

LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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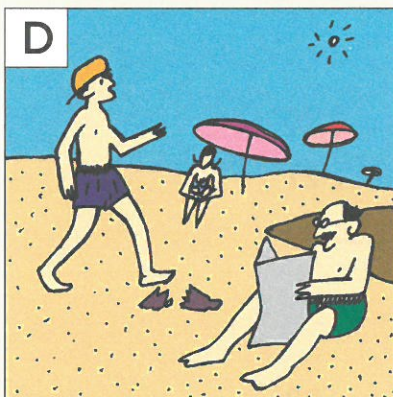
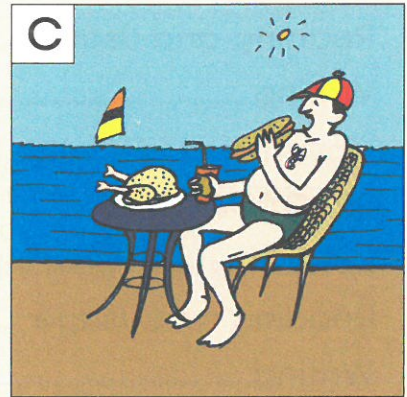
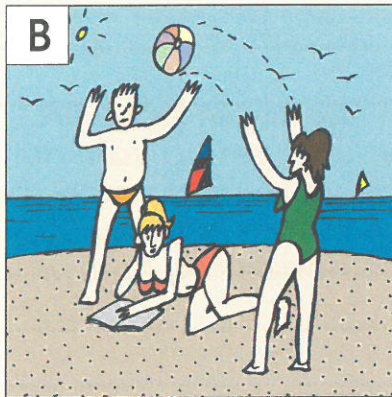
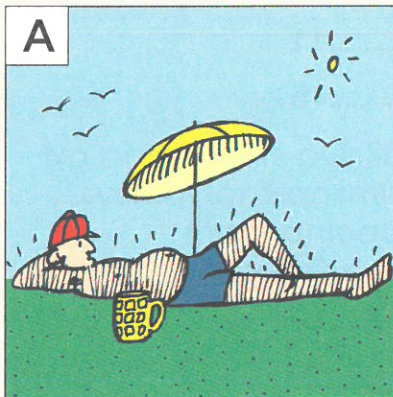
PRACTICE TEST 1

A LISTENING (25 POINTS)

- As you listen to the recording, mark your answers on this booklet.
- Answer all 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

Dangers on the beach



Write the letter of a picture, A to F, in each of the spaces, 1 to 10. You will use some letters more than once.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20

MY LAST HOLIDAYS

Choose the correct word, phrase or picture to answer each question. Circle its letter. A, B or C.

11. Who did Jim go to Egypt with?
A. His friend B. His mum C. His sister
12. Jim says that last July in Egypt was ...
A. as hot as usual B. the hottest in 50 years C. the hottest in 15 years
13. They stayed in Egypt for ...
A. fifteen days B. a month C. a week
14. Which of the following places they didn't visit?

A



B

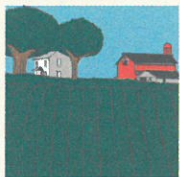


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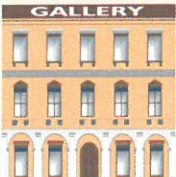


15. Jim thinks that Egypt was ...
A. more expensive than Italy.
B. not as expensive as Greece or Italy.
C. cheap but the hotel was expensive.
16. Why did Anne go to Switzerland in winter?
A. Because it is cheaper
B. She works in the summer
C. She loves ski
17. When Anne was in Switzerland, there was ...
A. too little snow. B. no snow at all. C. a lot of snow
18. Anne liked Bern because ...
A. it's clean. B. it hasn't changed. C. it is cheap
19. Which of these places did she visit?

A



B



C



20. Which of these can you find in fondue?

A



B



C



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

My Friend Jim

I have a friend who must be the sweetest and shyest person in the world. His name is ancient, Jim, his age is about fourteen and he is rather short and skinny with black spiky hair and an even thinner face. His vision is not perfect, so he wears small, round glasses.

