

# Practice Test 2

## Reading and Use of English

1 hour 15 minutes

### PART 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0    A such                    B as                    C well                    D like

0	A	B	C	D
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### HOLIDAYS

In the UK, holidays began (0) ..... religious festival days or 'holy days'. The idea of a holiday as a 'no-work' day seems to have first (1) ..... around 150 years ago. In 1871 the Bank Holidays Act established (2) ..... days when, by law, banks closed. Bank holidays soon became public holidays, but by tradition, not law.

In fact, working people (3) ..... took holidays. For many people, paid holidays remained a (4) ..... until the second half of the twentieth century. Instead, people enjoyed outings to (5) ..... places on the one day a week when they didn't work.

The (6) ..... of the railways made it possible for working people and their families to go further afield on their day trips. As (7) ..... as such outings became possible more people travelled to the seaside. Seaside towns started to boom. Funfairs opened and boat trips were (8) ..... by local fishermen. Many of the towns that benefited from these day trippers were at the end of railway lines.

- 1 A appeared B established C created D arrived
- 2 A absolute B certain C odd D possible
- 3 A rarely B quite C gradually D ever
- 4 A prize B comfort C reward D luxury
- 5 A close B away C nearby D next
- 6 A quantity B growth C increase D size
- 7 A far B soon C early D good
- 8 A done B offered C performed D raised

**PART 2**

For questions 9 – 16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the **separate answer sheet**.

**Example:**

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## Supermarkets

There (0) ..... been many changes to shopping in the past 100 years, but the introduction of supermarket shopping is surely (9) ..... most significant of all the changes to shopping. It is less than 70 years since the first self-service store opened (10) ..... doors in South London. For most of us nowadays the supermarket plays an important part in our daily lives. (11) ..... fact, some people's support of a particular supermarket chain can be (12) ..... strong as their support of their favourite football club!

Layout and image are of vital importance to any supermarket. Fruit, vegetables and flowers are usually displayed immediately inside the entrance of the store, (13) ..... the fact that the majority of goods sold by a supermarket are frozen or tinned. (14) ..... layout suggests an image of freshness and healthy eating. We are led from tempting displays to the basics – tea, bread, sugar – (15) ..... are frequently placed well apart and at the back of the store. You could say the layout encourages us (16) ..... buy overpriced products in attractive packaging.

**PART 3**

For questions 17 – 24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the **separate answer sheet**.

**Example:**

0	D	R	A	M	A	T	I	C											
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**JEAN-PIERRE BASSIN**

Jean-Pierre Bassin is an 'action cameraman' who films (0) ..... events like snowboarding or paragliding. His speciality is using a video camera while skiing at high speed. His most recent (17) ..... was filming athletes at high altitudes. 'Everything is (18) ..... at this height,' he says. 'You take your (19) ..... out of the case and you're out of breath already. I'm (20) ..... fit and I managed to take some shots running alongside the athletes, but it was very hard. I had (21) ..... every morning and at first I didn't realise that these were due to the altitude. I also suffered from (22) ..... nights, which meant I was always tired.'

Jean-Pierre is relaxed about how (23) ..... he has become and has few plans for the future. 'I'm not really interested in fame and my lifestyle is of greater (24) ..... than what's in my bank account.'

**DRAMA****ASSIGN****EXHAUST****EQUIP****REASON****HEAD****SLEEP****SUCCESS****IMPORTANT**

**PART 4**

For questions 25 – 30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

**Example:**

0 The suitcase is not light enough for me to carry.

**TOO**

The suitcase ..... for me to carry.

The gap can be filled by the words 'is too heavy', so you write:

**Example:**

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**IS TOO HEAVY**

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

25 Strong winds meant the ship couldn't leave.

**PREVENTED**

The ship ..... strong winds.

26 Lia had not seen such beautiful flowers before

**MOST**

They were ..... had ever seen.

27 I have finally decided to emigrate.

**MIND**

I have finally ..... emigrate.