

Preliminary for Schools

Reading

Sample Test 2**Time** 45 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

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.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

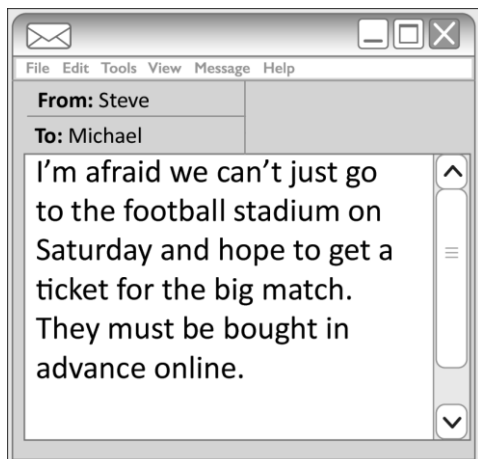
Questions **1 – 32** carry one mark.

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

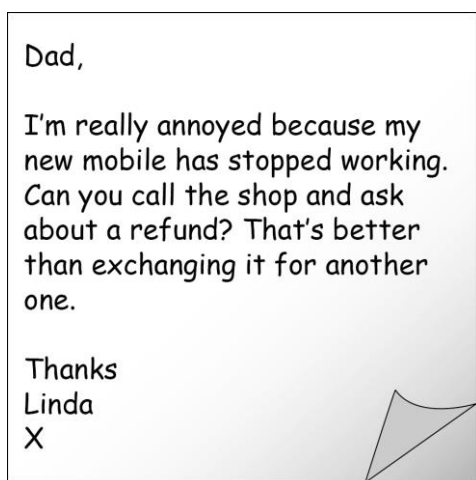
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Steve is telling Michael that

- A** they cannot buy their tickets until Saturday.
- B** they have to buy their tickets before the match.
- C** they will only be able to buy tickets at the stadium.

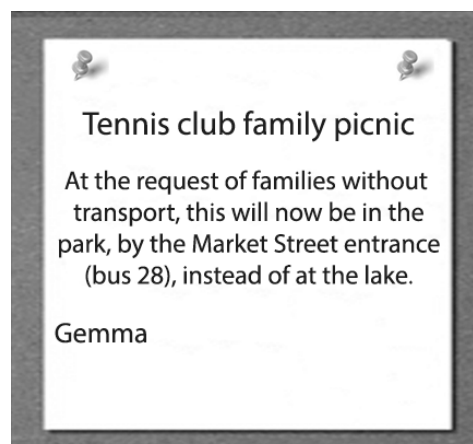
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Linda wants her father to find out how to

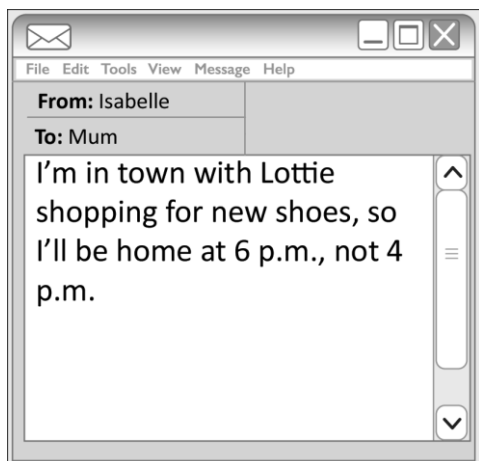
- A** get her money back.
- B** have her mobile repaired.
- C** replace her mobile with another one.

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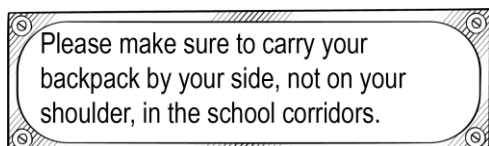
- A** Gemma has changed the picnic place so it's easier for everyone to get to.
- B** People should meet in Market Street to catch the bus to the picnic place.
- C** Families must tell Gemma whether they'd prefer a picnic at the park or lake.

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- A** Isabelle is going to be shopping in town until at least 6 p.m.
- B** Isabelle's mum should collect her from Lottie's home at 6 p.m. rather than 4 p.m.
- C** Isabelle will now be back later than she'd originally told her mum.

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This sign tells students

- A** where they should leave their bags in school.
- B** what kind of bags they should use in school.
- C** how they should hold their bags in school.

