

TEST 1

Listening Part 1

Listen to a conversation between two friends, Greg and Alice, talking about a magazine article on Justin Bieber, a teenage singer. For questions 1-10, mark each statement *T* (true) or *F* (false). You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You now have one minute to read the questions for Part One.

A Young Aspiring Artist

- 1 Greg meets Alice regularly.
- 2 Alice writes articles for a magazine.
- 3 Greg is not sure that being very popular is a good thing.
- 4 Justin was 18 when he was discovered by his manager.
- 5 Justin can play four different musical instruments.
- 6 Justin's mum and dad are not musically talented.
- 7 Justin has performed live in front of the US President.
- 8 The remake of *We Are the World* was for charitable purposes.
- 9 Justin does not need to spend hours preparing for his performances.
- 10 Alice has finished writing about Justin Bieber.

Listening Part 2

Section A

You will hear a girl called Christine talking to her mum and dad about pocket money. For questions 11-15, decide which is the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You now have one minute to read the questions for Section A.

Pocket Money

- 11 Christine's mum
 - A has allowed Christine to stay out overnight on a camping trip.
 - B did not give Christine permission to go camping.
 - C is thinking about letting Christine go camping.
- 12 Christine receives
 - A more pocket money than other teens.
 - B the same pocket money as other teens.
 - C less pocket money than her peers.
- 13 Christine already
 - A works for her pocket money.
 - B helps with a lot of the household chores.
 - C cleans up her own room
- 14 After talking with her parents, Christine
 - A agrees to take care of their dog.
 - B refuses to do any household chores.
 - C says she has too much homework to do.
- 15 Christine's dad says that
 - A Christine will have to pay for the laptop herself.
 - B Christine will have to save up for half the total cost of the laptop.
 - C they would buy Christine the laptop for her birthday.

Section B

You will hear two radio presenters Bryan and Jordan talking about youth volunteering programmes. For questions 16-20, decide which is the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You now have one minute to read the questions for Section B.

Animal Shelters

- 16 Today's 'Willing Wednesday' show
 - A is concerned about helping homeless people.
 - B talks about helping stray animals.
 - C promotes donating money to children's charities.
- 17 Bryan's new dog
 - A gets on very well with his poodle, Lady.
 - B has not adapted to his new environment.
 - C needs to be house-trained.
- 18 Bryan's daughter
 - A has inspired her friend to volunteer at the local animal shelter.
 - B isn't involved in any volunteering programmes.
 - C isn't particularly fond of dogs.
- 19 Jordan's son, Jeremy has
 - A set up an Animal Protection Club at home.
 - B helped raise money for abused animals.
 - C been sick and unable to volunteer at the animal shelter.
- 20 The programme "Canine Commandos"
 - A suggests parents donate money to their charity.
 - B organises competitions where owners display their dogs.
 - C allows young people to volunteer in their dog training programme.

TEST 1

Reading Part 1

You are going to read a passage about snowboarding. For questions 21-24, match the headings (A-G) with the appropriate paragraph. One heading has been done as an example. There are TWO headings which you do not need.

History of the Snowboard

Example: C – Modest beginnings

Just imagine the thrill of racing down a snow-covered slope on a board made especially for speed and skill. Since the late 1800s people have used traditional skis for both pleasure and necessity. The snowboard wasn't invented until the mid 1900s, although an earlier version was built around 1929 by a creative adventurer named Jack Burnett. Jack cut a piece of wood that he attached to his feet with clothesline and horse reins. He then used a rope to hang onto it while he slid down the hill.

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In 1965 Sherman Poppen from the US improved on Jack Burnett's poorly made snowboard when he decided to make a toy for his daughter. By fastening two skis together, he then tied a rope to one end, giving his child more **stability** and control on the slopes. The toy became so popular, Sherman signed a contract with a manufacturing company to produce what was originally named a 'snurfer', which combined the words 'snow', and 'surfing' into one new word. Sherman Poppen ended up selling a million of these early snowboards within a decade.

