

CITY & GUILDS

Level B2

Practice Test 1

Time Allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Instructions to Candidates

- Answer all the questions.
- All your answers must be written in ink not pencil.

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Test 1

Part 1

LISTENING

You will hear eight short unfinished dialogs. Choose the **best reply** to each dialog. You will hear each dialogue only **once**. Look at the example. You hear:

M: Is this your red bag here?
W: No, but it does look like mine.
M: Where's yours then?

Put a circle round the letter of the **best reply**. The correct answer is (b).

Example: a) Oh, it's there, isn't it!
b) Right here; on my shoulder.
c) No, I'm quite sure it isn't mine.
d) I got mine at Nordstroms.

1. a) I can't today.
b) In fifteen minutes.
c) I didn't think so.
d) I thought perhaps yesterday.
2. a) Oh no! I really want you to be there.
b) There won't be that many people there.
c) I'm sure I will.
d) Of course you may.
3. a) I've met some people.
b) I'd love to meet him.
c) I will!
d) Brian? I don't recall a Brian.
4. a) It is a bit funny, actually.
b) I'm not sure, but I think she might be.
c) I agree; it would be the best thing by far.
d) No, it's the truth!
5. a) Well, maybe next year.
b) Neither have I.
c) I'm not sure.
d) About three years ago.
6. a) We haven't made any plans to.
b) There are lots of concerts this summer.
c) I might take singing lessons.
d) You can buy tickets.
7. a) I wouldn't expect it.
b) I always thought so.
c) But, the room is huge!
d) That's because it's Sunday.
8. a) Only if you have air conditioning.
b) Of course not.
c) We should go to the beach then.
d) I'm already sweating.

LISTENING

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Part 2

You will hear three conversations. Listen to the conversations and answer the questions below. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d. You will hear each conversation twice. Look at the questions for Conversation 1.

Conversation 1

- 1.1 Where do the two speakers know each other from?
- a) they travelled together
 - b) high school
 - c) university
 - d) the man knew the woman's old roommate
- 1.2 The man and the woman decide to:
- a) become friends
 - b) go back to school
 - c) get coffee next week
 - d) go on a trip

Conversation 2

- 2.1 Who is the man?
- a) a designer
 - b) the woman's friend
 - c) the woman's husband
 - d) a furniture salesman
- 2.2 What furniture colour does the woman choose?
- a) light-coloured
 - b) blue
 - c) pink
 - d) white

Conversation 3

- 3.1 What is the relationship between the two speakers?
- a) two friends
 - b) salesperson and customer
 - c) interviewer and interviewee
 - d) boss and employee
- 3.2 What kind of work does the woman want to do?
- a) interacting with customers
 - b) being behind the scenes
 - c) seeing that things run smoothly
 - d) managing other people

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Part 3

Listen to the information about the schedule for a summer camp, and complete your notes. Do **NOT** write any more than three words for any one answer. First look at the notes. The first one is done for you. You will hear the information **once** only.

Summer Camp

This week's schedule for: camp

Monday's main activity: football tournament

Tuesday through Thursday's activities include: swimming and boating

When children are at the lake there must be: two counselors present

On Thursday evening we'll have a barbecue: on the lakeshore

Report if any children have special: dietary needs

Friday the children will do: arts and crafts

Friday's special surprise is: an outdoor film

On the weekend we will go: camping

LISTENING

TEST 1

Part 4

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d. The first one is done for you. First look at the questions. You will hear the conversation twice.

Example: What do the man and woman NOT have to do for their trip?

- a) book hotels **b) buy plane tickets** c) plan details d) choose which sights to see

- What categories would the woman's interests fall under?
a) culture and fashion
b) sightseeing and history
c) adventure and exercise
d) sport and fashion
- How long are the man and woman going to stay in NYC?
a) three weeks
b) one week
c) two weeks
d) three days
- How do the man and woman seem to be feeling about the trip?
a) nervous
b) depressed
c) anxious
d) excited
- How much will the man and woman spend on their hotel for the week?
a) \$1,500
b) \$200
c) \$1,300
d) \$250
- Why do the man and woman want to visit Long Island?
a) to be near the water
b) to visit a relative
c) to get out of the city
d) to shop
- What sight does the man **not** want to visit?
a) the Ground Zero Museum
b) the Metropolitan Museum of Art
c) the New York Fashion Museum
d) the Empire State Building
- What does the man decide to do when the woman goes to the Fashion Museum?
a) visit a baseball stadium
b) escort her
c) go shopping
d) go to Central Park
- Where does the woman want to go next year?
a) Ukraine
b) Milan
c) Sydney
d) New York City

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READING

Part 1

Read the text and fill the gaps with the correct sentences A-H. Write the letter of the missing sentence in the box in the gap. There are two extra sentences you will not need.

Mount Monadnock

The word "monadnock" comes from the language of the Native American tribe called Abenaki. The word was used to describe a mountain, although the exact kind of mountain is uncertain. The word was adopted by early settlers of southern New Hampshire and later by American geologists.