He doesn't want to annoy anyone, so he always walks quietly saying 'Excuse me' or, "Sorry". If he sees stray dogs and cats he panics, and in order to avoid them he usually crosses from one side of the road to the other.

In spring and autumn, Jim unlike other children of his age, never comes to school without his jacket on. All his jackets are in perfect condition and his shoes also look new and shiny, perhaps because he never walks to school: he cycles.

Strangely, when winter comes, Jim cycles without a jacket, so he is the first to get a cold. Because of his silly habit, he has developed a chronic cough and he is often awake at nights.

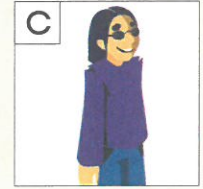
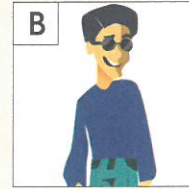
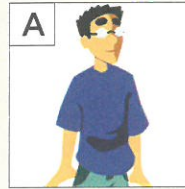
Because Jim is a tiny, weak person he has never been interested in sports. But when Saturday evening comes, he switches on his radio and turns the volume up in order to follow the boxing match.

On Sunday he watches football and tortures the rest of the people in the block of flats with the noise.

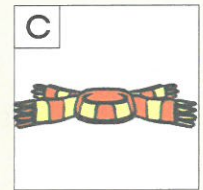
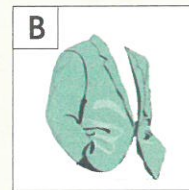
When he has to travel by bus, usually when it snows or it rains, my friend knows the times when the bus won't be full of people, because he hates travelling standing. He sits comfortably on a back seat and places his bag on the next one. He never gives his seat up to anyone. But the moment he sees a woman with a child in her arms or a weak elderly person, he immediately stands up and calls very loudly to offer them his seat. Then, he gets off the bus in a very good mood and he sings happily as he walks home.

Choose one of the three pictures to answer each of the questions.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

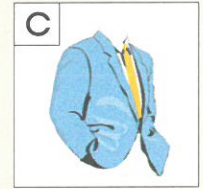
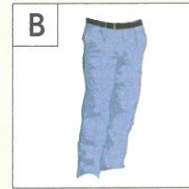
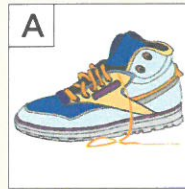
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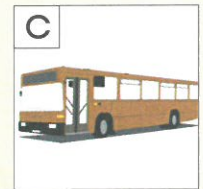
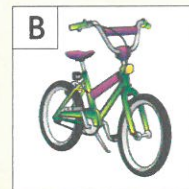
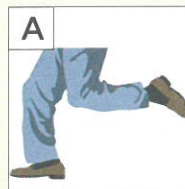
2. What does Jim wear in autumn?



3. Which picture shows what Jim doesn't wear in winter?



4. How does Jim usually go to school?



5. How does he travel when it rains?

Choose the correct word or phrase to answer each of the questions.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

6. Which of the following does not interest Jim?

A. football

B. cycling

C. watching a boxing match

7. When does Jim listen to a sports programme?

A. On Sunday

B. On Saturday

C. Everyday

8. Jim travels by bus only when it is ...

A. full.

B. not full.

C. empty

9. When he travels by bus, where does Jim place his bag?

A. on a seat

B. on the floor

C. in his arms

10. How often does he give up his seat?

A. Always

B. Never

C. Sometimes

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 15

Vocabulary: Local Places

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

11. In my neighbourhood there is a beautiful _____. It's got trees, flowers, benches, even a little pond with ducks.
 A. park B. bus stop C. zebra crossing D. church
12. I need a stamp to send this letter. Is there a _____ near here?
 A. newsagent's B. Post Office C. library D. supermarket
13. The _____ has an amazing collection of statues and old coins.
 A. gallery B. school C. corner shop D. museum
14. If you like reading you can borrow books from the _____.
 A. bookshop B. gym C. library D. church
15. Bob broke his arm and his mother took him to _____.
 A. hospital B. the doctor C. the dentist D. the chemist's.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 16 to 20

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

I really enjoy my job. I sometimes have to (__16__) up early or work until late in the evening, but I believe that it is interesting.

