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# **B1 Preliminary 8 Practice Tests (2020)**

## **Test 2**

**Reading and writing (p.42-53)**

## Part 1

### Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- A** Get £10 off all sales.
- B** Offer lasts two weeks.
- C** Spend up to £50 and save £10.

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- A** Charles can't meet Paul at 9.00.
- B** Charles will email Paul.
- C** Paul should confirm that 9.00 is OK.

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**FOOD NOTICE**

Please tell your waiter  
today if you have to  
avoid certain foods  
before you make your  
order.

- A** The waiter will explain our special meals of the day.
- B** Inform us of any issues with your diet.
- C** Orders must be paid for before you eat.

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**To:** tracyhardy@yahoo.com

**From:** sheila@gmail.com

Tracy, the boss has just called. Her train gets in at 1.00. If nobody from the office is around to pick her up could you call a taxi for her and let her know.

- A** Tracy needs to take a taxi to the station.
- B** The boss needs to be collected from the station.
- C** The boss doesn't know when the train arrives.

5

**Wanted!**

Volunteer driver  
for local community  
centre. Would suit  
retired person as  
only 1 hour per day,  
Monday to Friday.

- A** Driver needed for five hours a week.
- B** Lifts available to community centre.
- C** Driver needed for retired people.

## Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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The people below are all looking for a job.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight jobs.

Decide which jobs would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Sandra is doing a four-year degree in hair and beauty and wants to work as a volunteer for her third-year work experience. She likes to be part of a team and would enjoy dealing with customers.

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Manuela is from Spain and is looking for work to support herself financially while she studies English at a local college. She can only work on Saturdays and Sundays and some evenings.

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Stella is looking for work during the holidays. She's studying business at college and would love somewhere she can gain experience in a business environment and put her IT skills into practice.

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John is looking for a job where he can work with customers. He recently completed a course in this area of work and is keen to find a job that would offer support in developing skills in managing staff.

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Simon has a job but wants to work with teenagers during the weekend. He is planning a career change and is happy to work without pay in order to gain experience.

## Jobs Available

### **A ABC Computer Specialists**

Do you have customer service skills? ABC Computer Specialists are looking for sales advisers to join our growing customer service team. This is a full-time post, 37 hours a week, with great opportunities for the right person.

### **B Mansion House Hotel**

An exciting opportunity for students wanting work experience in the Mansion House Hotel on a part-time basis. You will be dealing with international customers and a second language would be an advantage. Hours of work can be agreed to suit your needs though you would be required to work some weekends.

### **C Susie's Hairdressing**

We are a new hairdresser's and we want a young, hard-working volunteer to manage our reception desk. You will take calls, make bookings and help build a relationship with our customers. Suitable candidates will be offered a one-year contract.

### **D The Daily News**

Our business is growing and we need an assistant for our customer service team. The successful person will assist in managing our sales staff and be responsible for reporting on sales. The successful person will receive training.

### **E Amega**

Would you like to work in a modern office environment, building relationships with customers, and working with our excellent team? If you've recently completed your studies at university and are looking for a career in the beauty industry, then please get in contact.

### **F Peterfield Forum**

We are looking for keen volunteers to help run our summer school. You will have experience in working with young people and be prepared to accompany them on trips. The school is open from Monday to Friday and we need volunteers for at least two of these days.

### **G Hall Green Community Centre**

This is a great opportunity to gain experience in youth work. We are looking for a volunteer with work experience to support our young people as they begin to enter employment. You would be expected to work on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with occasional Sunday sessions.

### **H Lucas Media**

Are you a student looking for work from Monday to Friday over the vacation period? We are offering a short-term contract to a keen young person to work with our sales team. You will get an idea of how a modern company operates, deal with customer enquiries and have the chance to help develop our website.

## Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

## **Sarah Forbes talks about how she gets a good night's sleep**

I can't remember when I started to have problems sleeping. As a student I seemed to spend half of my life sleeping. But after my graduation I found myself spending hours lying awake until the early hours of the morning. After a few weeks of this I decided to do something about it. I often went to bed at different times; perhaps there was a programme on TV I wanted to watch, or I'd be watching videos on my phone. So I tried going to bed at the same time each night. This took a while to get used to but slowly I found myself getting into a regular routine.

I also took the advice of a friend and made sure I did things to help me relax before I went to bed. I'd start by writing a list of things I needed to do the next day so I wouldn't end up thinking about them during the night. I got into the habit of having a nice warm bath before bedtime and then did some relaxation exercises like meditation. Reading also seemed to work, but not in the way I expected. I would sometimes just fall asleep in the middle of a chapter!

I also found some suggestions online about how to make your bedroom sleep-friendly. I used to have very thin curtains that let the light from outside shine through, so I changed these for thicker ones. I also removed all technology from the room like the TV and the laptop as these are not supposed to help you sleep, even if they are switched off. And of course I left the mobile phone downstairs!

And the result? I'm pleased to say it's worked. Of course, there are some nights where I find it difficult to go to sleep but mostly I'm getting a good seven hours' sleep a night. I started to make a note of my sleep patterns and this is also useful as it helps show things that were making me lie awake, like problems at work. So, I have to say it has been a very successful experiment.

