

Test 1

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. Socrates never lost his:
A patience
2. He liked to discuss philosophy with people and made them ... their point of view.
C prove
3. His enemies were sure he was able to ... the youth.
A spoil
4. If Socrates had agreed with his enemies, he wouldn't have been:
D poisoned
5. His friends couldn't ... him.
A save

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2C, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6C.

Task 3. You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend. Write a letter (not less than 40 words) and answer his/her 3 questions.

Test 2

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. The mysterious lake is known for its strange creature. TRUE
2. People are not interested in telling stories about Loch Ness Monster. FALSE
3. People describe the creature as a monster having a giraffe-like neck and a great dark green body. FALSE
4. Many tourists come to Scotland because they want to see Loch Ness Monster. TRUE
5. Scientific expeditions proved that the monster really exists. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text below. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2C, 3D, 4C, 5C, 6A, 7C.

Task 3. You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend.

Test 3

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. When you travel abroad,...
A you aren't expected to bring anything back.
2. A gift from a foreigner which is typical of his or her homeland, would..
B be received with pleasure.cause embarrassment.
3. At Christmas, it is customary to give presents to ...
C people who have served you during the year.
4. In the writer's opinion, gift-giving in the US is ...
A not an important social custom.
5. "...I try to bring back little souvenirs for close friends." Is a close friend someone ...
B you know very well?

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5C, 6B, 7A

Test 4

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. What country did the taxi-driver live in?
C France
2. How did A.Conan Doyle get to the hotel?
C by car
3. Where did A. Conan Doyle come to Paris from?
B the south of France
4. How did the driver learn the nationality of A. Conan Doyle?
A by appearance
5. Did A. Conan Doyle have long or short hair?
B short

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2C, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6C, 7A

Test 5

Task 1. Read the article and match the title A-F to each paragraph 1-4 .

There are two extra titles.

1E, 2B, 3F, 4D

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7C, 8D

Test 6

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. When did Mark Twain go to the party?
C in the evening

2. How long was M. Twain's speech?
C over 15 minutes

3. Who was Mark Twain's friend?
B a man

4. What did Mark Twain and his friend agree to do before the dinner?
A to exchange speeches

5. What did Mark Twain's friend lose?
B the notes of Mark Twain's speech

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2C, 3D, 4B, 5B, 6D, 7B

Test 7

Task 1 Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. The boy's sister was the first sent to private piano lessons by the parents. TRUE
2. The boy behaved nastily because he was fond of music and wanted to learn playing. FALSE
3. The boy found the lessons were not fun. NS
4. The understanding of music came to the boy at the age of 11. TRUE
5. The boy was fond of classical music. NS

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.
1C, 2C, 3B, 4A, 5D, 6A, 7C

Test 8

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Aesop wrote wonderful poems. FALSE
2. He enjoyed reading books. FALSE
3. The traveller wanted to know how much time he would need to reach the town. TRUE
4. Aesop knew for sure the time the traveller would need. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.
1D, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6D, 7B, 8A

Test 9

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Good language school must provide students with qualified and capable teachers. TRUE
2. Students should be graded into groups of similar language ability. FALSE
3. Schools have to provide students with accommodation. TRUE
4. Schools have to offer students comfortable places for recreation. TRUE
5. The school should arrange parties, excursions, entertainments. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1 B, 2 C, 3 A, 4 A, 5 C, 6 B, 7 C

Test 10

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Charles Dodgson was a pen-name of the famous English writer Charles Dickens. FALSE
2. He wrote wonderful books for children. TRUE
3. Charles played the piano very well. NS
4. He started his education in the boarding school. FALSE
5. Working at the college, Dodgson wrote his books about Alice. NS

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2C, 3A, 4B, 5B, 6A, 7B

Test 11

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated)

1. Collecting baseball cards is a new favourite pastime only for children. FALSE
2. Some baseball cards are of great value. TRUE
3. The first baseball cards were printed at the end of the 20th century. FALSE
4. Honus Wagner's card is sold in his hometown. NS

