

Stage 1

Level A2

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 1–10.

Complete the exchanges. For questions 1–10, choose **A**, **B** or **C**

- 1 I think I will start learning another language.
- A) Great. I can't wait to start.
 - B) Do you really have the time right now for another language?
 - C) That's not the way to start.
- 2 What are you doing here? I thought you were in Spain!
- A) It's a pity you are not in Spain also.
 - B) Well, I should be in Spain, but the flight was cancelled.
 - C) I really like Spain and really want to go there.
- 3 I rushed and made two very silly mistakes in the test.
- A) That's because you always want to finish first and don't check your work.
 - B) Yes, perhaps we all need to rush now.
 - C) How do you know that I made two mistakes?
- 4 Does your dad normally work at weekends?
- A) No, he only loves his work during the week.
 - B) Actually, my dad never works at weekends.
 - C) I feel sorry for your dad at weekends.
- 5 I was born in London, but I grew up in Germany.
- A) Really! That's very interesting.
 - B) Would you like to grow up in Germany?
 - C) Is it better to grow up in London?
- 6 Have you ever been to a party that you hated?
- A) No, I didn't go to the same party.
 - B) Once I went to a party which had no food and nothing to drink. So Boring!
 - C) I can remember going to many wonderful parties.
- 7 Sorry, the chocolate is €1 and you gave me €4 back but I gave you €10.
- A) So you didn't give me €4?
 - B) I don't understand why you gave me €10.
 - C) My mistake. Yes, of course you did. Here is the other €5.

- 8** I love British food.
- A)** Of course, the British also eat it.
 - B)** I have never heard anybody say that before.
 - C)** But they are not very good, are they?
- 9** Do you prefer to get gifts or to give gifts?
- A)** I don't want to give you a gift.
 - B)** I suppose so.
 - C)** I like to give gifts; but I love to get gifts.
- 10** My cousin says he believes in aliens and that they live here with us.
- A)** Your cousin believes a lot of strange things!
 - B)** I hope so.
 - C)** I think so.

▪ Part 2 ▪

Questions 11–15.

What does the notice say? Choose **A**, **B** or **C**

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YOU MUST LIVE MORE THAN FIVE KILOMETRES FROM THE SCHOOL IF YOU WANT TO USE THE SCHOOL BUS.

- A) If you live under five kilometres from the school it is not possible to use any bus.
- B) The school bus can be used by students who live over five kilometres from the school.
- C) Students who live less than five kilometres away can only use the school bus

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DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. Use bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes.

- A) You should only use the water if you boil it first.
- B) It isn't safe to use bottled water to brush your teeth.
- C) It is OK to use the water to wash your clothes.

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FOR YOUR SAFETY THE TRAIN BARRIERS WILL DROP THREE MINUTES BEFORE THE TRAIN PASSES. NEVER TRY TO PASS UNDER THE BARRIERS.

- A) The train barriers are there to protect you.
- B) The train barriers will only stop trains for three minutes.
- C) You cannot go under the barriers for three minutes.

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REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE BEFORE PRESSING THE GREEN BUTTON.

- A) You cannot choose until you press the green button.
- B) Pressing the green button allows you to choose.
- C) You must press the green button only after you make your choice.

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PLEASE LET ALL PASSENGERS OFF THE TRAIN FIRST. ONLY BOARD THE TRAIN AFTER ALL OTHER PASSENGERS HAVE LEFT. YOUR SEAT NUMBER IS ON YOUR TICKET.

- A) Do not allow the other passengers to get off the train first.
- B) You should board the train when everybody has left the train.
- C) You can see your seat number after all the passengers have left.

▪ Part 3 ▪

Questions 16 - 20

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



The Monks' Secret

A man is driving down the road and his car breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door and tells them that he has a problem with this car. 'Do you think I could stay the night?' he asks. The monks are happy to help him. They give him dinner and tell him he can stay for the night.

Before the man falls asleep, he hears a very strange sound. A sound he had never heard before. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say: 'We can't tell you. You're not a monk.' The man is disappointed, but he thanks the monks because they also fixed his car before he got up. The man says goodbye and leaves.

Some years later, the same man is driving in front of the same monastery and his car breaks down again. The monks again accept him, feed him, and give him a bed for the night. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier. The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply: 'We can't tell you. You're not a monk.' The man says, 'All right, all right. I'm dying to know. So, how do I become a monk?' The monks tell him that he has to travel the earth and tell them how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of stones there are. 'When you find these numbers, you will become a monk', they said. The man decides to do it.

