

Pearson Test of English General

# Practice Test 2: Written Test

Level A1  
Foundation



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Sections	Skills	Score points	Level A1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	Listening	10	1 hour 15 mins	1 hour 35 mins	1 hour 35 mins	2 hours	2 hours 30 mins	2 hours 55 mins
2	Listening and Writing	10						
3	Listening	10						
4	Reading	5						
5	Reading	5						
6	Reading	8						
7	Reading	7						
8	Writing	10						
9	Writing	10						

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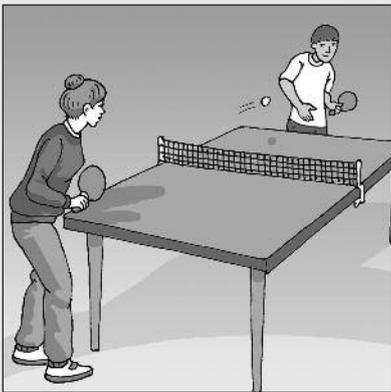
SECTION 1

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You have 10 seconds to read each question. Listen and put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example. You have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

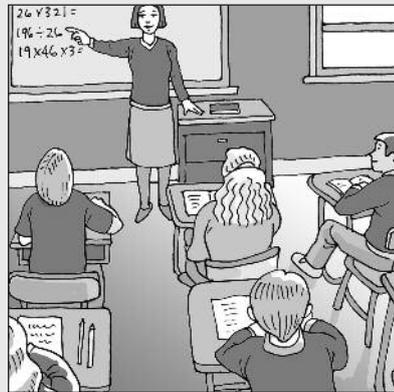
Example. Who is the woman?



A



B



C

1. Which picture is correct?



A



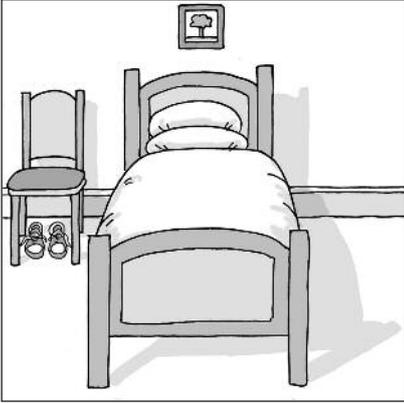
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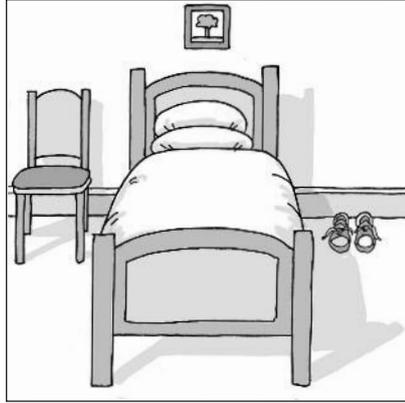
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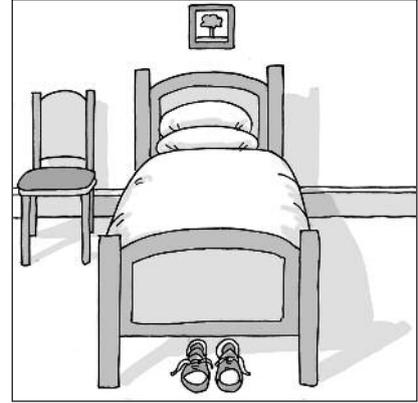
2. Where are the shoes?



A



B



C

3. Who is the woman speaking to?



A



B



C

4. What is the girl wearing?



A



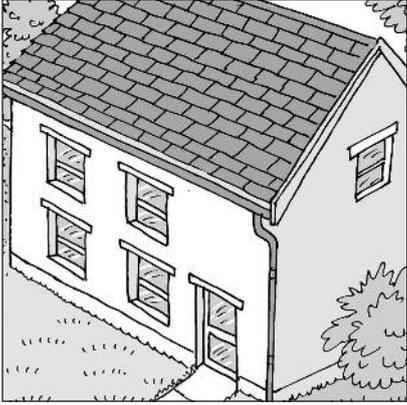
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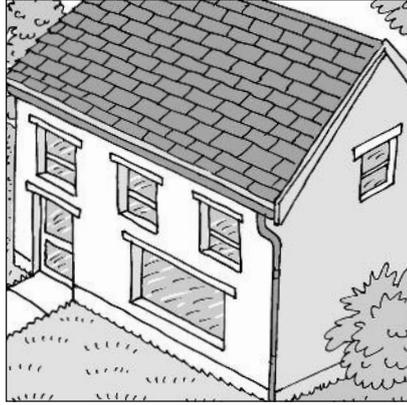
C