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2C, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6B, 7C, 8C

Test 12

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated)

1. Today's teenagers' parents had less money and expensive things. TRUE
2. Not all teenagers could have radios and bicycles in the past. TRUE
3. In the past mobile phones and computers were commonplace. FALSE
4. Teenagers can buy everything they want. NS
5. Some of teenagers listen to heavy metal. NS
6. Today's young people behave the same way their parents used to. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2C, 3A, 4B, 5B, 6C

Test 13

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Holidaymakers can spend the whole year travelling. FALSE
2. Visitors are attracted to tourist resorts by the possibility to swim. FALSE
3. Holidaymakers come to Hastings to enjoy fascinating attractions. TRUE
4. Coming to St Leonards, it's better to find out if the attractions are to your liking. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2D, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6B, 7D, 8C

Test 14

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. A tourist had enough money...
B to buy a return ticket to his native land.
2. The traveller refused the invitation of his fellow-passenger to come to dinner saying that...
B he was not well.
3. The next day at dinner time he was so hungry that he...
C could not stand it any longer.
4. The traveller did not pay for dinner because...
B meals were included in the fare.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8A

Test 15

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. You'll be offered the widest choice of different programmes. TRUE
2. All these programmes are the same every year. FALSE
3. The afternoon lessons must be 5 hours a week. TRUE
4. Music is optional. NS
5. The programme is strict. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5A, 6D, 7C

Test 16

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. The boys were shouting under a small carpet. FALSE
2. The theatre director decided to lower the payment because the performance was not successful. FALSE
3. The boys only shouted after the payment became lower. TRUE
4. The boys decided not to make the storm because they were tired. FALSE
5. The theatre director asked them to do their best. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3C, 4B, 5B, 6A, 7D

Test 17

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Europeans consider they live longer than the Japanese. FALSE
2. The Japanese experience more stress than western people. FALSE
3. The Japanese diet differs from the European one. TRUE
4. Europeans eat more vegetables than the Japanese. FALSE
5. When in Europe, the Japanese discover the bad sides of western national food. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2D, 3C, 4A, 5D, 6B, 7C

Test 18

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. This text is written in the form of...
B a newspaper report.
2. The author is...
B giving information about Natalie's performance.
3. What did the reviewers say about her performance?
B She was successful in her part in the show.
4. Why was Natalie feeling upset?
D The show has closed sooner than expected.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6D, 7B, 8C

Test 19

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (Not Stated).

1. Her best friend is calling. NS
2. Ann is a student. NS
3. Ann can't speak Italian. FALSE
4. Moving to London Ann didn't communicate with Giovanna. TRUE
5. Giovanna knows Ann's phone number. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2C, 3D, 4B, 5C, 6A, 7C

Test 20

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Volunteering has become popular with young people. TRUE
2. You don't need any qualifications to participate in volunteering. NS
3. Volunteers get paid a small sum in return for their help. FALSE
4. Teaching children is a popular form of volunteering. TRUE
5. Some volunteers don't feel that they give enough. NS

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2D, 3D, 4B, 5B, 6D, 7C

Test 21

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Shah Jahan, the emperor of India, lost his beautiful wife. TRUE
2. The palace is situated in the west of central India. FALSE
3. The Taj Mahal is made of sandstone, marble and precious stones. TRUE
4. The emperor built a matching palace across the river. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5C, 6B, 7C, 8C

Test 22

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (Not Stated).

1. Mark Twain came to London on business. FALSE
2. The friend had enough money to travel back. FALSE
3. The writer bought two tickets. TRUE
4. The inspector noticed two men in the compartment. FALSE
5. All of them laughed at this joke. NS

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2A, 3A, 4D, 5A, 6B, 7C

Test 23

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. Roosevelt Island is...
B not very frequently visited by tourists.
2. In the 17th century the island was used as a...
B place for raising pigs.
3. The city of New York bought the island from the...
A Blackwell family.
4. All-in-all the name of the island has been changed...
C thrice.
5. Roosevelt Island was the place where the city sent...
C the poor.
6. There are many ... on the Island nowadays.
B offices
7. Roosevelt Island is especially picturesque at...
A sunset.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A> B, C or D.

