ethic and ability to lift and multi-task are necessary. The successful candidate must be available to work nights and weekends.

**G** A state licensed health resort is seeking a qualified professional, friendly, and warm personality to match our Spa. Knowledge and practice of different modalities, specialities, techniques in muscular stimulation is more opportunistic for you, but not necessary. Full time, part time, or flex schedule position available.

**H** Seeking candidates with Bachelors Degree in Architecture, proficiency in AutoCAD and/or other computer programs, like Microstation, ability to communicate efficiently through various mediums with clients, contractors and colleagues.

## PART 3 - Questions 11-20

**Look at the sentences below about two integrative exercises. 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 | Yoga and Pilates are only meant for young people.   | A / B |
| 12 | Yoga and Pilates are different exercises.           | A / B |
| 13 | Yoga is only a spiritual exercise.                  | A / B |
| 14 | The creator of Pilates was a spiritual leader.      | A / B |
| 15 | Pilates was developed for prisoners of war.         | A / B |
| 16 | Yoga focuses on lengthening the body.               | A / B |
| 17 | Pilates works on breath and motion coordination.    | A / B |
| 18 | Breathing is important for both exercises.          | A / B |
| 19 | Reducing stress is achieved only through yoga.      | A / B |
| 20 | Results are achieved over time and not immediately. | A / B |

## YOGA AND PILATES

Today, yoga and Pilates have become very trendy exercises amongst the young and the old alike. Both are excellent ways to work our muscles and at the same time they help reduce stress and anxiety. But what are they?

Many people are unclear about the similarities and differences between yoga and Pilates. They are two forms of exercise that are so similar to an untrained eye, and though they are quite different, at the same time they are complimentary too.

Sometimes yoga is believed to be merely spiritual. While yoga has a long history of being associated as a spiritual practice, or a spiritual path in itself, that is not all it is. Pilates may not be spiritual, but it is rehabilitative. Pilates was founded by a man, Joseph Pilates, in the 1920s. Mr Pilates was a performer and a boxer who, together with his wife Clara, an experienced nurse, worked to develop exercises for a rehabilitation program for prisoners of war.

As time went on, the Pilates exercises were slightly modified in order to be applied to people of every age and fitness level.

While yoga is meant to focus upon stretching and strengthening the body, Pilates focuses more on strengthening and lengthening the body. Yoga has a history of placing great importance on breathing. Yoga uses breathing techniques, poses (yoga asanas) and meditative practices that are all based on the breath. Pilates, on the other hand, specifically coordinates the breath with each motion of the exercises. Joseph Pilates believed that the breath associates the physical energy with the attention of the mind and that this way it creates grace and flow in each movement.

Both systems emphasise that breathing is very important, even essential for the correct execution of both exercises. They work to develop long, physically powerful, elegant bodies that move efficiently without producing large muscles. They aim to reduce stress and improve the welfare of each individual. Yoga and Pilates restore the body's balance.

In recent years, Pilates principles have been incorporated into yoga work-outs. The yoga Pilates combination is natural because both exercises contribute to the creation of a balanced spirit and body. There are several ways to enjoy this kind of workout: you can do Pilates exercises before you begin the yoga practice or you can incorporate Pilates exercises throughout the workout.

Yoga and Pilates are exercises of dedication. Results are not immediate, but rewarded with constant or regular practice and study. It is similarly important to remember that they don't replace cardiovascular workouts or weight lifting. They're complimentary to them. They help lengthen your muscles and make the practice of other sports like running, swimming or cycling easier.

## 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.

### Emilie

Emilie was a very good student in school. She always participated in class. When her teachers asked questions she was one of the first to raise her hand to answer. She was an intelligent girl, but she studied hard to get good marks, too.

At the end of her senior year, all of her friends were going away on holiday for the summer and returning home to attend university. Emilie only knew that she wanted to go to London for the summer, find a job and escape from home for a bit. She wanted adventure and adulthood all at once!

