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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

MAY 2022

FIRST STEP

PRE-A1

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LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 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.
- Time allowed: **1 hour**



Help a Stray
PALSO

TASK A

Numbers: 1 - 6

Match: On holiday!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Match a picture with each statement.
Mark its letter, A-H, on your Answer Sheet.
You will use **only six** of the letters.

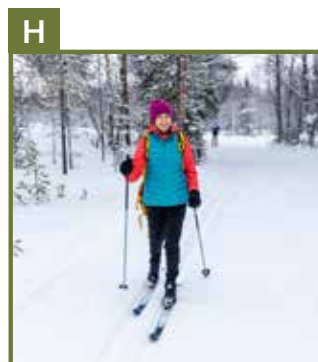
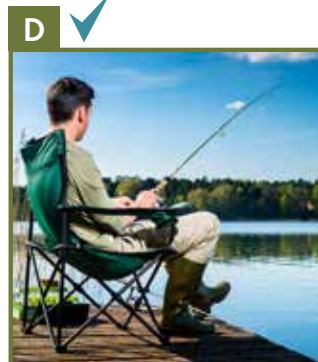
EXAMPLE:

My brother caught a big fish yesterday.

The correct answer is D.

A B C D E F G H
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- 1 ___ Can we go round the island on a boat?
- 2 ___ My mum took lots of photos on holiday.
- 3 ___ We go skiing every winter.
- 4 ___ There was a great swimming pool in the garden!
- 5 ___ My dad's suitcase is very big.
- 6 ___ We've got a lovely white car for the holiday.



TASK B
Numbers: 7 - 12**Choose the correct word:**
At school!**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

EXAMPLE:

What time does your _____ lesson finish?
A Germany **B** England **C** Greek

The correct answer is C.

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H**
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- 7 Put your hand up if you want to ask a _____.
A question **B** test **C** story
- 8 How many kids are in your _____ ?
A desk **B** blackboard **C** class
- 9 I didn't _____ any mistakes in the geography test!
A make **B** do **C** go
- 10 Our maths _____ is called Mr Gikas. He's really nice!
A teacher **B** school **C** student
- 11 Please open your _____ and look at page 28.
A bag **B** window **C** book
- 12 I'll _____ my homework this evening.
A come **B** do **C** make

TASK C

Numbers: 13 - 20

Choose the correct word or phrase: Helping strays!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.



Help a Stray
PALSO

EXAMPLE:

How _____ you?

A am **B** is **C** are

The correct answer is C.

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H**
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Hi Sam!

How __[are]__you? I hope you're well!

I'm fine. We're [13] ____ a project at school at the moment about stray animals. It's very interesting! Here in Greece, there are [14] ____ stray cats and dogs. They live on the streets or in the countryside. Often, they're hungry and thirsty because they [15] ____ have enough food or water. I'm going [16] ____ the animals that live near me. I'll take them some food every day.

Sometimes, the animals have problems with [17] ____ eyes, or get ill. If I see a cat or dog that's not well, I'll tell [18] ____ mum and dad. They'll call the vet – that's a doctor for animals. Our vet Maria is very nice. [19] ____ sure she'll help the animals! [20] ____ have stray cats and dogs where you live?

Bye for now!

Alex

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|----|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 13 | A do | B doing | C does |
| 14 | A a lot | B lot of | C lots of |
| 15 | A don't | B not | C no |
| 16 | A help | B to help | C helping |
| 17 | A they | B them | C their |
| 18 | A my | B me | C mine |
| 19 | A I | B I've | C I'm |
| 20 | A You | B Do you | C You do |



TASK D

Numbers: 21 - 25

Choose the correct phrase: Making music!

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

EXAMPLE:

Helen and Mandy are very _____ .

The correct answer is B.

A B C D E F G H
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EXAMPLE: Helen and Mandy are very good friends.

- 21 They live near each other, and _____ the same school.
- 22 Every day, after school, they meet _____ house.
- 23 There, they make music. Mandy sings, and Helen plays _____ .
- 24 Sometimes, they ask their friends _____ to listen to them.
- 25 Everyone loves their music. Maybe _____ be famous one day!

