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INSTRUCTIONS

- Be sure you have written your name at the top of this page.
- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is: PART A Listening, PART B Reading & Usage, PART C Writing.
- Time allowed for all three parts: 120 minutes

A LISTENING (25 points) Time: approximately 20 minutes

- As you listen to the recording, mark your answers in this booklet.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- After the end of the recording, you will have 3 minutes to transfer your answers onto Answer Sheet A. Mark them in 2H or HB pencil.

LISTENING EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 10



WHICH RIDE IS BEST?

Choose the correct picture to answer each question, 1 to 10. Write its letter, A, B, C or D, in the space beside the number.

What type of transport ...

- ___ 1. does Tim use at present?
- ___ 2. does Tim say is best for going about in the city?
- ___ 3. does Tim think is good on bad streets?
- ___ 4. does Tim say may be dangerous because of its size?
- ___ 5. does Tim think is best for clean air quality?
- ___ 6. would Tim choose for trips between cities?
- ___ 7. does Tim say can be taken along on all trips?
- ___ 8. does Tim think makes riders want to do tricks?
- ___ 9. does Tim say is easier to use in Holland than in Greece?
- ___ 10. does Tim think he'll buy next?





LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20**HOW TO GET AN AUTOGRAPH!**

As you listen to each person, decide which statements are true about them.

Put a tick in the column under each person.

Tick A for statements about Patty, B about Tom, C about Pete or D about Sharon.

You will tick each statement only once.

This person ____ .		 Patty	 Tom	 Pete	 Sharon
gave a crazy idea to some friends	11	A	B	C	D
gets autographs at the theatre	12	A	B	C	D
doesn't like to ask for autographs	13	A	B	C	D
didn't want to upset a sister	14	A	B	C	D
has got a lot of autographs	15	A	B	C	D
has a valuable autograph	16	A	B	C	D
goes to shops for autographs	17	A	B	C	D
said something funny to a famous person	18	A	B	C	D
needs to buy a new notebook	19	A	B	C	D
got money with the autograph	20	A	B	C	D

B

READING & USAGE (50 points)

- You are advised to spend about 1 hour on this part of the test.
- You may mark your answers on this booklet while you are working on them.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- When you have finished, mark your answers on Answer Sheet **B** using a 2H or HB pencil.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 10

Read the article about volunteers.
Then do the exercises on page 4.

volunteer – (n) a person who does something without pay; (v) to do something without pay

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT ... VOLUNTEER!

- 1 Volunteer! Here's a word you'll hear more and more often in Greece. What is a volunteer? And what does it mean to volunteer? Well, more than you might imagine!
 - 2 There have always been volunteers. Think of a village. Women used to come together and help a new bride get what she needed for her first house. They gave her tablecloths or blankets or other helpful items. Or perhaps someone in the village became ill and couldn't take care of their family. The church gave a bit of money, and their neighbours brought food to the house, or helped clean or take care of the children until the parents were able to work again. That is the old way of volunteering that we've always done.
 - 3 In most modern countries, the government also helps. People pay taxes and the government hires police and teachers. In state hospitals, people may not have to pay much for a doctor. Or if someone doesn't have a job, the government may give them money for a while to help out. In countries such as England and Sweden, this is very common.
 - 4 When people live in a city, the old ways of the village may not work so easily. And sometimes, governments can't do as much as people want them to. So, that's where volunteers can help. For example, when the tsunami hit countries around the Indian Ocean in December 2005, many people from all over the world sent money. And a lot of volunteers went there to help give out food and clothing.
 - 5 In Greece, volunteers help in many ways. Some people help with athletic events such as the Olympic Games. Others help decorate a place where working mothers can take their young children. Businesses sometimes give money or food to help. Forest fires are put out by EMAC with the help of a large number of volunteer firemen. All this help is given for no pay!
 - 6 What do volunteers get back? Some people just feel good when they help. Others learn new jobs as volunteers and can use their experience in future jobs. Whether it's giving out programmes for a small theatre or answering telephones for GreenPeace, most people enjoy making new friends and working together with them to do something good for others.
- You can find out more about volunteering on the Internet at <http://www.citizenindeed.gr>.