After she'd finished her last exams, she used all of her money and bought a plane ticket to London. Once there, she had a plan to stay in a hostel for two weeks time and within those two weeks she was determined to find a job that would allow her to be independent.

The first week was like being on holiday! She walked the streets of London not only looking for employment signs, but visiting all of the various sights. She'd studied art history in high school and was thrilled to be able to visit all of the art and portrait gallery museums that London had to offer!

One day when she was visiting the National Gallery of Art at Trafalgar Square, there was a Help Wanted sign. It was hanging in the window of the Administrative Offices of the National Gallery of Art. Emilie was so excited! She ran back to the hostel, changed her clothes, tidied her hair, and went straight back to the museum. Once inside she went to the information desk to enquire about the position that was being advertised in the window. Apparently there was an immediate need for an apprentice in the curator's office. Emilie couldn't believe her ears! She immediately requested an application which she filled out. Once she finished completing the application, she was asked to wait a few moments to see if someone in the curator's office was available to speak with her. After waiting twenty minutes she was taken into the office, interviewed and ten minutes later she was offered the job!

One year later, Emilie is still working in the curator's office at the National Gallery of Art in London and she is attending the University of London part time for a degree in art history. Looking back, Emilie is happy she made the decision to leave home in search of something. Something she didn't know she was searching for! In the end, she found her passion and her independence. It goes to show that not everyone has to follow the same path as everyone else to succeed!

#### 21 What kind of student was Emilie?

- A She was naturally intelligent and didn't need to study.                      B She was carefree.  
C She was a studious and intelligent student.                                      D She was lost and didn't know what to do.

#### 22 What did Emilie want to do when she graduated from high school?

- A She wanted to go to university with her friends.  
B She wanted to live at home.  
C She wanted to travel and enjoy her summer holiday.  
D She wanted to find a job and independence in London for the summer.

#### 23 How did Emilie pay for her trip to London?

- A She asked her mother for money.                      B She used her own money.  
C She got a job to pay for it.                              D She asked her friends to loan her the money.

#### 24 What happened to Emilie in London?

- A She had a very nice holiday.                              B She met her future husband.  
C She found a very good job.                              D She was disappointed with her experience.

#### 25 What is the moral of the story?

- A Success can be found in many different ways.      B You need money to gain success.  
C Happiness is where the heart is.                      D You must follow what others do to be successful.

## 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.**

### HEALTH SPAS

Health spas have become places of interest over the decades. They are (26) ..... where people go for days and weeks at a time to seek relaxation and exotic massage therapies that are meant to re-energise the body and replenish the mind. (27) ..... people seek locations that are (28) ..... from cities and distractions with the goal to seek (29) ..... and tranquility. Yet others, who may not have the luxury to leave their (30) ....., seek places within large town and cities that offer (31) ..... treatments and services. Most health spas meet their clients' wishes in various ways, one (32) ..... which is by hiring (33) ..... professionals with various backgrounds. This strategy (34) ..... their clients a wide range of treatments in one location so there is no (35) ..... to visit multiple places.

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|----|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 26 | A places     | B houses      | C jobs        | D cars        |
| 27 | A little     | B interesting | C many        | D because     |
| 28 | A next       | B isolated    | C seen        | D against     |
| 29 | A peace      | B excitement  | C fun         | D social      |
| 30 | A cities     | B balcony     | C cars        | D jobs        |
| 31 | A detailed   | B similar     | C weak        | D increased   |
| 32 | A these      | B this        | C such        | D of          |
| 33 | A skill      | B languages   | C experienced | D happened    |
| 34 | A guarantees | B saves       | C tells       | D assists     |
| 35 | A chance     | B need        | C cost        | D reservation |

**From PET – Examination Papers. Book 7. 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 George, the video Fox is closed. Can you get and get the video somewhere else? If you haven't got any time to go, we'll watch TV.  
Lucy

Why has Lucy written the note?

- A To remind George to get a video from Fox.
- B To tell George that the video shop is closed.
- C To remind George that there is a film to watch on TV tonight.

