



# English Language Examinations

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## **LAAS**

LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

# **LEVEL PRE-A1**

### **Certificate Recognised by ICC**

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

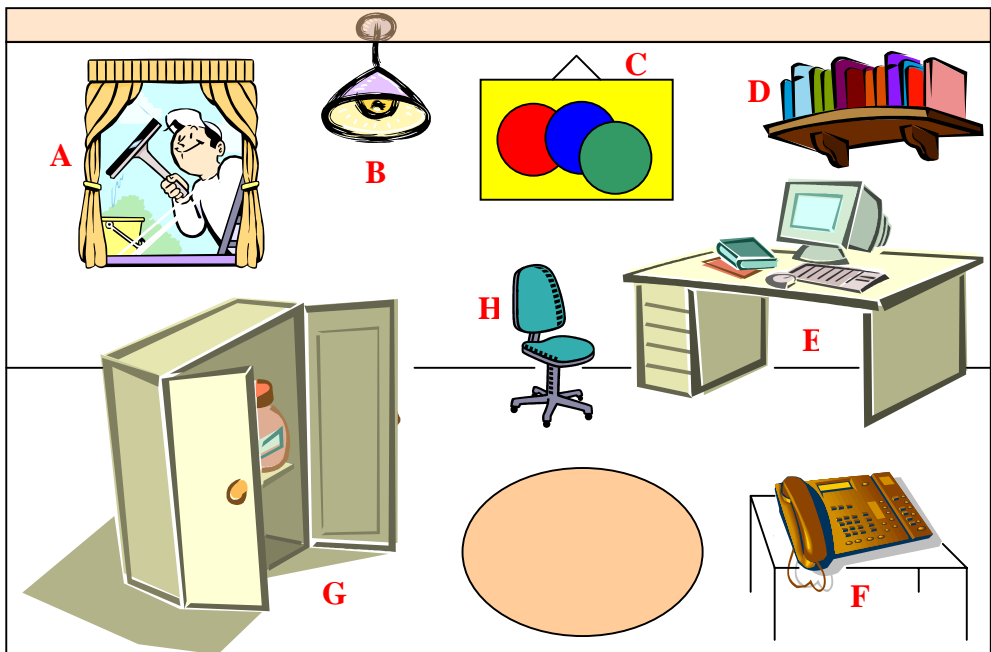
**Match: Susan's office!**

Look at the picture of Susan's office.  
 Match a thing in the picture with each statement.  
 Mark its letter, A-H, on your Answer Sheet.  
 You will use only six of the letters.

Example: There are more than ten books on the bookshelf.

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

- 1 Susan's computer is on the desk.
- 2 Someone is cleaning the window!
- 3 Do you like the picture on the wall?
- 4 What colour is Susan's chair?
- 5 Can you turn on the light, please?
- 6 Susan makes lots of phone calls every day.



Task B: numbers 7 to 12

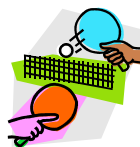
## Choose the right word: Sport and games!

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

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

Example: Let's \_\_\_\_\_ table tennis!

A make            B do            C play



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

7 Do you want a \_\_\_\_\_ of chess?

A sport            B play            C game



8 Is Carol in the school football \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A family            B team            C sport



9 We're \_\_\_\_\_ swimming this afternoon!

A going            B making            C playing



10 I want to be the best tennis \_\_\_\_\_ in the world!

A maker            B person            C player

11 Always \_\_\_\_\_ warm clothes when you go skiing!

A put            B wear            C catch



12 Did Adam \_\_\_\_\_ the bicycle race?

A win            B take            C get



Task C: numbers 13 to 20

## Choose the right word or phrase: My party!

Read the text about a birthday party.

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: Last Saturday (EXAMPLE) my 13<sup>th</sup> birthday  
and I had a party at home.

A is      B were      C was

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



Last Saturday (EXAMPLE) my 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and I had a party at home. It was great fun! I invited all (13) friends, so there were about 20 people! My friends (14) me some lovely presents. I got some CDs, some DVDs and some books. Perfect!

We ate (15) pizza, and then my mum brought in a birthday cake. It looked like (16) tiger, and had 13 candles on (17). I blew out all the candles and everyone (18) 'Happy Birthday!'

After that, we danced to music in the living room for hours. I (19) want the party to end! It was the (20) birthday party ever!

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|----|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 13 | A I     | B my      | C me      |
| 14 | A gave  | B give    | C giving  |
| 15 | A a lot | B lots of | C lot of  |
| 16 | A a     | B an      | C the     |
| 17 | A them  | B that    | C it      |
| 18 | A sings | B sang    | C to sing |
| 19 | A don't | B didn't  | C not     |
| 20 | A good  | B better  | C best    |



## Task D: numbers 21 to 25

**Find the mistake: Mount Everest!**

Kostas is doing a project at school about mountains.  
He is telling his class about Mount Everest.  
Read what Kostas says.



