

# Practice Test 4 • Reading

## Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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**Exam Students**  
There have been some changes to the timetable. Please visit the office to get a new copy.

- A The exam timetable is the same as it was before.
- B You need to tell the office about any changes to your exams.
- C You can get information about the exams from the office.

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### Bicycle Hire

*\* No extra charge for helmets with bookings over £15.*

- A You never have to pay to rent bicycle helmets.
- B You need to pay for helmets on bookings that cost less than £15.
- C Bicycle hire doesn't include any items free of charge.

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Lucia

Sarah

I'm going to be late, so can we meet at the café? I don't think I'll have time to get to your house first.

- Sarah is writing to Lucia because she needs to
- A cancel their plans.
  - B postpone meeting up.
  - C change their arrangements.

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**The school cafeteria is closed for the next two weeks for building work.**

- A Students can use the school cafeteria next week.
- B Nobody can use the school cafeteria at the moment.
- C Students and builders can use the school cafeteria today.

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*Lenny,  
Have you bought Mum a birthday present yet? I couldn't find anything in town yesterday. Shall we get something together on the Internet?  
Tess*

- What does Tess want Lenny to do?
- A buy her a present from the Internet
  - B meet her in town to look for a present
  - C share the cost of a present

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### Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to decide what to watch. On the opposite page there are some film and documentary reviews. Decide which documentary or film would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Jake enjoys watching fast-moving and entertaining films. He'd like to watch something really up to date. A new action film or a new comedy would be the best choice for him.

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Mara enjoys watching international sport. She's interested in its history but would like a good balance of talk and play. She loves listening to famous stars talking about their technical abilities and motivation techniques.

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Harry wants to study film and is very interested in the history of film-making. He'd like a general view of how film has developed over the years. He's keen to see something about the early film industry and also about the latest technology used nowadays.

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Natalia enjoys watching serious documentaries. She's keen to understand more about the natural world. She's particularly interested in the variety of different plants and animals in different regions around the world and what can be done to protect them.

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Chan is interested in politics and likes to find out about current affairs. He'd prefer something light that can make him laugh and help him relax. He doesn't like romantic movies or drama. He doesn't mind a good quiz show or a game show.

## FILM AND DOCUMENTARY REVIEWS

### A Changing Direction

Sit back and watch the secrets of directors Spielberg, Tarantino, Hitchcock and more. Learn what made them different and how they changed the path of film-making forever. Some of the footage compares the equipment directors used at the beginning of their career with what they use today for filming. This is a superb documentary that young and old will find fascinating.

### B A Fascinating Story

This documentary is an amazing look at the secret life of the snow leopard. The filming is excellent and the narration is fascinating. You'll find out about the snow leopards' habits, how they're threatened and what is being done to save them. You can learn about the latest conservation programmes that the Biodiversity Trust is working on.

### C An International Sound

This is an amazing documentary that follows the history of music right across the world: from folk music to jazz, from a traditional tribal sound to acid house and funk. There are artists from each continent. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

### D The Best Of: What's New?

*What's new?* is an extremely funny programme which checks people's knowledge of the news. Guests on the show include comedians and sports personalities as well as journalists and politicians. This show picks out the funniest moments as well as the best stories of the year.

### E How It Began

This great movie has only just been released. The film tells the story of how a simple robbery at a jeweller's shop turns into an international spying game. It's an exciting and original story that you won't be able to stop watching.

### F Strangers Meet

This movie is as original and exciting today as it was 50 years ago. The story is about two men who meet by chance at a football match and agree to commit a crime. It's a piece of history and one of the best crime stories you'll find.

### G Politics And Presidents

This film documents the history of American politics and presidents starting from Abraham Lincoln and going right up to the current president. There is original footage of significant moments in American history as well as interviews with various politicians of the past. A must-buy if you're interested in American history.

### H Across The World: A Three-part Series

Each of these outstanding series is divided into topics which include European football, South American football and much more. The series includes interviews with all-time greats such as Pele, Maradona, Beckham, Messi and Ronaldo, plus highlights of every World Cup Final so far.