2 **FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY**

A Apply only to areas that are exposed.

- B Do not allow non-employees access to documents.
- C Do not use on children.

3 **Sorry NO VACANCY**

A We apologise, but, no jobs are available at this time.

- B We apologise, but we're closed.
- C We apologise for the inconvenience, but no rooms are available.

4 Hi Paul.  
I'm sorry, but I'm not feeling well and cannot come to your birthday party tonight. My sister Jane will attend.  
We can meet next week and have a drink together. I have to give you your present!  
Sally

Why is Sally writing to Paul?

- A To tell him she is sick, but she can have a drink with him.
- B To tell him she will give him his present on the following day.
- C To communicate to him that she cannot go to his party.

5 **CAUTION Container may explode if heated**

A Beware that heat may cause the object to work improperly.

- B Beware that heating the object may cause it to blow up.
- C Beware that heat may cause the container to malfunction.

## PART 2. Questions 6-10

**The people below are all looking for their perfect holiday get-away package. Read the eight descriptions of various holiday get-away packages available. Choose which description (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 Sara** would like to go to a place that is warm and sunny. She lives in California, but wants to go someplace away from home, yet doesn't want to take a flight longer than 9 hours. It must offer water sport activities, such as diving and surfing. She has three daughters who are all under the age of 11 years old, therefore activities for her children are essential. They are a family of 5 and need plenty of space to sleep.

**7 Shelby** is looking for a very romantic and relaxing get-away holiday with her new husband. She and her husband, Carl, have only been married a year and would like a place where they can have privacy, yet be sociable when they want. They don't care if it's cold or warm where they go, so long as there is peace and quiet, yet not complete isolation.

**8 Eric** has decided he wants an adventure holiday. He and his companion, Julia, are always up for new adventures. Their idea of adventure includes discovering new countries, and bungee jumping, whereas rock climbing is a bit too adventurous. They're looking for a place they've not yet been to that offers them a memorable cultural experience, but also a nearby beach where they can relax.

**9 Laura** and her husband want to escape the heat of the city where they live. They both have strong cultural interests and they wish to visit museums and see interesting things.

**10 Teresa and Leslie** are two young cousins seeking adventure and men. They want a holiday that is meant for young, beautiful and single people! They want to travel to Europe, but would prefer not going further east than Greece. They desire sun, fun and sand.

### VACATION GET-AWAYS

**A IBIZA** - This little island hosts all of the most famous nightclubs and hotels in Europe. We are the party island of Europe and are known for our great food, drinks, beaches and babes in the sun! We are only 8 hours by plane from New York and 1 hour by plane from Paris. Our island offers sandy beaches and water sports during the day, while at night there are the best parties Europe has to offer.

**B THE BAHAMAS** - These lively islands are only a couple of hours off the coast of Florida. No visa is required for American citizens. With over 700 islands, the Bahamas offer both tranquility and sanctuary for those looking for pure peace and quiet, as well as activity for those seeking more adventure.

**C St. CURTAINS** - The capital, Nassau, is famous for its quiet and peaceful beaches while offering a vibrant nightlife. St. Curtains offers travellers the chance to try out the ultimate adventure sports like rock climbing and cliff diving. Bungee jumping is also an adventure activity that is offered on the island.

**D BORA BORA** - Bora Bora is located in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean. This location offers couples a get-away island experience that is romantic and tranquil. It is an island where exotic fruits grow wild and exotic birds and fish can be found. Visitors have the option to choose from various private spa treatment packages. Couples, who are looking for the ultimate honeymoon experience of privacy and far off location, should choose Bora Bora.

**E CAPE COD** - A great year round holiday location not only for families, but also for individuals in search a varied holiday experience! Cape Cod is located in Massachusetts, just outside of Boston along the Atlantic Coast. It is a unique location that offers its visitors the beauty, history and mystery of the East Coast of the US, all in one visit. Visitors may go to the various towns of Cape Cod where they will find not only white sandy beaches and enjoyable people, but historical museums as well.

