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## PAPER 1 READING

## PART 1 Questions 1-5

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

Example:

0 **Wet paint on seats**

- A. The seats are going to be painted.
- B. The seats have been painted.
- C. The seats need to be painted.

Example answer:  A  B  C

1 **Do not lean out of the train window**

A  B  C

- A. You must not open the window.
- B. The windows do not open.
- C. You must not put your head out of the window.

2 **Smoking is only allowed in the smoking areas.**

A  B  C

- A. You are not allowed to smoke anywhere in the building.
- B. There are certain places where you can smoke.
- C. You must smoke if you are in this area.

3 **E-mail**  
**To:** Ben  
**From:** Mark  
 The tennis match will be cancelled if it is raining and we'll go to the cinema instead.

A  B  C

- A. They are not going to play tennis.
- B. They will go to the cinema.
- C. They may not play tennis.

4 **Do not open the door until the red light has gone off and the green light comes on**

A  B  C

- A. Wait for the green light before opening the door.
- B. Turn off the red light when you open the door.
- C. Do not open the door when the green light is on.

5 **Message**  
**To:** Anne  
**From:** Julie  
 Anne, your doctor's appointment is at two o'clock on Monday instead of three o'clock on Tuesday

A  B  C

**Anne's appointment**

- A. will be a day later.
- B. will no longer be on Tuesday.
- C. will be an hour later.

## PART 2 Questions 6-10

The people below want to stay home and watch TV tonight. Below there are some TV programme reviews. Decide which programme (**letters A-H**) would be the most suitable for each person (numbers 6-10). Write the correct letter for each number.



6. Brian likes watersports very much. He would like to go sailing next summer with his friends. He works in a shop and doesn't have much money.

6	C
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7. Sally is a very romantic person. She likes watching programmes about real people and their lives. She is particularly interested in programmes about people who have coped with problems in their life.

7	H
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8. Dave is a geography teacher in a secondary school in Liverpool. He likes programmes about travel and the environment in general. He is also very interested in wildlife.

8	A
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9. Jane is a very artistic person. She enjoys making things and painting in her free time. She enjoys visiting art galleries and museums.

9	F
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10. Simon works in a bank and is very interested in finance and politics. He likes to read the newspaper everyday and to be aware of what is going on in the world.

10	B
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## TV PROGRAMMES

**A. "The World Around Us"**

A fascinating study of the ancient Egyptian pyramids and the area around the River Nile in Egypt. The scenery is beautiful and the filming of this documentary is a work of art as it is so thoughtfully done. As well as the obvious camels, there are also many interesting images of other desert animals and plant life.

**B. "Speak Up"**

Well-known personalities discuss the main stories of the day. What is going on in the government and who is attacking who in the political parties. Always a lively programme as events both at home and abroad are argued about with great enthusiasm.

**C. "Summer Holidays"**

A practical and honest account of some of the summer holidays that are on offer this year. Tonight's programme features a weekend in Disneyland in Paris, cheap sailing holidays in the Mediterranean and a shopping and sightseeing trip to New York.

**D. "Cooking for special occasions"**

The fun cookery programme that offers lots of exciting ideas from children's birthday parties to that frightening dinner for the boss and his wife. Easy to follow step by step instructions and many useful tips on how to make your dinner party a little bit special.

**E. "The weather programme"**

All your weather forecasts in one programme. Featuring local, national and international weather news, this is a handy programme for anyone who is about to travel or go on holiday. So if you are off on a trip or have an outside event planned, don't miss this informative programme.

**F. "The Creative Mind"**

One of the favourite programmes on TV at the moment, The Creative Mind explores different artistic themes from exhibition reviews, information about major and smaller galleries and museums, and interviews with artists, writers, actors and musicians.

**G. "Death in Paris"**

A fast, violent film about the Mafia in Paris. Although there are some good actors in this film, the story isn't very exciting or interesting and it is often hard to understand what is going on. There are some beautiful Parisian scenes however and a few funny moments between the scenes of violence.

**H. "Born to Run"**

An interesting story of a young man with learning difficulties who overcame the problems in his life, through his great talent for athletics. This is a true story of how one person made the most of their life and also helped many other people with similar problems to his. The happy ending will appeal to all those romantics out there.

## PART 3 Questions 11-20

Look at the statements below about holidays in and around the city of Norwich in England. Read the text below to decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark A. If it is incorrect, mark B.

