

Test 4

Reading and Use of English Part 7

You are going to read an article in which six students talk about their university. For questions 43–52, choose from the students (A–F). The students may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Which student

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| is studying at a university that was not their first choice? | 43 | <input type="text"/> |
| has found it easier to make friends at university than they had expected? | 44 | <input type="text"/> |
| wishes they had more time to take part in social activities? | 45 | <input type="text"/> |
| chose their university partly because a relative had recommended it? | 46 | <input type="text"/> |
| complains about the travelling time from their accommodation to the city centre? | 47 | <input type="text"/> |
| wants to continue studying at the same university after they graduate? | 48 | <input type="text"/> |
| praises the approach to teaching at their present university? | 49 | <input type="text"/> |
| decided to study at the university because of its location? | 50 | <input type="text"/> |
| sought the opinions of current students before choosing a university? | 51 | <input type="text"/> |
| is finding student life less expensive than they had expected? | 52 | <input type="text"/> |



My university

Six first-year students say what life is like at their universities.

A Zehra Erdogan

There's a club here for just about every sport or social activity you can think of, and they're a great way to get to know other students. I'd wondered whether I might feel lonely here with my family so far away, but I needn't have worried. There's a group of us who get on really well, and two are already talking about doing research here once they've finished their first degrees. That's my aim too.

B Ben Robertson

I had to take out a loan to cover my costs as a student here, but I quickly found there were all kinds of expenses I hadn't thought of, such as the cost of getting into town and back from the student village, where I live. The buses aren't cheap and it takes ages to get there, too, but I didn't check that when I chose this university. That's something I could have done quite easily online, but unfortunately I didn't. Actually, the main reason I came here was to be with my friends, who applied at the same time as I did.

C Anika Mishra

I found it relatively easy to settle in here, just as I thought I would, really. I'd done some research on the various places offering the course I wanted to do, and what I found particularly helpful were the online comments by people actually studying in each one. Actually, this one had always appealed to me as my aunt did a research degree here and said it was a good place to live and study, though unlike her I think I'll move onto another university once I've graduated.

D Lotte Peeters

Before I came here, people had been telling me I'd find it hard to live on my government grant, but that hasn't really been the case because during my free time I'm nearly always in the halls of residence with the other students. There's so much to do there that it doesn't matter that they're quite a long way from the university, which is right in the centre of town. In fact, I can't do half the things I'd like to do because I'm a medical student and I'm just too busy studying to join any more societies or clubs.

E Pablo Flores

Universities in different parts of the world tend to be quite similar in some ways, such as the international mix of students, the atmosphere and even the buildings, but something I like about studying here is that you spend a lot of your time in seminars with a tutor. So, nearly a year on, I'm actually quite relieved I had my application rejected by the top university on my list: if I'd gone there I would have spent all day taking notes in lectures. The only downside is that the cost of living is quite a bit higher in this country.

F Maxim Kuznetsov

As I have family and friends living in several nearby countries, I needed to be somewhere close to an airport offering budget flights. So studying here looked ideal, and though I've noticed prices are quite high in the city, there's plenty to do on campus and I rarely need to go there. Actually, the only time I do that is when some of my old friends come to visit me, and on those occasions we take the train. There's a good service into town, and I can get a discount by using my student card.

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 You have had a discussion in your English class about the importance of studying particular subjects at secondary school. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

All students should study science subjects in every school year.

Notes

Write about:

- 1 interesting lessons
- 2 future careers in science
- 3 (your own idea)



Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2–4** in this part. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You see this announcement in an English-language magazine.

The best advice I have ever had

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Who gave you that advice? Why was it so helpful to you?

Write an article answering these questions. We will publish the best articles in our next edition.

Write your **article**.

- 3 You see this advertisement in your local English-language newspaper.

Shop assistants wanted for summer work

We require shop assistants to work with English-speaking customers in our department stores this summer. Positions are available in the following departments:

- fashion
- music
- electronic equipment

Write to Emma Murphy at Holiday Stores saying which department interests you and why, and explain why you would be suitable for the job.


Write your **letter**.

