

LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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## PRACTICE TEST 1

## PART 1

# A LISTENING (25 POINTS)

- 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

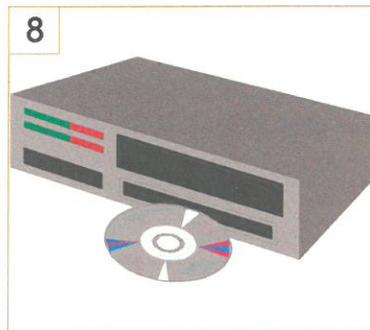
### A BURGLARY

Decide if statements 1 to 6 are true or not.

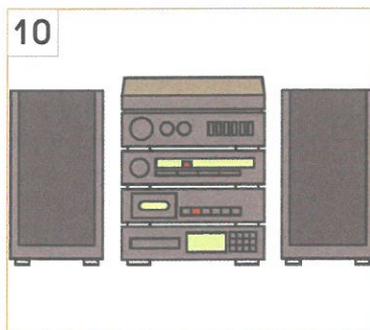
Write A for True or B for False in the space beside each number.

- Mrs. Collins was not in the house when the burglar got in.
- The burglar got in through the bathroom window.
- The burglar was a professional.
- The burglar used a ladder to leave the house.
- There are a lot of burglaries in the neighbourhood.
- The Collins had not marked the stolen things.

Now write A next to each object you should mark and B next to each object you don't have to mark.



7.  8.



9.  10.

PART 2

*LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20*

WELCOME TO BURTON & MATKIN'S

Choose the correct phrase to complete each statement.  
Circle its letter, A, B or C.

- 11. The first store was opened \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. in 1924 by David Burton.  
 B. in 1927 by Sean Matkin.  
 C. in 1930 by both men.
  
- 12. Today there are \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. 120 stores all over the world.  
 B. 100 stores in Britain.  
 C. 120 stores in Britain.



Now match the floors to the following statements. Write the appropriate letter, from A to I next to each floor. There is one statement which you will not use.

- 13. Basement \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Ground floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. 2nd floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. 3rd floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. 4th floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. 5th floor \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Top floor \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Martin needs to buy a doll for his little daughter.
- B. Adam feels tired and wants to have a cup of coffee.
- C. Nick is a tennis player and he needs a new racket.
- D. You want to make your garden beautiful.
- E. You're tired of your old sofa.
- F. Christina's just taken up guitar lessons.
- G. It's your dad's birthday and he needs a new tie.
- H. Clive and Helen are looking for wedding rings.
- I. Your best friend, Rebecca, is a fashion victim.

## 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 the booklet while working on them.
- Answer all questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- When you have finished mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet B. Use pencil.

### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 10

#### Underground heat will fight airport fog

**W**inter is a problem for most airports all over the world, but for Linate Airport of Milan winter is a real nightmare. The reason is fog. Only last winter fog caused the cancellation of 500 hours of flight. The cost for the airport of Milan was about \$900,000 per day. However, things look a lot better now. A new anti-fog system, which uses hot water coming from under the earth, which will be installed at Milan's international airport, will solve the problem.

After experiments which lasted two years, scientists have managed to use geothermic energy to keep the runways free from snow and ice, and to create an anti-fog system. Until now, nobody had come up with an answer to all three of these serious problems. It all started two years ago when engineers of Agip Oil Company found hot water near the area of the airport. The water was at a temperature of 55 Celsius and it is pumped from a depth of 1,800 metres below the ground.

The water travels through radiation panels which are placed a few centimetres under the ground, and cover the whole area of the runways. Then warm air which comes from the panels moves upwards to a height of about 15 metres. The hot air pushes the fog away and creates a tunnel of visibility directly above the runways. This is enough for airplanes to take off and land safely. The only disadvantage of the plan is the cost, which is about \$12, 5 million. This is because they will have to build the necessary stations and put the panels under the runways. But when it is ready, there will be a 20% energy saving every year.

