

PRACTICE TESTS **A2** KEY

for the Revised 2020 exam

Student's Book

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Reading and Writing

(1 hour)

PART 1

Questions 1-6

For each question, choose the correct answer.



- A John's mum is going to cook eggs this afternoon.
- B John needs some milk to bake a cake.
- C John is not at home right now.

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CLIFF'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Summer Sale!

One Week Only!

- All T-shirts 50% off
- 25% off women's sandals
- 30% off men's shorts
- 75% off children's swimsuits

- A The department store always sells summer clothing at a discount.
- B Swimsuits for children are the least expensive items at the department store.
- C T-shirts are half-price during the summer sale.

3

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows a home icon and a plus sign. The main content area displays a message that reads: 'Karen, Remember my friend Sarah, the actress? She's going to be in a play this Friday night. Would you like to come and see it with me? Let me know! Jennifer'.

- A Jennifer is going to be in a play on Friday.
- B Karen is a friend of Sarah's.
- C Jennifer wants to watch a show with Karen.

4

MARY THOMPSON
&
GREGORY BRIGGS

star in
**The
Living
Lights**

Directed by
TOM MYERS

Written by
NANCY COOPER

Based on the book by
CHRISTINA ANDERSON

**COMING TO A CINEMA
NEAR YOU IN JUNE 2020**

- A** The film's story comes from a book.
B *The Living Lights* will be in cinemas at the start of 2020.
C The film was written by Christina Anderson.

5

Dear hotel guests,
We do not have staff at the front desk from midnight to 6 am. If you need help during that time, please contact the manager on his mobile at 555-1113.
Thank you!

- A** No one can help hotel guests at night.
B Guests can call the manager's mobile at night.
C The manager stays at the hotel during the night.

6

PARK RULES

- no littering | • no glass bottles
- no overnight camping
- you must pick up after pets

Please keep our park beautiful!

- A** You mustn't leave rubbish at the park.
B You can stay at the park all night.
C You must not bring pets to the park.

PART 2

Questions 7-13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

	Joshua	Mary	Peter
7 Who started playing the piano at a very young age?	A	B	C
8 Who has a better social life now?	A	B	C
9 Who didn't like playing the piano at first?	A	B	C
10 Who plays the same instrument as family members?	A	B	C
11 Who plays an instrument you don't usually hear about?	A	B	C
12 Who plays music with friends they've known a long time?	A	B	C
13 Who tries to play better than other musicians?	A	B	C

Learning an instrument

Joshua



I started playing the piano when I was five years old, but as soon as I picked up my first guitar two years ago, I knew it was the perfect instrument for me. I take lessons every day after work. At weekends, I play in a band with my old college friends. At first we played at parties and other events for free, but as we improved, we started making money and now it's a part-time job for all of us.



Mary



Last year, I signed up for piano lessons. At first, I hated it! It was a lot of work and I practised the same songs over and over before I got them right. After a few months, though, I started to enjoy it. I practised whenever I could and soon I began to improve. Now, I'm part of a local orchestra, where I've made lots of friends who share the same love for music as me, and I sometimes take part in international competitions against top piano players. I'm glad I didn't give up!



Peter



When you decide to learn a musical instrument, most people choose something like the piano, the guitar or the drums. These instruments are the ones we hear most often, as well. But the instrument I play is a little more unusual – it's the bagpipes. My grandfather played the bagpipes, and so does my father, so I learned how to play when I was very young. Now, I teach people how to play the bagpipes as a part-time job.



PART 3

Questions 14-18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Saoirse Ronan:

Rising Star



Saoirse Ronan is a rising star in Hollywood with a special story. Although she was born in New York, USA, she moved to Ireland with her family at the age of three. She grew up in Dublin and she always loved acting. Her first acting jobs were on television programmes at the age of nine, but soon her talent was noticed by famous directors and she was chosen to act in films.

Saoirse nearly won an Academy Award when she was just 12 for her part in the 2007 film *Atonement*. She is the star of recent films like *Mary, Queen of Scots* and *Lady Bird*, which helped make her famous around the world. She also plays Jo March in the new film version of *Little Women*.

Even though she's famous, Saoirse still has a normal life. In between films, when she's not staying in London, she likes to spend time with her mother in the small town of Howth, Ireland. One of her interests is protecting nature. She is working with the Irish government to create a programme to grow food in ways that don't harm the environment. She hopes her work will make a better future for everyone. In her words, "This land belongs not to us, but to the ones who come after."

