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EXAMINATIONS**

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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

FLYING HIGH

Decide whether statements 1 to 10 are true or not.

Write A for True or B for False in the space next to the number.

 A EX. Steve's father wanted him to do a sport.

The answer is A True

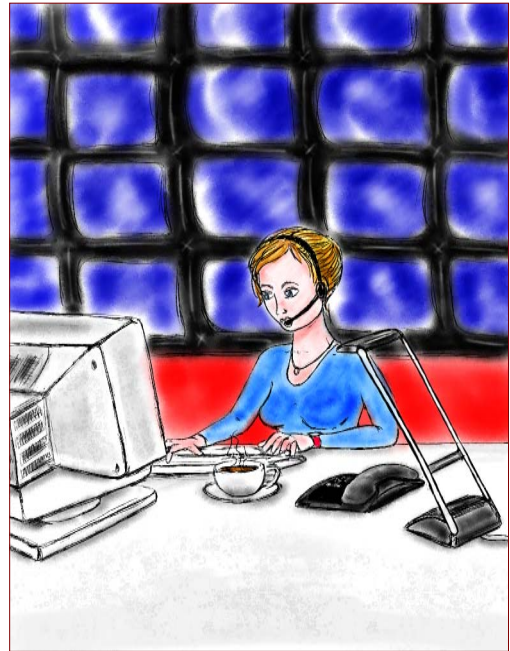
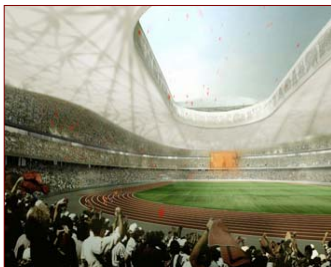
A B C D E F G H

- 1. Steve likes football and he is very good at it.
- 2. Steve's friends laugh at him when he plays badly.
- 3. Steve heard about the sport he chose on television.
- 4. The fun park manager said they often gave lessons.
- 5. The fun park flying team came from Greece.
- 6. Robert taught Steve how to jump out of an aeroplane.
- 7. Steve "flew" on air that came from a machine.
- 8. Steve had to wear large clothes when he was flying.
- 9. The first thing Steve learned was how to turn in a circle.
- 10. Now that the team has left, Steve has to find a different sport.



LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20***WORK AT THE OLYMPICS IN CHINA*****Choose the correct phrase to complete each statement.****Circle its letter, A, B or C.**

11. Sara Jones plans to ____ .
 A. be an athlete in the Olympic Games
 B. work for the Olympic Committee in China
 C. work for a TV company at the Games
12. Videos of the Games ____ .
 A. take a long time to send
 B. go from one company to all the TV stations
 C. stay in China until after the Games
13. Sara is going to ____ .
 A. write a list of all the videos
 B. take pictures of races
 C. take pictures to show her friends
14. Most of the time, Sara will be ____ .
 A. by herself
 B. with Chinese people
 C. with six other workers
15. The Olympics in China will be ____ .
 A. a new type of work for Sara
 B. Sara's second time in this type of work
 C. the end of her job at the TV station in Athens

**Decide whether statements 16 to 20 are true or not.****Write A for True or B for False in the space next to each number.**

16. ___ Sara will travel to China by ship.
17. ___ Sara will stay in China about a week.
18. ___ Sara thinks Chinese is an easy language to learn.
19. ___ In Beijing, Sara will need help to buy food and see the city.
20. ___ Sara likes Chinese food.

B

READING & USAGE (50 points)

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes 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 this newspaper article about a rock band.
Then do the exercises on page 4.

Mike Pappas Band Will Perform Tonight

The Mike Pappas Rock Band will play at the first event of the Akropoli Summer Festival tonight. As Festival manager, Manos Sarris, told *THE AKROPOLI NEWS*, 'We're really happy to have Mike and his group here. It's a wonderful way to start our festival.'

Mike and his friends – Jeremy Hitchins, Billy Fale, and Lynn Wallace – met at university in England and started to play rock music together. Mike is from Greece, of course, and the other three are English. In the past five years, they have played all around London and have recorded their first CD, *Two Ends of Europe*.