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New technology for a prototype snowboard was introduced in 1980 by Jake Burton and Winterstick. This was followed in 1982 by the first international snowboard race which was held in the US at a place called 'Suicide Six' in Vermont. The race took place on a dangerous slope called, 'The Face'. However, snowboarding did not become a recognized sport until three years later in 1985. The first World Cup was held in Zurs, Austria, and today events are watched worldwide including the Olympics.

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In the early years of snowboarding, there was a great deal of competition between those that skied, and those that used snowboards. In fact, back in 1965 snowboarders were not allowed on many of the slopes **designated** for skiing. However, as riders' skill levels increased and equipment improved snowboarders were more widely accepted. Now snowboarders can use the slopes in 97% of all ski areas.

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As snowboarding became a winter sport, many styles evolved that better defined the sport. Free-carve, free-style and free-ride are the most common styles and each style comes with its own equipment and technique. Groomed runs make free-riding the more popular style of snowboarding. The less frequently used slalom style called free-carving uses hard packed snow to ride the slopes. Free-style riders use man-made terrain features such as rails, jumps and boxes to perform daring tricks and manoeuvres. Consequently, snowboarding is one of the more dangerous winter sports, with double the number of injuries compared to skiing. Most injuries occur with beginners, or those who have not taken lessons first. Helmets and wrist guards are highly recommended for participants of this sport to avoid serious injury.

Questions 21-24

Match a heading (A-G) with a paragraph (21-24). There are two headings, which you do not need.

- A Great conflict
- B Snowboarding is on the decline
- C Modest beginnings
- D Taking precautions
- E Gaining professional recognition
- F Limited snowboarding styles
- G The makings of a business

Questions 25-30

Read the passage and decide which is the best answer A, B, C or D.

- 25 The earliest snowboard
- A had poles which the snowboarder held onto.
 - B had a rope attached to the snowboard.
 - C was used for work-related purposes.
 - D was made out of metal and rope.
- 26 A word closest in meaning to 'stability' [paragraph 2] is
- A balance
 - B strength
 - C safety
 - D enjoyment
- 27 Snowboarding became accepted internationally
- A in 1980
 - B by 1982
 - C after 1988
 - D from 1985
- 28 According to the text, initially skiers
- A were enthusiastic about sharing the slopes with snowboarders.
 - B were reluctant to allow snowboards on the slopes they skied on.
 - C were afraid of the snowboarders who appeared on the slopes.
 - D were suspicious of the snowboarders who turned up on the slopes.
- 29 The word closest in meaning to 'designated' [paragraph 4] is
- A suitable
 - B used
 - C necessary
 - D chosen
- 30 The snowboarders who
- A received some basic training were less likely to be injured.
 - B took no snowboarding lessons did not suffer any injuries.
 - C did not wear protective equipment were not injured.
 - D wore protective clothing were hurt anyway.

You are going to read an article about the *Peanuts* comic strip. For questions 31-35, decide which is the correct answer A, B, C or D.

The Peanuts COMIC STRIP

Charles M Schultz (1922-2000) was an American cartoonist who created the popular *Peanuts* cartoons which are still widely read today. Charles grew up in Minnesota in the USA. He was an only child with kind and compassionate parents. His keen mind allowed him to skip two half-grades in primary school, but that caused him to become shy and reserved because of the noticeable age difference he had with the other children in the class.

Charles' **passion** lay in drawing cartoons. And the wonderful thing was that he was exceptionally good at it! One of Schultz' early cartoons was published in a comic strip by Robert Ripley. The cartoon was of Spike, the family dog, who liked to eat strange items such as tacks and pins. Schultz signed the cartoon with his pen name, 'Sparky', which was a nickname given to him by his uncle.

In 1947 a series of cartoons titled '*Lil Folks*' was published by the St Paul Pioneer Press. Schultz tried at that time to get the comic strip run in multiple newspapers, but the deal fell through, and *Lil Folks* was stopped in January of 1950. This is the first time that Schultz used the name, 'Charlie Brown', and the dog he drew in the cartoons looked a lot like Snoopy, the famous *Peanuts* character.

