



Daily life

1a

Write questions. Use the present simple or present continuous.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. the sun / shine / at the moment?
..... | 4. you / look / forward / to / next weekend?
..... |
| 2. why / you / study / English / this year?
..... | 5. she / like / watching / films?
..... |
| 3. how often / they / meet / their friends?
..... | 6. where / your brother / live?
..... |

1b

Now match questions 1–6 in 1a to answers a–f.

- | | |
|--|---|
| a Yes, either at the cinema or at home. ☐ | d No, it's cold and wet! ☐ |
| b Yes! I love Saturday and Sunday. ☐ | e Every weekend. ☐ |
| c Because it's fun! ☐ | f In London. ☐ |

2

Complete the quiz with the words in the box. Then answer the questions and read the results.

awake	buy	clean	go	go	have	late
leave	morning	routine	wake up	weekend		

Are you a creature of habit?

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Do you need an alarm clock to help you in the morning?
a) No, I'm usually before my alarm goes off.
b) Yes. Without the alarm, I would just go on sleeping. | 4. Do you home at the same time every day for work or college?
a) Yes, I don't like being
b) No, sometimes I'm early and sometimes I'm a bit late. |
| 2. Do you always the same thing for breakfast?
a) Yes, I don't like making decisions in the!
b) No, that would be boring! | 5. Do you shopping on the same day each week?
a) Yes, and I usually the same things each week.
b) No, it depends what I'm doing each week. |
| 3. Do you ever forget to your teeth or brush your hair in the morning?
a) No, they are part of my morning, so I never forget.
b) Yes, if I'm in a hurry. | 6. Do you usually to bed at the same time every night?
a) Yes, during the week, but not at the of course.
b) No, it depends what I'm doing each day. |



Mostly a: You are definitely a creature of habit. You could try relaxing a bit and doing something different for a change.

Mostly b: Your habits and routines aren't completely fixed. It's great to have variety, but remember that routine can help you to be organised.

Exam task

3

Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

1

This week's fitness class will be half an hour earlier, at 6.30 p.m., and in the sports hall, not the gym! Next week's class will be back in the gym at the usual time.

- A The fitness class will only last for half an hour this week.
- B There won't be a fitness class next week.
- C The fitness class will be somewhere different this week.

2

Tara, we've run out of coffee! Can you get some at the supermarket when you're coming back from college this afternoon? I'll pay you back tomorrow.
Daisy

What should Tara do?

- A buy coffee tomorrow
- B go shopping on her way home
- C give Daisy some money to go to the supermarket

3

BANK OPENING HOURS
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
The cash machine outside is in use 24 hours

- A You can't go into the bank on Saturday afternoons.
- B The cash machine can only be used when the bank is open.
- C The bank closes at the same time every day.

4

Max,
There's a problem with the shower. You can't use it unless you want a cold one! Someone's coming to fix it this afternoon, so it'll be OK tomorrow.
Mum

- A Someone is mending the shower at the moment.
- B It isn't possible to have a hot shower this morning.
- C Max will have to take a cold shower tomorrow.

5

Hi Mia,
I might be late for the band practice tonight. I usually get the bus, but there are lots of delays this week. ☹ See you later.
Henry

Why has Henry written the text?

- A to warn Mia that he may not be on time
- B to remind Mia about delays on the buses
- C to ask which bus he should get to band practice

Exam facts

- In this part, you read five short texts – for example, signs, notices and messages.
- You have to choose the option (A, B or C) that means the same as the short text.



Social interaction

1

Choose the correct words to complete the phrasal verbs.

1. I usually meet *up / out / together* with my friends at the weekend.
2. I'm tired, so I think I'll stay *up / in / into* tonight.
3. Do you want to come *out / over / away* to my house later?
4. My family sometimes eat *out / up / away*. We like pizza restaurants.
5. Who does Max usually hang *up / in / out* with?
6. I was at a party last night and didn't get *back / out / to* until late.
7. We often get *in / out / together* to watch a DVD.
8. Do you fancy going *in / out / up* tonight, maybe to the cinema?



2

Choose the best response.

1. I've bought you a ticket for the concert on Saturday.

a Thank you. That's very kind of you.

b Yes, please. That would be lovely.

2. Shall I meet you at the station?

a It's opposite the bus stop.

b Yes, good idea.

3. Do you fancy going ice skating on Friday?

a I'm sorry, I can't. I'm doing something else.

b Yes, it was great.

4. I'm sorry I'm late.

a That's OK. No problem.

b We can wait a bit longer.

5. Why don't we go for a pizza later?

a No, I don't like it.

b Great idea!

6. Should I invite Emma to the party?

a Yes, I'd love to. Thanks.

b No way! No one gets on with her.

7. Is it OK if my sister comes to the cinema with us?

a Of course. That's fine.

b It doesn't matter.

8. Shall we meet up at the weekend?

a No, sorry, I don't want it.

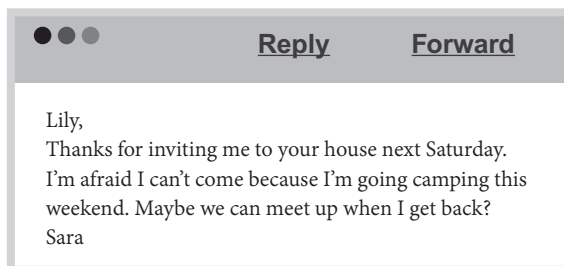
b Yes, let's do that.

Exam task

3

Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

1



Why has Sara sent an email?