1B, 2A, 3B, 4D, 5C, 6D, 7A, 8B

Test 24

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Dolphin trainers work behind a desk. FALSE
2. Dolphin trainers need to have a university degree. TRUE
3. You must have a diving certificate to become a dolphin trainer. FALSE
4. Dolphin trainers need to be very patient. TRUE
5. Dolphin trainers spend a lot of the day feeding the animals. TRUE
6. Dolphin trainers always work alone. FALSE
7. Dolphin trainers can be their own bosses. FALSE
8. Dolphin trainers must be good at working with others. TRUE
9. Training dolphins isn't always easy. TRUE

Task 2. Read text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2B, 3D, 4B, 5B, 6B.

Test 25

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. The Avoncroft weekend course is for...
C grown-ups.

2. Those who sign up for the course...
B have some basic knowledge of Spanish.

3. In class students...
B speak Spanish.

4. Students learn Spanish...
C to communicate in the language both for business and pleasure.

5. The atmosphere at the lessons is...
A easy-going

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2D, 3C, 4B, 5A, 6D, 7B, 8B, 9D, 10C

Test 26

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. Pubs differ from cafes by...
B cozy and friendly atmosphere.

2. In most pubs ... plays the piano.
C one of the customers

3. In the pub customers...
B discuss many topics.

4. The regulars of the pubs...
A never invite each other to their places.

5. Pubs are...
C closed from 2 to 6 p.m.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2B, 3D, 4A, 5C, 6A, 7B, 8D, 9B, 10A

Test 27

Task 1. Read the article and match each paragraph A— E to the title 1 — 5.

There is one extra title.

A6, B2, C5, D4, E1

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2A, 3D, 4D, 5B, 6A, 7D, 8C, 9B, 10A

Test 28

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. What is the main purpose of the article?

B to describe a festival which takes place on the Isle of Wight

2. What does the writer say about the festival in 1968?

D It was more popular than imagined.

3. What would you learn about Jimi Hendrix from the article?

A He made his last ever appearance at the festival.

4. The festival was shut down because...

B people tried to go without paying.

5. What best describes the festival these days?

C It is one of the UK's biggest summer events.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2B, 3C, 4D, 5D, 6B, 7C, 8A, 9C, 10B

Test 31

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. The present-day name of the Club is...
B the All England Lawn-Tennis and Croquet Club.
2. Women who took part in one of the first championships...
C. were good at tennis.
3. Lawn-tennis is... in origin.
A French
4. First tennis players were...
B amateurs.
5. To join the Club is not easy because...
C its membership is limited.

Task 2. Read the text, Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2A, 3B, 4C, 5D, 6C, 7A, 8D, 9D, 10B

Test 32

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. Why is recycling so important?
C Because it improves the environment.
2. Is recycling a new idea?
B No, it was known long ago.
3. What questions do we ask ourselves?
A Why do we throw away?
4. What is recycled in Taiwan?
B waste paper
5. What title is the most appropriate for the text?
C Recycling will save our environment

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2C, 3D, 4B, 5A, 6C, 7B, 8A, 9D, 10B

Test 33

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. At _____ Oxford _____ University...

A a student can be a member of different clubs.

2. The most popular sport at Oxford University is...

B _____ rowing.

3. Bumping races were invented because...

A it was possible for boats to race side by side.

4. The _____ winners are given...

C oars with their names engraved in gold.

5. May _____ Week is...

C a week in June.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2C, 3A, 4B, 5D, 6B, 7D, 8C, 9C, 10C

Test 34

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1 For centuries people were proud of Westminster Abbey. TRUE

2 The British Queen has never been crowned in it. FALSE

3 The Poet's Corner is in the Houses of Parliament. FALSE

4 The Courts of Justice meets in Westminster Abbey. FALSE

5 As history shows the Houses of Parliament were rebuilt three times. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2C, 3B, 4D, 5D, 6C, 7C, 8A, 9D, 10B

Test 35

Task 1. Read the text and complete the gaps (1 -5) with these extracts (A -F).

