

Stage 1

Level B1

Name _____

Time: 60 minutes

Answer all questions.

Use black ball-point pen on your answer sheet.

Do NOT use pencil.

At the end of the test the supervisor will collect your paper and answer sheets.

Instructions may also be given in your language by your supervisor.

Good luck!

▪ Part 1 ▪

Questions 1-5.

Complete the gaps in the text. Choose **A, B, C** or **D**



Why Are Most Blackboards Green?

Before blackboards were large (1) _____ to take up an entire wall in a classroom, students would use individual-size boards made of stone or wood that had been painted black.

So, the first blackboards were, in (2) _____, black. Once teachers realized they needed more space to teach their students, they put many boards (3) _____ on the wall to make bigger blackboards. But when blackboards became very popular there was a (4) _____ to change the way they were made so that they would be easier to use.

Factories started making them out of steel plates covered with green porcelain instead of stone. This (5) _____, the boards were lighter, stronger and easier to send to different places.

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| 1 | A) so | B) even | C) and | D) enough |
| 2 | A) truly | B) fact | C) real | D) deed |
| 3 | A) hang | B) stick | C) together | D) always |
| 4 | A) need | B) way | C) because | D) ask |
| 5 | A) way | B) mean | C) make | D) then |

▪ **Part 2** ▪

Questions 6-15

Complete the conversations with the most suitable response. Choose **A, B, C** or **D**

- 6 I want to change these shoes I bought here. I lost the receipt.**
- A) You will need the receipt if you want to change them.
 - B) Why did you lose the receipt?
 - C) That is your problem.
 - D) You can buy a new pair.
- 7 Only six people died in the Great Fire of London in 1666.**
- A) Yes, I remember the fire very well
 - B) Yes, it was a big fire.
 - C) I think many more must have died.
 - D) What happened to the others?
- 8 Did you know that in Georgia USA you cannot wear a scary mask if you are under 16?**
- A) Not even on Halloween?
 - B) I guess they don't like young people.
 - C) Are masks scary?
 - D) But I can, because I am almost fifteen.
- 9 Tell me about the best thing that happened to you today.**
- A) Yes, it was the best thing today.
 - B) When do you want this thing to happen?
 - C) I know about the best thing that happened.
 - D) I'm sure there must be something, but I can't think of anything.
- 10 My teacher told me I have two ears and one mouth for a reason. What does she mean?**
- A) Well, there is no reason.
 - B) She should ask somebody else.
 - C) I think she is politely telling you to listen more.
 - D) I know. I have the same problem.

- 11 If I were rich, I would book a holiday on another planet.**
- A) Yes, my uncle went there, he liked the beaches.
 - B) Don't do it, it is very expensive.
 - C) I hope you never get rich.
 - D) Another planet! Have you lost your mind?
- 12 Would you like to be able to remember everything?**
- A) I would be able to if you helped me.
 - B) No, I am a forgetful person.
 - C) No, because there are some people I just want to forget.
 - D) I will try that, thanks.
- 13 I'm learning Spanish but I don't have anyone to speak Spanish to.**
- A) You should try to make more friends.
 - B) That's OK they don't want to speak to you either.
 - C) I think you should only speak to them in Spanish.
 - D) That is a big problem when you are learning a new language.
- 14 What are your goals for the future?**
- A) Are you talking to me?
 - B) I haven't counted them.
 - C) I would like to score many goals.
 - D) I don't know what will happen to you in your future.
- 15 I don't think that colour suits you.**
- A) Yes, it is a good colour for a suit.
 - B) Well, everybody else thinks so too.
 - C) I really don't care what you think.
 - D) What colour suits you?

▪ Part 3 ▪

Questions 16-20

Read the text and answer the questions. Choose **A, B, C** or **D**

Maybe yes, maybe not.....

A farmer and his son had a wonderful horse that helped the family earn a living. The farmer was old and he needed his son on the farm to help him with the work. One day, the horse ran away and all the neighbours said, "Your horse ran away, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe yes, maybe not. We'll see."

A few days later, the horse returned home, bringing with it another five horses. Now the farmer had six horses. The neighbours shouted out, "Your horse has returned, and brought another five horses home with him. What great luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe yes, maybe not. We'll see."

Later that week, the farmer's son was riding one of the horses and it threw him to the ground, breaking his leg. The villagers cried, "Your son broke his leg, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe yes, maybe not. We'll see."

A few weeks later, soldiers from the national army marched through the town. They said all young men must join them and go to the army. They did not ask the farmer's son because he had a broken leg. Friends shouted, "Your boy is still here, what great luck!" To which the farmer replied, "Maybe yes, maybe not. We'll see."

The story gives us a useful lesson; we don't know what's going to happen – we just think we do!

Our brains automatically make up stories for us, imagining all sorts of things and most of the time we're wrong! In fact, it's usually not the thing that happens in our lives that gives us stress, disappointment, anger, happiness or joy. It's how we think about these things.

So, here's the good news. You can change your situation by changing the way you think about it. Next time you imagine something bad happening just remember: "Maybe yes, maybe not. We'll see."