5. Which is the girl's house?



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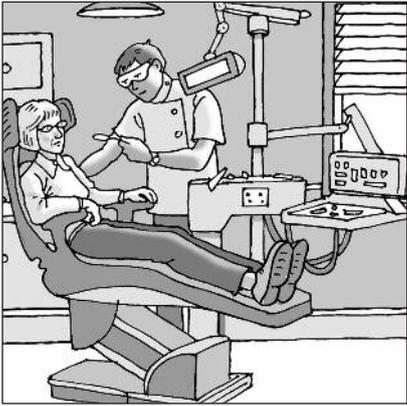


B



C

6. Where is the man?



A

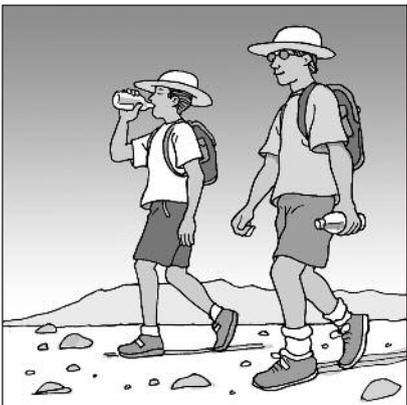


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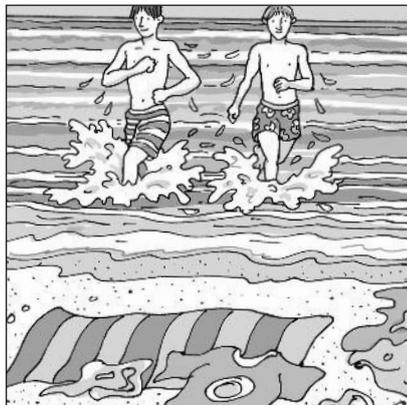


C

7. Where are they?



A



B



C

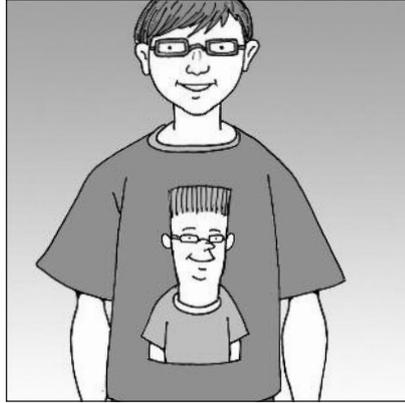
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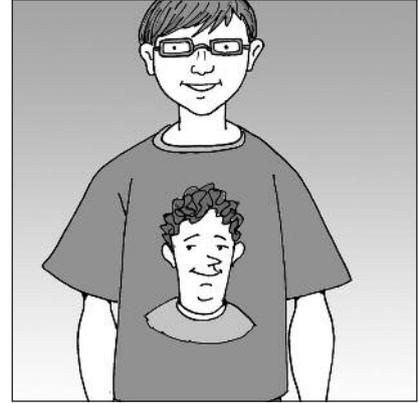
8. Which picture is correct?



A



B



C

9. Where are they?



A



B



C

10. Where are they?



A



B



C

(10 marks)





SECTION 3

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You will hear a phone message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

Example. Message from: ..... *Jan* .....

12 Jan's problem: .....

13 Meeting at: .....

14 Food is in: .....

15 Cooking time: .....

16 Time to record programme: .....



SECTION 3 CONTINUED

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You will hear a weather forecast. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the forecast. You will hear the recording twice.

Example. Day: *Monday 13th*

17 Time:.....

18 Today's weather:.....

19 Night temperature:.....

20 Tomorrow's weather:.....

21 Next forecast:.....

(10 marks)

That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.



SECTION 4

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Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

**Example.**

Passenger announcement: all flights leaving the airport this morning are .....  
due to fog.

- A  delayed
- B  flying
- C  seen

22.

Visitors, please ..... reception to get your temporary badge for  
the meeting.

