

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Evening Art Classes
If you wish to do art classes next month, go to Room 58 and tell Paul Davidson (the art teacher) by 30th April.

- A You must say if you want to study art before the end of April.
- B The art class will be in Room 58 from the end of April.
- C You should give your art work to Mr Davidson in Room 58.

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Ruby
Michael
Please ask Dave to wait for me at the bus station, not the train station in town. There are no trains after 9 p.m. I'll be on the last bus, which leaves from the stadium at 9.30.

- Ruby should
- A take Michael and Dave to the bus station after 9.00 this evening.
 - B ask Dave to take the last bus, which departs at 9.30.
 - C tell Dave to meet Michael at the bus station instead of the train station.

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Paula,
Can you make sure the cats have enough water? It goes in the yellow bowl under the sink. I'll be back on Monday 13th.
Gerry

- Gerry is asking Paula to
- A check his pets when she returns on Monday.
 - B buy a yellow bowl to use for the cats' water.
 - C give his pets something to drink while he's away.

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ATTENTION CYCLISTS!
Please step off your bicycles.
Use the pedestrian crossing.

- A Cyclists must cross the road on foot.
- B Pedestrians should be careful of bicycles.
- C Cyclists should ride their bikes across the road.

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Backpack containing
wallet and photos found
in shop.
Call manager on
08081 570987.

- A The owner of a lost wallet has left their contact number in a shop.
- B Someone's money and pictures in a backpack were lost in a shop.
- C The shop manager has taken some pictures of the lost items.

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Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to choose a film to watch at the cinema. On the opposite page there are some film reviews. Decide which film would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Joe is mostly interested in films about true, historic events. His favourites are about well-known people, especially those whose lives were changed by their experiences.

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Sandra's favourite films are usually love stories, but she doesn't mind if they have unhappy endings. The performances of the actors must be really good though!

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Dimitri doesn't like films that are complicated and particularly enjoys watching films about life in the countryside. He's also interested in films that show the joys and difficulties of family life.

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Danielle watches a lot of films but is especially keen on films set in the last century. She usually chooses to watch action films and really enjoys a surprise ending.

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Maria likes films that make her think. In her opinion, the best ones are those which are filmed in a beautiful location. It's also important that the film has an exciting story.

FILM REVIEWS

A The Long Journey

This is the story of two young people who set off on a road trip. Filmed entirely in New Zealand, you'll see a lot of the wild countryside. Plenty of drama to enjoy plus there's a real message to this film.

B Stealing By Numbers

This is a classic adventure story from the past. Sir Harry Rifken is a world-famous diamond thief in the 1930s who escapes from prison and, after a series of dramatic adventures, begins a new life in America. Director Sally Hartman has created a film that will keep you guessing until the final scene.

C Joss To The Rescue

Everyone loves Joss, the Saint Bernard dog who rescues people lost in the mountains of Switzerland. It's loosely based on a true story. The scene at the end where two young people are rescued is sure to make you cry.

D Aim For The Stars

This story is about the very first people to fly to the moon. It looks into the lives of some of the people involved in this important event, particularly Buzz Aldrin, the second man to step onto the moon's surface. This may be a true story, but there's enough drama in it to keep most people interested. The last part of the film is quite unexpected.

E Tree Of Life

A beautiful documentary about the difficulties of life for the inhabitants of the Brazilian Amazon Rainforest. It's a surprising film, made almost entirely of interviews with local people, recorded as they toured North America to tell people about the damage being done to their environment.

F Down On The Farm

There are some exciting scenes where Winona Judd learns to race horses on her parents' farm, but the relationship between Winona and her strict father is the central topic of this unusual film. Although a lot of things happen in this film, it's so well written that the story is always easy to understand.

G The Island

This is a romantic film partly filmed on a beautiful Pacific island. What's special about this film is the quality of the acting. The audience really sees the couple's happiness when they are together and feels the sadness of the conclusion.

H Maximum Force

Ronnie Deane is the star of this film, so you know what to expect – a lot of car chases, fighting and jumping out of planes. This one's about a criminal who decides to become the best private detective of the 21st century. Fans will love it!