**F FLORIDA KEYS** - A great place for a get-away vacation within the continental US. We offer our visitors something for everyone! While parents relax by the poolside or on various private beaches, the kids can take surfing and water skiing lessons. Our various hotels, spas and resorts offer families or couples of all economic backgrounds spacious living while on holiday here at the Florida Keys. We have rooms, apartments, bungalows and suites.

**G CAIRO** - Here is a destination that offers the mind unimaginable stimulation and close proximity to beautiful sandy beaches, all in one trip. Cairo is strategically located near the Valley of Temples, home to the world's most famous Egyptian Pharaohs and Queens, and the Red Sea. The world's longest river, The Nile River, and some of the most beautiful Egyptian tombs and pyramids can be found only a short drive away, while beautiful living coral reefs and beaches are just a few hours away.

**H MUNDON** - A city that not only offers the history of important Kings and Queens, but also a cultural experience that extends to museums, ballet, opera, theatre, music and, last but not least, pub-life. This is a city for people of all ages, both young and old. It offers a lot for everyone. The only drawback to Mundon is its lack of warm weather, so remember to pack your umbrella, rain jackets and warm jumpers when on your way to visit the city of the Queen.

## PART 3 - Questions 11-20

**Look at the sentences below about black cats. 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 | Black cats are very popular cats.  | A / B |
| 12 | Black cats are considered to be mysterious animals my many.                              | A / B |
| 13 | In <i>Harry Potter</i> , Harry transforms himself into a black cat.                      | A / B |
| 14 | Black cats are believed to be able to turn into witches.                                 | A / B |
| 15 | The UK is the only place where the black cat crossing one's path brings good luck.       | A / B |
| 16 | European countries have myths that state the black cat has magical bones.                | A / B |
| 17 | The origins of the superstitions date back to ancient times.                             | A / B |
| 18 | The black cat was an adopted symbol for anarchists in the UK during the First World War. | A / B |
| 19 | <i>Le Chat Noir</i> has changed the status and importance of the black cat.              | A / B |
| 20 | <i>Le Chat Noir</i> was painted in Paris.  | A / B |

## BLACK CATS

In English homes there are about fine million cats, which shows that cats are very popular pets, second only to dogs. But black cats are something different. Or not?

Black cats are a phenomenon and a symbol of superstition around the world. For thousands of years these mysterious creatures have incited myths and stories throughout the world that focus on the supernatural powers, or relevant importance of the black cat.

According to some myths, black cats have been linked to witches and death in European countries. Some of these myths tell of witches choosing the cat as their second form. If one looks at the *Harry Potter* books, the author, J.K. Rowling, has made use of such myths. In fact, a character in the book, Professor McGonagall, has the ability to transform into a black cat.

It is said that witches could change into a cat nine times and from that came the expression "a cat has nine lives".

In Britain, Ireland and Japan, it is believed that black cats bring good luck if they cross one's path. The opposite can be found in countries like the US and several other European countries, where it is believed that black cats which cross one's path, or walk by, bring bad luck. In addition, according to various other myths found in the US, black cats are believed to have magical powers in their bones.

The origins of these superstitions concerning black cats are to be found in Ancient Egypt where a goddess called Bast was the official deity of Egypt at the time of the Twenty-Second Dynasty. Many thought they could obtain her favour by keeping black cats in their households. They believed she would become part of the spirit of that cat and bring them riches and prosperity.

Black cats have not only had the bad fortune of being categorized as supernatural or magical creatures and bearers of bad luck, but have also been adopted as the symbol of the anarchists in France. During and after the First World War, the symbol of an arched-back, black cat was adopted by anarchists to symbolize workers' rights. This arched-back, black cat symbol is known as *sab-cat* or *sabo-tabby*.