Choose the correct phrase to complete each statement, 1 to 5.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

1. What is the best way to describe 'volunteering' in villages?
 - A. people going to church
 - B. neighbours helping neighbours
 - C. young women getting married

2. The government gives people some of the things they need _____.
 - A. only if they don't have a job
 - B. in many countries nowadays
 - C. in only a few countries

3. Volunteers may be needed when _____.
 - A. the problem is unusually big
 - B. the government can do it all
 - C. villages have their own ways

4. _____ would not be called a volunteer.
 - A. A rich man who helps poor people
 - B. Someone who feeds homeless cats
 - C. The manager in a supermarket

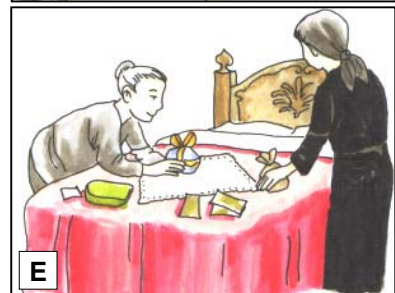
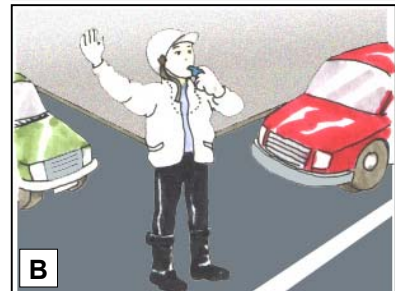
5. People volunteer because they _____.
 - A. like the work and helping out
 - B. can make a lot of money
 - C. prefer talking on the phone

Match a picture with each paragraph.
Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B.

Example. Picture A goes with Paragraph 1.

A B C D E F G H

6. Picture _____ goes with Paragraph 2.
7. Picture _____ goes with Paragraph 3.
8. Picture _____ goes with Paragraph 4.
9. Picture _____ goes with Paragraph 5.
10. Picture _____ goes with Paragraph 6.



READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20

Read this story about a man who caught a bear.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

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

DAN PAID A LOT FOR HIS MISTAKE!

Four years ago, Dan Walters went to look for bears in Idaho, a large state in the USA. He had a private zoo for tourists and he knew people would pay to see a bear. Dan caught a bear that he (11) was a black bear. He was wrong! It was a grizzly bear and there aren't very (12) grizzly bears left in the world. People in Yellowstone National Park, (13) the place where Dan found the bear, had been (14) to help the grizzlies. The bear, which was (15) 'Number 346', was wearing a collar with a radio (16) the scientists could follow and study her. Two of Dan's friends tried to (17) the 'crime'. They destroyed the collar and caught 346's baby, too. The state police and the scientists said they would pay for information about the person (18) stole '346'. Dan wanted the money, so he went to the police and said he had done it. Well, the police didn't give him the money! In fact, he (19) to pay \$5,000. This was part of the money that the state had spent (20) finding the bears. The mother bear and her baby were free in the forest again, and the scientists were happy. Dan was not!



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| 11. | A. thinks it | B. thought | C. thought it |
| 12. | A. many | B. much | C. a lot |
| 13. | A. near | B. away | C. almost |
| 14. | A. try | B. trying | C. tried |
| 15. | A. called | B. naming | C. known |
| 16. | A. if | B. when | C. so |
| 17. | A. hide | B. hiding | C. hidden |
| 18. | A. which | B. where | C. who |
| 19. | A. should | B. had | C. could |
| 20. | A. to | B. with | C. on |

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 21 to 25**TIME**

Match a reply from the box with each question on the left.

Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B. You will use only five of the letters.

21. Why are you in such a hurry?
22. How late do you think Dad will get back?
23. How often do you water your plants?
24. Did you see that Bruce Lee film on ET3?
25. When are you going to clean your room?

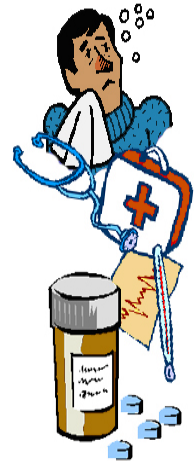
- A. No, it was on long past my bedtime.
- B. Usually, about 7 in the morning.
- C. Once a week now, daily in the summer.
- D. Never! I like it untidy!
- E. Because I don't want to be late!
- F. Oh, he should be here by midnight.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 26 to 30**A WEEK AT HOME IN BED**

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

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

26. The day before I _____ ill, I felt angry about little, unimportant things.
A. stuck B. became C. stayed
27. When I woke _____ the next morning, I had a terrible headache.
A. over B. out C. up
28. Mum put her hand on my head to see if I had a _____ .
A. heat B. stomach C. temperature
29. My nose was runny and I had a _____ throat. I could hardly swallow.
A. hurt B. sore C. broken
30. The doctor _____ Mum to keep me at home all week and to give me juice and soup.
A. spoke B. said C. advised

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 31 to 35****WHY IS THE ELECTRICITY OFF?**

Here's a story about checking to find out why the electricity doesn't work.

Put the sentences in the correct order.