- A at Helen's
- B ☒ good friends
- C and family
- D because it was
- E they will
- F go to
- G the guitar



TASK E

Numbers: 26 - 30

Complete the dialogue: Interview with a basketball player!

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

EXAMPLE:

Reporter: When did you start playing basketball?
Alex: When I was eight years old.

The correct answer is G.

A B C D E F **G** H
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Reporter: When did you start playing basketball?

Alex: [EXAMPLE]: When I was eight years old.

Reporter: What's the name of your team?

Alex: [26] _____

Reporter: How often do you play?

Alex: [27] _____

Reporter: Did you win or lose your last basketball game?

Alex: [28] _____

Reporter: Who's the best player in your team? Is it you?

Alex: [29] _____

Reporter: Do you do any other sports?

Alex: [30] _____

Reporter: Great! Thanks for answering my questions!



- A** Almost every Saturday and Sunday.
- B** Yes, I go swimming a lot and I also like table tennis.
- C** No, it's not, sadly! I'm good, but my friend George is better!
- D** We're called The Fast Wheelies!
- E** Next Saturday, at two o'clock.
- F** We won! It was a great game. Lots of fun!
- G** ✓ When I was eight years old.

TASK F

Numbers: 31 - 35

Fill the gaps: Elephants!

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

EXAMPLE:

George is _____ years old.

A two **B** twelve **C** twenty

The correct answer is B.

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H**
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Elephants!

by George Freris, aged 12

Do you like elephants? I do! I love them. They're my favourite animals! They're beautiful and very clever. Also, they don't eat meat. They eat plants, leaves, grass and fruit.

Here in Greece, we don't have wild elephants. If you want to see an elephant, you have to go to a zoo. So where do wild elephants live?

Elephants come from Africa and Asia. African and Asian elephants aren't the same. They're different in several ways. Look at the elephants in the two photos. The African elephant has very big ears. Some people say that their ears look like a map of Africa! Asian elephants' ears are much smaller. Also, look at their heads. They're not the same shape. The Asian elephant in the photo has two 'bumps' on the top of its head, like there are two footballs inside. African elephants don't have this.



African Elephant



Asian Elephant

- 31 George says that elephants _____.
A eat meat **B** aren't clever **C** are lovely
- 32 George says there are no _____ in Greece.
A wild elephants **B** elephants **C** elephants in zoos
- 33 African elephants' ears are _____ Asian elephants' ears.
A smaller than **B** bigger than **C** the same as
- 34 Elephants from _____ have heads with two 'bumps' on the top.
A Africa **B** Asia **C** Africa and Asia
- 35 In the photos, the two elephants are _____.
A sitting down **B** sleeping **C** standing up

TASK G

Numbers: 36 - 40

What do you say?:

Helping stray animals!

INSTRUCTIONS:

For each situation, choose what you say.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

EXAMPLE:

You are with a friend and you want to help stray animals. What do you say?

A "Don't feed the stray cats!"

B "Let's feed some stray cats!"

C "We fed the stray cats!"

The correct answer is B.

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H**

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- 36** You see some cat food in a shop. What do you say to the shop assistant?
- A** "Excuse me, how much is this cat food?"
- B** "Excuse me, where is the cat food?"
- C** "Excuse me, have you got any cat food?"
- 37** Your mum phones you on your mobile phone. "Where are you now?" she asks. What do you say?
- A** "I'm going to play with some kittens tomorrow."
- B** "I play with kittens every day."
- C** "I'm playing with some kittens."
- 38** Your friend says: "Did you see that stray dog today?" What do you say?
- A** "No, I didn't."
- B** "No, I wasn't."
- C** "No, I'm not."
- 39** You want to take a stray cat home. What do you say to your parents?
- A** "Did we take that cat home?"
- B** "Can we take this cat home?"
- C** "Do we take cats home?"
- 40** Your sister found a home for a stray dog. What do you say to her?
- A** "She found a home!"
- B** "My sister did!"
- C** "Well done!"

