

## Test in English

### Information for Candidates

There are 2 parts to the test:

#### Reading paper

Time **47 minutes.**

- Each question carries one mark.
- Read the instructions for each task of the paper carefully.

#### Use of English paper

Time **38 minutes.**

- Each question carries one mark.
- Read the instructions for each task of the paper carefully.

**Write your answers in the tasks.**

**Write your name**

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*(First name)*

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*(Last name)*

## Reading Paper

Task **A1-A6**

For questions **A1-A6**, read the text in the boxes and circle the correct answer (1, 2 or 3)

**A1** You see this sign at your local swimming pool.

No diving, except at the deep end of the pool. Swimming hats are required to be worn by all swimmers. Please try to swim in the lane that best matches the speed of your swimming.

What does the sign tell you *NEVER* to do?

1. Jump into the pool.
2. Swim in the wrong lane.
3. Swim without a hat.

**A2** You see this notice at your dance school.

There will be no Salsa for Beginners class this week due to illness. There are spaces in the Tango group for anybody who would still like to dance this week.

What does the sign tell you?

1. People who are sick should not attend the Salsa class.
2. All Salsa students must attend the Tango class as well.
3. Not all classes are running as normal this week

**A3** You see this sign outside your local pub.

Tuesday Night is Quiz Night! £5 entry per team (up to 6 members). 8 rounds of 10 questions including a music round and a picture round. Cash prizes for the winners. Free snacks throughout the night.

What do we learn from the sign?

1. The quiz contains 80 questions.
2. You need 6 people to take part in the quiz.
3. Winners receive a food prize.

**A4** *You see this sign at work.*

All staff members are required to wear a uniform from September. If you have not received a uniform yet, please contact Susan Harris in Human Resources immediately. Remember, the company will supply trousers, shirts and jackets, but you are responsible for providing black shoes. (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

*What does the sign tell you?*

1. All employees should contact Human Resources before September.
2. Employees must pay for part of the uniform themselves.
3. You have to start wearing the new uniform immediately.

**A5** *You see this sign in a local shop.*

We regret that we cannot accept payment by credit card for sales under \$10.

*What does the sign tell you?*

1. You don't need to pay by credit card for small purchases.
2. You will be charged \$10 if you pay by credit card.
3. If you spend less than \$10, you cannot use a card.

**A6** *You see this sign on the entrance door to your apartment building.*

Please make sure that the door closes behind you when you leave the apartment building. Never hold the door open to let somebody into the building unless you know him or her personally.

*What does the sign tell you to do?*

1. Be more polite to guests who are entering and leaving the building.
2. Be more aware about the security of the apartment building.
3. Be more careful about the noise you make when you enter the building.

**Task B1- B5**

*You want to buy Christmas presents for the people **B1-B5**. Read the descriptions of presents **A-H** and decide which one would be the most suitable for these people. For questions **B1-B5**, choose the correct letter **A-H**. There are **three extra** descriptions of presents which you **do not need to use**. Write **THE LETTERS** in the appropriate boxes.*

**B1**  Sally, a professional violinist, would like to learn how to play another instrument. She doesn't believe in teach-yourself books and would like to practise with an experienced professional.

**B2**  Victor prefers camping and hitchhiking to other ways of travelling. He would like to get a piece of sports equipment that he could use on his journeys. Something small – his backpack is already heavy!

**B3**  Jane wants her parents to buy her a new computer for Christmas, but they think the girl should spend more time outdoors and be more active. They are absolutely right – her lifestyle's already caused some health problems.

**B4**  Sophia is fond of guitar music and can listen to it all day long, but she would never perform music herself as it means becoming the centre of attention.

**B5**  Eric would be grateful for any gadget or accessory for a photography lover, but he doesn't want his friends and relatives to buy high-tech equipment and would prefer cheaper things which are useful or fun.

**A.** The [ION SnapCam](#) isn't your typical camera. Sure, it takes amazing video and connects to your smartphone or PC for instant uploading, but here's the SnapCam difference – you wear it. SnapCam is so small that it attaches directly to your clothes with a magnet. And when you're ready to take a photo, just tap the SnapCam. Although expensive, the SnapCam is worth it: it is the first of its kind, and it'll change the way you take photos forever.

**B.** The new DELL Inspiron computer is designed for your everyday tasks. Save space with a combined monitor and desktop, enjoy multimedia with built-in speakers and photo camera, browse the Internet and download movies or TV shows. It is available now at a special Christmas price with free delivery.