- 4 A number of English-speaking students are planning to stay with host families in your country this summer. Their teacher has asked you to write a report on what times people usually have their meals there, what differences there are in the kinds of food that young people and older people prefer, and which dishes you would particularly recommend.


Write your **report**.

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Listening Part 1

 05 You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer, A, B or C.

- 1 You hear a man and a woman talking about a department store.
What is the woman's opinion of the store?
A The prices are generally reasonable.
B There is a wide range of items on sale.
C Most of the assistants are very helpful.
- 2 You hear a woman asking a man questions in a city-centre street.
She wants him to
A take part in a survey.
B give her directions to a bus stop.
C use public transport more often.
- 3 You hear part of a radio interview with a newspaper's science reporter.
He thinks that it is
A less of a problem than some scientists say.
B not taken seriously enough by governments.
C now too late to stop it happening.
- 4 You hear a recorded message when you phone a hotel.
What should you do if you want to stay there an extra night?
A press one
B press two
C press three
- 5 You hear two parents talking after watching their son play in a football match.
What do they agree about?
A Their son was the best player in his team.
B The referee was unfair to their son's team.
C Their son's team should have won the game.
- 6 You hear a man talking on the radio about a castle by the sea.
How does the speaker suggest visitors get to the castle?
A by car
B on foot
C by public transport
- 7 You hear a woman talking about her computer.
Why couldn't she email her friend?
A Her computer wasn't online.
B A virus had damaged her computer.
C She couldn't remember her password.
- 8 You overhear a man leaving a message on an answering machine.
Why is he phoning?
A to apologise for something he has done
B to ask the other person for some advice
C to thank the person for something they did

 06 You will hear a man called André Laroque talking about a luxury railway journey in Canada. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase. [You will need to play this recording twice.]

A four-night trip on the Canadian Pacific Railway

André says that the route his train took is (9) kilometres long.

André says that Calgary was placed first in a list of the world's (10) cities.

André was particularly impressed by how (11) the mountains along the route are.

André says that pictures of trains on (12) have made the Canadian Pacific internationally famous.

André was pleased to find that he had his own (13) in his compartment on the train.

André was surprised that there was only one (14) for the sixteen passengers.

During dinner on the train, André listened to live (15) music.

André was disappointed not to see a (16) when the train stopped so passengers could go on a walk.


As they went down a hill called Big Hill, André saw a lot of (17) coming from the train.

Towards the end of his journey, André saw the biggest (18) of its kind in North America.



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Listening Part 3

 **07** You will hear five short extracts in which people talk about why they changed their job. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–H**) the main reason each person gives for their last change of job. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use. **[You will need to play this recording twice.]**

- A to work outdoors
- B to have more responsibilities
- C to work fewer hours each week
- D to have longer holidays
- E to earn more money
- F to move to a new location
- G to improve career prospects
- H to have a new challenge

Speaker 1 **19**

Speaker 2 **20**


Speaker 3 **21**

Speaker 4 **22**

Speaker 5 **23**

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Listening Part 4

 08 You will hear a radio interview with Lily Jenkins, whose favourite sport is windsurfing. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer, **A**, **B** or **C**. [You will need to play this recording twice.]

- 24 How did Lily feel when she first tried windsurfing?
A worried that her feet would slip off the board
B glad that she had watched a training film first
C impatient to start moving quickly over the water
- 25 According to Lily, how long does it usually take to learn to windsurf?
A It depends on the equipment you use.
B It takes less time than you expect.
C It varies from person to person.
- 26 Lily believes she quickly learnt the basics of windsurfing because
A she had lessons at a windsurfing school.
B her friend was an excellent teacher.
C she was already an experienced surfer.
- 27 What safety advice does Lily give beginners?
A Try to make sure your sail never falls into the water.
B Tell someone on land how you can be identified at sea.
C Practise windsurfing on lakes rather than at sea.
- 28 Lily now thinks that as a complete beginner she should have
A used a bigger sail.
B rented a board and sail.
C bought a smaller board.
- 29 Nowadays, what does Lily most enjoy about windsurfing?
A learning new techniques
B developing her muscles
C forgetting everyday worries
- 30 Lily thinks that eventually she will
A become a windsurfing instructor.
B take part in windsurfing competitions.
C have to give up windsurfing.