- 14 How old was Saoirse when her family moved to Ireland?
A three weeks old
B three years old
C nine years old
- 15 Saoirse's first acting job was
A on TV.
B in a film.
C in a theatre play.
- 16 The film *Atonement*
A won an Academy Award.
B came out in 2007.
C was filmed in Ireland.
- 17 Saoirse plays the character Jo March in
A *Mary, Queen of Scots*.
B *Lady Bird*.
C *Little Women*.
- 18 Saoirse wants to find ways to grow food without hurting
A her town.
B the environment.
C Ireland's government.

PART 4

Questions 19-24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Hawaii

Hawaii is made up of a (19) _____ of islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. It's part of the USA, but it's over 3,800 kilometres from the mainland of the country. Hawaii's very famous for its beautiful weather, sandy beaches and tall volcanoes – and it (20) _____ millions of tourists each year.

When people on holiday arrive in Hawaii, the islanders usually give them necklaces (21) _____ of flowers. These are called lei. They also sometimes do a Hawaiian dance called the *hula*. Dancers move their legs and hands to the (22) _____ of ukuleles, a musical instrument like a small guitar.

Over one million people live in Hawaii (23) _____ the whole year, but the islands are much busier during the summer. Most Hawaiians speak English, but they often use Hawaiian words when they (24) _____ to each other, too.



19 **A** team

20 **A** brings

21 **A** made

22 **A** tune

23 **A** during

24 **A** tell

B group

B collects

B invented

B song

B since

B chat

C crowd

C receives

C prepared

C sound

C away

C discuss

PART 5

Questions 25-30

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write **ONE** word for each gap.

Example:

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From: Sandra

To: Mark

Hi Mark,

Thanks **(0)** _____ the postcard from Italy! I **(25)** _____ glad you had a great time there. **(26)** _____ you get my postcard from France? We had a great time, too. We stayed **(27)** _____ Paris for a week. I went shopping every day! Of course, I also visited **(28)** _____ Eiffel Tower. I went to the top! The view from up **(29)** _____ was fantastic! Paris is a really beautiful city. I want to **(30)** _____ back there next year.

Write soon and tell me all your news.

Sandra

Test 1

PAPER 1

PART 6

Question 31

You want to meet your friend Joe tomorrow evening. You want to borrow his history book for an exam you have at university.
Write an email to Joe.

In your email:

- tell Joe where you want to meet
- say when you want to meet
- say why you want to meet.

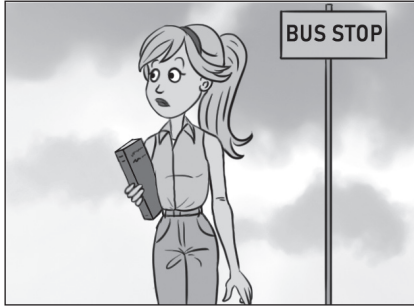
Write **25 words** or more.
Write the email on your answer sheet.



PART 7

Question 32

Look at the three pictures.
Write the story shown in the pictures.
Write **35 words** or more.



Write the story on your answer sheet.

Test 1

PAPER 2

Listening

(30 minutes)

PART 1

Questions 1-5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 Which jumper did the woman buy?



A



B



C

2 Where is Jim?



A

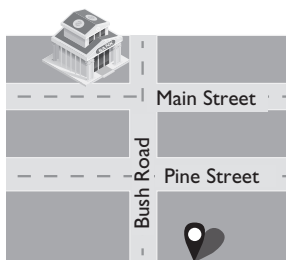


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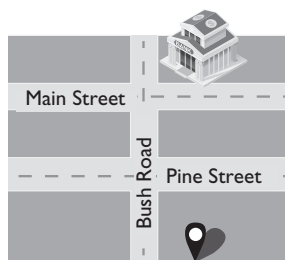
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3 Where is the bank?



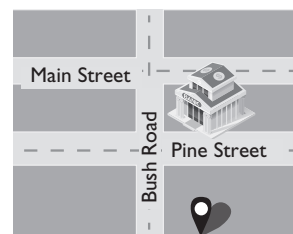
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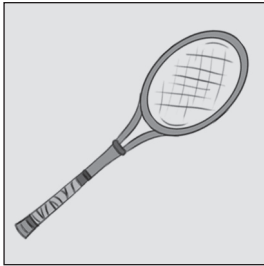
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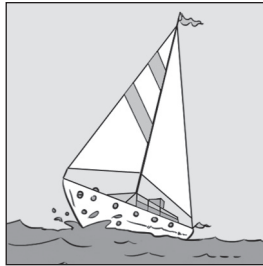
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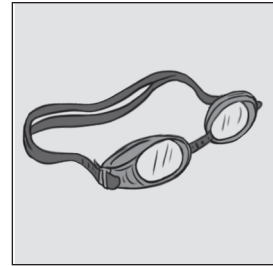
4 Which sport does Annie like best?