- A  leave from
- B  go to
- C  look at

23.

Swimming in the lake is not allowed when the temperature of the .....  
is 5° centigrade or below. Please check the notice board for information.

- A  beach
- B  heat
- C  water



24.

.....: Fourth-floor flat, two bedrooms, sitting room and kitchen, in a quiet road near Westminster Square. Private parking. Only £2500 per month.

- A  For rent
- B  Sale on
- C  Opening soon

25.

**Staff Cafeteria:**

**Today's Meals**

Starter

Tomato soup

Mixed salad

.....

Chicken Kiev

Pasta Bake

Spaghetti bolognaise

Dessert

Apple pie and ice-cream

Fresh fruit

- A  Main Course
- B  Lunch
- C  Fish and chips

26.

**Special announcement**

Highgate School is closing ..... today because of the heavy snow. Please check the school's website for further information for the rest of the week.

- A  possibly
- B  early
- C  surely

Leave blank

(5 marks)



SECTION 5

Leave blank



For each question, put a cross (X) in the box below the correct picture, as in the example.

Example. Which is a picture of the holiday?

correspondence this side only

*The weather is very hot.  
We go out in the morning  
but in the afternoon  
we sit under the trees  
and sleep.*

**POSTCARD**

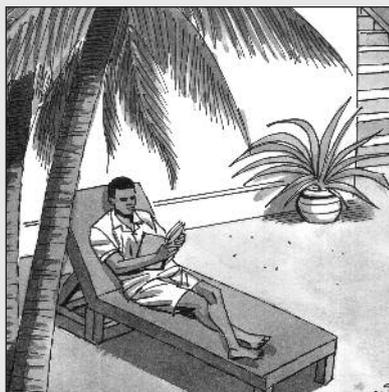
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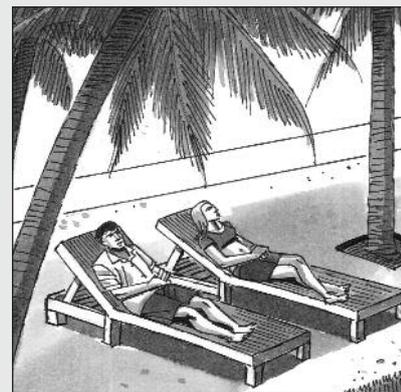
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A



B



C



27. Which one is Anna?

Leave blank

The manager is called Anna. She's wearing a dark jacket and a long skirt. That woman in trousers and a white blouse is the director.



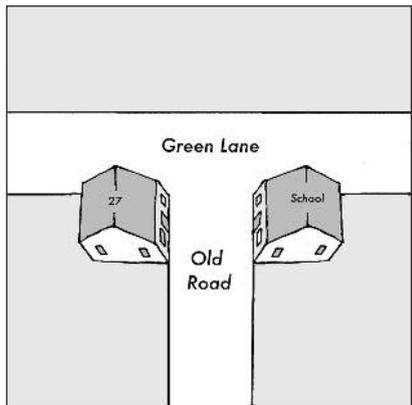
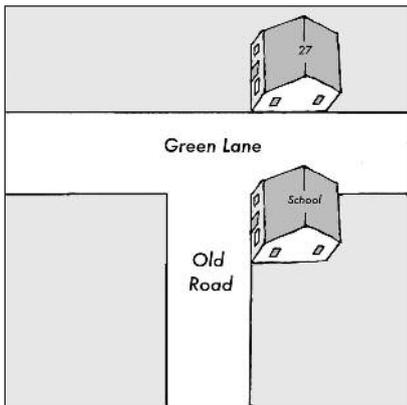
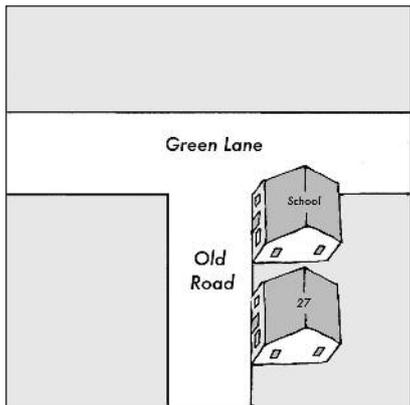
A

B

C

28. Which is Steve's house?

It's easy to find Steve's house. It's number 27 in Old Road, opposite the school.