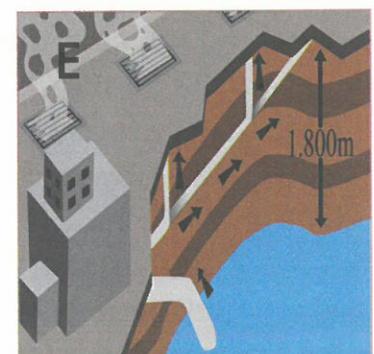
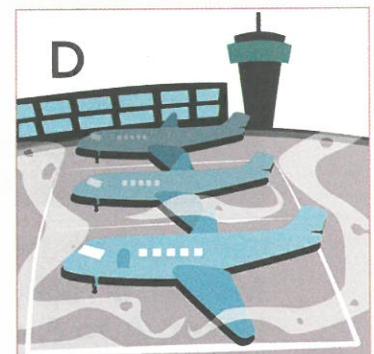
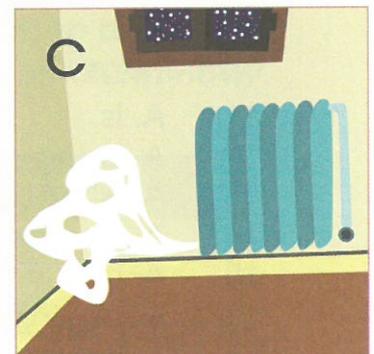
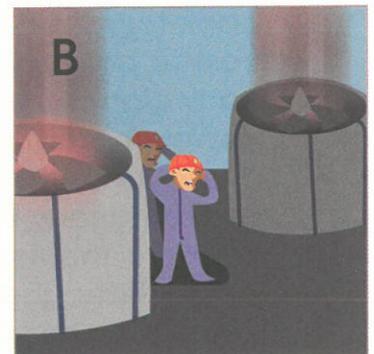
A similar project was used by Orly Airport in Paris, where fog is also a problem. The system used turbo engines to send hot air currents up in the air. Unfortunately the cost was extremely high and the plan failed. Apart from the cost, it also made the problem of pollution in the area even worse and the people complained about the noise.

The authorities of the Italian Airport believe that in the near future geothermic energy could be used to heat houses and offices in the city of Milan. Geothermic energy is friendly to the environment and it is also cheap and can help to cut down the use of electricity. If it is used, it will reduce Milan's serious air pollution problem.

It is pumped : αντλείται    depth : βάθος  
cancellation: ακύρωση    visibility : ορατότητα

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

1. Why are airports worried about fog?
  - A. It is dangerous for airplanes taking off.
  - B. Passengers complain about the delays.
  - C. They lose a lot of money.
  
2. With the use of geothermic energy \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. airports will solve more than one problems.
  - B. they will solve the problem of fog only.
  - C. hot water will reach every house in the area.
  
3. The radiation panels \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. will be put 15 metres above the ground.
  - B. will be placed 15 metres under the ground.
  - C. will send up hot air which will fight fog.
  
4. What is the most serious problem?
  - A. It is difficult to pump water from 1.800 metres.
  - B. It is going to cost a lot of money to build.
  - C. It will only save 20% energy every year.
  
5. Why did the system used by Orly Airport stop?
  - A. It was extremely noisy.
  - B. It was expensive and noisy.
  - C. It used turbo engines.



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

6. Picture  goes with paragraph 1.
7. Picture  goes with paragraph 2.
8. Picture  goes with paragraph 3.
9. Picture  goes with paragraph 4.
10. Picture  goes with paragraph 5.

### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20

Read this story about a film which was released on DVD. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap. Mark its letter, A, B, or C, on Answer Sheet B.

#### The Blue Brothers

After many years of wait the film The Blues Brothers \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ been released on video and DVD. The film tells the story of two men, Jake and Elwood Blues, who try to raise money to save the orphanage they were \_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ up. In order to do that they have to find the members of their blues band and put the band back together to organise a concert. \_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_ the huge amount of money it cost to produce, the film was not successful when it first \_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_ out in the early eighties. It was supposed to be a comedy, \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_ it failed to be funny. However, what makes it worth \_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_ or renting from your video shop is the music and the impressive list of stars that appear in it. With excellent performances by Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Cab Calloway and the Blues Brothers themselves, the film \_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_ a celebration of American music. Apart from the music, the film includes wonderful action sequences. A complete shopping centre is \_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_ and you will see the most expensive car chase in film history. You \_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_ count of how many police cars are destroyed as the Blues Brothers try to drive back to Chicago to \_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_ the orphanage.

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|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 11. | A. is        | B. was        | C. has             |
| 12. | A. bring     | B. brought    | C. bringing        |
| 13. | A. Although  | B. But        | C. Despite         |
| 14. | A. comes     | B. came       | C. has come        |
| 15. | A. but       | B. however    | C. although        |
| 16. | A. buying    | B. to buy     | C. buy             |
| 17. | A. will be   | B. is         | C. had been        |
| 18. | A. destroyed | B. destroying | C. to be destroyed |
| 19. | A. lost      | B. are losing | C. will lose       |
| 20. | A. save      | B. saved      | C. be saving       |

### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 21 to 25

#### Eating out

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Could I see the menu, please?        | A. In a big plate.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Waiter, can I have the bill, please? | B. In a couple of minutes, please.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 23. How about going out for a meal?      | C. With boiled potatoes and vegetables, sir. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Are you ready to order, sir?         | D. Could we leave it for tomorrow?           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25. How is the fish served?              | E. Yes, of course. Here you are.             |
|   | F. Certainly. It's £25, 75                   |

### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 26 to 30

#### Smoking

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

26. As a non - smoker, I feel very \_\_\_\_ with myself for never having smoked.  
 A. pleased                      B. pleasant                      C. unpleasant
27. A recent study shows that non - smokers live much \_\_\_\_\_ than smokers.  
 A. long                              B. longest                      C. longer
28. The study \_\_\_\_\_ out by two experts who work out the risk of things.  
 A. was carried                      B. was carrying                      C. had carried
29. They actually \_\_\_\_\_ insurance companies what sorts of people may have car accidents.  
 A. inform                      B. tell                      C. say
30. The message is clear: if you want to live longer, give \_\_\_\_ smoking now!  
 A. on                      B. up                      C. away

### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 31 to 35

#### Making pancakes

Here's a recipe to make pancakes. Put the sentences in the correct order. Mark the letter of each sentence, A to G, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters. The first one is done for you.

*Example: Sentence \_\_\_\_ The answer is A.*

*Here is a recipe to make delicious pancakes. Put half a kilo of flour and a teaspoon of yeast in a bowl and mix well.*

EX. Sentence 1 A

31. Sentence

32. Sentence

33. Sentence

34. Sentence

35. Sentence

- A. Here is a recipe to make delicious pancakes. Put half a kilo of flour and a teaspoon of yeast in a bowl and mix well.
- B. Put the pancakes on a plate and add honey. Delicious, isn't it?
- C. Take a spoonful of the mix and pour it in the boiling oil.
- D. When the pancakes are red, turn them the other side to cook.
- E. Eat the pancakes and then eat a spoonful of honey.
- F. Leave the mix for an hour. Pour some olive oil in a saucepan and heat it.
- G. Pour a glass of water to the mix and stir well.

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 6: Numbers 36 to 45**

Read the advert A below and choose a title for each paragraph. Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B. You will use only five of the letters.

**TEXT A Go by train**

- 36. For those who hate delays and the long queues of airports, there's now a simpler and civilised way to travel to Paris. City Link runs 5 daily day – time services from London's Charing Cross station to Paris Gare du Nord station.
- 37. It's the simplest way to travel from the heart of London to the heart of Paris in just under 5 hours! The fastest surface journey between the two capitals.
- 38. You don't need to book in person. Just call the booking office or buy your ticket from the internet. Our representative will meet you at Charing Cross station.
- 39. Three hours later you will speed through the French countryside on an express journey to Paris. If you feel hungry, there's an excellent first class restaurant serving delicious meals, or just French coffee.
- 40. The cost of a two – day return ticket is £120, but of course there are special day return tickets and offers for families as well as half – price tickets for children and senior citizens.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. How much does it cost?    | B. How do I book?         |
| C. Facilities                | D. How long does it take? |
| E. Can families travel free? | F. Where do I board?.     |

Now read advert B. Use the two adverts to answer the questions below. In which advert is each idea found? On your answer sheet, mark A if the idea is only in advert A. Mark B if the idea is only in advert B. Mark C if it is in both.

**TEXT B Travelcard**

**Now you are in London, buy a Travelcard**  
 The best way to see London is to get around the Londoners' way: by public transport.

**The Underground**  
 The "tube" as Londoners call it, covers the whole city. It's a fast, convenient and easy way to travel.

**The Bus**  
 The London buses may not be red these days, but they travel you past most famous sights of London

**So**, buy a monthly travelcard for just £80 today and plan your travelling around London. Travelcards are excellent value giving you the freedom to travel cheaply.

| Where do you see this idea?          | Advert |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 41. travelling within a city         |        |
| 42. more than one ways of travelling |        |
| 43. travelling under the ground      |        |
| 44. it mentions money                |        |
| 45. you can see the countryside      |        |

# 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.

## WRITING TEST 1

- You have ONE writing task to do. Choose either Topic A or Topic B.
- Write your task in about 120 words.

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

### TOPIC A

Imagine you have just moved to a new house. You feel excited and you want to write all about it to your pen friend.

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

- Describe both the interior and the exterior of the house
- Describe the neighbourhood / area
- Invite your pen friend to come and visit you



OR

### TOPIC B

Have you ever travelled by plane? When and where did you go? Did you enjoy the flight or did you have any problems?

Write a **story** about your experience while you were traveling by plane.

- Your story can be funny or serious.