On 2nd October 1950 *Peanuts* was published for the first time. All of our favourite characters, such as Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder, and of course, Snoopy were much loved, making *Peanuts* one of the most popular comic strips of all time. Schultz' main character, Charlie Brown, **resembles** his creator, Schultz himself. Both Charlie Brown and Schultz were shy, had a barber for a father, and each owned a dog. Many of the other characters in the comic strip were inspired by family and friends.

Peanuts ran for nearly 50 years. A number of movies were based on *Peanuts* as well, including: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*; *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*; *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*; *A Boy Named Charlie Brown*, and many, many more. In all of Schultz' career he took only one five-week holiday in 1997. *Peanuts* appeared in more than 2,500 newspapers in 75 countries. Charles Schultz died in his sleep from cancer in February 2000, but his wonderful comic strips, books and movies lived on even after his passing. In Charles' memory the Charles M. Schulz museum and Researcher center was opened in Santa Rosa, in 2002. It exhibits his life's work and his cartoons. There is also a statue of Charlie Brown and Snoopy standing proudly in nearby Depot Park.

- 31 Charles Schultz became shy
- A because his classmates made fun of him.
 - B because his parents were overly strict with him.
 - C because his performance at school was poor.
 - D because he was the youngest in his class.
- 32 A word closest in meaning to 'passion' [paragraph 2] is
- A desire
 - B interest
 - C excitement
 - D attachment
- 33 The cartoon '*Lil Folks*'
- A was immediately successful.
 - B was published in newspapers around the country.
 - C has been running since 1950
 - D was not popular.
- 34 The word 'resembles' [paragraph 4] means
- A is completely different to
 - B is fond of
 - C is like or similar to
 - D is familiar with
- 35 Charles Schultz' cartoons have been popular
- A only in Minnesota, his birthplace.
 - B only in the United States.
 - C within the United States and abroad as well.
 - D only in Europe.

Use of English Part 1

For questions 36-45, complete the sentences by choosing the best answer A, B, C or D.

- 36 What of your new science teacher?
 A are you thinking C you think
 B do you think D have you thought
- 37 They were tired because they for their exams all afternoon.
 A study C had been studying
 B have studied D will study
- 38 I borrow your mp3 player please?
 A Would C Will
 B Should D May
- 39 Rugby is a team sport that played in Britain since the middle of the 19th century.
 A has been C is being
 B was D will be
- 40 Isn't that the woman daughter won the writing competition?
 A which C what
 B whose D whom
- 41 I would have been disappointed if you to my graduation.
 A wouldn't have come C came
 B hadn't come D would have come
- 42 I would love to go camping this weekend. I wish I so much homework.
 A wouldn't have C didn't have
 B hadn't had D hadn't
- 43 Tom asked outside the cinema.
 A could we meet C unless we meet
 B if we could meet D us if to meet
- 44 I'd rather you so much time playing that computer game.
 A don't spend C not spend
 B haven't spent D didn't spend
- 45 We don't need so chairs in this classroom.
 A many C any
 B much D a few

Use of English Part 2

For questions 46-55, complete the sentences by choosing the best answer A, B, C or D.

- 46 Do you ever wonder if you the right decision?
 A did C came
 B made D got
- 47 Paul was able to work the answer to the maths problem.
 A to C for
 B up D out
- 48 The university pays him a of £3,000 a month.
 A reward C salary
 B income D fee
- 49 Could you to this email as soon as possible please?
 A reply C answer
 B remark D report
- 50 Tina to her mother and wants to be just like her one day.
 A looks after C looks for
 B looks up D look like
- 51 I couldn't meeting Rachel because I hadn't seen her for 20 years.
 A recall C recognise
 B remind D recommend
- 52 Diana most of her free time writing children's stories.
 A spared C wasted
 B spent D passed
- 53 Peter is particularly of snowboarding.
 A keen C fond
 B interested D satisfied
- 54 Being ill and having to take medicine really gets her
 A up C off
 B down D over
- 55 Timothy wasn't very about swimming in the freezing cold.
 A eager C attractive
 B willing D enthusiastic

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Use of English Part 3

For questions 56-65, read the text and choose the best answer for each gap A, B, C or D.