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Part 3

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Buddy Jones, musician

I'm a session musician, which means that people hire me when they need a musician, rather than me working for a particular band or on my own. It's still important to me that I'm doing what I like and believe in, so I don't accept all the work I'm offered. I've been doing this job for quite some time and I'm happy to consider the offers and then decide.



You need certain qualities to be a good session musician.

One such quality is that you have to be able to fit quickly into a team. It's no good if you go to the studio and have an argument with the trumpet player. It helps if you get along with people you've just met, as very often you play with musicians you've never seen before. Then of course there are particular musical skills you need. For example, you've got to learn parts very quickly and be able to play a lot of different musical styles. And of course, despite all your talents, you are in the background, so you have to be prepared to let somebody else be admired.

Another very important quality that you definitely need to have is flexibility. Some bands may have rehearsals at specific times and you need to be there when they need you. Sometimes a band or a solo artist may call you for a recording at the last minute because a musician hasn't turned up, and it's important that you can be there at short notice.

I've found there's plenty of variety in this work. Sometimes I'm asked to play guitar for a top band at a big live concert. Or I might go on a long tour with a famous singer. But my main income has always been from studio work. I might do one short section of a song, or I could be asked to join a band for a whole album.

Most session musicians generally get paid the same amount. It's fairly good money, but of course if an album I work on sells a million copies, the band make a huge amount of money, but nobody gives me a big cheque.

11 What does Buddy say that a session musician does?

- A pays other musicians to work with him/her
- B makes money with his/her own band
- C earns money performing alone
- D works for different bands for a payment

12 According to Buddy, what makes a good session musician?

- A someone who's willing to spend a lot of time learning
- B someone who can play many types of music
- C someone who admires many famous musicians
- D someone who's flexible about attending long rehearsals

13 What does Buddy say about his job?

- A He doesn't like being away from home.
- B He'd like to record his own album one day.
- C He rarely gets to work with famous musicians.
- D He gets to do a lot of different things.

14 What does Buddy say about his pay?

- A He gets paid extra if an album does well.
- B Most of it comes from making recordings.
- C He usually gets a large cheque when he's finished.
- D Different session musicians get different amounts of money.

15 What might Buddy say about his life as a musician?

A I like my job because I get to do a lot of different things in music and I'm not worried about being famous.

B I'm good at my job because I like entertaining people and appearing on television.

C I love being a musician because I get a chance to meet famous people and earn a lot of money.

D I enjoy my job because I get the chance to play a lot of instruments and try out different types of music.

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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.

Saved by dolphins

I've always loved the sea, and I started surfing when I was five years old. I live near the beach in California, so I try to get out on the waves every day.

16 _____ It was a warm, windy day with some good waves. I was resting on my board and watching a group of bottlenose dolphins playing in the surf a short distance away, when suddenly a great white shark appeared. It was huge, but it moved so fast that I didn't see it coming.

The shark tried to bite me, but it couldn't get its teeth around me and the board. It tore a big chunk out of the board, but I wasn't hurt that time. Then the shark came at me again.

17 _____ I stayed calm even though I knew the next bite was probably seconds away.

18 _____ I looked up and saw the bottlenose dolphins swimming around me. They formed a circle around me and my surfboard, so the shark couldn't get near me. I was amazed. It was like something out of a film.

I knew a lot of stories about dolphins helping humans, but I never really believed them until it happened to me. Dolphins are very intelligent and they knew what to do to help me stay safe. They stayed close to me until I managed to get back on my board and catch a wave back to the shore, where I collapsed with relief. Someone who was at the beach called an ambulance, and I was taken to hospital.

19 _____ I won't give up my favourite activity. I'm not angry with the shark.

20 _____ I'll always be grateful to the dolphins. They saved my life.

- A I've stayed out of the sea ever since.
- B But the next bite never came.
- C Six weeks later, I was back on my surfboard.
- D Two months ago, I went surfing alone.
- E I've always loved dolphins.
- F I know I was in his home, and he was protecting it.
- G I knew that I would survive the attack.
- H This time it bit my leg and pulled me off my surfboard.

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Healthy snacks on the run

In today's busy lives we often have little time for healthy eating, so we do the easy thing and eat snacks like crisps or sweets instead. **21** _____, it's possible to eat quickly and healthily. All you **22** _____ to do is to follow a few simple rules.