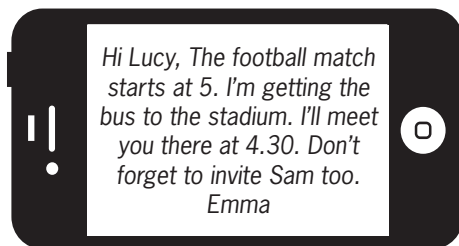
- A to accept Lily's invitation
- B to ask Lily to go camping
- C to make an apology to Lily

2



- A There will only be two types of music at the festival.
- B Some performances at the festival cost more than others.
- C Tickets are cheaper if you buy them before the festival.

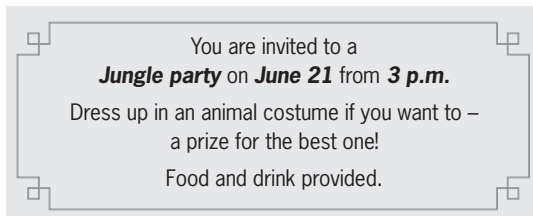
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What should Lucy do?

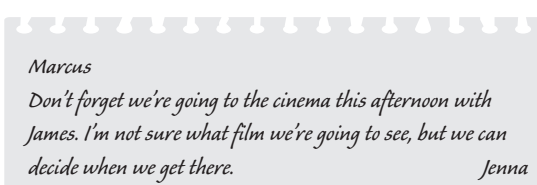
- A get the bus to the football match with Emma
- B ask Sam if he wants to come to the football match
- C meet Emma and Sam at the stadium at 5 o'clock

4



- A Guests should bring some food and drink.
- B Guests must dress up as a type of animal.
- C Guests might win something if they wear a costume.

5



Why has Jenna left a note for Marcus?

- A to remind him about an arrangement
- B to invite him to the cinema
- C to suggest a film which they could see

Exam tips

- Read each short text and think about where and when you might see it.
- Read the options carefully. Don't think an option is correct just because you see the same words in the text.
- The correct answer has the same meaning as the text, but usually uses different words.



Hobbies and leisure

1

Complete the speech bubbles with the words in the box.

club	dancing member	festival photography	galleries sightseeing	hobby sunbathing	magazine
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Anna: I joined a chess (1) last year and I really enjoy it now. It's a great (2) because you have to really think about how to win. You also meet people.

Ilona: I love (3) to great music. My ideal weekend is going to a music (4) and seeing lots of new bands.

Ben: I love travel! My favourite activities are going (5) and visiting museums and art (6)

Lottie: My ideal leisure activity is (7) on a beach and reading a fashion (8) So relaxing!

Karl: I'm quite a creative person. I bought a camera last year and took up (9) I'm not interested in being a (10) of a club, though. I'm quite happy to spend time on my own.

2

Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box.

do you agree that	going back to	like I said	not sure, because
on a completely different subject		that's an interesting point	
what do you think about this		what I mean is	

Sam: (1) museums should be free for people to visit?

Ellie: I'm (2) they cost a lot of money to run. It seems fair that people should pay something.

Sam: Yes, but museums shouldn't only be for rich people. (3) that everyone should be able to visit them, even if they don't have much money.

Ellie: Yes, (4) , and I agree with you in some ways. But (5) before, museums are expensive, and we can't expect the government to pay the full cost. (6) , Ana?

Ana: I'm not sure. I agree that someone has to pay to keep museums open, but (7) what Sam said, it doesn't seem fair that people who don't have much money can't see these wonderful objects.

Sam: Thank you, Ana. (8) , do you fancy watching a movie later?

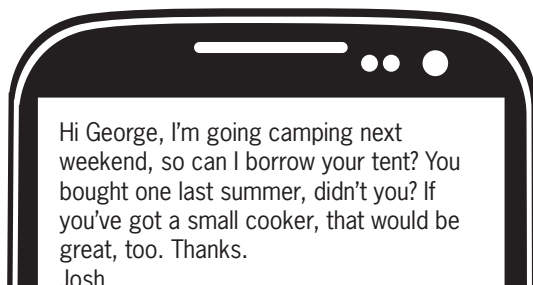


Exam task

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Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

1



Why has Josh sent this message?

- A to ask George to go camping with him next weekend
- B to tell George about a new tent he's going to buy
- C to ask if George will lend him some camping equipment

2



What should club members do?

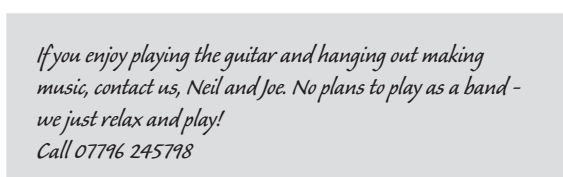
- A come to the picnic with food to cook
- B take lots of photos at the picnic
- C tell Tom if they want to go to the picnic

3



- A There will be five workshops each week.
- B You don't have to be talented to go to the workshops.
- C The final workshop is on Saturday 15 September.

4



Call this number if you want to

- A play music with others
- B learn the guitar
- C join a band

5



- A The stamps are all very old.
- B Some of the stamps are very unusual.
- C You can buy just a few of the stamps.

Get it right!

Look at the sentence below. Then try to correct the mistake.

I write to you because last week I started a new English course in the same school.



Health, medicine and exercise

1

Complete the statements with the words in the box.

ambulance heart	beats injury	break medicine	dangerous rest	doctors rugby	fit sick
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1. If your is healthy, it usually around 70 times per minute.
2. According to, you should exercise for an hour a day to keep
3. Horse-riding is a more sport than or football.
4. If you your arm, you should call an to take you to hospital immediately.
5. If you feel after eating something, you should go to a pharmacy to get some
6. If an is painful, you should always the part of your body that's hurt.

