



2023

Stage 2

Level A1

Name _____

Time

Listening: 15 minutes

Reading and Writing: 1 hour

Answer all questions.

Use black ball-point pen.

on your answer sheet.

Do NOT use pencil or correction fluid.

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!

Listening

Listening Part 1

Questions 1-5

Listen to five people talking about their visit to Madame Tussauds

Choose **A**, **B** or **C**

1 What surprised Beatrice when taking a selfie with Beyonce?

- A) That she touched the wax figure by mistake
- B) The selfie had a lot of dust
- C) The figure wasn't very clean

2 Susan thought that the wax figures _____.

- A) had unnatural looking hair
- B) looked real
- C) told her to move along



3 Why does Pierre not want to go to the wax museum again?

- A) Because he didn't know any of the wax figures
- B) Because there were no wax figures of people from his country
- C) Because the book was too expensive

4 Mrs Spring says that some of the children _____.

- A) don't understand what Madame Tussauds is
- B) played with her phone
- C) enjoyed the visit

5 Why does Mark say "*it was an expensive visit*"?

- A) Because he paid fifteen pounds to get in and another 25 pounds for the book
- B) Because the book was expensive
- C) Because the visit cost him forty pounds

Listening

Listening Part 2

Questions 6-10

Listen to Asher talking about diving.

Choose **A**, **B** or **C**

- 6** Asher says that _____.
- A)** he took part in diving contests when he was eight
 - B)** he took part in diving contests when he was about ten
 - C)** he began diving when he was about eighteen
- 7** What did Asher do after his accident?
- A)** He decided to stay hopeless
 - B)** He pushed himself to be able to dive again
 - C)** He told the doctors that they were wrong
- 8** Asher says that when he won the national diving championship _____.
- A)** it was only a dream but not true
 - B)** he couldn't believe it at first
 - C)** he was happy that he was diving for his country in the championship
- 9** When Asher took part in the world diving competition _____.
- A)** he felt happy to be the person diving for his country
 - B)** he thought it wasn't hard work
 - C)** he couldn't believe it was true
- 10** What advice would Asher give to young people who want to start diving?
- A)** His advice would be to give up
 - B)** Know what you are doing
 - C)** Believe in yourself and follow the advice of your coach



▪ Part 3 ▪

Questions 11-15

Regina is talking to her friend Isabella about something strange that happened to her mother.

Choose the best answer **A, B, C, or D**

Strange But True

11 Regina: A very strange thing happened to my mum.

- Isabella: **A)** You mean she likes strange things?
B) What exactly was it?
C) Yes, I know about strange things.
D) That's strange.

12 Regina: Well, she went to Venice last year and found one earring on the street. So, she picked it up and put it in her handbag.

- Isabella: **A)** So what's so strange about that?
B) Why didn't she keep it?
C) Was it her earring on the street?
D) What a nice thing to do.

13 Regina: No, wait for the full story.

- Isabella: **A)** I have the full story.
B) So, what happened?
C) That sounds good.
D) What a silly story.



14 Regina: Last Sunday, my cousin visited us and told us she also went to Venice last year. She said she lost one of her earrings there. Her grandmother gave her the earrings and she was very sad that she lost one.

- Isabella: **A)** Whose cousin went to Venice?
B) Why did her grandmother not go to Venice?
C) Really! Do they lose earrings in Venice?
D) You mean your mum found it seven thousand kilometres away?

15 Regina: Yes, when my mum took the earring out of her handbag my cousin started to cry. It was the lost earring.

- Isabella: **A)** Now, that is an amazing story!
B) Why was it in your mum's handbag?
C) What did her grandmother do?
D) That happens all the time.

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▪ Part 4 ▪

Questions 16-20

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

A Lesson for A King

There once was a cruel king who enjoyed killing whoever made him angry. One day one of his most important servants gave him bad advice and the king decided he must die. He ordered his soldiers to throw his servant to the pack of hungry and dangerous dogs that the king kept at the palace.

The servant said, "I have served you well for 10 years and you do this to me!" The king said he didn't care. The servant fell on his knees and begged, "Please give me 10 days before you throw me to the dogs." The king thought about it and finally agreed.

The same day the servant went to the keeper of the dogs and told him he wanted to feed the dogs for the next 10 days. The keeper was puzzled, but he agreed. So, the servant started feeding the dogs, caring for them, washing them, and showing them that he loved them.

When the 10 days were up, the king ordered the soldiers to throw the servant to the dogs. But when they threw the servant to the dogs, everyone was amazed at what they saw. The wild dogs were wagging their tails, playing with the servant, and even licking his feet. The king was angry at what he saw. "What happened to my wild and dangerous dogs?" he asked.

