



3ª Edizione



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<u>Gran</u>	nmar and Use of English
All answers must be written on this test	paper.
1. <u>Complete</u> the following sentences second sentence has the same meant	using the word suggested and your own words, so that the ing as the first.
1. It was stupid of Martin to (SHOULD)	write on his brother's painting.
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I	interesting.
4. It's a good idea not to drin (AVOID)	k coffee at bedtime.
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5. I regret not going to Andy (WISH)	's party yesterday evening.
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	[/ 10 points]
2. Read the text and fill in the numbered the four words given below for each spa	I gaps with A , B , C or D – to reflect the <u>one</u> most appropriate of ce.
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different villages. Vacant houses are bought by retired people, often from outside the area, or by white-







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The agric	(8)for rultural workers to n	ural housing has pus	hed up property prices, n the (10) of the	the village as a weekend retreat. (9) many remaining e village. In this way the social
	(Above text adapted	from "Village Building	gs of Britain", Matthew Ri	ice, 1991, Little Brown, London)
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	 (A) end (A) along (A) lesser (A) shrunk (A) prior (A) quantities (A) staying (A) demand (A) asking (A) top 	(B) late (B) over (B) scarce (B) increased (B) worked (B) too much (B) bringing (B) question (B) preferring (B) edge	(C) final of the (C) long (C) fewer (C) grown (C) once (C) numerous (C) sending (C) command (C) making (C) centre	(D) ultimate part of (D) since (D) little (D) underestimated (D) permanent (D) a variety (D) commuting (D) daydream (D) forcing (D) bounds
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4. Choose a suitable phrasal verb for each sentence. The phrasal verbs are given in the box below. You may use each phrasal verb <u>once</u>. (It may be necessary to change the verb form).

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3. Mar	ту	tha	t story about bei	ng sick yesterda	y – really she wer	nt to the
cine	ma with her friends	3.				
4. I		most of	the other children	when I was at el	ementary school.	
5. I do	on't think that Mr	Markham		bad bel	naviour in his clas	ses next
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End of Grammar / Use of English

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TOTAL =

/ 60

1. If (1a)	(you, can) live in any other country for the rest of your life,
which country (1b)	(you, to choose)?
2. (2a)	(They, to give) us a hand if
(2b)	(they, to finish) work on time this evening.
3. The (3a)	(computer, to work) now if
(3b)	(you, to fix) it yesterday!
4. Small children (4a)	(often, to cry) when
(4b)	(they, to be) very tired.
5. If William (5a)	(to sell) his house last year, he
(5b)	(to go) to live in Quebec with his brothers immediately.







Part 2 - Reading Comprehension

Read the following text and then answer the 20 questions below. Each question is worth two points. All answers must be written on this test paper.

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•	Questions 4-10: The following questions refe choose the correct answer from the four possib		t have read. For each of the following question	ons
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TEST TOTAL =

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Questions 11-17: The following words are synonyms of words found in the text. Find the original word(s) in the

D. ...to warn the reader that in the future there will be very few libraries.

text.	, G					C		
11. untidy								
12. rebellion								
13. not surprising								
14. worry								
15. poor								
16. rich								
17. to close								
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• Questions 18-20:	: Three further wo	rds have been <u>i</u>	<u>underlined</u> in	the text – wh	o/what do the	y refer to?:		
18. 'it' (paragraph 4)	_							
19. 'they' (paragraph	7) _							
20. 'them' (paragraph	ı 8)							







ANSWER KEY FOR TEACHERS

1.HOW TO CALCULATE THE OVERALL SCORE FOR THE ENGLISH TEST

The 'Reading Comprehension' test has a maximum score of <u>40</u> points. The 'Grammar / Use of English' test has a maximum score of <u>60</u> points.

In order to calculate the overall score, add together both scores to create the final score.

Eg. Reading = 30/40 Grammar / Use of English = 48/60

Total = 30 + 48 = 78/100 = 78%

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(Maximum score 6/6)

Two points per correct answer. No points for an incorrect answer

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•	Questions 4 - 10				

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- 4. The library at Stony Stratford...
- A. ...could close in order to create a new library on the outskirts of Milton Keynes.
- B. ...will soon be closing.
- C. ...runs the risk of closure.
- D. ...is threatening to close the local council.







5. Paragraph two says that...

- A. ...local authorities in Britain have recently reduced financing that used to help libraries.
- B. ...up to 375 libraries are threatened with closure.
- C. ...most British libraries may close before the summer.
- D. ...a planned reduction in financing could put hundreds of libraries at risk.

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• **Questions** 11 – 17

(Maximum score 14/14).

Two points for each fully correct answer.

- 11. untidy messy paragraph 1
- 12. rebellion **revolt** paragraph 2
- 13. not surprising **no wonder** paragraph 2







14. worry **concern** – paragraph 2

15. poor **impoverished** – paragraph 3

16. rich **affluent** – paragraph 6

17. to close **to shut** – paragraph 8

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• **Ouestions 18-20**

(Maximum score 6/6)

Two points for each correct answer.