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|---|--------------------|
| 11. There are only a lot of tourists in Norwich in the summer.                | <b>11</b> <b>B</b> |
| 12. You don't have to pay a lot of money to stay in Norwich.                  | <b>12</b> <b>A</b> |
| 13. All your meals are included in the cost of a room at the Beeches Hotel.   | <b>13</b> <b>B</b> |
| 14. It is cheaper to stay at the Beeches Hotel in the winter.                 | <b>14</b> <b>A</b> |
| 15. "The Cathedral" is the name of a theatre in Norwich.                      | <b>15</b> <b>B</b> |
| 16. Anyone can go to the "Fire from Heaven" show.                             | <b>16</b> <b>A</b> |
| 17. The Sainsbury Centre has art from all over the world.                     | <b>17</b> <b>A</b> |
| 18. If you don't eat meat, you shouldn't eat in the Sainsbury Centre canteen. | <b>18</b> <b>B</b> |
| 19. You can save a lot of money at the factory shoe shops.                    | <b>19</b> <b>A</b> |
| 20. The Broads are not really suitable for a family holiday.                  | <b>20</b> <b>B</b> |

## "Holidays in Norwich"

Norwich is the capital of East Anglia, an area on the east coast of England which is famous for its natural beauty and impressive architecture. Norwich is a wonderful city to explore and is popular with tourists all year round.

Norwich is not a city of luxurious hotels but it has a good selection of reasonably priced places to stay in, both in the city centre and further out. The Beeches Hotel, for example, next to the cathedral, has a beautiful Victorian garden and has just over twenty double rooms. Comfortable accommodation costs £65 for two nights' bed and breakfast per person; weekend breaks from October to May cost £59 per person. Norwich is famous for its magnificent cathedral. The cathedral has a summer programme of music and events which is open to the general public. "Fire from Heaven" is a drama and musical performance with fireworks, a laser light show and a carnival with local people dressed in colourful costumes.

Norwich is also home to the Sainsbury Centre For The Visual Arts, a world-class collection of international art in

a building at the University of East Anglia designed by Sir Norman Foster. This is well worth a visit and there is a lovely canteen with an excellent selection of hot and cold snacks. It also specializes in vegetarian food.

The city has a new professional theatre, the Playhouse, on the River Wensum. The city's annual international arts festival is from 10-20 October. Not on the classic tourist agenda but well worth a visit are the factory shoe shops in Norwich (for men, women and children). Here you can buy shoes for less than half the shop prices.

Finally, if you fancy a complete break from the stresses of everyday life, you could hire a boat and spend a few days cruising along the rivers of the famous Norfolk Broads. The Broads have changed for the better in recent years. In our environmentally friendly age, the emphasis has moved towards the quiet enjoyment of nature and wildlife. You can hire a boat, big or small for an hour or two or even up to a week or two. This makes a perfect day out or holiday for people of all ages.

## PART 4 Questions 21-25

Read the text and questions below. For each question, mark the letter next to the correct answer A, B, C or D.

### “Mandy Jones - Holiday Company Manager”

I did a business administration degree at Bristol University and then worked for a credit card company for eight years. During this time, I was assistant marketing manager. I gained a lot of useful experience doing this job, but in 1997, I decided that I needed a change. I moved to Thomson Holidays where I have worked as a manager ever since. My main job is to think up new and interesting ideas for holidays.

When I'm working from my office in the UK, I arrive at 9a.m. First I answer my e-mails, then plan the day. My role is to investigate new projects for Thomson Holidays in our Mediterranean resorts. I am responsible for thinking up ideas, developing them and evaluating their success.

We have lots of meetings in the office which involve the

marketing department, holiday reps and people that we bring in from outside such as entertainment organisers. The aim is to develop an exciting idea into a realistic and workable project.

Once a month I spend a few days overseas checking possible resorts, meeting with reps to develop their roles and working out how events should be sold to the customer. I work with resort supervisors, use their local knowledge of bars and clubs for venues, talk through new ideas and find out how existing ones are working. I also meet holidaymakers.

I have to be very open-minded because ideas come from anywhere. I love my job because I get to travel and I am working on a project that everyone loves.

21. What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A. To explain the best way to choose a holiday.
- B. To advise people on holiday resorts.
- C. To explain what her job involves.
- D. To show how stressful her job is.