**C.** The new AGPtEK pocket MP3 player is on sale. This handy little gadget easily fits into your pocket, and you can listen to your favourite artist, even when you are on a journey. Holds up to 3,000 songs with 16GB of built-in flash memory.

**D.** Learn how to play the guitar. The "First Stage" Guitar Book is for a beginner who wants to learn how to play guitar without pages and pages of reading before you start putting your fingers on the strings. All instructions are clearly illustrated in the easiest to understand finger shapes. Entertain your friends! Be the life and soul of the party!

**E.** The Cloak bag is the world's first shoot-through camera bag that allows a user to shoot without removing the camera from the safety of the bag. It's perfect for travellers or anybody who has missed a shot simply because their camera was left inside a bag. Now available at a discount price.

**F.** Looking for the perfect gift this holiday season? Why not buy a pair of skates? There are a lot of reasons why ice skating is one of the leading winter sports. Aside from the personal enjoyment, it's an excellent way to keep fit. All our selection of skates are made to the highest quality and standards, meaning a more enjoyable time for you on the ice!

**G.** Now on sale. The Sunto compasses for adventurers combine advanced engineering with thoughtful design. Fast, stable and simple to use. This compass solution is safer and more reliable than other models (no batteries required, no high-tech parts to break).

**H.** Don't know what to get your friend or loved one for Christmas? Why not get them a Jen's Music School gift certificate? Jen Hawley and her wonderful teachers offer professional tuition in guitar, bass, singing, keyboards and drums from her private music studios.

**Task** **A7 – A12**

*Read the article and questions below. For each question **A7-A12**, circle the correct answer **1, 2, 3 or 4**.*

Long before the Big Mac was invented, Britain had its own national form of fast food – fish n chips. Every town in Britain had its fish n chip shops. No British town is more than 150 km. from a sea port, and most are much closer. Once railways were built in the nineteenth century, fresh sea fish could easily be bought in all British towns. By 1870, 'fish n chip shops' had appeared all over the country. For a hundred years, they were the classic popular restaurant, a symbol of the British lifestyle.

Fish n chips was rich in calories too. Unlike a simple sandwich or packet of crisps, it was a proper meal that you could eat in the street on your way home from work, or during the lunch break. Wrapped in newspaper, it would keep warm down to the last chip. In the last quarter of a century though, things changed.

Fish n chips is not so popular with young people these days. Most of the time, if young people want to eat out, they'll go to a *Burger King* or a Chinese takeaway. Fish n chips is a bit old-fashioned. Thousands of chip shops have closed in the last twenty-

five years. Some of them have been turned into Chinese or Indian takeaways. They have survived best in seaside towns where the fish is really fresh, and people visit them more as a tradition than for any other reason.

Yet nothing, perhaps, can save the classic fish n chip shop from disappearing. Fish n chips wrapped in newspaper is already just a memory of the past. British and European food safety rules no longer allow food to be wrapped in old papers, so today's take away fish n chip shops use cartons. Of course, you can still eat fish n chips with your fingers if you want, but there are now plastic throwaway forks for those who don't want to get greasy fingers!

In spite of these changes, the classic fish n chip shop could disappear from British streets in a few years' time for a completely different reason – lack

of fish. For over ten years, European agriculture ministers have been trying to solve the fish problem, but with little success. As a result of modern industrial fishing, some types of fish will soon disappear forever from the North Sea and the Atlantic Quotas have been recently introduced, but each time there are new laws that limit how much fish people can catch. Fishermen in Britain, France, Spain and other countries have been protesting because jobs are lost.

Sadly, this is unavoidable. One way or the other, sea fish will become rarer, and, therefore, more expensive. The gradual disappearance of the traditional British fish 'n' chip shop will, therefore, definitely continue. Fish n chips, however, will survive as a special dish in pubs and prestigious fish restaurants. They have existed for a long time next to the more traditional stand-up take away fish n chip shops. However, in years to come, they may be the only type of fish n chip restaurant to survive.

**A7** What do we learn about fish n chips in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph?

1. It was created to replace fast food such as the Big Mac.
2. It was always sold only in the towns located close to sea ports.
3. In 1870 people started selling it in fish 'n' chip restaurants.
4. The rise of its popularity was encouraged by a certain invention.

**A8** Which of the following characteristics of fish n chips is **NOT** mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph?

1. People preferred to eat it when the weather was warm.
2. It was possible to eat this kind food while being outside.
3. It was quite a hearty meal that could make you feel full.
4. This type of food could remain hot for a long period.