Nowadays the world is full of gadgets and gizmos designed to make our lives easier or more fun. The way technology is **56)** we will soon be able to control our homes at the touch of a **57)**

Imagine you are stuck in a traffic jam on the **58)** home from work. You are feeling hungry so you pick up the remote control and **59)** the cooker on to cook the roast you left ready this morning. Some time later you arrive home, and take a sound wave shower. Then, you put your clothes in your automatic dry-clean washing machine and **60)** for the fridge. While thinking about what to drink, the fridge interrupts your thought process and in a robotic voice says:

"May I suggest some grapefruit juice?" It then alerts you that the apple pie you left there two weeks ago is about to **61)**

The 'smart' home will be packed **62)** technological innovations. Lasers will be installed in homes, **63)** can detect a burning saucepan or unusual human activity like people falling. It has also been predicted that overcrowding will become a serious problem in the future. More and more people will be obliged to move into smaller houses or flats. **64)**, sliding or moveable walls will enable people to use the same space for many different purposes.

Does all this sound impossible and unlikely? Well a lot of this technology already exists today. Interior product designers along with high-tech companies are working hard to show how life can become more comfortable and more energy efficient for many more of us in the **65)** future.

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| 56 | A advancing
B rising | C increasing
D gaining |
| 57 | A switch
B badge | C button
D key |
| 58 | A route
B path | C passage
D way |
| 59 | A open
B switch | C inform
D tell |
| 60 | A walk
B arrive | C head
D go |
| 61 | A go off
B go down | C go away
D go over |
| 62 | A in
B into | C out
D with |
| 63 | A who
B which | C where
D when |
| 64 | A Because of
B Consequently | C Due to
D Resulting |
| 65 | A near
B short | C close
D next |

Use of English Part 4

For questions 66-70, complete the sentences below by choosing the best answer A, B or C.

- 66 The general public is concerned that overuse of mobile phones could have results.
A predictable B prediction C unpredictable
- 67 We could ask our neighbour Helen to feed the dog, but she's a little
A unreliable B reliable C rely
- 68 Working with children with special needs can be a experience.
A satisfying B satisfied C satisfaction
- 69 The firemen had taken all the necessary steps to our safety.
A sure B ensure C surely
- 70 Phillip was involved in the local sports club.
A activity B actively C inactive

Use of English Part 5

For questions 71-75, choose the sentence A, B, C or D which is closest in meaning to the first sentence.

- 71 I didn't go out with my friends until I had finished my biology project.
A I went out with my friends even though I had not finished my project.
B I didn't go out with my friends because I had not finished my project.
C I finished my biology project and then went out with my friends.
D I went out with my friends and then I finished my biology project.
- 72 Don't bother trying to convince her of your innocence.
A Although she knows you are innocent, she won't admit it.
B If I were you, I would try to convince her of your innocence.
C You should try harder to convince her that you are innocent.
D There is no use trying to convince her that you are innocent.
- 73 Everyone apart from Benjamin enjoyed the art exhibition.
A Benjamin enjoyed the art exhibition as much as everyone else.
B Benjamin was the only one who did not enjoy himself at the art exhibition.
C Benjamin was the only one who had a good time at the art exhibition.
D Everyone went to the exhibition apart from Benjamin.
- 74 Despite the fact that I had rehearsed for the role, I still did not get the part in the play.
A Although I had rehearsed for the role, I still did not get the part in the play.
B If I hadn't rehearsed for the role, I would not have got the part in the play.
C Unless I rehearse for the role, I won't get the part in the play.
D I will still get the part in the play, even if I don't rehearse for the role.
- 75 I am certain they did well in the test.
A They should pass the test.
B They need to pass the test.
C They had better pass the test.
D They must have passed the test.

TEST 1

Writing

Choose ONE of the following options. Write between 180-200 words in English.

- 1 Your school magazine is running a series of articles called "Special People". Write an **article** about the most important person in your life and why this person is special.
- 2 You have seen an advertisement for local tour guides during the summer season. The advertisement says: "Do you speak English? Are you interested in the history of your town? Are you good at organisation? Are you reliable?" Write a **letter** of application to the company.
- 3 Your teacher has asked you to enter a short story competition. The competition rules say that the **story** must begin with these words: *You will never guess what happened to me last month ...*

Speaking

Interview to elicit personal information. Candidates respond to the interlocutor and not to each other. The interview consists of a number of short turns with candidates being invited to respond alternately. Part 1 lasts for 3 minutes divided equally between both candidates. In the event of three candidates allow 4 minutes divided equally between all candidates.