There is one mistake in each of the sentences below.  
Find the mistake and mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: Mount Everest is the highest mountain to the world.

A B C

The mistake is C. A B C D E F G H

21 It's very difficult to climbing to the top of Everest.

A B C

22 The top of the mountain be 8,848 metres above the sea.

A B C

23 It's much cold at the top and there isn't much air.

A B C

24 Two person climbed to the top for the first time on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1953.

A B C

25 Today, more than 2000 people can say: 'I'm climbed Mount Everest!'

A B C



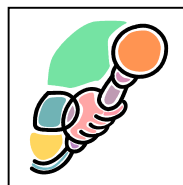
Task E: numbers 26 to 30
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## Complete the dialogue: Interview with a dancer!

Yannis goes to a dance school in Thessaloniki.

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 dancing?

Yannis: When I was eight years old.

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

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Reporter: When did you start dancing?

Yannis:       (EXAMPLE)      

Reporter: Do you go to dance school every day?

Yannis:       (26)      

Reporter: Are you a good dancer?

Yannis:       (27)      

Reporter: What are your favourite kinds of dance?

Yannis:       (28)      

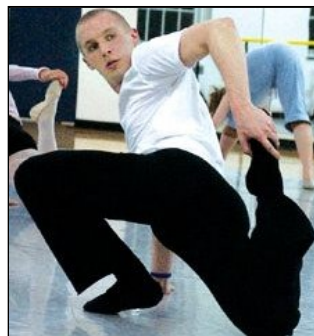
Reporter: Do you watch 'So You Think You Can Dance' on TV?

Yannis:       (29)      

Reporter: Would you like to be on the programme?

Yannis:       (30)      

Reporter: Thank you for answering my questions!



**A** I love all kinds of dance, from hip-hop to Greek dancing!

**B** Because I'm not a very good dancer yet.

**C** Yes! I watch it every Sunday. I love it!

**D** I don't know! Ask my dance teacher!

**E** Yes, I would! Maybe I'll try to get on it next year!

**F** Yes, I have a two-hour lesson every evening.

**G** When I was eight years old.

## Task F: numbers 31 to 35

**Fill the gaps: Looking at the stars!**

Read the text about astronomy and look at the picture.

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: Chrysoula is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

A two

B twelve

C twenty

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

**My hobby: Astronomy by Chrysoula Xentidi, aged 12**

Do you know what astronomy is? In astronomy, you look at stars and planets in the sky at night. It's a really interesting hobby, and you don't need much money to do it. All you need is a telescope or a pair of binoculars. You can see a telescope in picture 1, and some binoculars in picture 2.

I live on an island, so the sky is usually very clear at night. There are lots of interesting things to see! I love looking at the Moon but I also like looking at stars that are very far away. It's more difficult to see things in the sky if you live in a big city like Athens because the sky isn't so clear.

I started doing astronomy when I was ten. My brother gave me a book about stars for Christmas. I loved it, so my parents bought me a telescope for my birthday. I was very excited! I love my hobby, and my telescope!



- 31 Chrysoula says that you \_\_\_\_\_ use binoculars for astronomy.  
**A can**                      **B can't**                      **C must**
- 32 Chrysoula usually does her hobby when it's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A light**                      **B sunny**                      **C dark**
- 33 Chrysoula enjoys looking at \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A the Moon only**      **B stars only**                      **C stars and the Moon**
- 34 Athens is \_\_\_\_\_ an island for astronomy.  
**A better than**              **B worse than**                      **C the same as**
- 35 Chrysoula's Mum and Dad gave her \_\_\_\_\_ when she was ten.  
**A a book**                      **B some money**                      **C a telescope**

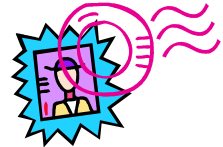
Task G: numbers 36 to 40
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### What do you say?: On holiday!

Here are some things we say when we are on holiday.  
For each situation, choose what you say when it happens.  
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: You are buying a postcard in a shop. What do you say?

- A "Did I buy this postcard, please?"  
B "Can I have this postcard, please?"  
C "Am I going to get this postcard, please?"



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

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36 You can't find your sunglasses. What do you say?

- A "How much are the sunglasses?"  
B "What are my sunglasses doing?"  
C "Where are my sunglasses?"



37 Your friend phones you on your mobile phone. "Where are you?" he asks.  
What do you say?

- A "I'm on the beach at the moment!"  
B "I went to the beach yesterday!"  
C "I'm going to the beach tomorrow!"



38 Your mum asks: "Do you want an ice cream?" What do you say?

- A "Yes, I am!"  
B "Yes, please!"  
C "Yes, I have!"



39 You want to buy a present for a friend at home. What do you say?

- A "Will Eleni see this hat?"  
B "Will Eleni buy this hat?"  
C "Will Eleni like this hat?"



40 You are on the beach and you want a drink. What do you say to your parents?

- A "I'm going to the café to get a cold drink."  
B "I went to the café to get a cold drink."  
C "I'm in the café now with a cold drink."





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