Mark the letter of each sentence, A to G, on Answer Sheet B.

You will use only **five** of the letters. The first one is done for you.

Example: Sentence 1 _____

The answer is A. You start to prepare your lunch and you switch on the cooker to heat the pan for an omelette. Then you stir the eggs.

A B C D E F G H

EX. Sentence 1 A

31. Sentence 2 _____

32. Sentence 3 _____

33. Sentence 4 _____

34. Sentence 5 _____

35. Sentence 6 _____

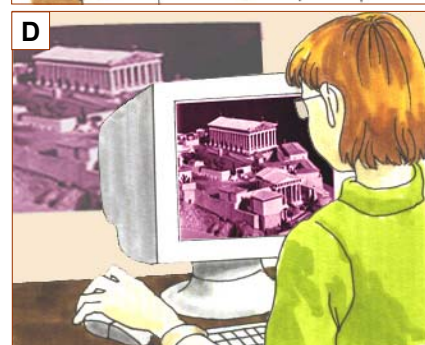


- A.** You start to prepare your lunch and you switch on the cooker to heat the pan for an omelette. Then you stir the eggs.
- B.** First, you try the kitchen light switch, but the lights don't come on either. Oh ... the electricity is off!
- C.** But when you put the eggs into the pan, you notice the cooker is not turned on. Hmm.
- D.** Then, you notice the main switch for your flat is off. You switch it on, try the cooker again, and the electricity goes off again.
- E.** So, neither your building nor your flat has electricity.
- F.** Next, you check the staircase lights and the lift. They're working fine. That means the building has electricity, but your flat doesn't. Hmm.
- G.** Aha! The cooker is broken and it's making your flat's electricity go off! So, you get out your little gas cooker and finish your omelette.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 6: Numbers 36 to 45**PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO DRAW**

**Match a picture with each of the statements.
Mark its letter, A to E, on Answer Sheet B.
You will use some letters more than once.**

36. ___ 'At first, I painted a lot of outdoor scenes with ancient buildings such as the Parthenon. But then I bought a computer and discovered a whole new way of making interesting pictures.'
37. ___ 'I studied at one of the most famous fashion schools in London. But we didn't only draw clothing. We also had to learn how to make what we imagined!'
38. ___ 'To me, a building must be more than just beautiful. It must also be easy for people to use and comfortable to live or work in.'
39. ___ 'When I was a kid, I loved Batman comics. The colours were dark and the action was great! I try to make my own work as exciting as those were.'
40. ___ 'I show my work in galleries. There, it may be on a small screen, like the one I use at home, or it might be on a big one that covers a whole wall.'
41. ___ 'I've done some book-cover designs that were covered with pictures. But recently I've just finished the pictures for a set of dictionaries.'
42. ___ 'My customers didn't like the unusual fashions I made for them, and I became bored. So, for about 10 years, I only drew designs for jewellery.'
43. ___ 'Comic books are like short stories told with pictures. I've done 17 of those, but now I'm working on a full-size book, with the story all told in cartoons.'
44. ___ 'More and more, people are worried that our buildings may be bad for nature. Do they use too much electricity? Do they take away the places where animals live?'
45. ___ 'The style this winter is very plain, very simple, in grey and black or other dark colours. It's very smart and attractive. But in the spring, I think bright colours will be popular again.'



C

WRITING (25 points)

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this part of the test.
- You may use a blank sheet of paper as a draft.
- Write your task in the space provided on Answer Sheet **C** in blue or black pen.

You have **ONE** writing task to do. Choose either Topic A or Topic B.

Write your task in about 120 words on Answer Sheet C.

Choose **ONE** of these two topics. Do the task in about 120 words.

TOPIC A: Imagine you would like to volunteer at Safe Day Centre, a place that cares for small children while their parents are at work. You might teach the children games, or you might help answer phones or tidy up after the children leave.

Write a **letter** to Mrs. Pappas, the director of Safe Day Centre.

Tell her that you would like to help at the centre.

Be sure to say:

- something about yourself
- what you could do to help
- when you might have free time to give

This can be a friendly letter!



OR

TOPIC B: Have you ever been alone at home when the electricity went off?

Write a **story** about what happened and what you did.

- The story can be funny or serious.
- It can take place in the day or at night.



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A2 - BASIC					
Listening		Reading			
1	C	1	B	41	E
2	A	2	B	42	A
3	D	3	A	43	B
4	C	4	C	44	C
5	B	5	A	45	A
6	D	6	E		
7	A	7	B		
8	A	8	D		
9	B	9	F		
10	B	10	C		
11	C	11	B		
12	A	12	A		
13	D	13	A		
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