During the 19th century cabaret, in the Montmartre district of Paris, on the 18th of November, 1881, the artist Rodolphe Salis designed the world-renowned black cat symbol, *Le Chat Noir*. It was this image that made the black cat less of a superstition and more of a character in the face of modern day times.

But still when you ask people what they think when they hear the words "black cat", most of them will come up with these words: bad luck, evil, demonic. This demonstrates that the superstition lives on, even today.

## 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 mythical Saimaa Seal

Deep in the waters of Lake Saimaa, in Finland, there is a legend that tells of the Saimaa Ringed Seal, also known as the *Phoca hispida Saimensis*. Its existence is unquestionable, but its presence is elusive.

Over 9,000 years ago, sometime after the Ice Age, Lake Saimaa became a freshwater lake. The vegetation and life forms that were accustomed to salt water either adapted or died in the lake's basin. Somehow, the Saimaa Ringed Seal managed to adapt itself to freshwater over time, making it unique.

The Saimaa Ringed Seal is an extremely endangered species, and can only be found in the waters of Lake Saimaa. Today it is estimated that roughly 280 of these seals are living in the lake. Scientists that have vigilantly followed and continue to follow the progress and life of these mammals say that the population is in fact slowly increasing, due to the earnest protection and monitoring of the species.

Lake Saimaa and areas nearby Savonlinna & Pihlajavesi, including the Finnish national parks Linnansaari and Kolovesi, are the primary protected habitats of this species.

Very few residents and tourists who have visited the famous Lake Saimaa have had the chance to see this rare mammal. For this reason, it's often said to be a mythical creature. Its existence is never questioned, but those who get the rare chance to attest to its real presence in the depths of Lake Saimaa's waters are really very few.

#### 21 What makes the Saimaa Ringed Seal different from other seals?

- A It has been around for thousands of years.
- B It is near the North Pole.
- C It was traced back to the Ice Age.
- D It is a fresh water seal.

#### 22 Why are the Saimaa Seals increasing?

- A Because they are living in a freshwater lake.
- B Because they are not hunted and killed.
- C Because scientists are protecting and monitoring them.
- D Because they are big animals.

#### 23 How many seals are thought to be living in the lake?

- A Over 9,000.
- B Just about 9,000.
- C Around 280.
- D More than 280.

#### 24 Where can Lake Saimaa be found?

- A Savonlinna.
- B Finland.
- C North Pole.
- D Pihlajavesi.

#### 25 Why is the Saimaa Seal said to be a mythical creature?

- A Because it has been seen by very few people.
- B Because some people think it doesn't exist.
- C Because journalists have declared it to be a mythical creature.
- D Because its real presence in lake Saimaa has never been attested.

## 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.**

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

There is always a lot of talk about the positives and negatives related to school uniforms. Should children be (26) ..... to wear school uniforms? Should children have the freedom and liberty to (27) ..... what they want to wear to school every day? Is it fair that (28) ..... children are made fun of because of what they wear or don't wear? In today's (29) ....., often times social status is visible through the (30) ..... we wear.

Let's look at the two sides of the argument. Some young people say that wearing school uniforms is good because they don't have to pick out a different outfit every morning, (31) ..... they know immediately what to put on. They also say that it makes everyone (32) ..... and feel equal in all ways, that there is less discrimination when wearing school uniforms in school. The other side of the argument (33) ..... that wearing something different every day allows them to (34) ..... themselves and be independent, rather than look like everyone else. Freedom of expression and identity are (35) ..... points for this side of argument. At the end of the day, both sides have solid arguments, but interestingly enough – one side of the argument places more value on the collective group, rather than on the individual. It proves that young people do in fact know how to think beyond themselves.