This will be Mike's first performance in his home town with his musicians. Lynn, the singer, said, 'I'm very excited about this. It's my first trip to Greece, and Mike has helped me learn a Greek song for the show!'

Jeremy was setting up his drums when I talked to him. He told me, 'Mike uses Greek rhythms – that is, drum beats from Greek music – in some of the songs, so we hope his friends and neighbours will like our style of rock music.'



Mike, front left, with Jeremy, Billy and Lynn

Mike will arrive later today, so we weren't able to talk to him. But Billy said, 'Mike's mother is taking good care of us until Mike gets here. I've visited Greece twice on holiday, but the food at Mike's house is the BEST I've ever had. And everyone in town has been really helpful. We're having a great time!'

The band will play tonight at 9 p.m. and again tomorrow night, in the town square. Next Friday, the Akropoli Folk Dance Group will perform with local dancers and musicians.

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

EX. The summer festival is going to take place in ____ .

A. Akropoli B. England C. London

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

- The Akropoli Summer Festival ____ .
A. begins the week after the article
B. starts the night the article appears
C. has already started
- Mike Pappas met his band members ____ .
A. while he was a student in England
B. before he went to England
C. after he finished his university studies
- The name of the band's CD ____ .
A. probably refers to England and Greece
B. means it's their first and last CD
C. is in Greek
- This is the first trip to Greece for ____ .
A. Mike
B. Lynn
C. both Mike and Lynn
- To play Mike's songs, Jeremy had to ____ .
A. buy some new drums
B. learn things about Greek music
C. please Mike's friends and neighbours
- The band are having their meals ____ .
A. at a hotel in the town centre
B. in a local Greek restaurant
C. at Mike's mother's house

Akropoli Summer Festival Programme

Friday 12 July – 9 p.m.

Mike Pappas Rock Band
Akropoli Town Square

Saturday 13 July – 2 p.m.

Pita Eating Contest & Picnic
Akropoli City Park

Saturday 13 July – 9 p.m.

Mike Pappas Rock Band
Akropoli Town Square

Friday 19 July – 7 p.m.

Beauty Contest
Akropoli Town Square

Friday 19 July – 9 p.m.

Akropoli Folk Dance Group
Akropoli Town Square

Saturday 20 July – 4 p.m.

Champions League Football
Akropoli Stadium

Saturday 20 July – 9 p.m.

Jimmy Patrinos Greek Band
Akropoli Town Square

Use the article and the programme to decide if statements 7 to 10 are true or not.
Mark A for True, B for False or C if it Doesn't Say on Answer Sheet B.

- Mike and his band will only play once at the Festival.
- Most of the Festival events will take place in the town square.
- The Festival includes arts, food, fun and sport.
- Mike's mother will come to all his band's shows.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 15

Read this paragraph about families.

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B.

Family Size

How many children are there in your family? In many countries, families **_(11)_** getting smaller. One reason is that more women **_(12)_** taken jobs outside the home. So they **_(13)_** not have as much time to be mothers. Also, it **_(14)_** become more expensive to feed a family. Couples think seriously about how many children they **_(15)_** afford.

- A. are
- B. can
- C. do
- D. have
- E. has
- F. is

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 16 to 25

Read this paragraph about seeds and food.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

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

The Food We Eat

These days, **_(16)_** people are talking about the food we eat and how we grow it. In North America, many farmers have been planting new kinds of seeds, **_(17)_** are sometimes called GMOs. These are seeds that scientists have changed in some way.

Sometimes, the new seeds grow **_(18)_** fast or produce more food. Some of the seeds produce plants that we can **_(19)_** to make plastic. These are, **_(20)_** course, useful changes.

But sometimes, the new seeds cause problems. **_(21)_** example, one new type of seed makes plants that only grow **_(22)_**. Because of this, farmers will **_(23)_** to buy new seeds every year. This is very expensive.

Here **_(24)_** Europe, farmers are not allowed to plant GMO seeds, but we will have to be very careful that they are not sent here **_(25)_** mistake.