2

Choose the correct modal verbs to complete the health advice.

1. I'm sorry, you can't see the doctor today. You *have to* / *mustn't* make an appointment.
2. You *don't have to* / *shouldn't* eat if you have stomach ache, but it's important to drink.
3. You *needn't* / *should* worry – it isn't a very serious operation.
4. It's important to rest. You *don't have to* / *mustn't* do anything for a few days.
5. I think you've got a fever. You *ought to* / *shouldn't* see a doctor.
6. You *don't have to* / *should* drink lots if you have a cold or a sore throat.



Exam task

3

The people below all want to join a sports class. On the next page there are descriptions of eight classes. Decide which class would be the most suitable for the following people. For 1–5 write the correct letter A–H.

1



Chloe enjoys team sports but doesn't want to play in competitions. She needs a morning class. She doesn't have much money and can't afford to buy expensive equipment. ☐

2



Mike isn't very fit. He would like to get fitter, but he finds exercise boring. He's looking for an evening class that is different every week. He'd also like to see how he is improving over time. ☐

3



Sofia loves sport but is recovering from a serious injury. She wants to train in the afternoon with someone who understands her injury and can give her advice on exercises she can do at home. ☐

4



Jack is very fit and is planning a challenging 200 km run. He wants to train at least twice a week and would like some personal training too. He wants to train indoors and outdoors. ☐

5



Tara takes sport seriously. She plays hockey and tennis and wants to improve her skills and take part in competitions. She isn't free from Monday to Friday. ☐

Sports classes

A Sport for life

Weekly sessions in seven different sports, including squash, tennis and basketball. Do your favourite sport or try new ones each week. Classes take place on Thursdays 3–4 p.m. and Sundays 2–3.30 p.m. in Green Park and in the Park Gym. We don't believe in winners and losers, just in having fun!

C Active plus!

This is a great class for people who enjoy playing sport with others in an informal way. Choose from a range of sports, including 5-a-side football and hockey. Classes are on Saturdays from 9–11 a.m. We provide balls, hockey sticks, etc. and a monthly report on how your fitness is improving.

E Fitness for all

If you're looking for a gentle, low-cost exercise class, Fitness for all offers exercises to improve your strength and confidence slowly. Our trainers are qualified to help with individual problems and can give you extra ideas to try outside the class. No equipment necessary. Classes: every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

G Rising stars

We believe sports are for winners! We offer training from professional sports coaches to help you become a more successful player. Choose from a range of team and racket sports. Players are encouraged to join local and national leagues. Classes: every Saturday and Sunday, or book an individual lesson with one of our trainers.

B Top training

Our club offers individual training sessions in the gym, with a personal trainer. The class is ideal for people who enjoy training alone and are keen to improve their fitness, or people who have particular difficulties with their fitness. Classes: every morning 9–11 a.m.

D Water-cise!

Have fun and get fit at your local sports centre! Classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 6–8 p.m. No two classes are the same! We organise regular competitions and also offer individual fitness checks every month, plus the chance to gain progress certificates.

F Sport for all

This class is for people who want to take up a sport such as football or tennis for the first time. It's a great way to get fit in the fresh air. Classes start with training exercises, followed by a game or small tournament. Classes: every Tuesday and Thursday, 6–8 p.m. All equipment provided.

H Go for it!

This is a class for people who want to push themselves so they can compete against other people or themselves! Training takes place every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Classes involve a one-hour run in the park, followed by weight training in the gym. Individual coaching and advice on improving fitness at home are also available.



Exam facts

- In this part, you read descriptions of five people.
- You also read eight texts on the same topic.
- You have to match what each person requires to one of the eight texts.



Free time

1

Complete what the people say with the words in the box.

drama horror order sculptures stage videos

- Lily "I'm really into **(1)**, so I love being in plays. It feels great being up on the **(2)** in front of lots of people. I don't want to do it as a job, but it's fun to do in your free time!"
- Jamie "I often organise a movie night at the weekend. I invite a few friends and we **(3)** a takeaway. My favourite films are **(4)** movies, especially really scary ones!"
- Rosie "I'm quite creative, so I do a lot of art classes in my free time. I don't like painting, but I love making **(5)** out of wood. I also make my own five-minute **(6)**, which I put online for friends to watch."

2

Write the questions and answers. Use the present perfect or past simple.

- A: where / you go / on holiday / last year?
B: I went to Spain.
- A: Is Martha still here?
B: No, she / just / leave
- A: Don't forget to order the tickets online.
B: It's OK. I / already / do / it
- A: when / you / move / to this town?
B: It was about two years ago.



Exam task

3

The people below all want to find a new free-time activity. On the next page there are descriptions of eight clubs. Decide which club would be the most suitable for the following people. For 1–5 write the correct letter A–H.

1



Emma loves using her imagination in a creative way. She loves working on projects with other people, and she would like to visit places and see creative people at work. ☐

2



Marco loves making things, and he enjoys meeting people from other cultures. He would like to learn a skill that he can use outside the class. ☐

3



Amina is interested in serious issues. She enjoys listening to talks and learning about life in other countries. She would also like to discuss her ideas and opinions with other people. ☐

4



Niko enjoys going to different places and meeting people from different backgrounds. He's also keen to find out about the place where he lives. He's especially interested in history. ☐

5



Erica is keen to help other people. She enjoys events where there are crowds of people. She wants to learn skills she can use in a job when she finishes her studies. ☐

Activity clubs

A Think!

Do you want to know more about international events? We meet once a week for an informal discussion. Each week we watch a film from around the world and/or invite speakers to help us understand recent events. At our next meeting we are showing a film about earthquake rescue teams.