- 1 D thrilling moments and an unforgettable time
2 B our life becomes more interesting and amazing .
3 E to his liking and abilities
4 F take sport to its most dangerous limits
5 A who prefer individual sports
5 C everyone is fond of scuba-diving

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.
1C, 2B, 3A, 4D, 5A, 6B, 7C, 8D, 9B, 10C

Test 36

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

- 1 The headmaster came into the classroom to...
A give the students good news.
2 How did the students feel about the trip?
C excited
3 The beaches in Sri Lanka were...
A fantastic.
4 The best part of the trip to Singapore was...
B a visit to an island.
5 At the end of the trip the students...
C didn't want to go home.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.
1A, 2B, 3C, 4D, 5A, 6B, 7C, 8D, 9A, 10D

Test 37

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 American Indians never experienced pressure from European settlers. FALSE
- 2 The Indians have lost all their lands. FALSE
- 3 Modern civilization didn't manage to destroy the Indians' heritage. TRUE
- 4 Europeans taught the Indians how to grow tomatoes. FALSE
- 5 Today large cities host about 2/3 of the Native Americans. FALSE

Task 2 Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

- 1A, 2C, 3B, 4C, 5D, 6A, 7B, 8D, 9C, 10B

Test 38

Task 1 Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The Aborigines originally came from Europe. FALSE
- 2 They were farmers who settled on the territory for a long time. FALSE
- 3 There is no written Aboriginal language. TRUE
- 4 Europeans destroyed their traditional way of life. TRUE
- 5 No Aboriginal art or artifacts survive. FALSE

Task 2 Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

- 1C, 2D, 3A, 4B, 5C, 6B, 7A, 8D, 9B, 10A

Test 39

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. A busker...
B plays a musical instrument.
2. Each busker plays...
B for a limited period of time.
3. On the walls buskers usually write...
C their names and the time when they are going to play.
4. The police...
A make buskers go to another place.
5. The busker mustn't...

C stand close to another busker.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, Cor D.

1A, 2D, 3A, 4B, 5D, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9C, 10D

Test 40

Task 1. Read the article and match the title A-G to each paragraph 1-6 .

There is one extra title.

1D, 2B, 3F, 4A, 5E, 6C

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5A, 6D, 7C, 8A, 9C

Test 41

Task 1. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The tourists are going to visit the beautiful town of Brighton. FALSE
- 2 The tourists will go to a wildlife park after breakfast. FALSE
- 3 From the top of the mountain there is a lovely view of the river. FALSE
- 4 There is a café near the waterfall on the way to Brampton. TRUE
- 5 Most people come to Brampton to see the University. FALSE
- 6 The University in Brampton was built in the 17th century. TRUE
- 7 The tourists will start by taking a guided tour of the museum. FALSE
- 8 There will be some time for shopping. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

- 1B, 2B, 3D, 4D, 5C, 6A, 7C

Test 42

Task 1. Read the article and match the title A-F to each paragraph 1-5 .

There is one extra title.

- 1C, 2F, 3D, 4A, 5B

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

- 1A, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5B, 6A, 7C, 8D

Test 43

Task 1. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. When was Blarney Castle built?
B over 500 years ago
2. What was the author's complaint about the stairs in the castle?
B they weren't wide enough
3. How did the soldiers defend the castle?
A by pouring hot water or tar on them
4. Which statement is true?
C the use of the castle has changed over time
5. How did the author learn to kiss the Blarney Stone?
B his tour guide taught him how
6. Which word best describes how the author felt about the visit?
B puzzled

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1A, 2A, 3D, 4C, 5B, 6B, 7A, 8C, 9D, 10A

Test 44

Task 1. Read the article and match the title A -F to each paragraph 1 -5 .

There is one extra title.

1D, 2E, 3F, 4A, 5B

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5D, 6A, 7D, 8A, 9B, 10B