The servant then said, "I served the dogs for only 10 days, and they didn't forget my service. I served you for 10 years and you forgot all of it at my first mistake!"

The king then realized his own huge mistake.

The next day, he changed the dogs with crocodiles.

- 16** Why did the king like to kill people who made him angry?
- A)** Because his dogs were wild and dangerous
 - B)** Because he always wanted to have only the best advice
 - C)** Because he was not a kind king

- 17** The servant wanted the king to _____.
- A)** be kind and to feed the dogs
 - B)** change his mind
 - C)** beg him for mercy



- 18** Why did the servant want to feed the dogs?
- A)** Because he wanted to live for another 10 days
 - B)** Because he had a plan
 - C)** He knew the dogs would lick his feet after 10 days
- 19** What lesson did the servant want to teach the king?
- A)** That you should not forget people who help you
 - B)** Dogs are not wild and dangerous
 - C)** It is better to help someone for ten days than to help someone for 10 years
- 20** We understand from the story that the king _____.
- A)** thought crocodiles are better than dogs
 - B)** was never angry again
 - C)** did not change and was still cruel

▪ Part 5 ▪

Questions 21-30

Read and choose **A**, **B** or **C** to fill each gap.

PAN AM Flight 914

Pan Am Flight 914 with 57 passengers and six flight attendants took off from New York City airport on July 2, 1955. The flight was **(21)** _____ to Miami, Florida. The flight time was two hours. But it never arrived in Miami.



Instead, it **(22)** _____ up at Caracas airport in Venezuela on March 9, 1985. Thirty years later! The control tower at the airport said that they could not see **(23)** _____ on the radar, but the plane suddenly appeared out of the sky and wanted to land.

The pilot asked for **(24)** _____ to land because he said, '*We have an emergency and need to land now.*' Five minutes later, the plane landed. When the workers at the airport reached the strange **(25)** _____ plane, they could see the passengers pressed up against the windows.

They were screaming and pointing to the other planes on the (26) _____ because they looked so different from anything they had seen.

The pilot also looked afraid and he (27) _____ a small calendar out the window before he made a quick turn on the runway.

Then the plane took off again suddenly, (28) _____ opening the doors or speaking to anyone. The airport workers took the calendar and they (29) _____ it to the police chief who came to the airport.

When journalists asked the government for (30) _____ about what happened they only said, 'no comment'.

What really happened to Flight 914? Perhaps, we will never know.

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| 21 | A) going | B) aimed | C) head |
| 22 | A) showed | B) appeared | C) come |
| 23 | A) its | B) anything | C) plane |
| 24 | A) permission | B) try | C) time |
| 25 | A) seeing | B) looking | C) watching |
| 26 | A) grass | B) sky | C) ground |
| 27 | A) dropped | B) left | C) had |
| 28 | A) lose | B) without | C) lost |
| 29 | A) picked | B) threw | C) gave |
| 30 | A) paper | B) story | C) information |

▪ Part 6 ▪

Questions 31-35

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



Just a test!



Wrong Number!

One night, four university students were out until late partying and could not study for the test, which was the next day.

In the morning, they thought of a plan. They made themselves look dirty with oil and black dirt. Then, they went up to the professor and said that they had gone to help some friends the night before, but when they were coming back, one of the tyres on their car burst. They had to push the car all the way back home.

They were so tired after pushing the car all the way that they could not study for the test.

The professor said they could take the test after three days. They thanked him and said they would be ready by that time.

On the third day, the professor said, "Now I want each of you to go into a different room on your own and do the test."

They all agreed because they had prepared well over the last three days. But when the students got the test paper, it had only two questions with a total of 100 marks.

This is the students' question paper.

Q.1. Your Name.....(2 MARKS)

Q.2. Which tyre burst? (98 MARKS)

- a) Front Left
- b) Front Right
- c) Back Left
- d) Back Right

My uncle bought a new house, and he asked me to help him set up his phone and internet. Last Wednesday, the telephone company connected his new telephone line and internet. I went to his house to help him as we agreed. When I finished connecting the new phone, it suddenly rang. My uncle and I thought that it was really strange because nobody knew this number yet. But things got stranger.

When I answered the phone, I heard a voice saying,

'Hi Ann, would you like to go to the cinema with us tomorrow night?'

I knew that voice. 'Is that you Josh?' I asked.

'YES, of course it's me,' he said.

'Well, how did you know this number?'

'What are you talking about?' he asked.

'I phoned you at home.'