Part 2

Questions 6 – 10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The young people below all want an interesting new book to read.
On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight books.
Decide which book would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Lisa likes exciting stories set in the present and in unusual places. She doesn't mind if it takes time to understand what's happening in the story, as long as it makes her laugh.

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Ellen enjoys books about imagined worlds which have little connection with reality. She'd like a story which develops at great speed and has strange creatures in it.

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Camilo prefers stories that are challenging to read. He enjoys books that are also movies so he can compare them, and likes stories set on other planets with lots of space travel.

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Luciana is looking for a story that takes place in the past and would prefer a book about people leading difficult lives. She likes to be surprised by what she reads.

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Juan would like a modern, fast-moving book that involves believable characters. He plays team sports and likes reading about people with similar interests to him.

Exciting new books

A **Sword of Gold**

This is a colourful true-adventure story about a man who travels around the world visiting many distant countries and seeing many unusual animals. The historical background provides added interest as we learn about facts and events from the eighteenth century. The recent movie 'Sword of Gold' is not as good as the book!

B **Three Little Words**

This is about what happens to a schoolboy when he tells a small lie. It's a thriller, and although there is almost too much happening at times, the writing is so good that it's easy to believe in the boy and how he thinks.

C **The Shadows**

This is a popular book that was recently made into a successful film. When you read it, you can imagine being an explorer on the other side of the universe trying to get back to Earth in a damaged ship. The story is complicated so you'll need to read carefully!

D **Behind the Door**

This is a modern-day adventure story that takes place in a wide range of interesting locations, from desert islands to the tops of mountains, and it's very amusing, too! You may need to be patient as the story develops slowly, but it's full of mystery and keeps you guessing right to the end.

E **Strike**

This novel takes you inside the world of high school football players who dream of becoming professionals. The writer seems to know how young people think, talk and react, so the people in the book are realistic and extremely entertaining. The speed of the action in this book is amazing!

F **Blue Moon**

This novel is about two unusual, talented children. They enter a land of magic, with heroes who fight sea monsters and flying dragons. It has everything: fantasy and drama. The action is very fast-moving and you learn how even the smallest decisions can change lives.

G **The Last Man**

At the heart of the book there is a mystery to solve and if you enjoy being a detective yourself this is the novel for you! You'll be pulled into the story with its unusual characters. The story takes place at a sports stadium during a major athletics event in the 1930s.

H **City of Dreams**

This novel tells us what it was like growing up in early twentieth-century New York if you were poor. In fact, it is based partly on a true story about a basketball player. There are a lot of shocks and an unexpected ending!

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The day I met a panda

by Christine Neville aged 14

Last year my family and I took a long flight to Chengdu in central China. It's a beautiful city with tourist attractions that include ancient buildings, excellent shopping, and its famous spicy food. But, most importantly, a short distance from the city, in Chengdu Panda Centre, live about 80% of the world's pandas. The plane that took us to Chengdu had a giant panda face painted on it, and there were panda souvenirs in every shop, so there was no doubt that we were in the right place. I didn't care much about sightseeing in Chengdu, I just wanted to set out for the Panda Centre without wasting any time.

I was delighted that the Panda Centre, which is mainly a place for scientific research, turned out to be nothing like an ordinary zoo; the pandas have far more freedom and a huge amount of space. It's an extremely popular tourist destination, but I didn't really notice the crowds because I was busy concentrating on the pandas.

When we watched the pandas we weren't that surprised that they didn't seem to have much energy. We'd seen enough documentaries about them to know that they tend to sit quietly and only occasionally walk around. Later we joined the long but fast-moving queue to look at some baby pandas. It was hard not to reach out to touch them, but I accepted the fact that this was strictly forbidden.

But our opportunity to have closer contact with a young panda came soon enough. As far as I know, this is the only place in the world where people can hold a panda, and so we weren't bothered by the rather expensive ticket. 'My' panda was sitting on a wooden bench, chewing on some food. I kept thinking that he might not be willing to be held, so I sat down quite nervously. Almost immediately I felt him lean against me. He turned towards me and I looked into his face. This was the moment I'd been waiting for. I insisted that my dad took loads of pictures, which came out surprisingly well. It was an unforgettable experience.

11 When Christine and her family arrived in Chengdu she was

- A** disappointed by the tourist sights in the city.
- B** annoyed by the delays she experienced.
- C** keen to see the pandas at once.
- D** excited by the panda products everywhere.