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### Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

### Mark Charles: Extreme Weather Photographer

Mark Charles is a storm chaser and a weather photographer. During his career, he's taken photos of all kinds of amazing weather, including tornadoes, thunderstorms and hurricanes. His photos have appeared in many scientific magazines.



Mark has also successfully appeared in documentaries on American TV to discuss severe weather, storm chasing and global warming. He's an energetic and keen speaker. He's written fascinating articles about our changing weather and is the author of a very popular blog about extreme weather and several books. So how did Mark begin his career?

Mark grew up in Wisconsin in the USA, where ice storms, blizzards, floods and tornadoes are common. When he was six years old, he saw his first hurricane at close hand and he never forgot the experience. A few years later, his mother bought him a camera. Mark was more interested in recording the sound effects of weather than taking photographs. He used to spend hours recording sound outdoors. He did it as a hobby when he was a little boy, but he soon became very interested in extreme weather. He has journals with notes and some pictures that he collected. He discovered how some weather factors interacted and when you could expect to have a thunderstorm or ice storms. He was just an observer but that was enough to teach him quite a lot about the world around him. When he was a teenager, he used to read about all sorts of extreme weather events in the newspaper and he sometimes went to the library to look for scientific magazines on specific topics. He even joined an after school club that organized trips to observe weather patterns.

Mark studied journalism, not photography, at university and began his career as a writer working on local newspapers. He was good at his job and he never regretted that he'd become a journalist, but he kept his childhood interest in storms and when, in his late twenties, he saw an advert for a storm-chasing holiday in Tornado Alley, he joined the group and took his camera with him. Eventually, Mark's photography took over from journalism and he became the artist he is today.

- 11 What does the writer say about Mark's photos?
- A They show a lot of incredible weather conditions.
  - B They have been published in many important books.
  - C They have been the subject of several popular documentaries.
  - D They have changed a surprising amount over time.
- 12 What does the writer say about Mark?
- A He can't share his knowledge about extreme weather on the Internet.
  - B He's good at talking about weather.
  - C He dislikes writing about extreme weather events.
  - D He isn't keen on appearing in the media.
- 13 What do we learn about Mark's childhood?
- A He enjoyed taking photographs of hurricanes.
  - B He became interested in extreme weather.
  - C He was afraid of severe storms.
  - D He got hurt during a hurricane.
- 14 What does the writer say about Mark's early career?
- A He wished he had studied photography at university.
  - B He was good at writing about the news.
  - C He took excellent photographs of local events.
  - D He was better at art than at journalism.
- 15 What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?
- A to give advice on becoming a photographer
  - B to encourage people to take up photography
  - C to describe the career of one photographer
  - D to explain how to take photos of extreme weather

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### Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.  
For each question, choose the correct answer.  
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

## Lost in the mountains

When you're a mountain rescue volunteer, you never know when you're going to be called to work. We go out in all weather, and at any time of the day or night. If someone is in danger, there's no time to lose. On New Year's Day last year, I was sitting down to breakfast with my family. **16** \_\_\_\_\_ Two hikers had decided to celebrate the new year by walking along a mountain ridge in County Kerry, Ireland, just a few miles from my home. They were staying in a small guest house, and had set off early on New Year's Eve. When they didn't return by the following morning, their host became worried and called the police. **17** \_\_\_\_\_

I was just one of 12 volunteers who left our breakfast tables and set out to look for the missing hikers. We pushed through strong winds and thick cloud, calling and listening over and over again. **18** \_\_\_\_\_ It was too cold to survive for long out on the mountains, and the hikers had been missing for a whole day and night. **19** \_\_\_\_\_ I shouted out, and was relieved to hear a voice shout back. **20** \_\_\_\_\_ They were so happy to see us. They explained that they'd got lost, and the winds had been too strong for them to keep walking. Luckily, they had warm clothes, food and the tent.

We led them back down the mountain and returned them to their guest house, where a delicious hot meal was waiting for them and for the rescue volunteer team. They said that they'll never forget that New Year's Day when they were rescued by local people who became heroes.

- A The police called the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team.
- B The hikers were huddled together in a small tent between two large rocks.
- C They said it's extremely dangerous to go hiking in bad weather.
- D Nobody answered back so we began to lose hope.
- E We didn't know they had already found their way home.
- F Suddenly, I heard the sound of a whistle.
- G We were just about to start eating when my phone rang.
- H After searching all night, we gave up and went back home.