22. What do we learn about the writer in the first paragraph?

- A. She learned a lot from her first job.
- B. She disliked her first job.
- C. She lost her first job.
- D. She worked in the administration department of Bristol University.

23. The writer has to

- A. send e-mails all day.
- B. find out if new ideas could actually work.
- C. entertain the holiday reps.
- D. spend all of her time having meetings in the office.

24. What does she say about her job?

- A. She never knows where or how a new idea might come to her.
- B. It makes her very popular with lots of people.
- C. She spends too much time in bars and clubs.
- D. She has a few problems with local people at the resorts.

25. Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

- A. A working woman.
- B. The travel agent who is trying to get a promotion.
- C. A woman who spends a lot of time on holiday and has an easy life.
- D. A woman who makes a lot of money by going to clubs and bars.

## PART 5 Questions 26-35

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Example answer:

0	A	B	C	D
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### “Ask your pharmacist first”

Minor (0)illnesses have a nasty habit of striking (26)..... the wrong time, don't they? (27)..... you have a pile of things to do at work and even more on your plate at home, the last thing you want is a (28)..... throat or a tension headache to drag you down. (29)..... this summer, when you're feeling (30)..... the weather, remember that a visit to your (31)..... pharmacy (32)..... be a real bonus in helping you get the right remedy to ease your symptoms. But it's not (33)..... the medication that assists the cure - only at a pharmacy will you find expert (34)..... from a highly trained health professional. Just try asking a supermarket shelf what it (35)..... for family health problems!

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|-----|---|--|--|---|
| 0.  | A. <u>illnesses</u>                               | B. symptoms                                  | C. handicaps                                 | D. addictions                                 |
| 26. | A. for  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. at    | C. in  | D. to   |
| 27. | A. However  | B. Although                                  | C. Despite                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. When   |
| 28. | A. cut  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. sore  | C. hurt                                      | D. injured                                    |
| 29. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. So         | B. Then                                      | C. As  | D. On   |
| 30. | A. over   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. under | C. beneath                                   | D. below                                      |
| 31. | A. native   | B. national                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. local | D. domestic                                   |
| 32. | A. must   | B. ought                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. can   | D. did  |
| 33. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. just       | B. then                                      | C. since                                     | D. as   |
| 34. | A. messages                                       | B. preparation                               | C. therapy                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. advice |
| 35. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. recommends | B. commands                                  | C. orders                                    | D. wants                                      |

## WRITING

## PART 1 Questions 1-5

Here are some sentences about sport. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words. Write only the missing words.

**Example:** *I prefer swimming to cycling.*  
*I like swimming **more than** cycling.*

1. If you don't practice every week, you won't be a stronger swimmer.

You won't be a stronger swimmer unless ..... **you practice** ..... every week.

2. Why don't you join a swimming team?

If I were you, ..... **I would** ..... join a swimming team.

3. You can play tennis both indoors and outside.

Tennis can ..... **be played** ..... both indoors and outside.

4. A lot of people play tennis at this club.

There are a lot of people ..... **who play** ..... tennis at this club.

5. "I haven't got time to play tennis often", she said.

She said that she ..... **didn't have** ..... enough time to play tennis often.

**PART 2 Question 6**

An English friend of yours called Anne sent you a birthday present, which you liked. Write a card to Anne. In your card, you should

- Thank her for the present.
- Say why you liked it.
- Tell her about one other present that you got for your birthday.

Write 35-45 words.

**PART 3 Question 7-8**

Answer ONE of the following questions (7 or 8). Write about 100 words.

**Question 7**

- This is part of a letter you receive from an English penfriend.

Don't forget to tell me about the area you live in and what you and your friends do in your free time.

- Write a letter to your penfriend.
- Write your **letter** in about 100 words.

**Question 8**

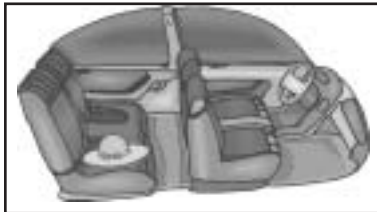
- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must begin with this sentence:  
*I was worried about the journey.*
- Write your **story** in about 100 words.

## PAPER 2 LISTENING

### PART 1 Questions 1-7

There are seven questions in this part. For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Choose the correct picture and put a tick (✓) in the box below it.

