

# QUESTION BOOKLET

## READ THIS BOOKLET FIRST

Cambridge English Language Assessment

### FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

Reading and Use of English

### Sample Test

### PRINT VERSION OF BRAILLE PAPER

**TIME** 1 hour 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Check your name, centre number and candidate number are on your answer sheet.

Write your answers on your answer sheet together with the number of each question.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

There are seven parts and 52 questions on this paper.

Questions **1 – 24** carry one mark.

Questions **25 – 30** carry up to two marks.

Questions **31 – 42** carry two marks.

Questions **43 – 52** carry one mark.

NOTE: To help you to do this paper, the texts for Parts 5 – 7 are in a separate booklet.

### SPECIAL NOTE TO SUPERVISORS

IF YOU ARE TRANSCRIBING THE CANDIDATE'S ANSWERS  
ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED, PLEASE USE  
CAPITAL LETTERS FOR PARTS 2 AND 3.

## Part 1

## QUESTIONS 1 – 8

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) on page 3 best fits each gap. Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

There is an example at the beginning (0). The answer is written in italics.

**Example: (0)** *A* band                      **B** set                      **C** branch                      **D** series

**What is genealogy?**

Genealogy is a (0) ...C.... of history. It concerns family history, (1) ..... than the national or world history studied at school. It doesn't merely involve drawing a family tree, however – tracing your family history can also (2) ..... in learning about your roots and your identity. The internet enables millions of people worldwide to (3) ..... information about their family history, without great (4) ..... .

People who research their family history often (5) ..... that it's a fascinating hobby which (6) ..... a lot about where they come from and whether they have famous ancestors. According to a survey involving 900 people who had researched their family history, the chances of discovering a celebrity in your past are one in ten. The survey also concluded that the (7) ..... back you follow your family line, the more likely you are to find a relation who was much wealthier than you are. However, the vast majority of people who (8) ..... in the survey discovered they were better off than their ancestors.

## OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 1 – 8

1	A	instead	B	rather	C	except	D	sooner
2	A	cause	B	mean	C	result	D	lead
3	A	accomplish	B	access	C	approach	D	admit
4	A	fee	B	price	C	charge	D	expense
5	A	describe	B	define	C	remark	D	regard
6	A	reveals	B	opens	C	begins	D	arises
7	A	older	B	greater	C	higher	D	further
8	A	attended	B	participated	C	included	D	associated

## Part 2

## QUESTIONS 9 – 16

For questions **9 – 16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

There is an example at the beginning **(0)**. The answer is written in italics.

**Motorbike stunt rider**

I work **(0)** ...AS.. a motorbike stunt rider – that is, I do tricks on my motorbike at shows. The Le Mans race track in France was **(9)** ..... I first saw some guys doing motorbike stunts. I'd never seen anyone riding a motorbike using just the back wheel before and I was **(10)** ..... impressed I went straight home and taught **(11)** ..... to do the same. It wasn't very long before I began to earn my living at shows performing my own motorbike stunts.

I have a degree **(12)** ..... mechanical engineering; this helps me to look at the physics **(13)** ..... lies behind each stunt. In addition to being responsible for design changes to the motorbike, I have to work **(14)** ..... every stunt I do. People often think that my work is very dangerous, but, apart **(15)** ..... some minor mechanical problem happening occasionally during a stunt, nothing ever goes wrong. I never feel in **(16)** ..... kind of danger because I'm very experienced.

## Part 3

## QUESTIONS 17 – 24

For questions 17 – 24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

There is an example at the beginning (0). The answer is written in italics.

### An incredible vegetable

Garlic, a member of the Liliaceae family which also includes onions, is

(0) COMMONLY used in cooking all around the world. China is

(COMMON)

currently the largest (17) ..... of garlic, which is particularly

(PRODUCT)

associated with the dishes of northern Africa and southern Europe. It

is native to central Asia and has long had a history as a health-giving

food, used both to prevent and cure (18) ..... . In Ancient Egypt,

(ILL)

workers building the pyramids were given garlic to keep them strong,

while Olympic athletes in Greece ate it to increase their resistance to

infection.

The forefather of antibiotic medicine, Louis Pasteur, claimed garlic

was as (19) ..... as penicillin in treating infections. Modern-day

(EFFECT)

(20) ..... have proved that garlic can indeed kill bacteria and even

(SCIENCE)

some viruses, so it can be very useful for people who have coughs

and colds. In (21) ..... , some doctors believe that garlic can

(ADD)

reduce blood (22) ..... .

(PRESS)

The only (23) ..... to this truly amazing food is that the strong and

(ADVANTAGE)

rather (24) ..... smell of garlic is not the most pleasant!

