

# **CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH**

## **QUESTION BOOKLET READ THIS BOOKLET FIRST**

**Preliminary**

**Reading**

**Sample Test 1**

**Time: 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance**

**SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WITH A VISUAL  
IMPAIRMENT**

**Note: to help you do this paper, the texts for Reading  
Parts 2, 3, and 4 are in a separate TEXT BOOKLET.**

**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.**

**Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.**

**Answer all the questions.**

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

**At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.**

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## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**Questions 1 – 32 carry one mark.**

**DO NOT TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

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## **PART 1**

### **QUESTIONS 1 – 5**

**Read the text in each question.**

**What does it say?**

**For questions 1 – 5, write the correct letter A, B or C on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.**

**1 The notice says:**

**WIN A CAR**

**COMPETITION**

**Entries will only be accepted from people who are at least eighteen.**

- A The competition is open to people over a certain age.**
- B There is a maximum age limit for this competition.**
- C Only eighteen-year-olds are allowed to enter this competition.**

**2 The text message says:**

**Rachel**

**For our holiday, you need to get a photo for your visa and let me have it. I've got the visa forms so I can post them then.**

**Adam**

**Adam is telling Rachel to**

- A post something for him.**
- B find out how to do something.**
- C give him something he needs.**

**3 The notice says:**

**LABORATORY**

**The public are not permitted beyond this point unless accompanied by a staff member.**

- A Members of staff must be accompanied if they wish to pass this point.**
- B Members of the public can't go through unless they are visiting someone working here.**
- C Members of the public may go further if a company employee goes with them.**

**4 The note says:**

**Jane,**

**Mum's leaving really early tomorrow, so could you wake me at 7 when you leave for work? I mustn't be late for college again!**

**Tom**

- A Tom wants to persuade Jane to take him to college tomorrow morning.**
- B Tom would like Jane to do him a favour tomorrow morning.**
- C Tom is reminding Jane they have to get up early tomorrow morning.**

**5 The notice says:**

**FREE COPIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIS BOARD ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CAREERS CENTRE**

- A The Careers Centre will give you a copy of any advertisement on this board.**
- B This board is used to advertise the work done by the Careers Centre.**
- C If you ask the Careers Centre, you can advertise for free on this board.**

## **PART 2**

### **QUESTIONS 6 – 10**

The people below all want to visit a city market.

Read the descriptions of eight city markets on pages 3 – 5 of the Text Booklet.

Decide which market A – H would be the most suitable for the following people 6 – 10.

For questions 6 – 10, write the correct answer A – H on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

### **DESCRIPTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO VISIT A CITY MARKET**

- 6** Jenny wants to buy locally-produced food traditional to the area. She needs somewhere convenient to eat, and as she's sightseeing in the city, the market shouldn't be far from local attractions.
- 7** Matt wants a market where he can get something to wear at reasonable prices, and something hot to eat. He's also keen on music, and likes finding rare recordings by different bands.
- 8** Sammie wants to visit a market after spending the day in the city. He would like to photograph a historic place, and buy a painting by someone unknown.

- 9 Alexia is looking for a really special necklace for her grandmother's birthday. She'd like to spend the whole day at the market, and wants to avoid the cold by staying inside.**
  
- 10 Ella is looking for objects from other countries for her friends. She'd like to choose a second-hand book to read on the journey home, and wants a snack at the market, too.**

## Part 3

### Questions 11 – 15

Read the text on pages 6 – 7 of the Text Booklet and the questions below.

For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

**11 Peter enjoys mountain biking because**

- A it gives him the opportunity to enjoy the views.**
- B he can use the time to plan his work.**
- C he is able to stop thinking about his problems.**
- D it helps him to concentrate better.**

**12 What does Peter say about cycling during his childhood?**

- A He is sorry he didn't take more care of his bike.**
- B His friends always had better quality bikes than he did.**
- C His bike wasn't suitable for the activities he was doing.**
- D He was more interested in designing bikes than riding them.**

- 13 Peter says he returned to cycling after several years**
- A because he had become unfit.**
  - B so that he could enter races.**
  - C in order to meet new people.**
  - D to replace an activity he had given up.**
- 14 How does Peter feel about cycling now?**
- A He is proud that he is still so fast.**
  - B He is keen to do less now that he is older.**
  - C He regrets the fact that he can no longer compete.**
  - D He wishes more people were involved in the sport.**
- 15 What would be a good introduction to this article?**
- A For Peter Fuller, nothing matters more than mountain biking, not even his career. Here, in his own words, he tells us why.**
  - B Artist Peter Fuller takes mountain biking pretty seriously. Here he describes how it all began and what he gets out of it.**
  - C In this article, Peter Fuller explains how he became an artist only as a result of his interest in mountain biking.**
  - D After discovering mountain biking late in life, Peter Fuller gave up art for a while to concentrate on getting as good as possible.**

## Part 4

### Questions 16 – 20

Read the text on pages 8 – 9 of the Text Booklet and choose the correct sentences from the options A – H below.

For each question, write the correct letter A – H on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

### SENTENCES FOR QUESTIONS 16 – 20

- A That's why I knew it was a terrible plan.
- B I had trained in icy water in the UK so the crystal clear warm water felt amazing.
- C They always ask lots of questions.
- D I work far harder than I used to.
- E I began joking to friends about sending in an application.
- F Afterwards, some people were surprised by my decision but I wasn't too worried.

**G I decided I needed a break.**

**H I needed to explain that first.**

## **PART 5**

### **QUESTIONS 21 – 26**

**Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space from the options (A, B, C or D) on page 15 of the Question Booklet.**

**For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.**

### **THE COCONUT TREE**

**The coconut tree is thought to be one of the most valuable trees in the world. It is mostly found by the sea where there is a hot and wet 21 \_\_\_\_\_. The coconuts often fall into the sea and float on the water until they 22 \_\_\_\_\_ another beach, where more trees then begin to grow.**

**Holiday makers often see the coconut tree as no more than an attractive sun umbrella that provides 23 \_\_\_\_\_. However, this amazing tree has hundreds of 24 \_\_\_\_\_ and more are still being discovered.**

**People have made houses, boats and baskets from the coconut tree's wood and leaves for centuries. Even today, if you take a 25 \_\_\_\_\_ in your cupboards, you will find coconut oil in products as 26 \_\_\_\_\_ as medicine and desserts.**

## **OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 21 – 26**

**21 A temperature**  
**B condition**  
**C climate**  
**D weather**

**22 A reach**  
**B go**  
**C travel**  
**D arrive**

**23 A cloud**  
**B shade**  
**C dark**  
**D cold**

**24 A uses**  
**B jobs**  
**C roles**  
**D things**

**25 A scene**  
**B sight**  
**C look**  
**D view**

**26 A opposite**  
**B separate**  
**C strange**  
**D different**

## **PART 6**

### **QUESTIONS 27 – 32**

**Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space.**

**Write ONE word for each space on your answer sheet, together with the number of the question.**

### **THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

**This is one of my favourite places to visit. I've learned a huge amount about animals and plants 27 \_\_\_\_\_ time I've visited. I've even seen bits of rock from the moon!**

**The building's really beautiful and it's easy to find your way around. There are hundreds of interesting things on display, but 28 \_\_\_\_\_ you like dinosaurs the best time 29 \_\_\_\_\_ see them is during term-time. I've been twice in the school holidays and the queue was 30 \_\_\_\_\_ long that I wasn't able to visit that part 31 \_\_\_\_\_ the museum.**

**You'll probably want something to eat while you're there. You can take 32 \_\_\_\_\_ own picnic and eat in the museum garden, or try one of the two museum cafés.**

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