



Universidad Veracruzana

Exam Number:

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Level Three

Paper One

Reading and Writing

Sample Test

Time limit: 1 hour 15 minutes

Do not write on the exam paper.

Instructions:

Read the paragraph headings (A - F) and match the correct heading to each paragraph in the text. Write the letter of the correct heading on your answer sheet. Note: there is one EXTRA heading that you will NOT need and there is an example.

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| Paragraph 1 | A German and Latin improve education |
| Paragraph 2 | B English becomes a global language |
| Paragraph 3 | C English exists because of European conquerors |
| Paragraph 4 | D Old English starts to change over time |
| Paragraph 5 | E The Sequence of words becomes more significant |
| | F The new English is first taken to the world |

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER****G****Paragraph 0**

The origins of English are, for a language, surprisingly well-documented. When the Romans invaded Britain in c. 55 BC, the languages of Britain were two main branches of Celtic, which correspond to modern Gaelic and Welsh. The Romans made Latin the official language, and many communities in Britain probably became bilingual Celtic-Latin.

Heading for Paragraph 0:**G** Britain before the English language**Paragraph 1**

The English language proper really developed after the Anglo Saxon invasion c .449 AD. At this point, the Romans left Britain and the new settlers brought with them German dialects from Europe. Latin remained important as the language of the Church during this period of Old English when the very first English literary texts appeared.

Paragraph 2

After the first stage of Old English, there followed a time of invasion and settlement by Scandinavian peoples, and the language evolved. In the north, dialects were greatly influenced by Scandinavian peoples, while in the south, this stage was characterised by King Alfred's insistence on the translation of Latin texts into English, to improve the level of teaching in the schools.

Paragraph 3

What followed the two periods of Old English was the Middle English Period, historically marked by the Norman Conquest in 1066. The official language in England became French, and this affected existing English vocabulary and spelling, and grammar. English lost many of the forms of Old English words and word order became much more important because of this. This was the time of Geoffrey Chaucer, author of the famous *Canterbury Tales*. It was also when the language began to look more like Modern English.

Paragraph 4

From approximately the mid-fifteenth century to the mid-eighteenth century, we can begin to talk of Early Modern English. The role of Latin and the Church declined. Certainly, by the late 17th century, both humanistic and scientific writings, such as those of Isaac Newton, were being circulated in English rather than Latin. Also during this period, English was taken to the Americas, due to colonization and to India, due to commerce.

Paragraph 5

By the mid-eighteen hundreds, English had become a "national" language. Dictionaries and grammars were being compiled to standardise the language, and Modern English was developing. The industrial revolution brought vital innovations, including the telegraph, which linked English-speaking countries all over the world and established English as the major language for communication. At the same time, English became the international language of advertising and consumerism. English began to emerge as the most popular working language for transnational institutions.

Instructions:

Now choose the correct option to complete the following statements about the reading from Part 1. For numbers 6 – 10, mark the letter of the correct option on your answer sheet with an X.

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER**

0. When doing official business during the Roman occupation of Britain, people spoke:

- A** Latin
B Celtic
C Gaelic

A

6. At the time of the Anglo-Saxon invasion in 449 AD:

- A** there wasn't really an English language.
B Latin was no longer used in Britain.
C no new dialects were introduced to Britain.

7. The second stage of Old English was influenced by:

- A** translations into Latin.
B King Alfred's English.
C Scandinavian languages.

8. The period known as Middle English began:

- A** after England was conquered.
B when it became an official language.
C when Chaucer started writing.

9. Early Modern English was

- A** spoken in much of Europe.
B taken to other continents.
C preferred by the Church.

10. The Industrial Revolution brought innovations which

- A** favoured the expansion of Modern English.
B held up the expansion of Modern English.
C Made English less popular for communication.

Instructions:

Read the conversation between Kim and Beverley. For numbers 11 – 19, select the best option to complete Kim’s part. Mark the correct letter on your answer sheet with an X.

EXAMPLE

CORRECT ANSWER

0. **Beverley:** Hi there Kim! You look worried –are you OK?

Kim: Good to see you! _____ you seen my son?

A Have

B Did

C Are

D Were

A

11. **Beverley:** No, I just arrived. Where did you last see him?

Kim: Over there. I think he, _____ at the clowns.

A would look

B has looked

C will look

D was looking

12. **Beverley:** Hmm. I see. Was he by himself?

Kim: No, I never let him _____ around alone here.

A to run

B runs

C run

D running

13. **Beverley:** Don’t worry. He’s here somewhere.

Kim: I know. He can’t _____ far away.

A has gone

B have gone

C had gone

D having gone

14. **Beverley:** That’s right. Now calm down and let’s think.

Kim: If only I _____ left him alone!

A didn’t

B wasn’t

C haven’t

D hadn’t

15. **Beverley:** We’ll find him. Just try not to panic.

Kim: I’m trying to think _____ he was wearing.

A how

B why

C what

D that

16. **Beverley:** Which is his favourite place here?

Kim: I know! He _____ visiting the “House of Horror”.

A will be

B would

C will have

D would have

17. **Beverley:** Are you sure? What makes you think that?

Kim: Yes, I’m certain, because he _____ there yet.

A wasn’t

B haven’t been

C hadn’t been

D isn’t going

18. **Beverley:** Come on then. Let’s go and find him!

Kim: I feel so silly! _____ careless mother I am!

A How

B What a

C What

D So a

19. **Beverley:** Not at all! Your son is quite grown-up now!

Kim: I suppose you’re right. I guess this could happen to _____.