A

B

C



29. Which is the correct picture?

Leave blank

correspondence this side only

*The weather wasn't very nice. It rained most days. But in this picture we're under an umbrella because of the strong sun.*

**POSTCARD**  
address only this side

place correct postage here

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....



A



B



C



30. Where does Peter work?

Leave blank

I've got a job in a café. It's in the town centre, near the newsagent and the electrical shop.



A

B

C

31. Which one is Andy?

My brother Lee has dark curly hair and glasses. Andy, my other brother, has got glasses, too. His hair is blonde and straight.



A

B

C

(5 marks)



## SECTION 6

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Read the brochure information below and answer the questions.

Seathwaite is in Borrowdale. It's in the mountains so it has a high rainfall of 3300 mm a year, more than the average for the Lake District of 2000 mm. Even on warm days, temperatures in Seathwaite can change quickly, and walkers should always take cold-weather clothes with them.

**Example.** Which place is this about? Seathwaite

32. Where is Seathwaite?

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33. Why is there a lot of rain in Seathwaite?

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34. What is the average yearly rainfall for Seathwaite?

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35. Why are cold-weather clothes important for walkers in Seathwaite?

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SECTION 6 CONTINUED

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Read the note below and answer the questions.



Example. Who is this note to? Sophie

36. What time is Sophie meeting Jack?

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37. What is next to Jack's office?

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38. Where are Sophie and Jack going?

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39. How can Sophie contact Jack?

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(8 marks)