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|----|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 26 | A required | B said     | C excused  | D promised |
| 27 | A see      | B choose   | C assist   | D want     |
| 28 | A blue     | B any      | C short    | D some     |
| 29 | A city     | B person   | C car      | D society  |
| 30 | A make-up  | B clothing | C cars     | D hats     |
| 31 | A instead  | B however  | C despite  | D although |
| 32 | A look     | B see      | C sing     | D express  |
| 33 | A believes | B prays    | C displays | D talks    |
| 34 | A guard    | B wonder   | C see      | D express  |
| 35 | A strange  | B strong   | C open     | D truly    |

## From PET – Examination Papers. Book 7. Reading Test 4.

### Part 1 - Questions 1-5

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

- 1 Sorry, tonight I'm coming home later than usual. Spaghetti is ready in the fridge. If you wait for me, we can play chess together.  
Love, Cynthia.

Cynthia writes this note to tell her husband that:

- A he should cook something for her.
- B she loves him.
- C she will be home later.

- 2 **SORRY**  
**We cannot accept**  
**personal checks**  
(all other forms are accepted)

A We apologise, but we don't give personal credit for future payment.

B We apologise, but we don't take bank draft checks for payment.

C We apologise, but cash & credit cards are all we accept for payment.

- 3 **Do you want to have a run in the park Saint John? We meet every Sunday at 4 o'clock at the south entrance of the park.**  
**Come. You'll enjoy it!**

You will answer the advertisement, if you want to:

A do some sport.

B see the park.

C meet your ideal partner.

- 4 The postman gave me a package for you. I gave it to Mary, the woman living on the second floor. Get it when you like.  
Your neighbour, Joe.

Why is Joe writing?

A He wants his neighbour to pick up a package for him.

B He has got a package for his neighbour.

C He notifies him that a neighbour has a package for him.

- 5 Hi Jack  
I'm in Canada. I won't be in Italy before Monday. I'll phone you the day before from here. A kiss from Toronto.  
Jessica

A Jessica will be in Italy on Sunday.

B Jessica will telephone Jack on Tuesday.

C Jessica will arrive sometime after Sunday in Italy.

## PART 2. Questions 6-10

The people below all like to watch TV programmes. Read the eight reviews of various TV programmes currently available. Choose 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 Monica** likes to laugh and relax when watching TV programmes. She prefers to watch comedy sitcoms that are short and simple. She isn't a fan of drama, so she stays away from programme series that tend to carry-over arguments and scenes each week.

**7 Paolo** prefers to sit back on the sofa and watch a show that has a history and storyline to it, drama is not a problem for Paolo. He only watches TV for one hour a day, five days a week. He doesn't have a preference in programme, but he likes programmes that use the same characters all the time and have guest appearances once in a while.

**8 Antonio** loves architecture and engineering, so any programme that shows the process that goes into skyscrapers, bridges, oil platforms and similar things will thrill Antonio. He only has time to watch TV in the evening, after working hours.

**9 David** likes to watch history and documentary programmes. Any programme that goes back into history to investigate ancient times or influential people of our past will entice David to watch.

**10 Sandy** enjoys watching cooking shows. She loves to cook! Any show that gives its viewers the know-how to prepare and cook a meal will get Sandy to sit down and take notes.

### TV PROGRAMMES

**A Around the world** - A group of travellers have documented their travels as they've visited various places and locations around the world. You'll see some of the world's most beautiful places and some of the poorest.

**B The blue planet!** - Do you love the sea and its creatures? Go deeper and farther than ever before! During this programme you will see fantastic images and hear interviews about animals and sea life.

**C DIY** - This programme not only follows building projects done by others, but it also pays for others to have their houses built or rebuilt by us! We are not only a do-it-yourself TV programme, but also a non-profit based charity.

**D Century Channel** - This programme is for all those who have a passion for the wars waged during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. It will be on for a 4 week period and will cover the trials and errors of Elizabeth I during her reign and how England fared under her rule.

**E La Dolce Vita** - This programme is for those with sensitive taste buds and a refined palate. We don't show our viewers bacon, eggs and ham recipes! No way! We show our viewers how to prepare 5 and 6 course meals from beginning to end that will have your dinner guests coming back for more!

**F Sisters** - A good comical sitcom for everyone in the family. No drama, no frills, just good old laughs. For everybody!