C Party Plus

At Party Plus, we are looking for new people to help us. We organise street parties and concerts to raise money for local charities. It's challenging work, and you have to work with a wide range of people, but you'll have a lot to offer future employers and you'll make a difference!

E Nature lovers

Are you interested in nature? Our group has been exploring the wildlife of the city for over 100 years! We organise talks from experts on the animals and plants around us. We also work in small groups to think of ways to improve life for the animals and people in our city!

G A world of food

We can teach you to prepare delicious dishes! Our trainers come from five countries, and they love to share their recipes and the history of their cultures. This class will teach you how to create wonderful food in your own kitchen. You never know, you might decide to become a professional chef one day!

B Games and chat

We meet once a week to play computer games. We give our views on new games and talk about games past and present. We also organise trips to game shows to see how designers come up with new ideas and create new games. You'll discover a whole new world!

D Come dine with me

We meet regularly to visit restaurants and enjoy eating delicious food from all over the world. We also invite chefs from other countries to tell us about how food is grown and prepared where they come from. There's usually quite a large group of us, so it's a wonderful way to meet people.

F Action!

We are a film club, but we don't watch films – we make them! We're always looking for new people with interesting ideas. You will do activities in small groups, so it's a great way to learn new skills and make friends. We also organise regular trips to film studios to see how the professionals do things.

H City explorers

Get out and about with City explorers! We explore our own city and produce information guides so that visitors can enjoy it too. We also produce maps of the city, past and present, showing how it's changed. We often get together with groups from other towns and cities to compare information and experiences.



Exam tips

- Read the descriptions of the five people quickly and underline the most important information.
- The same information is often written using different words or phrases in the descriptions and the texts.
- Make sure the text you choose matches all the requirements in the person's description.



Travel and holidays

1

Complete the holiday advice with the words in the box.

accommodation facilities reservation resort

I'm going on holiday to Turkey in two weeks and staying at the Bright Sands holiday (1) I haven't been before. Any advice?

- I went last year and loved it. It's got great (2) , especially the swimming pools!
- If you're expecting luxury (3) , you may be disappointed. But the rooms are all clean.
- If you booked online, check your (4) before you go. There was a problem with mine.

2

Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present continuous, past simple or present perfect.



[Reply](#)

[Forward](#)

Hi Beth,

Joe and I (1) (arrive) in New York three days ago, and we
(2) (have) a great time here. We (3)
(already / do) quite a lot. Yesterday we (4) (go) up the Empire State
Building – amazing! We (5) (not see) a show on Broadway yet, but
we've got tickets for tomorrow.

Abbie



Exam task

3

The people below all want to go on holiday. On the next page there are descriptions of eight holidays. Decide which holiday would be the most suitable for the following people. For 1–5 write the correct letter A–H.

1



George wants a holiday with a big group of friends. They are into sports and want to do different things every day. He doesn't like boats, and some in the group have young children. ☐

2



Ana loves to be near the sea. She wants to visit different places, but she also wants to keep away from holiday resorts. She enjoys being active and learning new skills. ☐

3



Harry just wants to relax and have fun by the sea. He loves going out and wants to meet other people. He wants a cheap hotel and would prefer to pay for everything together. ☐

4



Jess wants to travel abroad and learn about a different way of life. She wants to stay with local people, not in hotels. She would also like to see some performances. ☐

5



Greg doesn't like crowded beaches and wants a peaceful holiday where there aren't many people. He enjoys walking in the countryside and is happy to spend some time alone with a good book. ☐

The best holidays

A Golden Sands Beach Club

There's lots to do at the Golden Sands Beach Club in Mallorca. It's a holiday you can afford. Enjoy wonderful beaches and swimming in the Mediterranean or take trips to nearby villages! Then enjoy shows and make friends at the social activities in the evening. All meals and drinks are included in the price!

C Forest camp

Get away from it all at Welldale Forest. Stay on a local working farm or in cabins in the forest. Join in farm life or explore the many paths through the forest with our friendly guides. For those who prefer to relax, you can just enjoy time on your own listening to the sounds of the forest.

E Seaview Hotel

Enjoy a week at this wonderful, small, luxury hotel in Spain. The price includes all food and drinks, and the facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts and a restaurant. We organise trips to plays and concerts in the evenings. There's also a beach where you can sit quietly and relax or read!

G Active fun

Looking for an active holiday? This wonderful busy holiday resort offers tennis, swimming, golf and lots more. There's something for everyone. Lessons are available, so you can learn something new, whether you're 5 years old or 55! Fun for all the family! Price includes accommodation and breakfast.

B Making waves

Our learn-to-sail holiday in Greece will teach you all the basics of sailing. You'll be busy but will still have time to enjoy the silence of the open sea. We stop at a small harbour every night where you can enjoy local food in small restaurants, before sleeping on your boat. Price includes accommodation but not food.

D Culture shock

Get away from the usual tourist destinations and visit India. On this tour, you'll visit seven cities, see the famous Taj Mahal and enjoy time at a beach resort. You'll stay with families and experience daily life with them. A full programme of cultural events includes some amazing dance shows!

F Hotel on the sea

Enjoy two weeks of luxury on this cruise around the Mediterranean visiting seven popular destinations. Relax in the sunshine by the ship's swimming pool. You won't get bored, as there are cinemas, tennis courts and a theatre on board, plus plenty of social activities in the evening.

H On foot

Do you love walking? Try this walking tour in the mountains of Italy. Each day, you will walk with an experienced guide as part of a group of walkers, then spend the night as guests of local people. It's a great way to see some beautiful countryside and make new friends.



Get it right!

Look at the sentences below and choose the correct one.