The best thing (__ 17 __) it is that it's not monotonous. I don't have to do the same things all the time and I spend a lot of hours (__ 18 __) the office. This means that I travel a lot. I travel all (__ 19 __) Greece to see people and talk to them about the products of my company.

Once or (__ 20 __) a year I also travel abroad, to Rome or to Paris, to see the new collections and try to get good prices. If you run your own business, the money isn't always enough and there is a lot of stress.

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| 16. | A. wake | B. take | C. be |
| 17. | A. on | B. about | C. in |
| 18. | A. inside | B. around | C. outside |
| 19. | A. over | B. near | C. around |
| 20 | A. in a while | B. three times | C. twice |

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 21 to 25

Here are some photos of sports. Match a photo with each statement. Mark each letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B. You will use only five of the letters.

A



B



C



D



E



F



21. Ryan has turned the last corner and he is driving fast for the finishing line.
22. Johnson is slightly faster but Burton is going to fight hard for the first place.
23. What a gracious movement! Altious is jumping over the last fence successfully.
24. They have taken off and they are slowly floating away.
25. He's going down the white slope at tremendous speed. Will he break the world record?

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 26 to 30

Match one of Dona's replies with each thing the man says. Mark its letter, A to G, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

Example:

Dorothy: *Two tickets, please.*

Man: _____ *example* _____

Dona: *Two tickets, please.*
 Man : _____ *example* _____
 Dona: *"The colour of money".*
 Man : _____ 26 _____
 Dona: *What do you mean?*
 Man : _____ 27 _____
 Dona: *What time is the next showing?*
 Man : _____ 28 _____
 Dona: *Are there any tickets for the "Castaway"?*
 Man : _____ 29 _____
 Dona: *Two. What time does it start?*
 Man : _____ 30 _____

- A. *Which film, madam*
- B. *Let me see. Yes. How many madam?*
- C. *There are no seats.*
- D. *I'm afraid this showing is all booked up.*
- E. *In five minutes.*
- F. *It's a nice film. Have a good time.*
- G. *It's a long film. It starts at 7.30.*

C WRITING (25 POINTS)

- You are advised to spend about 30 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 70 words on Answer Sheet C.

EITHER THIS TOPIC

TOPIC A:

Look at the picture of Bill and his family in the countryside. In about 70 words, describe the picture and say what is happening in it.

- Use the words under the picture.
- Add any other words you wish.

Begin your story like this: "Bill is in the countryside with his family They are sitting on the grass near ..."



Bill - countryside - sit
family - play - model
airplane Sister - red
book - Grandmother
happy - knit - pullover

Father- sleep - grass
Dog - run - Mother -
drink - wine - Hot - sun -
sky - Birds - fly - sing
Food - drinks

OR THIS TOPIC

TOPIC B

Look at the pictures with John and his friend.
In about 70 words, write what happened.

- Use the words under the picture.
- Add any other words you wish.

Begin your story like this: "Last Saturday John and his friend ..."



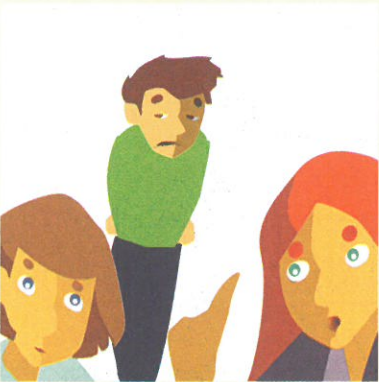
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James - football -
shopping mall



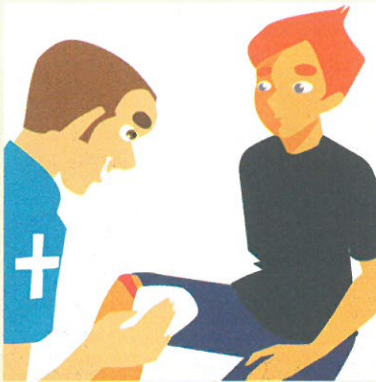
John - fall - leg -
bleed - cry - James -
laugh



Women - help - up



Woman - shout -
James not help
friend



Women - John
hospital doctor -
clean



Women - buy ice -
cream John thank -
happy again