**G Bridges in the Sky** - *Bridges in the Sky* is a programme that explores the world's most expensive and awesome engineering projects around the world. No show can compare! We show you the project from the design phase to the finished product.

**H Neighbours** - This is a weekly sitcom that revolves around the relationship between two families who are next door neighbours. The families each have 3 children: 2 sons and one younger daughter. It's a comedy that pokes fun at their differences and similarities in life. This sitcom often has guest appearances by famous big screen actors or musicians.

## 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 | Residents don't believe there is a difference between organic and fresh produce.   | A / B |
| 12 | The residents had a fight at Martino's Café over whether organic food was good.    | A / B |
| 13 | The only clear and evident difference between organic and fresh food is the size.  | A / B |
| 14 | Ten local residents took part in the meal prepared by Zio Tano, the Italian chef.  | A / B |
| 15 | Zio Tano prepared three complicated Italian dishes for the 10 residents.           | A / B |
| 16 | Zio Tano knew which produce was organic and which was fresh all along.             | A / B |
| 17 | Zio Tano didn't buy his own produce, but chose what he wanted for his recipes.     | A / B |
| 18 | The first group of five loved their meal and believed it was all organic food.     | A / B |
| 19 | The second group of five enjoyed their meal, but they didn't think it was organic. | A / B |
| 20 | Zio Tano was very happy with his produce.  | A / B |

## ORGANIC OR NOT?

Today we walk into our local supermarkets and see a vast variety of produce that is publicized as *organic* and on the other side it is publicized as *fresh*. Often times we can't immediately see a physical difference between organic and fresh produce, unless we compare how much they each cost. So how do we know that what we are buying is actually organic? And how do we know that when we buy produce that is simply labelled fresh, it is healthy and not harmful?

These are daily arguments that one can hear outside our nearby greengrocer in my little town. We have a little café, called Martino's Café, where most residents go for a nice hot cup of tea or hot cocoa in winter and a good chat. The elderly residents are all trying to understand what the nutritional difference is between the organic and fresh produce because it all looks the same. Except in one respect - one is more expensive than the other!

So, after much discussion and research we found ourselves 10 local residents and one good Italian chef, who agreed to prepare a three-course meal in order to determine which produce tasted better, cooked better and offered consumers a better deal!

We chose 10 residents, 3 couples are local produce farmers, 1 couple are both sommeliers and the remaining 2 people we chose randomly from off the street.

Our Italian chef, we've named him Zio Tano, made three basic Italian dishes that required many fresh vegetables from the greengrocer's. He gave his list to our assistant, Paolo, who went to buy all of the ingredients Zio Tano required. Zio Tano didn't know which vegetables were organic or fresh throughout this experiment.

Zio Tano was instructed to make three dishes, which included the antipasto course, first course and vegetable course, to ensure he used a variety of vegetables and techniques to prepare them so that the flavour of the food would be tasted by all.

The first group of 5 were given their courses, prepared by Zio Tano. They were very enthusiastic about their food. And all agreed that it must have been made with organic produce.

The second group of 5 were likewise given their various courses, again prepared by Zio Tano. This group was just as enthusiastic about everything they ate. They declared that it must have been their food which was prepared with organic produce!

In the end, the group that was served simply fresh produce was group one and group two was served the organic produce. Our experiment surprised all of us, but most of all Zio Tano. He said the produce for both groups was of high quality in smell, colour, shape and size, not to mention taste.

That's it for now! We'll leave it up to our readers and the scientists to work out which produce is better to buy!

## 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.

### Interior Design

Sheila is an interior designer from Las Vegas, Nevada. She has been designing interiors since she was six years old. Sheila first began to take an interest in interior decorating when she got her own bedroom at the age of six, prior to that she had been sharing with her younger sister Ashlee. When Sheila's mother, Sara, noticed that Sheila was meticulous in choosing her room's colour scheme and furniture, including the fabric of her curtains, she knew that something had begun. When the family moved house for the first time, it was Sheila, aged 12, who placed herself front and centre to assist in the choice of house and interiors. Sheila immediately displayed her natural eye for fabrics and colour schemes and it was then her family realized Sheila had more than a general interest. By the time Sheila was 15, she had managed to redecorate and redo 4 of her family member's homes with little effort at all, even using very little money.