Yesterday I've bought some clothes.

Yesterday I bought some clothes.



Places and buildings

1

Put the letters into the correct order to make words. Then match them to the definitions.

oiffce

psorin

hlostipa

ctotgae

fcatyor

gtues-hsoue

1. a room or building where people work at desks
2. a small hotel that is not very expensive
3. a building where people are sent if they have committed a crime
4. a building where people go if they are ill
5. a building where people make things, often using machines
6. a small attractive house in the country

2

Choose the correct words to complete the mini dialogues.

1. **A:** Excuse me, can you tell me **(1)** *the way to / how far for* the station?
B: Yes, sure. **(2)** *Take / Turn* left at the traffic lights and you'll see the station **(3)** *in front / by* front of you.
2. **A:** Excuse me, **(4)** *is it far / can you direct* to the museum?
B: No. Just go **(5)** *straight off / straight on* for about half a kilometre and the museum is **(6)** *on / at* your right.



Exam task

3

Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

A hotel under the sea

Want to sleep under the sea? The company Planet Ocean has plans for an exciting underwater hotel, which they hope to build in locations all over the world.

The hotel won't be large, with only 12 guest rooms, plus a restaurant. Guests will get to the hotel in a lift – so no diving or getting wet! The hotel will float 10 metres under the ocean, although it will be attached to the sea bed to prevent it from moving too far. Because it won't be very deep under the water, the sun will shine down and provide light. Guests will get great close-up views of the fish and other sea creatures, which won't be bothered by the hotel and so won't make any effort to avoid it.

The hotel's design, with clear plastic walls, means guests will be able to see the sea and all the creatures that live there around, above and below them in their rooms. They will almost get the feeling that they are swimming in the ocean. The luxury rooms will have a shower, TV and even the internet. The restaurant will serve high-

quality meals. As you might expect, Planet Ocean want to encourage people to eat less fish, so guests won't find any on the menu. What's more surprising is that the atmosphere will be silent, so guests will have to imagine the sound of the ocean around them.

The hotel won't be cheap to build and it won't be cheap to stay in. But the designers are especially proud of the fact that it will be environmentally friendly. It will use electricity, of course, but it will produce its own, and won't disturb ocean life at all. In fact, the designers hope some sea creatures will build their homes on parts of the building, which will bring real benefits to the underwater world.

Planet Ocean's future designs include a moving hotel. It perhaps sounds like this will work in the same way as a cruise ship, but this is not the case. In fact, rather than moving between continents and countries, it will stay within a single country's waters, but only occasionally change positions around its coast.

- 1 What do we learn about the hotel?
 - A Guests will have to swim down to get to it.
 - B Its lights will shine into the sea so guests can see the fish.
 - C It will only have a small number of rooms.
 - D Fish and other sea creatures will be scared of it.

- 2 What might guests find strange about staying at the hotel?
 - A swimming from their rooms into the ocean
 - B having ocean life in their room
 - C enjoying a meal of freshly caught fish
 - D being unable to hear the ocean

- 3 What is the best thing about the hotel, according to the designers?
 - A It won't cost much to build.
 - B It won't use much electricity.
 - C It won't cause any damage to the environment.
 - D Fish and other sea creatures won't come very close to it.

- 4 Planet Ocean's moving hotel will
 - A rarely move from one site to another.
 - B travel between various countries.
 - C be similar to a type of cruise ship.
 - D remain close to the coast of each continent.

- 5 What might a guest in this hotel say?

A

It's very expensive, but the facilities are quite basic and the windows are too small to see outside.

C

Seeing the fish up close is amazing, but it's a shame that the hotel disturbs sea life.

B

It's great to stay in such a beautiful hotel that is also good for the planet.

D

It's a great idea, and I love the fact that it can move around and travel to different locations.



Exam facts

- In this part, you read a text that includes feelings, attitudes and opinions.
- You have to choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for five questions.



Environment

1

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

bottle bank

climate

pollution

public transport

recycle

rubbish

1. I think that change is a really serious problem and everyone needs to do more to prevent it.
2. I use such as buses and trains. I try to avoid driving because it causes air
3. I don't throw paper into the bin. I always it, to reduce the number of trees that are cut down.
4. I always take glass bottles to the It's important to use glass again.



Exam tips

- The writer may be writing about their own experiences, or about someone or something else.
- The questions ask about the *writer's* feelings and opinions, not what *you* think.
- To find the answer to the last question, you need to read in more than one place in the text.



Exam task

2

Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

The price of a perfect holiday?

Cruises are becoming more and more popular, with around 20 million passengers per year now enjoying holidays on board luxury ships. Many people see a cruise as the perfect way to sit back and do nothing, and enjoy time off work. Everything you could possibly need is within easy reach. On board, there are shops, theatres, cinemas, swimming pools and leisure centres. There are more facilities, in fact, than most towns offer their residents. It's therefore easy to see why they are so popular. But what is the effect on the environment of this trend?

Although it usually takes less energy for a vehicle to move through water than over land, cruise ships are often huge, with the biggest ones carrying up to 6,000 passengers. Moving such large vehicles requires enormous engines, which burn as much as 300,000 litres of fuel a day. One scientist has calculated that cruise ships create as much pollution as 5 million cars going over the same distance. Because they are out at sea, they also burn dirtier fuel that isn't allowed

on land. Unfortunately, no government has control over the amount of air pollution out at sea.

Cruises also produce huge amounts of rubbish, and cruise ships aren't usually good at recycling. Waste water from showers and toilets is usually poured directly into the sea – as much per day as from a small town. Waste food from restaurants isn't put into the sea, but still causes problems when brought back to the land.