Mount Monadnock is the most prominent New England mountain. It is one of the most-climbed mountains in the world. **1 D**

The mountain is the highest point in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. It stands 965 metres high and is nearly 610 metres above the surrounding landscape. **2 B**

The mountain is also well known in literature. The famous American writers and philosophers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau were both frequent visitors and wrote fondly about it. **3 A**

A bog near the summit and a rocky lookout off one of the trails are both named after him. Emerson also made the mountain the subject of one of his famous poems. **4 F**

In 1858, Moses Cudworth built a hotel called *The Half Way House* on the side of the mountain. There was a steep, winding road called the 'Toll Road' leading up to it. **5 C**

Today Mount Monadnock is open for hiking, back-packing, picnicking and snowshoeing and offers amazing views of rural southern New Hampshire. There is a campground on the southeast side of the mountain; however, camping is not allowed anywhere else. **6 E**

Parking areas are open from 6am to 8pm, 7 days a week in the summer.

READING**TEST 1**

- A.** Thoreau spent a great deal of time writing about things he saw on the mountain.
- B.** This is the landscape of two New Hampshire towns: Jaffrey and Dublin.
- C.** The hotel was very successful until 1954 when it burned down.
- D.** Many famous hikers have been to its summit.
- E.** It costs \$3 to park at the bottom of the mountain.
- F.** There is also a lookout named after Emerson.
- G.** However, the southwestern slopes of the mountain drain into Fassett Brook.
- H.** Despite this, the mountain is open during the winter.

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Part 2

Read the text and answer the questions on the opposite page by choosing a, b, c or d. Put a circle around the letter of the correct answer. First look at the example.

THE GHOST SLUG

A new kind of animal has just been discovered under a flowerpot in Wales. It's been called the ghost slug, and it is unusual for several reasons. This slug is large, reaching 6 or 7 cm in size. It has no eyes, and is white in colour. It is active at night, and unlike the majority of slugs, it is a carnivore, feeding on earthworms using its blade-like teeth. The species was unknown to science before 2006.

The first ghost slug was discovered in 2006 in Glamorgan, Wales and was formally described and named in 2008 by Ben Rowson at the National Museum Wales, and Bill Symondson, an ecologist at Cardiff University. Because of the slug's white colour and nocturnal habits, and because it has been so rarely seen, it was given the species name *ysbryda*. The word "ysbryd" means ghost in the Welsh language. This in turn gave rise to the common name, "ghost slug". This appears to be the first case of an animal being given a name from the Welsh language.

Slug species like the ghost slug are more commonly found in Turkey and Georgia; however, the ghost slug is different from all of these. It is also the first slug of this kind to be found in Western Europe. Although the ghost slug is almost certainly not native to Wales, where the ghost slug came from and how it made its way into Britain is still unknown. Bill Symondson thinks that the slug probably originally lived deep inside caves because it is completely white and has no eyes. He thinks that it possibly came from a cave system in Eastern Europe, and may have arrived in Wales in soil in a potted plant.

The first ghost slug was found in a lane in Caerphilly on October 29 2006. This single specimen was photographed and then released. A year later, another slug was found by a gardener near Cardiff, Wales, where it was brought to the attention of the National Museum of Wales. Additional ghost slugs have been found in Gorseinon, near Swansea, Wales.

The ghost slug is not harmful to humans, but because it is an introduced species, scientists are asking the public to tell them any time they see one of the slugs. Scientists want to make sure that the ghost slug does not spread and eat so many earthworms that the earthworm populations get smaller, because earthworms are important for the soil and the environment.

READING

TEST 1

Example: Where was the first ghost slug found?

a) under a flowerpot

b) in a cave

c) in Eastern Europe

d) in a ruined house

The correct answer is **A**.

1. What is NOT unusual about the ghost slug?

a) It eats meat.

b) It has no eyes.

c) It is not from Wales.

d) It is white.

4. After it was photographed, the first ghost slug

a) was killed.

b) was kept in the museum.

c) was set free.

d) was lost.

2. What is unique about the slug's name?

a) It comes from the Welsh language.

b) Its spelling is difficult.

c) It means ghost.

d) It does not describe how the slug looks.

5. The ghost slug could damage

a) humans.

b) earthworm populations.

c) the environment.

d) caves in western Europe.

3. How did the ghost slugs get to Wales?

a) natives took them to Britain

b) they were always there

c) in a pot plant

d) it is not verified

6. Overall the ghost slug could be described as

a) a dangerous animal.

b) a mysterious animal.

c) an unbelievable animal.

d) an imaginary animal.

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Part 3

Read the four texts below. There are ten questions about the texts. Decide which text (A, B, C or D) tells you the answer to the questions. The first one is done for you.

A.

We've been camping for many years and have found many recipes that we like. Most are very easy and even kids can make them.

Everyone congregates around the campfire in the evening to talk about what they've done that day and to plan their next day. The great thing about this is that the cook is right there with everyone, included in all the conversations.