(SPICE)

## Part 4

## QUESTIONS 25 – 30

For questions **25 – 30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in brackets after this sentence. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0). The answer is written in italics.

**Example:**

0 A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.

(driven)

We ..... a very friendly taxi driver.

The gap can be filled by the words 'were driven into town by', so you write:

0 *were driven into town by*

Write **only** the missing words **on the separate answer sheet**.

25 Joan was in favour of visiting the museum.

(idea)

Joan thought it would be ..... to the museum.

26 Arthur has the talent to become a concert pianist.

(that)

Arthur is so ..... could become a concert pianist.

27 'Do you know when the match starts, Sally?' asked Mary.

(if)

Mary asked Sally ..... time the match started.

**28** I knocked for ages at Ruth's door but I got no reply.

**(long)**

I ..... knocking at Ruth's door but I got no reply.

**29** Everyone says that the band is planning to go on a world tour next year.

**(said)**

The band ..... planning to go on a world tour next year.

**30** I'd prefer not to cancel the meeting.

**(call)**

I'd rather ..... the meeting.

## Part 5

## QUESTIONS 31 – 36

Read the extract from a novel on page 2 of the separate booklet in which a young woman called Caitlin talks about her life on an island, and answer questions 31 – 36 below. Choose the answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which you think fits best according to the text.

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

31 In the first paragraph, what is Caitlin's main point about the island?

- A It can be dangerous to try to cross from the mainland.
- B It is much smaller than it looks from the mainland.
- C It is only completely cut off at certain times.
- D It can be a difficult place for people to live in.

32 What does Caitlin suggest about her father?

- A His writing prevents him from doing things he wants to with his family.
- B His initial reaction to his son's request is different from usual.
- C His true feelings are easily hidden from his daughter.
- D His son's arrival is one event he will take time off for.

33 Caitlin emphasises her feelings of discomfort because she

- A is embarrassed that she doesn't understand what her brother is talking about.
- B feels confused about why she can't relate to her brother any more.
- C is upset by the unexpected change in her brother's behaviour.
- D feels foolish that her brother's attention is so important to her.

34 In the fourth paragraph, what is Caitlin's purpose in describing the island?

- A to express her positive feelings about it
- B to explain how the road was built
- C to illustrate what kind of weather was usual
- D to describe her journey home

35 In 'because of that' in line 30, 'that' refers to the fact that

- A locals think it is odd to walk anywhere.
- B it is easier for people to take the bus than walk.
- C people have everything they need on the island.
- D there is nowhere in particular to walk to from the island.

36 What do we learn about Caitlin's reactions to the boy?

- A She felt his air of confidence contrasted with his physical appearance.
- B She was able to come up with a reason for him being there.
- C She realised her first impression of him was inaccurate.
- D She thought she had seen him somewhere before.



**Part 6****QUESTIONS 37 – 42**

Read the newspaper article on page 3 of the separate booklet in which a former ballet dancer talks about the physical demands of the job. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A – G** below, the one which fits each gap (**37 – 42**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

**SENTENCES A – G FOR QUESTIONS 37 – 42**

- A** Through endless tries at the usual exercises and frequent failures, ballet dancers develop the neural pathways in the brain necessary to control accurate, fast and smooth movement.
- B** The ballet shoe offers some support, but the real strength is in the muscles, built up through training.
- C** As technology takes away activity from the lives of many, perhaps the ballet dancer's physicality is ever more difficult for most people to imagine.
- D** Ballet technique is certainly extreme but it is not, in itself, dangerous.
- E** The principle is identical in the gym – pushing yourself to the limit, but not beyond, will eventually bring the desired result.
- F** No one avoids this: it is ballet's great democratiser, the well established members of the company working alongside the newest recruits.
- G** It takes at least a decade of high-quality, regular practice to become an expert in any physical discipline.

**Part 7****QUESTIONS 43 – 52**

Read the newspaper article on page 4 of the separate booklet about a young professional footballer. For questions **43 – 52**, choose from the sections (**A – D**). The sections may be chosen more than once.

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

**Which paragraph**

- 43** states how surprised the writer was at Duncan's early difficulties?
- 44** says that Duncan sometimes seems much more mature than he really is?
- 45** describes the frustration felt by Duncan's father?
- 46** says that Duncan is on course to reach a high point in his profession?
- 47** suggests that Duncan caught up with his team-mates in terms of physical development?
- 48** explains how Duncan was a good all-round sportsman?
- 49** gives an example of how Gavin reassured his son?
- 50** mentions Duncan's current club's low opinion of him at one time?
- 51** mentions a personal success despite a failure for the team?
- 52** explains how Duncan and his father are fulfilling a similar role?

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