A

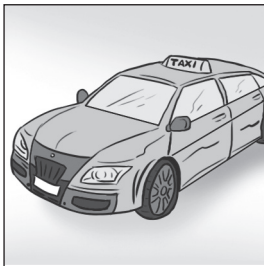


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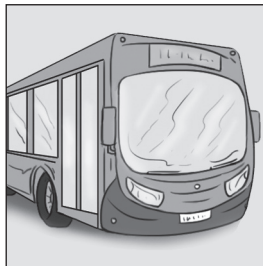


C

5 How will the man go to the station?



A



B



C

PART 2

Questions 6-10

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write **one word** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

You will hear recorded information for tourists visiting England about how to get to London city centre from an airport.

GATWICK TO LONDON CITY CENTRE

- How long it takes: *33 minutes*
- Trains leave every: (6) _____ *minutes*
- Travelling to: (7) _____ *Station*
in central London
- Normal ticket cost: (8) £ _____
- Day return tickets: *£12.00 (Monday to*
(9) _____ *only)*
- For more information call: (10) _____



PART 3**Questions 11-15**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear a conversation in a post office.

- 11** The woman sent the parcel
- A** from France.
 - B** to somewhere in the UK.
 - C** to somewhere in France.
- 12** The parcel had
- A** a film.
 - B** books.
 - C** expensive things.
- 13** How much did it cost the woman to send the parcel?
- A** £5
 - B** £25
 - C** £50
- 14** The woman's name is
- A** Joan Right.
 - B** Joan Rite.
 - C** Joan Wright.
- 15** The woman wants the man to
- A** send her an email.
 - B** call her house phone.
 - C** call her mobile phone.

PART 4

Questions 16-20

For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 16** You will hear two people talking about a birthday party. When will the party take place?
- A** in the morning
 - B** in the afternoon
 - C** in the evening
- 17** You will hear two friends talking about an e-reader. What was the woman worried about when she started using it?
- A** injuring her eyes
 - B** not being able to use it
 - C** losing it on public transport
- 18** You will hear two friends talking about a film. What type of film did the man see?
- A** action
 - B** animation
 - C** comedy
- 19** You will hear a woman talking to her friend, Jordan, about a trip. What did she do on her holiday?
- A** She relaxed at a beach resort.
 - B** She cleaned up a beach.
 - C** She worked with animals.
- 20** You will hear a man talking about his day. Where did he go after work?
- A** to a restaurant
 - B** home
 - C** to the supermarket

PART 5**Questions 21-25**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear Clare talking to Ruth about different jobs.
What does each person do?

Example

0 Brian C

People

21 Sue

22 Tom

23 Clare

24 Cathleen

25 Ruth

Jobs

A travel agent

B nurse

C postman

D artist

E secretary

F shop assistant

G nanny

H teacher

You now have 6 minutes to write your answers on the answer sheet.

Speaking

(8-10 minutes)

PART 1**Introductions – Giving personal information (3-4 minutes)****(Suggested questions)****Phase 1**

What's your name?
Do you work or are you a student?
Where do you come from?
Where do you live?

Phase 2

Where do you usually go clothes shopping?
What clothes do you like to wear in the winter?
What do you do with clothes you don't wear anymore?
Which of your friends or family members wears the best clothes?
Tell me something about your favourite clothes shop.

PART 2**Prompt card activity (5-6 minutes)****Phase 1**

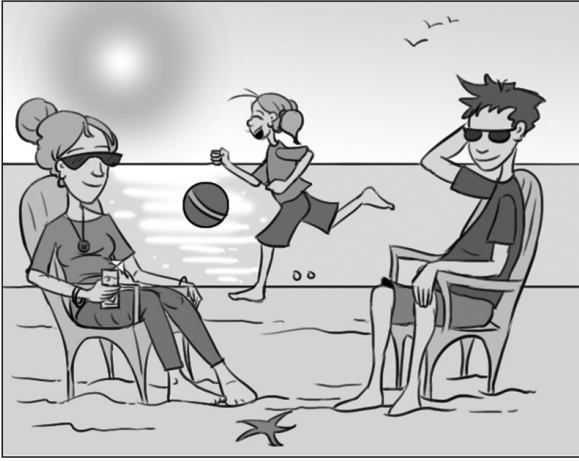
Here are some pictures that show different types of holidays. Do you like these different types of holidays? Say why or why not. Talk together.

Do you think ...
... beach holidays are fun for all the family?
... camping holidays are boring?
... sightseeing holidays are expensive?
... adventure holidays are fun for older people?
... skiing holidays are cheap?

A, which of these types of holidays do you like best?
And you, B, which of these types of holidays do you like best?

Phase 2

Do you prefer going on holidays to other countries or staying in your country, B?
And what about you, A?
Do you prefer going on holidays with friends or family members?
And you, B?



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