First of all, read what it **23** _____ on the packet before you buy a snack. This is important because people often think that they're buying healthy snacks, but sugar may be the **24** _____ ingredient.

Try to look for healthier options – instead of eating ice cream, try frozen fruit juices and, most importantly, eat at **25** _____ times of the day. Learn when your body needs food so **26** _____ you don't suddenly feel the need to eat a lot of unhealthy snack food.

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|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 21 A Ago | B Alike | C However | D Whenever |
| 22 A can | B must | C need | D should |
| 23 A puts | B says | C talks | D writes |
| 24 A big | B great | C large | D main |
| 25 A common | B equal | C even | D regular |
| 26 A that | B what | C when | D which |

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Part 6

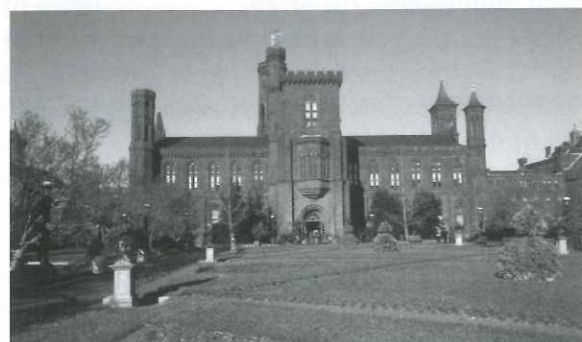
For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

If you ever visit the USA, don't miss the chance to visit the Smithsonian Institute. It's made up of 17 museums and galleries and the National Zoo in Washington D.C., as **27** _____ as two museums in New York City.

The Smithsonian museums feature exhibits related **28** _____ art, design, technology, history and culture, and contain about 154 million objects. You can learn **29** _____ everything from the origins of man at the Natural History Museum to the future of space travel at the Air and Space Museum.

If you spent one minute at each exhibit, it would take **30** _____ than 258 years to see them all.

Best of **31** _____, it's free to enter all the Smithsonian museums and galleries, so you can learn about anything in the world **32** _____ paying a penny!



Practice Test 5 • 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 Peter and the notes you have made.

From: Peter
Subject: Hobbies

Hi,

How are you? Has anything exciting happened since you last emailed me? I've moved to a new house.

I'm thinking of taking up a new hobby, but I'm not sure what I want to do. Have you got any ideas? What hobbies have you got?

Have you got any plans for the weekend? I'm going to visit my grandparents. They live near the beach, so I'm going to go swimming in the sea!

Write soon!

Peter

Yes! I ...

What about ... ?

Tell Peter

My hobbies are ...

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

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Part 2

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

Question 2

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

We need your articles!

SPORTS

What kind of sports do you enjoy? How often do you take part in sports?

Do you prefer watching sports or playing sports? Why?

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:

Sally was pleased because at last the special day had arrived.

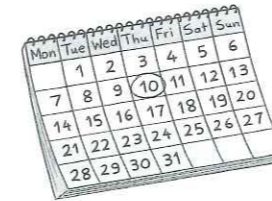
Write your **story**.

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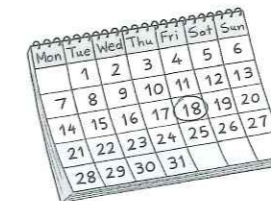
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23 For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 What date does the woman's holiday begin?



A



B



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2 Where did the boy first find out about the festival?



A



B



C

3 What does the boy ask the girl to buy?



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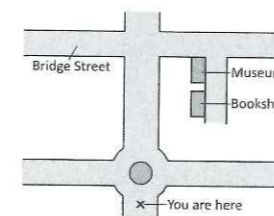


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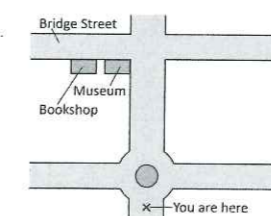


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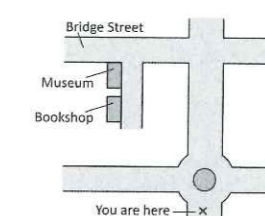
4 How do you get to the bookshop?



A



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