18. 'it' (paragraph 4) a country

19. 'they' (paragraph 7) **libraries**

20. 'them' (paragraph 8) people

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The maximum total score for the "Reading Comprehension" section is 40/40

READING COMPREHENSION

TEST TOTAL =

/40

GRAMMAR AND USE OF ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY

1. <u>Maximum 10 points.</u> Each of the five questions carries two points. The answer must be entirely correct in order to earn 2 points. For one small error, one point may be given. No half points.

1. It was stupid of Martin to write on his brother's painting. (SHOULD)

Martin should not have written / shouldn't have written on his brother's painting.

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Now that I live in Italy, I 'm / am getting used to drinking espresso coffee.

3. In my opinion this book is not interesting. (THINK)

I don't / do not think (that) this book is interesting.

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It's a good idea to avoid drinking coffee at bedtime.







5. I regret not going to Andy's party yesterday evening.
(WISH)

I wish I had / I'd gone to Andy's party yesterday evening.

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1.	(A) end	(B) late	(C) final of the	(D) ultimate part of
2.	(A) along	(B) over	(C) long	(D) since
3.	(A) lesser	(B) scarce	(C) fewer	(D) little
4.	(A) shrunk	(B) increased	(C) grown	(D) underestimated
5.	(A) prior	(B) worked	(C) once	(D) permanent
6.	(A) quantities	(B) too much	(C) numerous	(D) a variety
7.	(A) staying	(B) bringing	(C) sending	(D) commuting
8.	(A) demand	(B) question	(C) command	(D) daydream
9.	(A) asking	(B) preferring	(C) making	(D) forcing
10.	(A) top	(B) edge	(C) centre	(D) bounds
				[/ 10 points]

3. One point for each correct answer. The answer must be entirely correct – in choice of tense, spelling and structure. In some cases various tenses are possible – the various possibilities are listed below. Half marks are not allowed.

Before (1) having (to have) dinner yesterday, we decided to phone my brother John because we still (2) hadn't / had not heard (not, to hear) from him since his departure. He had caught the train saying, "I'll phone you as soon as I (3) arrive (to arrive)!". We weren't worried, because it's a well-known fact in our family that John is forgetful, but we decided to phone him anyhow.

The phone (4) rang (to ring) briefly before he answered. He told us all about his first day at Cambridge – all the new history students went to a presentation in the library, and they (5) were given (to give) a course handbook by their professors. He said that his room in the halls of residence was nice, and it (6) was tidied / was







going to be tidied / is going to be tidied (to tidy) by a cleaner in the morning – that's fortunate, because John is so messy.

He couldn't speak to us for too long, because he (7) was leaving / was about to leave (to leave) his room to go to a party when we phoned him. Typical John, he's the opposite of me, he (8) has always been (always, to be) a party lover since we were children. His classes start tomorrow, in fact this time next Sunday he (9) will already have finished (already, to finish) his first week of lectures – I hope he (10) manages / will manage (to manage) to find time to study!

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4. <u>Maximum 10 points. Two points for each correct answer. One point for a correct choice but with a small error.</u> It is necessary to select the correct phrasal verb and the correct verb tense to obtain both points. Half points are not allowed.

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- 1. He always **puts off** doing his homework until the end of the summer holidays.
- 2. Josie has been looking after Mrs Chadwick's garden since Mrs Chadwick broke her arm.
- 3. Mary is making up / made up / was making up / has made up that story about being sick yesterday really she went to the cinema with her friends.
- 4. I got on with most of the other children when I was at elementary school.
- 5. I don't think that Mr Markham will put up with bad behaviour in his classes next semester.

[/ 10 points]

- 5. <u>Maximum 10 points. Two points for a correct sentence.</u> For one error, one point only may be given. No half points.
- 1. [Two weeks ago]

John and Sam said, "Our uncle is coming to visit us tomorrow".

John and Sam said (that) their uncle was going / coming to visit them the following day / the next day / (the day after).

2. [Yesterday]

Mindy said to Brian, "Don't touch the wet paint!"

Mindy told / (ordered / instructed) Brian not to touch the wet paint.

3. [Yesterday]

Janine asked Scott, "When would you like to have dinner?"

Janine asked Scott when he wanted to have dinner.

4. Joe said that it had never snowed in that town.

Joe said, "It has / (had) never snowed in this (that) town".

5. Lizzie said that they would be late because there was a train strike.

Lizzie said, "We / (they) will be late because there is a train strike".







[____ / 10 points]

- 6. Maximum 10 points. The candidate must complete each space correctly using the appropriate tenses. Two points per question (one point for each of the two gaps). Each gap must be completed correctly in order to gain one point. Half points are not allowed. All possible answers are listed below.
- 1. If (1a) you could (you, can) live in any other country for the rest of your life, which country (1b) would you choose (you, to choose)?
- 2. (2a) They will / They'll give (They, to give) us a hand if (2b) they finish (they, to finish) work on time this evening.
- 3. The (3a) computer would work / would be working (computer, to work) now if (3b) you had / you'd fixed (you, to fix) it yesterday!
- 4. Small children (4a) often cry (often, to cry) when (4b) they are / they're (they, to be) very tired.
- 5. If William (5a) had sold (to sell) his house last year, he (5b) would have / would've gone (to go) to live in Quebec with his brothers immediately.

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The maximum total score for the "Grammar and Use of English" section is 60/60 (parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

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TOTAL = /60