- 16 The farmer's son _____.
- A could not work without the horse
 - B was too old to help the farmer
 - C thought that it was terrible luck when the horse left
 - D had a bad accident
- 17 Why happened when the horse returned?
- A The neighbours thought they were all lucky
 - B Nothing, it went back to work on the farm
 - C It threw the farmer's son to the ground
 - D There were now more animals than before on the farm
- 18 Why did the soldiers come to the town?
- A Because they were marching through it
 - B To find all young people to join the army
 - C Because they knew that there were young men in the town
 - D They needed more men in the army
- 19 What is the lesson from the story?
- A We can only imagine what will happen when we really know
 - B The way we think about something is often the reason for our stress or anger
 - C Our brains aren't very good at making up stories
 - D These things happen only in stories
- 20 According to the passage which of the following is true?
- A If you change the way you think about what happens it makes the situation worse
 - B When something bad happens you should never think about it.
 - C It is always best not to imagine negative things happening.
 - D You should say *maybe yes, maybe not* only when bad things happen.

▪ Part 4 ▪

Questions 21-25

Read **A–C** and answer the questions. Write **A, B, or C**

Smart Moves

A

A man bought a first-class plane ticket and re-booked it 300 times in order to have free meals at the VIP lounge of an airport in Texas.

He used the ticket to gain access to the airport's VIP lounge, where travellers can eat for free, according to a local newspaper. The man showed his ticket to staff at the airport before his trip, ate a meal just like any first-class traveller and instead of boarding the flight he would change the departure date to another day. The next day, he would show up with his new ticket for the new date, eat and then change his ticket date again. He repeated this process multiple times.

The airport staff only understood this when they saw that his single ticket was re-booked 300 times over one year. Airline staff said there was nothing they could do to stop him because his ticket allowed him to change the departure date as many times as he wanted. They told the man that they knew what he was doing and that they would be watching him. The man got angry and told them he didn't want to fly with them and demanded they give him a refund for his ticket. As a result, the airline had to refund him the cost of his ticket and cancel it.

B

A few days ago, I was traveling by bus and I heard an argument. An old man and the driver of the bus were arguing. The old man did not want to take a €5 note from the driver because it was torn. The driver said he didn't have another note and that there was nothing wrong with it and the man could use it without any problem. The old man wasn't happy. Suddenly, a young man, who just got on the bus, took out a new €5 note and told the old man that he can give him the torn note and take the new one. The old man was happy to do this. Then the young man used the torn note to pay the driver for his ticket. The driver had no choice and took the note. That was a clever move by the young man.

C

When I was at school, I usually went to the market with my father to buy things. There were two shops next to each other and they both sold fruit and vegetables. The two shop owners were always competing with each other. If one sold potatoes for twenty cents the other would sell potatoes for eighteen cents. This way my father used to feel very happy buying from them because he always bought from the shop which gave him the better price. We used to laugh at their competition but we thought it was good for us, so we didn't say anything.

Last year one of the shop owners died and we went to his funeral. At the funeral we learnt that the two shopkeepers were actually real brothers and they never told us that.

The two brothers used to share the money from the shops and used to plan everything.

They used to take turns giving a better price so that customers thought they were getting a bargain. We felt very foolish.

In which text does the writer ...

describe something that was repeated continually?

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state that the customer got everything they asked for?

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say they learnt the truth through a sad occasion?

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show how somebody helped solve a problem?

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imply that it was never necessary to bargain?

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▪ Part 5 ▪

Questions 26-35.

Complete the sentences about Bruno Mars. Choose **A, B, C** or **D**

Bruno Mars

- 26** Bruno Mars comes from a _____ of musicians.
A) group **B)** band **C)** family **D)** country
- 27** Not only is he a _____ singer but he plays a range of musical instruments.
A) talented **B)** bad **C)** rich **D)** important
- 28** He was in a band at school and this helped him _____ comfortable on stage.
A) with **B)** pretend **C)** been **D)** become
- 29** He got a job as a DJ but they _____ him after the first night because he wasn't good.
A) fired **B)** thrown **C)** awarded **D)** employed
- 30** He also _____ that he hates his own hit, *The Lazy Song*.
A) promised **B)** enjoyed **C)** admits **D)** tell
- 31** His favourite food is Chicken Adobo, which is the _____ dish of the Philippines .
A) best **B)** national **C)** biggest **D)** different

- 32 His mother was _____ from the Philippines.
A) originally B) original C) real D) always
- 33 Early in 2012, Bruno got his first dog _____ Geronimo.
A) call B) the name C) calling D) named
- 34 He has won many _____ as a songwriter and singer.
A) award B) prices C) awards D) names
- 35 He has over 43 million _____ on Twitter.
A) followers B) songs C) photo D) dollars

▪ Part 6 ▪

Questions 36–40

Complete the sentences with the correct word and spelling. Choose **A**, **B** or **C**



- 36 I put all my things into boxes and _____ them so I know what is inside.
A) labelled B) labeled C) labbeled
- 37 I like to read about famous stars but I have never met a _____.
A) celebrity B) celebtritty C) celabrity
- 38 Only men can have beards because women do not have much _____ hair.
A) face B) facial C) facing
- 39 My brother went to the barbers yesterday and got a _____ haircut.
A) horribel B) horrible C) horible
- 40 Most people think _____ are boring but I don't think they are.
A) scientists B) scientiests C) scientests