Cruise ships also cause difficulties in the cities where they stop. Popular destinations can get five or six ships per day, with thousands of tourists at a time. Good for restaurants? No. Restaurant owners complain that the visitors look around for a few hours and then return to their ship to eat. What's more, the crowds can put off other tourists, who complain that the streets are too busy. Some towns have banned cruise ships or put a limit on the number that can stop at the same time. People who care about the environment worry that as the cruise industry continues to grow, so too will the issues for our planet.

- 1 What is the writer trying to do in paragraph 1?
 - A persuade people to go on cruise ships
 - B explain why cruise ships have become so popular
 - C compare cruise ships with a typical holiday resort
 - D describe how the services cruise ships offer have changed
- 2 One reason cruise ships cause a lot of air pollution is because
 - A they carry large numbers of cars as well as passengers.
 - B their engines are not as efficient as those of other ships.
 - C it takes more energy to move through water than over land.
 - D they use types of fuel that are not permitted on land.
- 3 What do we learn about the waste products on cruise ships?
 - A All the waste products are carried back to shore.
 - B Waste food is often thrown away at sea.
 - C Most cruise ships recycle their waste products.
 - D An enormous amount of the waste water isn't recycled.
- 4 How do some people feel about the cruise ship passengers who visit their cities?
 - A surprised that they are rude to other tourists
 - B annoyed that they don't spend money on meals
 - C happy that they fill up all the restaurants
 - D pleased to see so many visitors to the city
- 5 Which best describes large cruise ships?
 - A They seem to offer ideal relaxing holidays, but they aren't environmentally friendly.
 - B They are becoming very popular and they bring a lot of benefits, in spite of their problems.
 - C They used to cause a lot of pollution, but things are improving now.
 - D They cause pollution in the sea and on land, so cities are planning to ban them in the future.

3

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verb in brackets.

1. Look at those dark clouds. It (rain).
2. I hope the concert (be) good tonight.
3. That ladder doesn't look very safe. I'm sure she (fall).
4. Why don't you borrow Jack's camera? I'm sure he (not mind).
5. I haven't done any revision. I just know that I (fail) my exam!
6. Are you going into town now? I (come) with you, if that's OK.



Sport

1

Choose the correct preposition to follow each adjective.

1. Netball is similar *with / of / to* basketball.
2. You should be ashamed *for / from / of* yourself for cheating in the game!
3. The city of Manchester is famous *of / for / from* its football teams.
4. We were very surprised *at / from / for* the result.
5. Are you interested *for / in / with* keeping fit?
6. Hurry up – I'm tired *of / from / with* waiting for you!
7. I'm not very keen *of / on / for* sport.
8. Who is responsible *for / with / about* organising the event?



Exam task

2

Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Athletics in Jamaica

Jamaica has produced some of the world's best athletes, including stars such as Usain Bolt and Veronica Campbell-Brown. Is this success partly due to one event – the Jamaica Schools' Championships?

The four-day Championships have taken place every year since 1910. Nearly 200 school students take part in front of an audience of over 30,000 people. The event is also shown on live TV, and the whole country watches what is sometimes called Jamaica's mini-Olympics. The competitors take it very seriously, and they all want to win. Classmates and former students also come to support and encourage their schools.

School coach Dwayne Simpson has trained many young stars. He believes the Championships have an important role in the development of young athletes. They are the biggest schools' competition in the world, he says, and other countries are now looking to copy them. He also believes that the Championships give young athletes a reason to practise. They want to do well for their school, so

they work and train together as a team, so they produce better results.

The Championships have turned many young students into stars, but those who are most talented as adults don't always win as young teenagers. Olympic gold medallist Usain Bolt, for example, failed to win a single race at the Championships as an under-15 runner. Olympic champion Veronica Campbell-Brown was always easily beaten in the lower-age groups before finally winning as an older student.

Nathaniel Day, a young runner from Britain, has studied and trained in Jamaica for the last two years. 'Young athletes here get experience of being on TV from the age of 12,' he says, 'so when they're older, they aren't scared of big occasions and they perform well. In the UK, athletes don't perform in front of the cameras until they're adults, and sometimes they find it hard to deal with.' According to Nathaniel, the Championships also give young athletes a goal. 'Because it's such a big event, it gives them an idea of how exciting it is to perform in an Olympic stadium. It helps them develop the ambition to become champions.'

- 1 What does the text say about the Championships?
 - A Thirty thousand people watch them on TV.
 - B Young athletes take part just to have fun.
 - C They started over 100 years ago.
 - D Some former students take part.
- 2 What does Dwayne Simpson say about the Championships?
 - A Other countries should try to hold a similar competition.
 - B They have grown too big in recent years.
 - C They encourage young athletes to do their best.
 - D Schools are always keen to do well.
- 3 In paragraph 4, what does the writer say about Jamaica's Olympic champions?
 - A They could beat even the oldest students in some races.
 - B They occasionally lost races, but only to much older students.
 - C They tried much harder after losing all their races as teenagers.
 - D They took time to develop into world-class athletes.
- 4 According to Nathaniel Day, the event
 - A helps young athletes get used to being filmed.
 - B is more exciting than the Olympics.
 - C makes some young athletes feel nervous of big occasions.
 - D is hard for some young competitors to deal with.
- 5 Which best describes the Jamaica Schools' Championships?
 - A It's an international competition which prepares young athletes for the Olympics.
 - B It's an important event which helps young athletes to improve.
 - C It's a huge social event which brings people together to have fun.
 - D It's a local event which gives young athletes the chance to perform in a relaxed atmosphere.

3

Match the underlined words in the text to these definitions.