12 Christine says that the Panda Centre was

- A** no different to most other zoos she had visited.
- B** too crowded for her to enjoy.
- C** designed specially to attract tourists.
- D** larger than she'd thought it would be.

13 While Christine was watching the pandas

- A** she understood that it was necessary to obey the rules.
- B** she thought they didn't behave like typical pandas.
- C** she was concerned the visitors were getting too close to them.
- D** she noticed that the centre wasn't very well-organised.

14 Before Christine held the panda she was

- A** shocked by how much the tickets cost.
- B** concerned that he wouldn't like being touched.
- C** scared to be alone with a wild animal.
- D** unsure about whether to take pictures.

15 What would Christine say in an email to a friend after her visit?

A

It was a pity I had to queue for so long and then had so little time with the panda.

B

I had fun looking for the very best panda souvenirs I could find in the city.

C

It was tiring having to travel such a long way from Chengdu to the Panda Centre.

D

It was worth all the effort because I don't think you can have this experience anywhere else.

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Chester Greenwood: the teenager who invented earmuffs in 1873

All 15-year-old Chester Greenwood wanted to do was ice skate. But the freezing cold of winter in Farmington, Maine, USA, made his ears hurt. **16** After that he attempted to wrap a scarf around his head, but the wool was rough and uncomfortable.

Searching for a solution, Chester shaped two bits of thin metal into circles to cover his ears. He then connected them with a longer piece to make a headband. His grandmother sewed soft cloth to the inside and fur to the outside of the circles. **17** Chester was delighted with what he had created and his lightweight, hands-free, soft ear protectors became an instant hit. **18**

Three years later in 1877, Chester protected his invention for the 'ear-mufflers' by getting a patent. This was a special government license that prevented anybody from copying Chester's idea. **19** By 1883, his Farmington factory produced 30,000 earmuffs a year, climbing to 400,000 by his death in 1937.

Although Chester became famous for his earmuffs, they were not the only thing he invented. **20** One was for the design of a metal rake that is still used today to collect fallen leaves every autumn. Chester was an inventor for ordinary people. He would look at everyday jobs that required considerable effort and then try to find a way to do them more easily.

- A** At the time it was given, he was only 18.
- B** This design kept out the winter air.
- C** It was less successful than his idea for a folding bed.
- D** Today, it's impossible to say how many pairs are sold every year.
- E** They were so popular that the other kids begged him to make more.
- F** This went on to become an annual celebration.
- G** He tried covering them with gloved hands, but that made it difficult to skate.
- H** He came up with many good ideas for new products during his lifetime.

Part 5

Questions 21 – 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Oswald the Lucky Rabbit

When you think of Walt Disney, probably the first thing you think of is Disney's famous mouse, Mickey. But Mickey Mouse was not Disney's first successful cartoon **(21)**

In the 1920s, Disney was working at Universal Studios. He was involved in a new series of films which was **(22)** on the adventures of a rabbit called Oswald. But unfortunately, the first film was a **(23)** and Universal Studios did not think it would earn the company any money. They refused to allow the film to be shown. So Disney changed Oswald's appearance and the studios finally **(24)** it.

Oswald's first film was a great success, and Disney produced several more Oswald films. When Disney left Universal Studios he **(25)** up his own company and his first project was the **(26)** successful Mickey Mouse. However, in 2006, his company updated Oswald and now he is the star of his very own video game.

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| 21 | A | performer | B | character | C | role | D | part |
| 22 | A | relied | B | written | C | designed | D | based |
| 23 | A | complaint | B | disappointment | C | trouble | D | disadvantage |
| 24 | A | provided | B | let | C | approved | D | opened |
| 25 | A | got | B | put | C | set | D | made |
| 26 | A | extremely | B | totally | C | absolutely | D | completely |

Part 6

Questions 27 – 32

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

The Space Camp by 12-year-old Jessica Wright

I visited Kennedy Space Centre in Florida last summer. I went there to attend what is called a 'Space Camp'. For people (27) me who are interested in science and, in particular, space, (28) is a very exciting experience. Nobody has been to Mars yet, but my dream is to be one of the first astronauts to land there and explore the planet.

I (29) part in a range of activities at the camp, and all of (30) involved working in teams and solving problems. For example we had to design and build a model rocket and send it up into the atmosphere. That was, in fact, the (31) challenging thing we did! I also learnt how to carry out scientific experiments, similar (32) the ones done on the International Space Station. We were also asked to try some of the physical exercises that astronauts do during their training. That was great fun!

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