**A9** What is the main purpose of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph?

1. to say that today fish n chips is sold in Chinese takeaways.
2. to show the reasons why fish n chips has lost its popularity.
3. to show that visiting fish n chip shops is possible in seaside towns only.
4. To say that the quality of fish n chips has changed lately.

**A10** What change regarding fish n chips does the author describe in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph?

1. Authorities have forbidden selling fish n chips in some shops.
2. Fish n chip shops have become a memory of the past.
3. New ways of serving fish n chips have been created.
4. People have started eating it less so as not to get greasy fingers.

**A11** What is the key message of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph?

1. Fish n chip shops have recently introduced quotas on fish.
2. European agriculture ministers are trying to close classic fish n chip shops.
3. European fishermen are forbidden from catching fish in the North Sea and the Atlantic.
4. Fish n chip shops are going through hard times because of a deficit of fish.

**A12** What is the probable future of the fish n chip shops?

1. The number of fish n chip shops is unlikely to increase.
2. Fish 'n' chip shops will not serve fish as people are not fond of it.
3. Fish n chip shops will completely disappear in Great Britain.
4. Fish n chips will be sold only in take away fish n chip shops.

**Task B6-B12**

You are going to read a magazine article about famous festivals. For questions **B6-B12**, choose from the passages **A-D**. The passages may be chosen **more than once**. Write your answers in the appropriate boxes. There is an **example** at the beginning (**B0**).

**Which passage describes the festival**

**Example:**

<b>B0</b>	c	where visitors are recommended to wear light clothes?
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<b>B6</b>		where people's favourite activity is unsafe?
<b>B7</b>		which is held to celebrate a change in the weather conditions?
<b>B8</b>		which involves money as presents?
<b>B9</b>		where a visitor today must be ready to get wet?
<b>B10</b>		which has totally changed the way it is celebrated?
<b>B11</b>		whose main event, in the writer's opinion, has no connection with its name?
<b>B12</b>		where you can easily become a victim of a crime?

**A Spring Festival, China**

Chinese New Year, also known as Spring Festival and Lunar New Year, is the most important festival for Chinese people around the world. New clothes, especially of red-colour tones, are worn on Chinese New Year. The red colour is traditionally associated with the power of scaring away evil spirits and bad fortune. At this time, married couples will give away small red envelopes called 'hóng bāo' to unmarried juniors as a sign of good wishes. Inside the 'hóng bāo' is cash, usually a small amount, but it can also contain a lot depending on the relationship between the giver and the recipient.

**B Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

The first records of Rio Fest date back to 1723. The idea was basically getting everybody soaking wet. People would go out in the streets with buckets of water, and anybody could be a potential victim. That tradition has died out, though, and today the streets are filled with people dancing and drinking and with parades of colourful floats,

glamorous queens, masks, costumes and confetti. The carnival is a week of huge fun and enjoyment, but if you don't want that experience spoiled, don't put money in your back pocket. Use pockets with zips or buy a money belt.

### C Songkran Festival, Thailand

This festival is hosted in the entire country of Thailand. It lasts for about three days, and has always been all about water, since the event also marks the end of the dry season, explaining the giant water fight that is, actually, the main event of the whole festival. Try to dress as if you are going to a beach. T-shirts, shorts and flip-flops are just fine.

### D The Festival of San Fermin, Spain

The Festival of San Fermin attracts thousands of visitors to Pamplona, Spain every year. The nine-day festival includes a carnival, and of course, the famous Running of the Bulls. Six bulls are guided to the Bullfighting ring through the narrow streets. Hundreds of people run in front, and alongside the bulls. Running of the Bulls has been held since 1591, and now it's a popular, but dangerous tourist attraction. What is interesting to learn is that the festival actually is dedicated to Saint Fermin and is, in fact, a religious festival. How religion and running from bulls have something in common is hard to understand, but to attend this festival (both as visitor or participant) is a must-do! Try your luck!

## Use of English Paper

### Task **A13-A20**

For questions **A13-A20**, read the text below and circle the correct answer **1, 2, 3 or 4**.  
There is an **example** at the beginning ( **0** ).

JK Rowling is an internationally **0**\_\_\_\_\_ author of the *Harry Potter* series. **A13**\_\_\_\_\_ to *Forbes* magazine, in 2006 she was the second richest female entertainer in the world. So, how did she get there?

Rowling was born near Bristol, England. As a child, she enjoyed writing stories, which she often read to her sister. At school, Rowling was good **A14**\_\_\_\_\_ languages, but didn't like Sports or Maths.