Grilled Banana & Peanut Butter Sandwiches

- * Peanut butter
- * Bread
- * Butter
- * Banana

Spread the peanut butter and bananas on the bread and then grill over the fire - easy!

B.

The Gelert Twister 4 is a tent with an innovative design, exclusive to GELERT. It gives camping a whole new twist. It is light enough for use by backpackers, and the design allows this spacious tent to be pitched in a matter of minutes, with no trouble or confusion, even in the dark! No more worries about setting up camp before the sun sets.

Now, we have teamed up with PJ Camping and are offering you the chance to win a Gelert Twister 4 Tent!

C.

How are you? I was wondering if you are still around next weekend, because Katie and I were thinking about camping Friday and Saturday night at a campground up north, and we thought you'd like to join us.

My family has a tent and all sorts of camping supplies so you'd just have to bring a sleeping bag, clothing and yourself! It looks like the weather should be great so I think it would be perfect timing.

Write back or call me as soon as you get this!

D.

For years, Greenfield State Park has been a haven for hikers, bikers and swimmers. This July the park will open up 25 camping spots. This is great news for out-of-towners and locals alike as the next and closest campground is over an hour away.

Jon and Susan Pierce, who have been running the park for the last 20 years are excited about the new campground. "We've been trying to get the state to approve funding for this campground for almost ten years and we finally got everything sorted out".

READING

TEST 1

Which text:

1. is a newspaper report?
2. is an invitation?
3. tries to sell something?
4. suggests making something?
5. is about something opening?

D**C****B****A****D**

Which text gives the answers to the following questions?

6. How many camping spots will be in the park?
7. What would someone need to bring on the camping trip?
8. How fast can the tent be set up?
9. How difficult is cooking while camping?
10. What is a good camping recipe?

D**C****B****A****A**

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Part 4

Read the text and answer the questions. Do **NOT** use more than three words in your answer. An example is done for you.

Penguins in Danger

Raising a baby takes a lot of work, especially when that baby is a king penguin. Now, it looks like climate change will make life even harder for these birds. A new study suggests that warmer waters could shrink their numbers.

Most king penguins live on the Crozet Archipelago, a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, about 1,000 miles north of Antarctica. After the penguin chicks are born in November (which is summer in the Southern Hemisphere), both parents spend 4 months collecting fish, some of which they regurgitate to feed their offspring.

When the fish move to deeper waters in March, the adults leave their chicks alone for months. They swim hundreds of miles south. There, near the Antarctic ice, they spend the winter eating seafood, such as squid, to replenish their own energy stores. In October, nearly a year after their chicks were born, the parents return to feed and finish raising them.

Scientists from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) in Strasbourg, France, have been studying king penguins on the Crozet Archipelago for a decade. Starting in 1998, Yvon Le Maho and colleagues implanted electronic ID tags under the skin of hundreds of penguins.

These are the same types of tags you might put in your dog or cat, so you can track them if they get lost. The tags have allowed Le Maho's team to identify individual birds and keep track of details about them, such as how long they live, whether they return from their winter trips, and if their chicks manage to survive the winter. It is important for the scientists to do this because they need to know these things about the penguins so, if it seems they are in trouble, they can take steps to help them and assure their survival.

To see whether water temperatures affect the penguins, Le Maho compared his data with temperature records. Ocean surface temperatures vary from year to year. And previous research had shown that fewer squid, fish and other creatures grow when the water is warmer. Le Maho suspected that this drop in the food supply would make it harder for adult penguins to survive the tough times ahead.

Indeed, his results showed that fewer adults survived during winters when the water was especially warm. Just a quarter of a degree (0.26°C to be exact) warming of seawater reduces adult penguins' survival by 9 percent in later years.

King penguins can live for up to 30 years. And for now, the population still appears healthy. But a warming trend could spell big trouble for a bird that depends on cold and ice.

READING

TEST 1

Example: What will soon make life more difficult for king penguins?

Climate change

1. King penguins live on a group of islands in which ocean?

the Indian Ocean

2. Why are penguins born in November, and not in May?

November is summer

3. What do king penguins do after their babies are born?

collect fish

4. What do parent penguins do in March?

go south

5. What month do parent penguins return to their children?

October

6. Where on penguins did scientists put electronic ID tags?

under their skin

7. Scientists wanted to find out if penguins return from what?

their winter trips

8. What sometimes causes penguins' food supplies to drop?

warmer water

9. How old do king penguins live to be?

(up to) thirty (years old)

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WRITING





Part 1

You see the following notice in an English language magazine. Write an **article** using between 100 and 150 words.

Vacation Destinations

We are looking for articles about interesting places for holidays. Choose a place, close to your home or far away, to write about.

Be sure to describe:

-  Where the place is located.
-  Why you feel it is a good vacation destination.
-  What there is to do there.
-  What makes that place special.



Part 2

Describe someone who you respect and look up to. Explain why you feel the way you do. What qualities do people who you look up to often have?

Write between 100 and 150 words