

CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH

QUESTION BOOKLET READ THIS BOOKLET FIRST

Preliminary

Reading

Sample Test 1

Time: 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

**SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WITH A VISUAL
IMPAIRMENT**

**Note: to help you do this paper, the texts for Reading
Parts 2, 3, and 4 are in a separate TEXT BOOKLET.**

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Questions 1 – 32 carry one mark.

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TOLD TO DO SO.**

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PART 1

QUESTIONS 1 – 5

Read the text in each question.

What does it say?

For questions 1 – 5, write the correct letter A, B or C on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

1 The notice says:

WIN A CAR

COMPETITION

Entries will only be accepted from people who are at least eighteen.

- A The competition is open to people over a certain age.**
- B There is a maximum age limit for this competition.**
- C Only eighteen-year-olds are allowed to enter this competition.**

2 The text message says:

Rachel

For our holiday, you need to get a photo for your visa and let me have it. I've got the visa forms so I can post them then.

Adam

Adam is telling Rachel to

- A post something for him.**
- B find out how to do something.**
- C give him something he needs.**

3 The notice says:

LABORATORY

The public are not permitted beyond this point unless accompanied by a staff member.

- A Members of staff must be accompanied if they wish to pass this point.**
- B Members of the public can't go through unless they are visiting someone working here.**
- C Members of the public may go further if a company employee goes with them.**

4 The note says:

Jane,
Mum's leaving really early tomorrow, so could you wake me at 7 when you leave for work? I mustn't be late for college again!
Tom

- A Tom wants to persuade Jane to take him to college tomorrow morning.**
- B Tom would like Jane to do him a favour tomorrow morning.**
- C Tom is reminding Jane they have to get up early tomorrow morning.**

5 The notice says:

FREE COPIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIS BOARD ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE

- A The Careers Centre will give you a copy of any advertisement on this board.**
- B This board is used to advertise the work done by the Careers Centre.**
- C If you ask the Careers Centre, you can advertise for free on this board.**

PART 2

QUESTIONS 6 – 10

The people below all want to visit a city market.

Read the descriptions of eight city markets on pages 3 – 5 of the Text Booklet.

Decide which market A – H would be the most suitable for the following people 6 – 10.

For questions 6 – 10, write the correct answer A – H on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

DESCRIPTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO VISIT A CITY MARKET

- 6** Jenny wants to buy locally-produced food traditional to the area. She needs somewhere convenient to eat, and as she's sightseeing in the city, the market shouldn't be far from local attractions.
- 7** Matt wants a market where he can get something to wear at reasonable prices, and something hot to eat. He's also keen on music, and likes finding rare recordings by different bands.
- 8** Sammie wants to visit a market after spending the day in the city. He would like to photograph a historic place, and buy a painting by someone unknown.

- 9 Alexia is looking for a really special necklace for her grandmother's birthday. She'd like to spend the whole day at the market, and wants to avoid the cold by staying inside.**
- 10 Ella is looking for objects from other countries for her friends. She'd like to choose a second-hand book to read on the journey home, and wants a snack at the market, too.**

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text on pages 6 – 7 of the Text Booklet and the questions below.

For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

11 Peter enjoys mountain biking because

- A it gives him the opportunity to enjoy the views.**
- B he can use the time to plan his work.**
- C he is able to stop thinking about his problems.**
- D it helps him to concentrate better.**

12 What does Peter say about cycling during his childhood?

- A He is sorry he didn't take more care of his bike.**
- B His friends always had better quality bikes than he did.**
- C His bike wasn't suitable for the activities he was doing.**
- D He was more interested in designing bikes than riding them.**

13 Peter says he returned to cycling after several years

- A because he had become unfit.**
- B so that he could enter races.**
- C in order to meet new people.**
- D to replace an activity he had given up.**

14 How does Peter feel about cycling now?

- A He is proud that he is still so fast.**
- B He is keen to do less now that he is older.**
- C He regrets the fact that he can no longer compete.**
- D He wishes more people were involved in the sport.**

15 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A For Peter Fuller, nothing matters more than mountain biking, not even his career. Here, in his own words, he tells us why.**
- B Artist Peter Fuller takes mountain biking pretty seriously. Here he describes how it all began and what he gets out of it.**
- C In this article, Peter Fuller explains how he became an artist only as a result of his interest in mountain biking.**
- D After discovering mountain biking late in life, Peter Fuller gave up art for a while to concentrate on getting as good as possible.**

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Read the text on pages 8 – 9 of the Text Booklet and choose the correct sentences from the options A – H below.

For each question, write the correct letter A – H on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

SENTENCES FOR QUESTIONS 16 – 20

- A That's why I knew it was a terrible plan.**
- B I had trained in icy water in the UK so the crystal clear warm water felt amazing.**
- C They always ask lots of questions.**
- D I work far harder than I used to.**
- E I began joking to friends about sending in an application.**
- F Afterwards, some people were surprised by my decision but I wasn't too worried.**

G I decided I needed a break.

H I needed to explain that first.

PART 5

QUESTIONS 21 – 26

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space from the options (A, B, C or D) on page 15 of the Question Booklet.

For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

THE COCONUT TREE

The coconut tree is thought to be one of the most valuable trees in the world. It is mostly found by the sea where there is a hot and wet 21 _____. The coconuts often fall into the sea and float on the water until they 22 _____ another beach, where more trees then begin to grow.

Holiday makers often see the coconut tree as no more than an attractive sun umbrella that provides 23 _____. However, this amazing tree has hundreds of 24 _____ and more are still being discovered.

People have made houses, boats and baskets from the coconut tree's wood and leaves for centuries. Even today, if you take a 25 _____ in your cupboards, you will find coconut oil in products as 26 _____ as medicine and desserts.

OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 21 – 26

21 A temperature
B condition
C climate
D weather

22 A reach
B go
C travel
D arrive

23 A cloud
B shade
C dark
D cold

24 A uses
B jobs
C roles
D things

25 A scene
B sight
C look
D view

26 A opposite
B separate
C strange
D different

PART 6

QUESTIONS 27 – 32

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space.

Write ONE word for each space on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

This is one of my favourite places to visit. I've learned a huge amount about animals and plants 27 _____ time I've visited. I've even seen bits of rock from the moon!

The building's really beautiful and it's easy to find your way around. There are hundreds of interesting things on display, but 28 _____ you like dinosaurs the best time 29 _____ see them is during term-time. I've been twice in the school holidays and the queue was 30 _____ long that I wasn't able to visit that part 31 _____ the museum.

You'll probably want something to eat while you're there. You can take 32 _____ own picnic and eat in the museum garden, or try one of the two museum cafés.

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