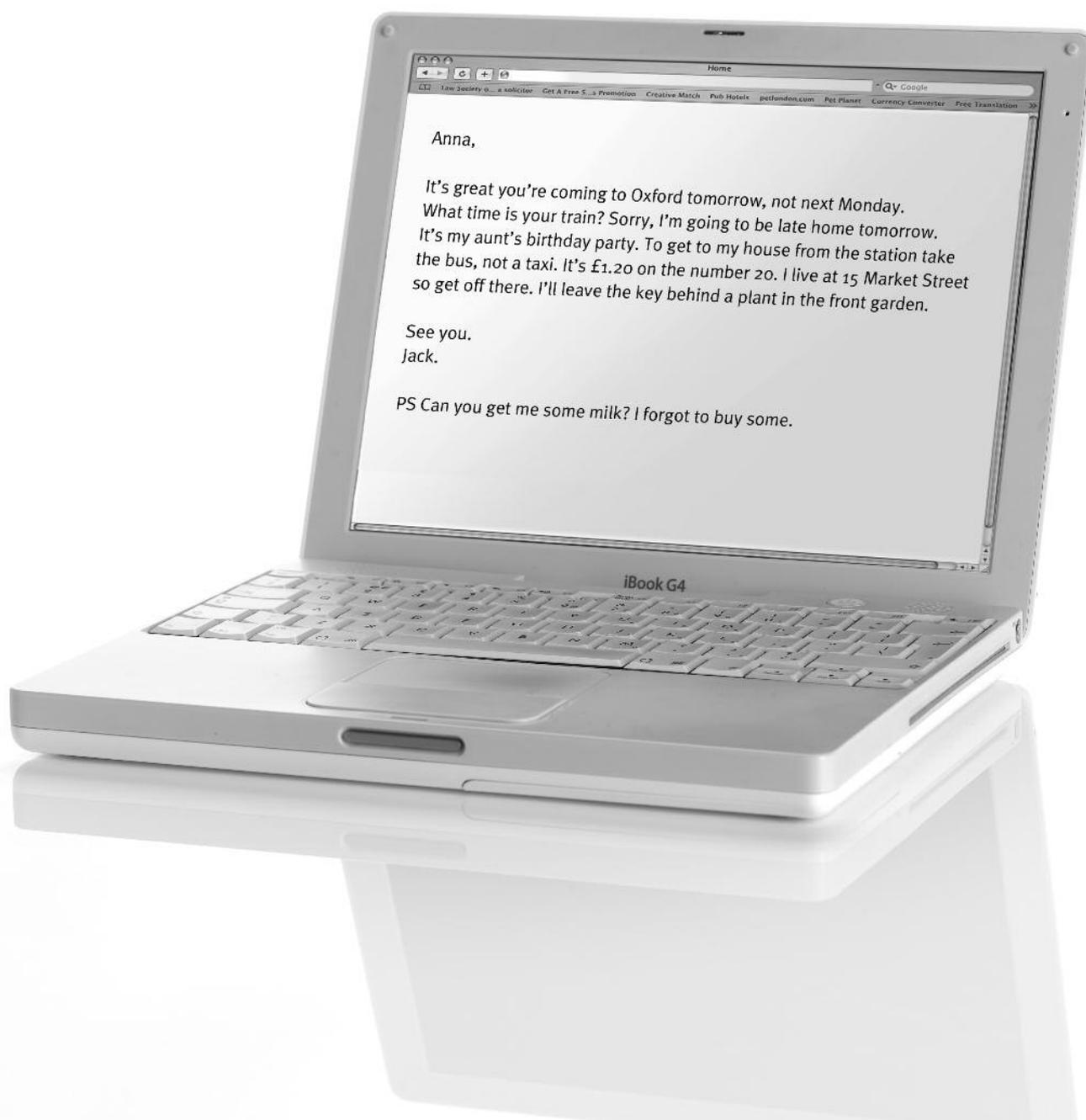


## SECTION 7

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Read the email and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the email.



Example. Email to: Anna

Leave  
blank

40. Anna is arriving:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

41. Anna is travelling to Oxford by:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. Tomorrow Jack is at his:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

43. Transport from station:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. Cost:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. Jack's address:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

46. The key is in:.....  
\_\_\_\_\_

(7 marks)



**SECTION 8**

Leave blank



Use the information in Section 7 to help you write your answer.

**47. Write Anna's reply to Jack. Write 30-50 words and include the following information:**

- Thank Jack for his email.
- Answer Jack's questions about the train.
- Ask what time Jack is coming home.
- Ask where to buy the milk.

**Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.**

A large rectangular box containing 15 horizontal dotted lines for writing an answer.

(10 marks)



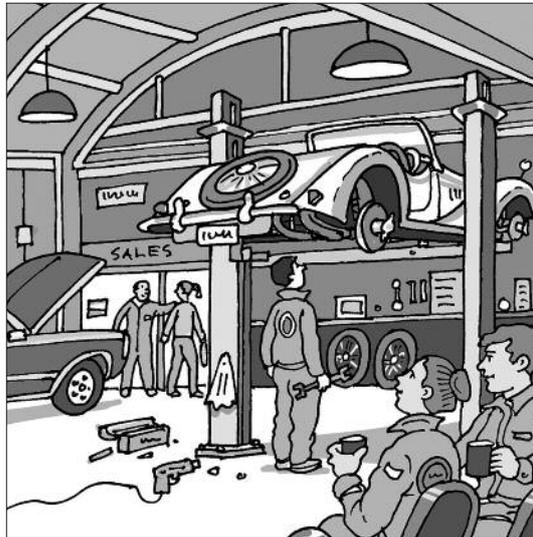
SECTION 9

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Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 50–80 words.

48. A) Write a short story about the picture.



Or

48. B) Write a short story about the picture.



**Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.**

Leave  
blank

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing an answer.

(10 marks)



Leave  
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## ANSWER KEY

Leave  
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### Section 1

#### Example. A

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. B
9. C
10. A

### Section 2

11. It's going to be wet/ in the south/ with a strong wind/ and heavy rain all morning.

### Section 3

#### Example. Jan

12. (going to be) late (home)/can't come home on time
13. school
14. (the) fridge
15. 5 minutes (on high)
16. 5 (pm/tonight)

#### Section 3 Continued

#### Example. Monday 13th

17. 8.30 (am/this morning)
18. wet/rain
19. 5 (°/degrees)
20. sunny
21. 4 (this afternoon/pm)



H 3 5 1 6 4 A 0 2 1 8

**Section 4**

**Example. A**

- 22. B
- 23. C
- 24. A
- 25. A
- 26. B

**Section 5**

**Example. C**

- 27. A
- 28. C
- 29. B
- 30. B
- 31. C

**Section 6**

**Example. Seathwaite**

- 32. (in) Borrowdale
- 33. (in the) mountains
- 34. 3300 mm
- 35. (the) temperatures can change (quickly)

**Section 6 Continued**

**Example. Sophie**

- 36. six thirty/6.30
- 37. (a large) supermarket
- 38. (to the) theatre
- 39. (by) email