Almost 51 years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, 'I have travelled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 2431,107,985,647 blades of grass and 801, 221,707,451,447,658 stones on the earth.' The monks are surprised. 'Congratulations. You are now a monk,' they say. 'We will now show you the way to the sound.' The monks take the man to a wooden door where the head monk says: 'The sound is behind that door.' The man reaches for the door handle, but the door is locked. 'Really funny,' says the man, 'but please give me the key.' The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man asks for the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key and he opens it. Behind that door was another door made of gold. He asks for another key from the monks, who give it to him. Behind that door was another door and this one was made of diamond. And this **went on** until the man had gone through all the doors. Finally, the monks say, this is the last key to the last door. The man is excited to know that he has finally reached the end. He unlocks the door, turns the handle, and behind that door he is amazed to finally see the reason for that strange sound. But he cannot tell you what it is; because you're not a monk.

16 Why did the man want to stay for the night at the monastery?

- A)** Because he broke his car
- B)** He knew the monks would help him
- C)** He wanted to hear the strange noise
- D)** Because he had a problem

- 17 What happened the next morning?
 A) The monks had fixed the man's car before he got up
 B) The man explained that he could not sleep because of the sound
 C) The monks thought that he should become a monk
 D) They did not tell him what the sound was because he was not a monkey
- 18 To become a monk the man must first _____.
 A) travel to many countries
 B) complete a task
 C) say that he is dying to know
 D) must agree that he is not a monk
- 19 When the man tried to open the first door, _____,
 A) the monks thought it was very funny
 B) he found that he needed a key
 C) he couldn't put the key inside
 D) he saw it was made of wood
- 20 'And this **went on** until the man had gone through all the doors.'
 What does **went on** mean here?
 A) Open the same door each time
 B) He did the same thing again and again
 C) The monks told him to continue walking
 D) Everybody continued to walk

▪ Part 4 ▪



Questions 21-25

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

Two Facts About Earth.

When Earth first formed 4.6 billion years ago, a day was about six hours long. But (21) _____ then, the Earth has slowed down. It takes longer to spin around. Every 100 years, the day (22) _____ 0.0017 seconds longer. Why? The moon is slowing down the Earth.

Another interesting fact is that the Atacama Desert in Chile is the (23) _____ place on earth. A city there went (24) _____ rain for 400 years. What is amazing is that this desert is next to the largest body (25) _____ water on earth, the Pacific Ocean.

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| 21 | A) by | B) once | C) since | D) until |
| 22 | A) become | B) gets | C) was | D) getting |
| 23 | A) driest | B) sunniest | C) best | D) dry |
| 24 | A) with | B) no | C) without | D) only |
| 25 | A) of | B) with | C) rain | D) much |

▪ Part 5 ▪

Questions 26-35

Complete the sentences. Choose **A**, **B**, or **C**

HOW TO CATCH A BALL

26 You need to move your body so _____ you are not too far from the thrower.
A) why B) then C) that

27 You must _____ your eyes on the ball all the time.
A) stay B) look C) keep

28 It is better to stand with one of your feet a little _____ front of the other.
A) on B) from C) in

29 Keep your hands wide _____ and your fingers relaxed.
A) open B) shut C) waving

30 When the ball reaches you, squeeze your fingers _____ the ball to trap it.
A) on B) into C) around

31 Allow your hands to move _____ the ball and don't try to stop it immediately.
A) with B) together C) like

32 Keep your knees _____ to help you keep your balance.
A) warm B) bent C) under

33 You should always use both hands as this makes it _____ to catch the ball.
A) difficult B) faster C) easier

34 Later on, you can _____ catching the ball with one hand.
A) try B) use C) sure

35 If you _____ the steps above you will catch the ball every time.
A) used B) follow C) like



▪ Part 6 ▪

Questions 36-40

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



36 I am very shy and I hate it when the teacher asks me to read something _____.

A) allowed

B) allowed

C) aloud

37 Usually, I don't eat sweet things but this cake is _____, thank you!

A) delicious

B) delicious

C) delisios

38 I can't fit this into my _____. Do you have room for it in yours?

A) suitcase

B) siutcase

C) soutcase

39 When the train went through the _____ it was completely dark inside the train.

A) tunel

B) tunnell

C) tunnel

40 I can't finish this _____ because I don't remember what the teacher told us.

A) exarcise

B) exercise

C) exercisce