'But Josh, I am not at home and this number is not my number. This phone has only been working for two minutes. It is my uncle's phone.'

We think he made a mistake when he was phoning my number and that the number he dialled was my uncle's number. So, he found me on a different number in a different house by chance.


The possibility of this happening must be one in a hundred million, and I will never forget the shock of hearing him on the phone that day.

- 31** Why did the students not study for the test?
- A) Because it was late
 - B) Because they were very tired after pushing the car back home
 - C) Because they decided to go and help some friends
- 32** The students thanked the professor because _____.
- A) he allowed them to have more time
 - B) he believed their story
 - C) their plan worked
- 33** Why did the professor give them a test with only these two questions?
- A) Because this is the only test that can prove if someone is telling lies
 - B) He knew that if they didn't lie to him, they would have the same answer
 - C) Because they had not studied for the real test
- 34** Why was Anna surprised when she answered the phone?
- A) Because she knew the person who was on the line
 - B) Because it was her uncle's phone, not hers
 - C) It had only been working for two minutes
- 35** What does Anna say about what happened?
- A) It was something that probably happened because of a mistake
 - B) This can only happen when you phone a hundred million people
 - C) Her uncle said that nobody had the number

▪ Part 7▪

Questions 36-40

Read and choose the correct answer **A**, **B** or **C**


From: The School Magazine Team
To: All students
Subject: Tell us about something that looks easy but is difficult for you to do.

Thank you for telling us about the things that look easy, but you find difficult to do. We chose the best and we will publish these in our school magazine next month. Here they are!

I Will Never Be A Movie Star.

My mother is an actress. She works in theatres and sometimes on TV. Acting is easy I thought, and I will just do what my mum does. So, when I was five, I went to acting school for three years. Now, I am twelve and still remember my teachers at the school saying that I should think more carefully about my future. Of course, that meant that I was not good at acting. So, I stopped. At first, my mum was a little sad but then she said that I should follow my own dreams, not hers. I am a very good singer and dancer and that's what I want to do. (Mikael Class B6)

Don't Laugh!

For me, it's walking.
You know how most people can walk straight like normal human beings? Well, I can't. I mean I try to walk straight and the first thing that happens is I start walking at an angle. I can't walk straight down a footpath; I mostly zigzag down it. I can't control it. My body doesn't want to obey. My legs don't care. This means I often bump into people, and you have no idea how often I have to say 'Sorry.'

(Ann Class 4D)

But It Looks So Easy

Blowing bubbles with gum. I still cannot blow a bubble-gum. I haven't blown even one in my whole life, and I am almost 13. I am still jealous of those people who can blow bubbles with gum like it's nothing. People have tried to explain bubble-gum blowing to me and I understand how to do it, but it just won't happen for me. So, I'm not saying that it is impossible because my cousin won a bubble-gum blowing contest last year. She showed me how to do it, but I still can't.

(Sharia class 6A)

No Talent

Playing the piano. All it really takes is two hands. How difficult can it be? But then, you actually try to play it and your fingers hit each other and the piano starts screaming in pain. Then there's a knock on the door and the neighbour tells my mom, "I see Aran is trying to play the piano again. Please ask him to stop, it is driving our dog crazy."

(Aran class 3E)

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- 36** Why did Mikael stop going to acting school?
- A) Because his mother told him to follow his dreams
 - B) Because he wanted to be an actor like his mother
 - C) Because he was not very good at acting
- 37** How long ago did Mikael start going to the acting school?
- A) Four years ago
 - B) Seven years ago
 - C) It doesn't say
- 38** Why does Ann keep saying 'Sorry'?
- A) She has no idea why she does it
 - B) Because she cannot walk straight
 - C) Because she walks into people a lot
- 39** Sharia thinks that _____.
- A) some people make blowing bubble-gum look easy
 - B) blowing bubble-gum is not something that is possible
 - C) she will soon understand how to blow bubble-gum.
- 40** What does Aran's neighbour say about his piano playing?
- A) It is too loud
 - B) The dog screams when he hears it
 - C) Even their animal doesn't like it

Candidate Number: _____

A1

Name: _____

▪ Part 8 ▪

Writing

Your friend, Faren, lives in Brazil. Faren asks what a usual day at school is like for you

Write to Faren about some of the favourite things you do during the day

Write about the classes you have at school; the subjects you like and the ones you don't like

Describe the after-school programme you have

Tell Faren about how much time you spend on each of these every day

Describe how you feel at the end of the day after finishing everything

Tell Faren what you would like to know about his life in Brazil

Write your message. Write between 100 and 120 words only.

Dear Faren, _____

Turn to the next page.