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### Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

## Youth Cafés

In many parts of the UK, there are few places for young people to go that are entertaining but cost little. The **21** \_\_\_\_\_ of youth cafés is one that has grown in recent years. The cafés are places **22** \_\_\_\_\_ young people can relax in a safe environment.

People come for different reasons. Some want to socialize with their friends. Others like to **23** \_\_\_\_\_ part in the activities offered. Others are **24** \_\_\_\_\_ on using the computers and facilities.

The cafés are set up by young people for young people with adult support. For this reason, when cafés are being planned, young people **25** \_\_\_\_\_ be involved in doing the research, the planning and the general decision-making. In this **26** \_\_\_\_\_, organizers can be sure that the cafés will be popular with young people in the area.

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|-----------------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| <b>21</b> A aim       | B idea       | C plan   | D view  |
| <b>22</b> A what      | B where      | C which  | D who   |
| <b>23</b> A get       | B have       | C make   | D take  |
| <b>24</b> A attracted | B interested | C keen   | D happy |
| <b>25</b> A need      | B ought      | C should | D would |
| <b>26</b> A course    | B direction  | C route  | D way   |

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### Part 6

For each question, write the correct answer.  
Write **one** word for each gap.

Lakewater Shopping Centre is a great place to spend the day. There are all kinds of shops, selling everything from clothes to kitchen items.

If you're hungry, you can visit the huge food court and try dishes from all **27** \_\_\_\_\_ the world at one of the many restaurants and cafés.

If you aren't **28** \_\_\_\_\_ the mood to shop, **29** \_\_\_\_\_ not watch a film at the ten-screen cinema, or put **30** \_\_\_\_\_ some skates and have fun on the ice rink?

If you want an adventure, try **31** \_\_\_\_\_ the amazing indoor

climbing wall, or paddle a canoe on the boating lake!

Nobody can possibly feel bored at Lakewater. It's the shopping centre with something for **32** \_\_\_\_\_.



## Practice Test 4 • Writing

### Part 1

You **must** answer this question.  
Write your answer in about **100 words**.

#### Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Ben and the notes you have made.

From: Ben  
Subject: Weekend plans

Hi,

I can't wait for you to visit me next weekend! I'm so excited!

Me too!

There are a few different things we can do in my town. Would you like to go to the beach for a picnic on Saturday, or would you prefer to visit the museum?

Say which I prefer

Also, we can watch a film on Sunday. What kinds of films do you like?

I like ...

Let me know if you have any questions!

Write soon!

Ask Ben ...

Ben

Write your **email** to Ben using **all the notes**.

## Practice Test 4 • Writing

### Part 2

Choose **one** of these questions.  
Write your answer in about **100 words**.

#### Question 2

You see this notice on an English-language website.

We need your articles!

#### HOLIDAYS

What kind of holidays do you enjoy?

Do you like visiting new places? Why?

Where do you usually go on holiday?

What's your dream holiday?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it on our website!

Write your **article**.

#### Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.  
Your story must begin with this sentence:

When I woke up, it was raining.

Write your **story**.

## Practice Test 4 • Listening

### Part 1

19 For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 What did the boy have to drink?



A



B

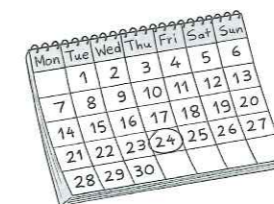


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2 On which date will the author sign books?



A

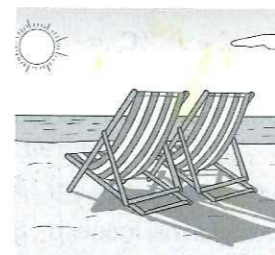


B



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3 What was the weather like in the afternoon?



A



B

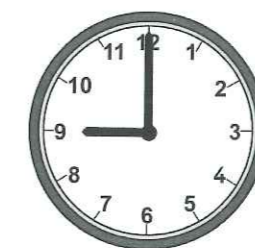


C

4 What time is the English exam?



A



B



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