A nobody

B somebody

C everybody

D anybody

20. **Beverley:** Look! There he is! With those two little boys.

Kim: Oh yes. Kevin! Come here! It’s definitely time we _____ home, sweetie.

A went

B go

C going

D gone

Beverley: Bye, Kim. Call me later.

Kim: Bye, Beverley. Thanks for your help.

Instructions:

Read the text carefully and, for numbers 21-30, select the correct option for each space. Mark the correct letter on your answer sheet with an X.

The Paper Millionaire

David Karpeles is a real live millionaire - on paper. The real estate investor **(0)**_____ a document specialist soon after he first took his young family to the Huntington Library in San Marino, to see an exhibition of **(21)**_____ manuscripts. His children were so excited to see Thomas Jefferson's own **(22)**_____, that Karpeles decided to begin to **(23)**_____ historical documents.

Today, eight Karpeles Manuscript Library museums around the country **(24)**_____ more than one million documents, including documents **(25)**_____ by George Washington, as well as musical scores, by such famous composers as Bach and Beethoven. All the museums are purposely located in medium-sized towns, since they could easily be overshadowed in larger cities, among the usual **(26)**_____ variety of big-city sights.

From June through the end of September, Evita Peron is the main **(27)**_____ at the Karpeles Museum in Tacoma. Items **(28)**_____ to her and worth noting include a love letter Evita sent to her fiancé Juan Peron, before they were married and a letter Evita wrote to Peron on her deathbed. Also from now until the **(29)**_____ of September, Santa Barbara's Karpeles Museum focuses on World War II in the Pacific, and included in the display will be original copies of **(30)**_____ by both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Admission to all of the Karpeles Manuscript Library museums is free.

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER**

0. The real estate investor **(0)**_____ a document specialist...

A turned

B became

C converted

B

21. **A** outdated

B original

C only

22. **A** reading

B printing

C handwriting

23. **A** collect

B gather

C stock

24. **A** display

B teach

C appear

25. **A** corresponded

B signed

C firmed

26. **A** long

B wide

C high

27. **A** example

B object

C subject

28. **A** reporting

B associating

C relating

29. **A** end

B last

C final

30. **A** discussions

B speeches

C recordings

Instructions:

For numbers 31 - 45, read the text and transform the word in capital letters on the right hand side to the appropriate word for each space. Write the correct word for each number on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE

...can be rather **(0)**_____.

CORRECT ANSWER

uncomfortable

Arches National Park

Summer is peak season for Arches National Park, so a visit can be rather **(0)***uncomfortable* if, like me, you don't like crowds.

As **(31)**_____ for my day in the Park, I read Edward Abbey's Desert Solitaire, an account of one of his seasons working in the National Park as a ranger. Abbey's **(32)**_____ writing is a pleasure to read and you really get to know the natural countryside he watched over. But at the same time you read about Abbey's frightened **(33)**_____ that the day would come when the National Park would be filled with automobiles. Parking can only be achieved with some **(34)**_____ today. The Park is still worth some **(35)**_____, even though Abbey's fears have **(36)**_____ come true.

The park is always **(37)**_____ with cars and it is difficult to find any kind of solitude. So, when I walked through the park, it was **(38)**_____ not to feel the same **(39)**_____ that Abbey felt. However, I also felt a tremendous sense of **(40)**_____. Hiking among the rocks. I spent more time thinking about geology than I **(41)**_____ ever have before. Erosion over time has created the world's largest **(42)**_____ of natural sandstone arches that give this park its name.

I sat a while and realised a **(43)**_____ about all places of natural beauty. What makes them **(44)**_____ is the fact that no one else has found them yet –that they are practically **(45)**_____ and not yet spoiled by the people that come to see them.

- 0. comfort
- 31. prepare
- 32. describe
- 33. certain
- 34. difficult
- 35. explore
- 36. fortunate
- 37. crowd
- 38. possible
- 39. sad
- 40. excite
- 41. probable
- 42. assemble
- 43. true
- 44. beauty
- 45. discover

Instructions:

For numbers 46 - 60, write ONE correct word ONLY beside each number on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE

CORRECT ANSWER

0. I haven't heard from you for **(0)**_____ while, so I'm...

_____ a

New message

from: mel78@uv.mx

to: ma_ria9512@uv.mx

Sans Serif



send



Dear Maria,

I haven't heard from you for **(0)**_____ while, so I'm just writing to check up on how you all are.

We are all fine here, although Dave is recovering **(46)**_____ the flu. Last month, Jessie fell off her horse **(47)**_____ broke a leg. The doctor is going to remove the plaster cast **(48)**_____ about three weeks' time. But Jessie's in high spirits, thank goodness.

Now, what other news can I tell you? Well, I'm still working at **(49)**_____ same place, although I have **(50)**_____ having some problems. I'm seriously thinking **(51)**_____ moving on, as I've realized recently that my office is not the nicest place in the world. As in most offices these days, there is **(52)**_____ much pressure of work that people sometimes take **(53)**_____ out on their colleagues. I hope I **(54)**_____ not be there for much longer. I've looked through the paper for jobs in my field, but so far I haven't **(55)**_____ much luck.

The children are doing well at school. Corey is now in the football team and little Janie is doing very well in Math. She is going to take **(56)**_____ in a mathematics competition in Washington next week. She is setting off **(57)**_____ Friday evening with a group from school. Math is **(58)**_____ favourite subject –she just loves it. Dave and I **(59)**_____ not understand this as we both hated math at school, but I suppose we're all different!

Well, I look forward **(60)**_____ hearing your news, whenever you have a moment.

Love,

Melody