1. a group of people who work, train or perform together
2. someone who teaches sports skills
3. an event where people compete against each other
4. join in with an event
5. be the best or get the best score in a game or contest
6. a large building where sports events take place
7. people who compete in a game or event
8. taught sports skills to people



Look at the sentences below and choose the correct one.

I'm sure that you will have a great holiday here.

I'm sure that you have a great holiday here.



Education

1

Put the words into the correct order to make sentences.

1. favourite / maths / my / subject / is

Maths

2. often / Sam / for / appointments / late / is

Sam

3. hobby / photography / popular / is / very / a

Photography

4. Mrs / usually / us / teaches / Edwards

Mrs

5. work / this / enough / isn't / good

This

6. Mr Brown / strict / as / Miss Jones / as / isn't

Miss Jones

7. too / test / the / for / was / difficult / me

The

8. work / checked / my / by / I / a friend / had

I

9. finished / we / eating / just / have

We

10. film / I / that / yet / seen / haven't

I



Exam task

2

Five sentences have been removed from the text on the next page. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

- A So at least they can enjoy some parts of typical teenage life there.
- B That means the school has become a tourist attraction too!
- C These young players come here to train, of course.
- D During the school day, therefore, they don't go to some of these sessions.
- E This has helped it to provide a better education for all its students.
- F They are also expected to set a good example to younger students.
- G Which is why there are far more of these students than ever before.
- H After all, only the best ones go on to join the main team.

Football stars at school



Can you imagine being a famous football star but still attending school? That's what some students at Ashton-on-Mersey School in England do!

The school is about 7 km from Old Trafford, the famous sports stadium that is home to Manchester United Football Club. The club takes talented teenagers from all over the world. (1)..... But even though they are following their dreams of becoming sports stars, football clubs recognise that education should still be an important part of their lives. (2)..... Although footballers can play professionally from the age of 16, most don't join professional teams until they are older.

All football clubs have to make sure that players who are under 18 are getting an education, but many choose to do this by organising classes at the club. At Manchester United, however, young players go to a normal school. (3)..... That's why at Ashton-on-Mersey School you

can see people who played against Arsenal or Liverpool on Saturday sitting down to classes with all the other students on Monday morning.

The Manchester United students have classes two days a week and study a range of subjects. While attending, they are encouraged to feel like they are part of the school. They still follow the rules like all the other pupils there. (4).....

There are many benefits to the school from their arrangement with Manchester United. The football club has given money to the school. (5)..... Perhaps more importantly, seeing successful young players in the school can encourage younger students to try hard to do well and achieve their own dreams. Successful players often return to visit the school. When one French-speaking player came back, the students were all keen to ask him questions in French! Chatting to an international football star really helped them improve their language skills.

3

Find the words in the text to complete the collocation for each definition.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. going to school | school |
| 2. do what they really want to do | follow their |
| 3. continue to have good football careers | to have successful football careers |
| 4. learn about lots of different subjects | study a of different subjects |
| 5. do what is required by the rules | the rules |
| 6. believe that they belong to the school | part of the school |
| 7. show other people how to behave | a good example |
| 8. give students better lessons and equipment | a better education |

Exam facts

- In this part of the test, you read a text which had five gaps in it.
- Five sentences have been removed from the text.
- You have to read eight sentences and choose the correct sentence for each gap.
- There are always three extra sentences which you don't need to use.



Shopping and services

1

Match the descriptions to the places.

1. You can open an account here.

2. It's often outdoors and you can often find bargains here.

3. The money you spend here helps other people.

4. You go here to buy medicines and things for your health.

5. It might be self-service, or there might be a waiter.

6. You go here to keep fit.

7. You go here to send a parcel.

8. You can buy clothes and other things in this big shop.

a charity shop

b post office

c bank

d department store

e market

f chemist

g sports centre

h restaurant

2

Match a sentence from Column A with a sentence from Column B.

Column A

1. The shop only opened three weeks ago.

2. Customers had always complained about the lack of staff.

3. Many branches have closed in recent months.

4. I've always liked the clothes they sell.

5. One advantage is that the shop often opens until late.

6. Perhaps you only like shopping in small independent shops.

7. A sales assistant stopped me going into the changing room.

8. I bought a dress there which was really expensive.

Column B

a They're comfortable and quite reasonably priced.

b Another is that it has new items on sale every week.

c Or maybe you prefer the popular stores you see on most high streets.

d So the company recently employed an extra 20 people to deal with this problem.

e She said I could only try on a maximum of four things at a time.

f That's why it still looks so new.

g But it was worth it and looked good at the wedding I went to last month.

h These changes are probably due to the rise of internet shopping.



Exam tips

- Read the whole text quickly before you choose sentences to fill the gaps.
- Use what comes before and after each gap to help you choose the correct sentence.
- Underline the words and phrases that tell you that your answer is right.

Exam task

3

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Could a personal shopper help you?



Do you love shopping but can never find clothes that fit you or look nice? Or maybe you hate shopping and just want to get it done quickly? **(1)**.....

They have helped hundreds of customers, both men and women. People of all ages have enjoyed the benefits of their service, and it doesn't have to be expensive. We charge a small amount for your personal shopping appointment. **(2)**..... So you will probably end up spending no more than if you were shopping alone.

Before you look at any clothes, our personal shopper will discuss with you what you are looking for. It's a good idea to think about money in advance and set a limit on the amount you want to spend. **(3)**.....

All our personal shoppers are trained to know what styles and colours will suit you best. Then comes the enjoyable part! You sit back and relax while your personal shopper looks at the huge choice of clothes in our store and selects items for you to try on. One advantage of having a personal shopper is that you get your own private changing room. **(4)**.....