**Example:** Where did the woman leave her hat?



**A**



**B**



**C**

1. How did the woman travel?



**A**



**B**



**C**

2. What time does the film start?



**A**



**B**

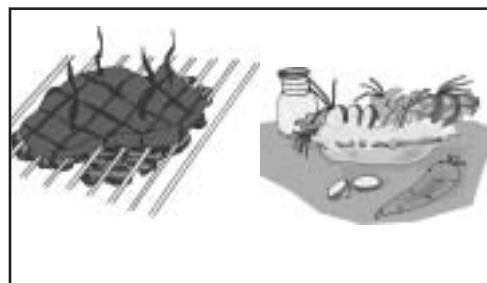


**C**

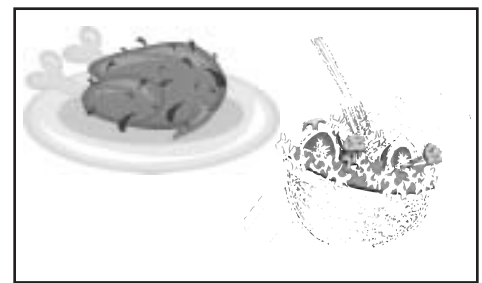
3. What does the man eat?



**A**



**B**

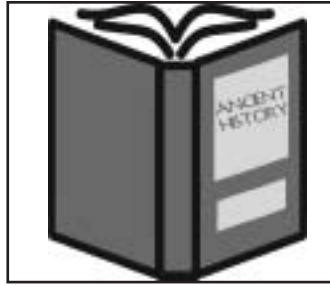


**C**

4. Which book is Jackie reading?



**A**

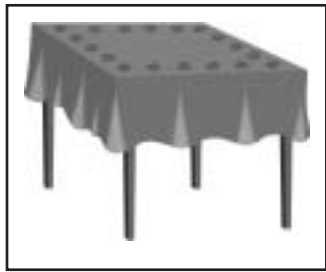


**B**



**C**

5. Where did the man leave his keys?



**A**



**B**



**C**

6. Which present did Mark buy?



**A**

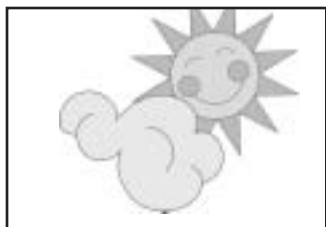


**B**



**C**

7. What will the weather be like tomorrow?



**A**



**B**



**C**

**PART 2** Questions 8-13

You will hear a doctor talking about how people can lead a healthier life. For each question, put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

**8. To become healthier you should**

- A. dramatically change your life.
- B. change some daily habits.
- C. eat hardly enough.

**9. If you don't manage to exercise as much as you should**

- A. leave the gym.
- B. try not to be negative about it.
- C. be angry with yourself.

**10. To improve your mood you should**

- A. drink more tea and coffee.
- B. only eat vegetables.
- C. increase the amount of vegetables you eat.

**11. The survey**

- A. showed quite dramatic results.
- B. didn't have strong results.
- C. didn't give any useful information.

**12. You should always**

- A. do important jobs first.
- B. do everything as quickly as possible.
- C. try to finish what you start.

**13. The doctor says**

- A. you should never have a late night.
- B. lack of sleep causes brain disease.
- C. it's okay to go to bed late sometimes.

**PART 3** Questions 14-19

You will hear a tour guide giving information about an old British house. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

- The house was built in the (14) ..... 19th century .....
- The Reynold family lived in the house until (15) ..... 1975 .....
- The servants had rooms in the (16) ..... attic .....
- The art collection is in the (17) ..... dining room .....
- George Reynold was a (18) ..... lawyer .....
- George's brother died in a (19) ..... horse riding ..... accident.

**PART 4** Questions 20-25

Look at the six sentences for this part. You will hear a conversation between a boy, Simon, and a girl, Tina, about some problems Tina is having at school. Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put a tick (✓) in the box under A for YES. If it is not correct, put a tick (✓) in the box under B for NO.

- |   | A   | B  |
|---|-----|----|
|   | YES | NO |
| 20. Simon thinks Tina should talk about her problems. | ✓   |    |
| 21. Simon agrees that the teachers are unfair.        |     | ✓  |
| 22. Tina doesn't concentrate in class.                | ✓   |    |
| 23. Tina is ill.                                      |     | ✓  |
| 24. Simon feels sorry for Tina.                       |     | ✓  |
| 25. Tina realises her mistake.                        | ✓   |    |