**Section 7****Example. Anna**

40. tomorrow

41. train

42. aunt's (birthday) party

43. bus

44. £1.20

45. 15 Market Street

46. (the) front garden

**Section 8****47. Sample answer:**

Hi Jack, thanks for your email. My train is arriving at four o'clock. What time are you getting home from your aunt's party? Also, where can I buy milk? Is there a shop near your house? Anna PS Do you want to go out for a meal? (47 words)

**Section 9****48 A. Sample answer:**

It's a quarter to eleven and I am working hard in the garage. I am fixing the brakes on a car. There are four people here with me. The other two mechanics, Dave and Julie, are having a rest and a cup of tea. I can also see the Sales Manager, Tony. He's speaking to a customer. He is trying to sell a car to her. (68 words)

**48 B. Sample answer:**

This is a picture of my mum's fortieth birthday party yesterday. In the picture my brother Mark and I are giving mum our presents. Mark is giving mum a book and I am giving her a plant. Mum is smiling and blowing out the candles on her cake. There are also sandwiches, biscuits and crisps on the table. We are all happy and laughing and having fun. (67 words)



H 3 5 1 6 4 A 0 2 1 8

# TRANSCRIPTS

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This is the Pearson Test of English General Level A1. This test takes 1 hour and 15 minutes.

## Section 1

You have 10 seconds to read each question. Listen and put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example. You have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

**Example. Listen to the woman. Who is she?**

F: Now hold the bat in your right hand. Like this. Now hit the ball with your bat.

*The correct answer is A*

**1. Listen to the woman speaking. Which picture is correct?**

F: David! Come inside. It's raining. You can play football when it's dry.

**2. Listen to the man speaking. Where are the shoes?**

M: Can you get my shoes, Jenny? They're in the bedroom under the chair. You know, the one next to my bed.

**3. Listen to the woman speaking. Who is she speaking to?**

F: Oh hello, can you take me to the post office, please? I want to post this parcel.

**4. Listen to the man speaking. What is the girl wearing?**

M: Mona! Why are you wearing a coat and a winter hat? Don't be silly. It isn't cold. It's the middle of summer!

**5. Listen to the girl speaking. Which is her house?**

F: That's our house! The one with the glass door, the two big windows downstairs and three windows upstairs.

**6. Listen to the man speaking. Where is he?**

M: OK, I need to look at it now, so could you open your mouth, please.

**7. Listen to the boy speaking. Where are they?**

M: I'm freezing. I'm getting out. It's very cold and windy in the water.

**8. Listen to the boy speaking. Which picture is correct?**

M: Yes, my new T-shirt is great. I love the picture of the man with the big head and glasses.



**Section 1 Continued**

**9. Listen to the woman speaking. Where are they?**

F: That man and woman are waiting. Can you take their order, please?

**10. Listen to the woman speaking. Where are they?**

F: Thanks for washing up, darling. It's OK, I'll dry the dishes now.

**Section 2**

**11. You will hear a recording about the weather. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.**

M: It's going to be wet/ in the south/ with a strong wind/ and heavy rain all morning.

**Section 3**

**12. – 16. You will hear a recorded message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.**

F: Hi Matt, it's Jan here. I've got a bit of a problem tonight. I'm going to be late. I can't come home on time because I have a meeting at school. Sorry, I forgot to tell you about it. Anyway, there's some food. I cooked it yesterday. It's in the fridge in the kitchen. You can heat it in the microwave. Five minutes on high is enough. Oh, and listen. It's my favourite TV programme at five tonight. Can you record it for me? It's on Channel three. Thanks. Bye.

**Now listen again**

**17. – 21. You will hear a weather forecast. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the forecast. You will hear the recording twice.**

F: Hello. It's time for the weather for today, Monday, the thirteenth of March and tomorrow Tuesday the fourteenth, read for you at 8.30 this morning. As usual at this time of year, there's a lot of rain about. Today will be wet with rain in all areas. The temperature will rise to eight degrees in the afternoon and fall to five degrees at night. Tomorrow the weather will change and it will be sunny with maximum temperatures of around thirteen degrees centigrade. That's all for now. Have a good day and listen to our next forecast at four this afternoon.

**Now listen again**

**That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.**