If you're interested in trying our personal shopping experience, why not come along to one of our

stores and talk to us? On days when the store is quiet, one of our personal shoppers might be free to help you there and then. **(5)**..... That way, you'll be sure you won't be disappointed.

For this month only, if you book an appointment with a personal shopper, we're offering a 10% discount on goods in all our store's departments, including electronic items such as computers and tablets.

So what are you waiting for? Get yourself a new look, and make shopping fun!



- A But it's always best to book in advance.
- B However, you will get this back if you buy any of the items you try on.
- C So the prices are the same whether you use the service or not.
- D This means you can take your time, even if the rest of the store is crowded.
- E Exchanging your unwanted items in this way makes shopping so much simpler.
- F Then perhaps one of our personal shoppers is what you're looking for.
- G Because of this, people generally find shopping less enjoyable than before.
- H This allows our shopping expert to find clothes within your price range.



The natural world

1

Write the correct animal name for each definition.

bee camel cat cow dinosaur dolphin giraffe lion parrot shark

1. a colourful bird that you can teach to talk
2. an African animal that hunts and kills other animals
3. a big fish with very large teeth
4. a friendly, intelligent animal that lives in the sea
5. a large animal that lived a long time ago
6. an insect that lives in large groups and makes honey
7. an animal with a very long neck
8. a farm animal that people keep for its milk
9. a small animal with soft fur that people keep as a pet
10. an animal used in the desert that doesn't have to drink very often

2

Complete the sentences with the adjectives in brackets in the correct order.

1. Lambs are animals. (farm, small, white)
2. Their dog is brown with spots. (black, round, small)
3. We saw some birds. (African, tiny, colourful)
4. Bears are animals. (shy, large, wild)
5. The puppy had fur. (brown, lovely, soft)
6. We saw a butterfly with wings. (shiny, small, blue)



Get it right!

Look at the sentence below, then try to correct the mistake.

I have just bought a new, big lamp for my bedroom.

Exam task

3

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Bees, bees, bees



Most people enjoy seeing bees in gardens and parks, but it can be scary when they're flying together in large numbers, and it can be even more frightening if they come a bit too close!

A few years ago, Lisa Turnbull was in her home in York. She had made a cake, which she had left on the kitchen table. **(1)**..... But, as she opened the window to help the cake cool more quickly, she unfortunately didn't notice the large number of bees flying around in her back garden. Lisa left the cake in the kitchen and went upstairs. A few minutes later, she heard a loud noise coming from her kitchen, so she went back downstairs. **(2)**..... They had left their old home and were looking for a new one. It seems that the queen bee, which controls all the others, had fancied a bit of cake and landed on it. She was followed by 15,000 others!

Lisa calmly closed the kitchen door and called a local beekeeper, who removed the bees from her cake. **(3)**..... Last summer, Jane Norton from Manchester had a similar experience. She was driving home from work when she noticed thousands of insects following her car. **(4)**..... She stopped the car, hoping that they would continue and leave her in peace. However, they landed on it and stayed there. Feeling rather nervous, Jane used her phone to look online and find the phone number of a local beekeeper. **(5)**..... It turned out that the queen bee had flown into the boot of the car while Jane was putting shopping into it. When she closed the boot, the queen was stuck inside, so when she drove off, the rest of the bees followed. Jane stayed in her car until the beekeeper had safely removed all the bees – which took over three hours! That's a good excuse for being late home!

- A She realised after a while that they were bees flying after her.
- B There were still a few bees in the room, but the cake had disappeared!
- C She opened the door and saw a huge number of bees.
- D The beekeeper told her that he couldn't remove such a large swarm.
- E She was very much looking forward to having a slice.
- F He arrived just half an hour later.
- G Although it wasn't damaged, Lisa didn't feel very hungry any more!
- H The bees seemed to be attracted by the cake and followed her.



Entertainment and media

1

Complete the reviews with the words in the box.

admission audience classical comedy exhibition
museum orchestra performed plays

What's on this month?

Music in the Park

A concert of (1) music by Beethoven and Bach. It is (2) in Central Park by the Berlin National (3) Brilliant!

Two's a Crowd

A wonderfully funny (4) at the Royal Theatre. I saw it last night, and the (5) loved it! It's written by James Garland, who has also written several very good, serious (6)

Animals in Art

A new (7) of animal paintings, which opens at the Victoria (8) next Friday. Well worth a visit. (9) costs £3, but is free after 4 p.m.



Exam task

2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Emma Watson

The actress Emma Watson grew up near Oxford in the south of England and trained as an actress at the Stagecoach School in Oxford.

Although she had only acted in a few school plays, in 2001, she was lucky enough to get the (1) of Hermione in the Harry Potter film (2) This was the part which first (3) her famous. She appeared in all eight of the Harry Potter films from 2001 to

2011. After the Harry Potter films, Emma (4) to work in films, but also (5) a few years studying English Literature at university. She acted while she studied, and since 2012 she has continued to develop her career and has appeared in (6) very successful films.



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|---|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | A title | B person | C role | D hero |
| 2 | A set | B series | C group | D collection |
| 3 | A produced | B created | C caused | D made |
| 4 | A continued | B kept | C stayed | D remained |
| 5 | A passed | B spent | C gave | D allowed |
| 6 | A several | B plenty | C lots | D few |

3

Write a short profile of a celebrity. Use the text in Exercise 2 as a model. Include:

- where the person was born or grew up
- how their career started
- how they became famous
- their main achievements
- what they are doing now

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Exam facts

- In this part, you read a short text with six spaces in it.
- You have to choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each space.