**11** When did Sarah's sleeping problems begin?

- A** when she was a student
- B** after she finished at university
- C** a few weeks ago
- D** at different times during the week

**12** Writing a list of jobs to be done

- A** helped Sarah read.
- B** meant Sarah worked harder the next day.
- C** was the first thing Sarah did at bedtime.
- D** helped her think more clearly.

**13** What does Sarah say was the problem with her bedroom?

- A** Her friends didn't like it.
- B** It didn't have a TV.
- C** She often left her laptop switched on.
- D** It was too bright.

**14** Sarah says that now

- A** she never finds it difficult sleeping.
- B** she keeps a record of how well she sleeps.
- C** she never thinks about work at night.
- D** sleeping better is helping her at work.

**15** What would be a good introduction to this article?

**A** Our sleep expert Sarah Forbes explains how you can make sure you get a good night's sleep.

**B** Sarah Forbes has not slept well for years. She told us how it affects her work.

**C** Sarah Forbes suddenly found herself having trouble getting to sleep. But she took control of the situation.

**D** Sarah Forbes knows what it's like not being able to sleep. Here she explains the dangers of lying awake at night.



## Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

### Honey Bees

Honey bees are incredible insects and the worker bee perhaps the most interesting of all. You can be forgiven for not knowing about the lifestyle of these creatures while you enjoy your honey at breakfast. So here are some facts to consider the next time you buy a jar.

We all know that activity in the hive focuses on the queen.

**16** But it's the workers, who have much shorter lives during the summer period and may only survive for up to six weeks, who do all the work.

Worker bees are female and during the first few weeks of their lives, when they are referred to as 'house bees', they will take on many different duties. **17** For example, they'll clean the cells where they were born and make sure bees that have died are removed. **18** Finally, they'll make sure the needs of the queen bee are met.

Towards the second half of their lives, the focus of their duties changes. They'll begin by acting as guard to the hive. **19** Then they'll move on to becoming 'field bees' when they'll leave the hive to collect nectar. However, this journey doesn't start until they have made sure they'll recognise the hive on their return.

They start by taking a short flight in front of the hive, flying backwards and forwards, up and down, getting a clear idea of where the hive is and what it looks like. **20** This careful approach is probably very wise as their search for nectar will take them a long way from home.

- A** They start by making sure the hive is kept clean and tidy.
- B** So most of the bees die during the summer.
- C** Then they'll act as nurse to newborn bees.
- D** They do this by controlling the temperature.
- E** Slowly they move further and further away from the hive.
- F** But you should always take care around worker bees.
- G** She can live for five years and lays eggs for future generations.
- H** They will make sure that only bees in the family enter.

## Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

### Fear of Flying

A fear of flying, also known as aerophobia, is said to affect almost 10% of the **(21)** ....., although some experts **(22)** ..... it is much higher than this. Those suffering from this will often avoid flying completely, which has a negative effect on their quality of life. Those who face their fears can end **(23)** ..... feeling seriously anxious before and during the flight.

There are generally two different causes. Some people worry about whether they will **(24)** ..... silly in front of other passengers. The thought of being sick or losing control can be quite frightening. Some people fear the flight itself. The most **(25)** ..... things people worry about are bad weather conditions, the possibility that the plane will develop a problem or even that the pilot will become ill. The most worrying time of all is often when **(26)** ..... off and landing, points in the flight when most people will experience a little fear.

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| 21 | A population | B people | C crowd   | D society |
| 22 | A choose     | B make   | C believe | D decide  |
| 23 | A at         | B in     | C of      | D up      |
| 24 | A see        | B work   | C show    | D look    |
| 25 | A high       | B common | C normal  | D real    |
| 26 | A taking     | B going  | C moving  | D lifting |

## Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct answer.  
Write **one** word for each gap.

**Carnival**

Rio de Janeiro's Carnival is the biggest festival on the planet and I **(27)** ..... been enjoying it with millions of people from around **(28)** ..... world. There are street parties all over the city organised by local community groups called 'blocos'. They write the songs, organise the dances **(29)** ..... provide the musicians.

The main event takes place in a special stadium called the Sambadrome. The audience sees **samba** schools from different parts of Rio present their samba, which is performed **(30)** ..... musicians and dancers and includes beautifully decorated floats. All these schools compete against other schools **(31)** ..... see which school can be judged the best. Schools prepare these performances for many months and the result is wonderful.

If you're planning to visit Carnival you should think about it well in advance as hotels and tickets **(32)** ..... sold out very quickly.

# Test 2 WRITING

## Part 1

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

### Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Martin and the notes you have made.

**EMAIL**

**From:** Martin

**Subject:** My Holiday

Hi,

I hope you're well. It was great to talk to you on the phone last week.

As I told you, I'm planning a visit to your country this autumn. I haven't been there before. What's the weather like in November? Should I bring any warm clothes?

I'll be there for two weeks and I wondered if I could meet you on one of the days. Let me know if this is possible.

Would you like me to bring you something from England?

Write back soon!

Martin

Yes!

Suggest...

Tell Martin

Yes, some chocolate

Write your **email** to Martin using **all the notes**.

## Part 2

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

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### Question 2

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

#### Articles wanted!

##### HAVE YOU GOT A FAVOURITE MEAL?

Is it something you eat at home?

Is there a restaurant where you like to order it?

**Write an article answering these questions and we will put it in our magazine!**

Write your **article**.

### Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence.

*As the bus turned the corner, I saw my hotel at the end of the road.*

Write your **story**.