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| 16. A. lot of | B. lots | C. a lot of |
| 17. A. which | B. who | C. where |
| 18. A. more | B. much | C. very |
| 19. A. using | B. use | C. used |
| 20. A. with | B. by | C. of |
| 21. A. In | B. For | C. At |
| 22. A. the one | B. once | C. one |
| 23. A. should | B. must | C. have |
| 24. A. in | B. at | C. at the |
| 25. A. with | B. from | C. by |

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 26 to 30**MY ACCIDENT AT SEA PARK**

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

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

At the Water Park, I couldn't wait to go down the Giant Water Slide! I was so **(26)** as I climbed to the top! Suddenly, it was my turn. I pushed off and went flying down towards the swimming pool. I screamed really loudly and everyone **(27)** at me! As I came off at the bottom, I **(28)** back and hit my head on the end of the slide. When I came up in the pool, the water was red all around me. I'd cut myself, and it was **(29)**! My Mum and Dad had to **(30)** me to hospital, where a doctor sewed up the cut.



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| 26. A. bored | B. excited | C. honest |
| 27. A. watched | B. saw | C. looked |
| 28. A. fell | B. felt | C. filled |
| 29. A. hair | B. dirt | C. blood |
| 30. A. do | B. take | C. make |

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 31 to 35**NEW WEBSITE ABOUT GREEK DANCE**

Here's an announcement about a new website on the Internet.

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.

EX. Sentence 1 ____

The answer is A. *This spring, there's a new website on the Internet.*

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. *This spring, there's a new website on the Internet.*

B. *The notes are written and also spoken, in Greek and in English, for people who are blind.*

C. *In the Encyclopedia, you can find notes by people who went to villages and studied the dances.*

D. *All of these materials have been collected for the last 50 years by the Dora Stratou Greek Dance Theatre in Athens.*

E. *Most people are not very interested in Greek dance nowadays.*

F. *It's called the Greek Dance Encyclopedia, and it has lots of information about old Greek dances, the kind of dances people did, and still do, in Greek villages.*

G. *Besides the notes, there are 22,000 pictures, 4000 videos of dances and 7000 pieces of music from tapes and records, too.*

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 6: Numbers 36 to 45**MOVING THINGS AND PEOPLE**

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. ___ "Two hundred years ago, Greeks travelled all around Europe to sell things. They used teams of horses, called trains, to carry their goods."
37. ___ "A huge aeroplane can hold cars and even lorries, but usually we send small packages by air. It's very expensive to send big ones."
38. ___ "When we moved house from Manchester to London, we hired a lorry to take all the large furniture and a lot of boxes as well."
39. ___ "Lord Elgin put the Acropolis statues on ships and sent them to England. One of them sank in a storm and some of the statues were lost."
40. ___ "A railway train may not be the fastest way to carry things, but it's often the least expensive."
41. ___ "When my mother was young, she used to fly to London every year to go shopping. Now, there are English shops here. So, I've never been to London! It's not fair!"
42. ___ "The EU gave money to build the Egnatia Highway. Now we can drive from Ioannina to Alexandroupoli in just a few hours. "
43. ___ "The roads in the mountains were very narrow and there were thieves, too. It was very hard for the animals and dangerous for the men."
44. ___ "Ferries are like buses on the sea. Cruise ships and liners are like big hotels that take people from port to port."
45. ___ "My grandfather worked on the railroad in America all his life. If the trip was a long one, he slept in the last car of the train. In the USA, these cars are usually painted red."



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: What is the best holiday you can imagine this summer?

Write a **letter** to your pen friend.

Tell him or her:

- what you want to do on your holiday
- whether you want to travel or stay near home
- if you want to do it by yourself, with your friends or with your family

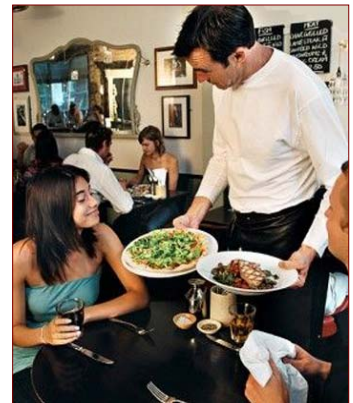


OR

TOPIC B: Dinner at a restaurant can be great or awful.

Write a **story** about something that happened to someone eating at a restaurant.

Your story can be funny or serious, but it should be about another person (not about you).



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| 8 A | 8 A |
| 9 B | 9 A |
| 10 A | 10 C |
| 11 C | 11 A |
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