When Sheila reached the age of 17, she knew she was expected to go on to university, but she knew that she didn't want to, rather she dreamed of pursuing her natural talents in interior design. When she was ready to approach the subject with her parents, it was to her surprise that they encouraged her to enter interior design school, instead of university! She couldn't believe it! She hadn't even spoken with them once about her dream to be an interior designer. Very intuitive parents she had!

Sheila attended design school and loved it! She decided to follow hotel design. She loved to travel and design, so she decided that designing the interiors of major hotel chains and luxury hotel names would allow her to travel and work at the same time. After 25 years of experience in the field, she is now a senior partner in a design firm office, which focuses on the interior designs of corporate hotels and even airplanes! Her philosophy is that an interest can be turned into a profession, as long as you work hard at it and follow it through.

**21 When did Sara realize for the first time that her daughter had a special talent?**

- A When she was six years old and she got her own bedroom.
- B When she was twelve years old and her family moved into a new house.
- C When she decided not to go to university, but instead to design school.
- D When she became senior partner at a large interior design firm.

**22 What did Sheila do for her family members?**

- A She found them jobs in interior design.
- B She taught them how to redesign their own homes.
- C She redesigned their homes.
- D She introduced them to a good interior designer.

**23 What was expected of Sheila that she chose not to do?**

- A Get a job during high school.
- B Finish high school.
- C Attend university.
- D Go to interior design school.

**24 Why didn't Sheila choose to design houses?**

- A It wouldn't allow her to travel.
- B It doesn't say.
- C It was too boring.
- D The projects didn't pay very much.

**25 What is Sheila's personal philosophy?**

- A An interest can be turned into a profession with hard work and perseverance.
- B An interest can be turned into a profession with a good character and good luck.
- C An interest can be turned into a profession if you know the right people.
- D An interest can be turned into a profession without difficulty.

## 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.**

### COMMUNICATION

I use a mobile phone when I need to make calls on them go. I don't agree that they are dangerous to one's (26) ..... I don't use it all the time, but when I have unexpected calls that are of importance it is always handy to have one (27) ..... me. I think technology today allows us to always be connected. Some people may believe that it isn't a good thing, but I disagree. My mother (28) ..... far away from me and she is quite (29) ....., so it gives me comfort to know that she can contact me whenever she wants or needs me. I do think there must be (30) ..... to how often, when and where one uses these phones. It isn't appropriate to be eating dinner in a (31) ..... and hear someone get a call right while you're enjoying a nice meal. I think that it is quite (32) ..... and inappropriate. Likewise while one is driving, one should (33) ..... speak on the phone without an earpiece that allows one to speak (34) ..... All in all, I think people have to be respectful of others around them and make the right (35) ..... about when it is or isn't appropriate to use them.

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|----|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| 26 | A job        | B reason     | C happiness    | D health  |
| 27 | A with       | B close      | C next         | D against |
| 28 | A speaks     | B likes      | C lives        | D feels   |
| 29 | A happy      | B old        | C disappointed | D young   |
| 30 | A drivers    | B books      | C signs        | D rules   |
| 31 | A restaurant | B kitchen    | C sandwich     | D house   |
| 32 | A beautiful  | B surprising | C rude         | D nice    |
| 33 | A sometimes  | B never      | C always       | D often   |
| 34 | A hands-free | B headphone  | C distracted   | D on      |
| 35 | A call       | B nice       | C decision     | D line    |

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

**Part 1 - Questions 1-5**

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

1                    **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.

2                    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

3                    **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.

4                    **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.

5                    **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.**

- |    |  |       |
|----|--|-------|
| 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     |