Part One (3-4 minutes)

- Tell us something about your family.
- Which member(s) of your family are you especially close to?
- Which member of your family are you most like?
- What are your earliest memories as a child?
- Tell us something about your best friend.
- How long have you known each other? How did you meet?
- What's important in a close friend?

Part Two (4 minutes)

The interlocutor gives students written prompts to discuss together.

Prompts

Candidate Prompts – Topic 1 – Relationships

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement:

- Being an only child has its advantages e.g. you can spend considerably more time with your parents.

Candidate B's Statement:

- Being an only child has its disadvantages e.g. you may feel lonely.

Part Three (5 minutes)

The interlocutor engages candidates in a short discussion.

- What are the qualities of a good friend?
- Who would you go to if you had a problem? Your parents or your friends?
- Should your parents give you pocket money?
- Is having a meal with the whole family important to you?
- What are three characteristics of a good teacher?
- If someone bullied you at school, what would you do?
- How would you help a friend who is feeling sad?
- Can you tell your best friend anything?

TEST 2

Listening Part 1

Listen to a conversation between two friends, Cindy and her friend Brenda, talking about ice sculptures. For questions 1-10, mark each statement *T* (true) or *F* (false). You will hear the recording TWICE. You now have one minute to read the questions for Part One.

Ice Sculptures

- 1 Cindy is going on vacation to Canada next month.
- 2 Ice sculpting is like making a snowman.
- 3 Canadians have been interested in ice sculpting since the 1880s.
- 4 The sculptures on display last year were impressive.
- 5 Ice sculpting competitions are only held in Canada.
- 6 The ice sculpting competition in Canada lasts for 3 months.
- 7 The ice required for the sculpting is collected from frozen lakes and rivers.
- 8 Sculptors use special ice sculpting equipment to make their works of art.
- 9 The sculptures are sometimes coloured with gel or sand.
- 10 Brenda and Cindy will take pictures of the ice sculptures.

Listening Part 2

Section A

You will hear Tony Fawkes, a presenter at WW3 Radio, talking to Darren Goodweather about fireworks. For questions 11-15, decide which is the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording TWICE. You now have one minute to read the questions for Section A.

Fireworks

- 11 Darren first became interested in fireworks
 - A as a teenager.
 - B as a child.
 - C after entering a fireworks competition.
- 12 Fireworks were initially designed
 - A to frighten evil spirits.
 - B to be used as weapons.
 - C for celebrations.
- 13 Darren is participating in
 - A a local fireworks competition.
 - B an international fireworks competition.
 - C an amateur fireworks competition
- 14 According to Darren,
 - A misuse of fireworks can lead to serious injury.
 - B anyone can handle fireworks.
 - C bystanders are always injured during firework displays.
- 15 Darren advises young people
 - A to make their own fireworks.
 - B to buy any kind of fireworks.
 - C to follow the instructions on the fireworks' packaging.

Section B

You will hear an interview between a radio presenter and John Green, a fire fighter, talking about the recent bush fires in Australia. For questions 16-20, decide which is the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording TWICE. You now have one minute to read the questions for Section B.

Black Saturday

- 16 John recalls that on Black Saturday
 - A the weather was mild.
 - B it was very windy.
 - C it had been raining.
- 17 Fire fighters attempted to put out the fire by
 - A using water and dirt.
 - B using aeroplanes and helicopters.
 - C employing both the above methods.
- 18 The animals in the area
 - A were seriously injured.
 - B were saved by the fire fighters.
 - C were moved to safety.
- 19 According to the interviewer
 - A there was no loss of human life.
 - B the inhabitants did not have to abandon their homes.
 - C over 100 people lost their lives and many more were injured.
- 20 The government is planning
 - A to ban the building of houses outside the city centre.
 - B to employ additional fire fighters.
 - C to continue investigations concerning suspected arson attempts.