



# English Language Examinations

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## **LAAS**

LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

# **LEVEL PRE-A1**

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HERE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS:

- Be sure you have written your name at the top of this page.
- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Answer all 40 questions.
- Give only ONE answer for each question.
- Mark all your answers, in 2H or HB pencil, on the computerised Answer Sheet (Pre-A1).
- Time allowed: **1 hour**.

Task A: numbers 1 to 6

**Match: On holiday!**

Look at the pictures of different people on holiday.

Match a picture with each statement.

Mark its letter, A-H, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use only six of the letters.

Example: Adam caught a really big fish!

The correct answer is D. **A B C D E F G H**

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- 1 My sister took lots of photos on holiday.
- 2 Mum and Dad are sitting on a beach by the sea.
- 3 Can we go down the river on a boat?
- 4 Dad and Billy had fun in the swimming pool.
- 5 Alex's red suitcase is very big and heavy.
- 6 My brother can ski very well.



Task B: numbers 7 to 12
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## Choose the right word: Fun and games!

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.



Example: Let's \_\_\_\_\_ cards!

A make                  B do                  C play

The correct answer is C.    **A    B    C    D    E    F    G    H**

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7 Do you want a \_\_\_\_\_ of table tennis?

A game                  B sport                  C play

8 My brother's in the school basketball \_\_\_\_\_.

A family                  B team                  C party

9 We \_\_\_\_\_ swimming every weekend in the summer.

A make                  B play                  C go

10 People usually \_\_\_\_\_ trainers when they play volleyball.

A hold                  B put                  C wear

11 Sarah didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the bike race but she had fun.

A take                  B get                  C win

12 I want to be the best football \_\_\_\_\_ in the world!

A player                  B person                  C thing



Task C: numbers 13 to 20
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### Choose the right word or phrase: My pets!

Read the text about two pets and look at the picture.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap in the text.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: This is a photo of   (EXAMPLE)   two pets.

A I      B me      C my

The correct answer is C. **A B C D E F G H**

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This is a photo of   (EXAMPLE)   two pets. As you can see, I've   (13)   a cat and a dog.

My cat is called Sheeba and she's three years old. She's grey and white and very friendly. I love her very   (14)  , and I know she   (15)   me too!

Jack, my dog, is four years old. He always enjoys going for a walk and can   (16)   very fast. In the summer, I take Jack to the beach with   (17)  . He loves playing on the sand and he's a very   (18)   swimmer!

Jack and Sheeba are best friends. They   (19)   fight! They play together, eat at the same time, and sit together on the sofa. They also sleep next to each other   (20)   night!

They're the best pets in the world!



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| 13 | A get   | B got    | C getting |
| 14 | A a lot | B many   | C much    |
| 15 | A love  | B loves  | C loving  |
| 16 | A run   | B runs   | C to run  |
| 17 | A mine  | B me     | C my      |
| 18 | A good  | B better | C best    |
| 19 | A not   | B aren't | C never   |
| 20 | A in    | B at     | C on      |

**Task D: numbers 21 to 25****Choose the right phrase: Alex's cousin!**

Alexandra and Lisa are cousins.

Alexandra is telling her friend about her cousin Lisa.

Read what Alexandra says.

Choose the correct phrase to fill each gap in the text.

Mark its letter, A-G, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: My cousin Lisa came to stay with me last month .

The correct answer is B. **A B C D E F G H**

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My cousin Lisa came to stay with me \_\_\_(EXAMPLE)\_\_\_ .

- 21 We had \_\_\_\_\_ !
- 22 I don't see her very often because she \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 23 She's the same age as me, and we like \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 24 Lisa's got blonde hair but \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 25 Next summer, I want to \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Lisa there.

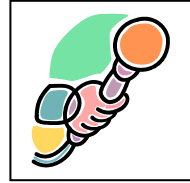
- A my hair's brown  
B last month  
C very much  
D lives in Germany  
E go to Germany  
F a fantastic time  
G the same things



Task E: numbers 26 to 30
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## Complete the dialogue: Interview with a musician!

Simon plays the violin in an orchestra.  
A reporter is asking him some questions.  
Look at the reporter's questions.