After studying French and Classics at the University of Exeter, she moved to London to work as a researcher and secretary. One day, **A15**\_\_\_\_\_ she was

on a train trip between Manchester and London, she developed an idea for a story of a young boy who **A16** \_\_\_\_\_ to a school to become a wizard. As **A17** \_\_\_\_\_ as she got home, she began writing.

In 1995, Rowling sent her book *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* to twelve publishing houses. None of them would publish it. A year later, Barry Cunningham, who worked for the small publisher Bloomsbury, **A18** \_\_\_\_\_ to publish the

book. Cunningham thought Rowling had little chance of **A19** \_\_\_\_\_ money in children's books. That is why he advised Rowling to get a job.

Bloomsbury published only one thousand copies of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, five hundred of which were given to libraries. **A20** \_\_\_\_\_, these first copies are worth between £16,000 and £25,000 today.

<b>0</b>	1) successful	2) legendary	<b>3</b> ) famous	4) favourite
<b>A13</b>	1) From	2) As	3) Due	4) According
<b>A14</b>	1) in	2) with	3) at	4) to
<b>A15</b>	1) that	2) where	3) during	4) while
<b>A16</b>	1) enters	2) attends	3) goes	4) studies
<b>A17</b>	1) fast	2) soon	3) long	4) quick
<b>A18</b>	1) thought	2) allowed	3) suggested	4) agreed
<b>A19</b>	1) making	2) taking	3) receiving	4) bringing
<b>A20</b>	1) Instead	2) However	3) Moreover	4) Despite

**Task B13-B18**

For each question **B13-B18** read the text below and write the correct form of the word given in capitals to complete the sentence. There is an example at the beginning ( **Q** ).

<p>Email <u>has changed</u> the way we do our jobs.. Even 20 years ago there <b>B13</b> _____ very few people who used email regularly.</p> <p>That changed in the early 2000s, when suddenly email <b>B14</b> _____ by everybody who worked in an office and people <b>B15</b> _____ that they were spending hours sending and receiving messages.</p> <p>However, nowadays experts say that you should wait a few hours before answering emails. If somebody <b>B16</b> _____ emails right away, his or her co-workers will think that he or she has nothing to do.</p> <p>Another problem is that sometimes people send emails to the wrong person. One of the <b>B17</b> _____ mistakes of this kind was made in 2008 in Philadelphia when a lawyer wanted to type an email to a colleague. She started to type her colleague's name in the 'send' line and <b>B18</b> _____ that her email automatically filled another name. That was the name of a <i>New York Times</i> reporter. Days later, a front page story was published about the billion-dollar agreement.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE</b></p> <p><b>BE</b></p> <p><b>USE</b></p> <p><b>FIND</b></p> <p><b>ANSWER</b></p> <p><b>BAD</b></p> <p><b>NOT</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE</b></p>
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For each question **B19-B28**, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use **no more than three words and no more than 17 characters**. There is an **example** at the beginning ( **0** ).

**Example:**

**0**

Martin hasn't seen Tom for 6 years.  
Martin last \_\_\_\_\_ saw \_\_\_\_\_ Tom six years ago.

**B19**

In college, Tom liked football more than any other activity.  
In college, Tom preferred football \_\_\_\_\_  
any other activity

**B20**

Martin and Tom played football in the same team in college.  
Martin and Tom used \_\_\_\_\_ football  
in the same team in college.

**B21**

Tom was soon chosen as the captain of the football team.  
The team coach \_\_\_\_\_ Tom as the  
captain.

**B22**

After college, Tom became such a rich man that Martin couldn't believe it.  
After college, Tom became \_\_\_\_\_ rich that  
Martin couldn't believe it.

**B23**

Tom's summer house was quite near the seaside.  
Tom's summer house was not \_\_\_\_\_ the  
seaside.

**B24**

It had a big lawn and a wonderful garden.  
There \_\_\_\_\_ a big lawn and a wonderful  
garden.

**B25**

It wasn't too cold outside so dinner was served on the porch.  
It was warm \_\_\_\_\_ outside to have dinner on  
the porch

**B26**

Tom asked Martin who he was working for.  
Tom asked Martin, "Who are \_\_\_\_\_  
for?"

**B27** Martin's company was not as big as Tom had expected.

Martin's company was \_\_\_\_\_ than  
Tom had expected.

**B28** But Martin said, "Maybe our boss will sign an important contract. Then more people will hear of our company."  
But Martin said, "If our boss \_\_\_\_\_ an important contract, more people will hear of our company."