Choose the correct reply to fill each gap in the dialogue.  
Mark its letter, A-G, on your Answer Sheet.  
You will use only five of the letters.

Example:

Reporter: When did you start playing the violin?

Simon: When I was seven years old.

The correct answer is G.    **A   B   C   D   E   F   G   H**

Reporter: When did you start playing the violin?

Simon: (EXAMPLE)

Reporter: Do you enjoy being in an orchestra?

Simon: (26)

Reporter: What kinds of music do you like playing?

Simon: (27)

Reporter: Can you play any other musical instruments?

Simon: (28)

Reporter: Do you also teach music?

Simon: (29)

Reporter: Did you have a good teacher?

Simon: (30)

Reporter: Thank you for answering my questions!



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| <p><b>A</b> Yes, a very good teacher – called Mrs Jennings.<br/> <b>B</b> I love playing all kinds of music, from classical to rock!<br/> <b>C</b> No, but I want to be a music teacher when I'm older.<br/> <b>D</b> Yes, it's great fun – and I visit lots of different countries.<br/> <b>E</b> I can play the piano, the guitar – and the drums!<br/> <b>F</b> Because I'm not a very good singer!<br/> <b>G</b> When I was seven years old.</p> |
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Task F: numbers 31 to 35

### Fill the gaps: Cycling safely!

Read the article about riding a bike and look at the pictures.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap in the sentences below.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: Litsa is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

A two

B twelve

C twenty

The correct answer is B. **A B C D E F G H**

#### Ride your bike safely!

by Litsa Tampou, aged 12

Riding a bike is a great way for teenagers like us to get around our town or village. It's also really good fun, and it's good for us too! But – it's important to ride safely, because riding on roads with cars can be dangerous.

When you ride your bike, always wear a helmet. It will stop you getting hurt if you fall off and hit your head. You can see a helmet in picture 1.

Often, it's not easy for car drivers to see people on bikes. Wear a bright jacket like the one in picture 2, so everyone can see you.

Also, if you ride when it's dark, make sure you've got good lights, like the ones in picture 3. You need a light on the front of your bike, and a light at the back.

Ride safely – and have lots of fun!



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- 31 In this article, Litsa is talking to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A car drivers                      B teenagers with bikes      C parents with bikes
- 32 Litsa says: \_\_\_\_\_ ride a bike without a helmet.  
 A always                              B sometimes                      C never
- 33 Litsa says that it's often \_\_\_\_\_ for car drivers to see people on bikes.  
 A dangerous                      B easy                              C difficult
- 34 Litsa says you need \_\_\_\_\_ on your bike at night.  
 A one light                              B two lights                      C three lights
- 35 The three pictures show things that help us ride more \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A quickly                              B cheaply                              C safely

Task G: numbers 36 to 40
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## What do you say?: Christmas!

Here are some things that happen at Christmas.

For each situation, choose what you say when it happens.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: Someone gives you a Christmas present. What do you say?

A "Where's my present?"

B "Thank you very much!"

C "Can I have a Christmas present?"



The correct answer is B. **A B C D E F G H**

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36 It's the last day of school before the Christmas holidays.  
What do you say to your teacher?

A "Bye! See you next year!"

B "Hi! See you next year!"

C "Hello! See you next year!"



37 You give your friend a Christmas card. What do you say?

A "Is this for me?"

B "This card isn't for you."

C "This is for you!"



38 You meet your friend. He's wearing a funny red hat. What do you say?

A "I love your funny red hat!"

B "Where's your funny red hat?"

C "Do you like my funny red hat?"

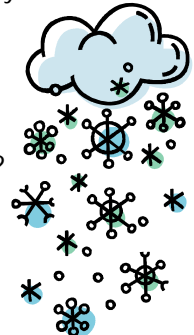


39 It starts snowing. You want to play outside. What do you say to your friend?

A "We played outside in the snow!"

B "Why did you play outside in the snow?"

C "Let's play outside in the snow!"



40 It's 25<sup>th</sup> December. What do you say to your family and friends?

A "Happy Christmas!"

B "Happy New Year!"

C "Happy Birthday!"