

B1 PROTOTIPO DI LINGUA INGLESE

Grammar

Multiple Choice Cloze (Verbs): 10/20

It was a normal Tuesday morning. The sky (0) dark with rain clouds. I (1) down the road when the bus went by. I thought I could recognise Linda (2) at the back, but naturally I could not be sure. She seemed so sad (3) on that bus, almost dreamy and far-away in thought. I was waiting for my brother (4) and pick me up and he, of course, was late again. I had already (5) waiting for more than an hour and I was (6) angry and worried. I (7) no umbrella and was not even wearing a coat! Rain was in the air and threatening to wet me completely if my brother didn't arrive soon. All of a sudden, I (8) thunder and it started. The sky (9) and that was it - no light shower, but a massive downpour! I got completely wet in a matter of seconds. At the same time I had lost Linda and my patience - I began (10) home as fast as I could.

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| 0 | A. was | B. were | C. had | Answer A. was |
| 1. | A. walked | B. was walking | C. would walk | |
| 2. | A. standing | B. to stand | C. stand | |
| 3. | A. to be | B. being | C. to being | |
| 4. | A. to come | B. coming | C. come | |
| 5. | A. was | B. been | C. to be | |
| 6. | A. got | B. to getting | C. getting | |
| 7. | A. had | B. have | C. have had | |
| 8. | A. would hear | B. heard | C. had heard | |
| 9. | A. opened | B. did not open | C. would open | |
| 10. | A. to running | B. runningw | C. of running | |

Multiple Choice Cloze (Lexis) 10/20

In order to build a doll's (0) you need lots of skill and patience. Any (1) girl can tell you that. You start from the number of bedrooms you need, on the top (2), naturally, then you work down to the kitchen-cum-dining room and (3) room. Doll's houses do not usually contain bathrooms - ever thought about it? - so you need not worry (4) those. What is really important is, of course, the (5), If it is not meant to be a surprise for Christmas or a birthday, I strongly recommend that you take your daughter with you so that she can choose what's best. She will know which table to choose with the right chairs, cupboards, the right sofa, everything, all exactly as she wants. Furthermore, make sure her (6) dolls can actually fit in the house before you start building it - there is nothing which will make her (7) more than seeing her prize Barbie doll in gigantic (8) compared to the little bed, the tiny kitchen or even the miniscule front door! Paint it in (9), matching colours, both inside and out - it must always be a joy to look at - and place it on a large table or board that can become the garden and BBQ (10) for playing and eating outside with Ken in the warmer months.

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| 0. A. house | B. place | C. inhabitant | Answer: A. house |
| 1. A. little | B. new-born | C. short | |
| 2. A. level | B. floor | C. stage | |
| 3. A. sit | B. entertain | C. living | |
| 4. A. for | B. about | C. to | |
| 5. A. furniture | B. rooms | C. clothing | |
| 6. A. favourite | B. especially | C. smallest | |
| 7. A. sleep | B. sneeze | C. cry | |
| 8. A. looks | B. proportions | C. weight | |
| 9. A. bright | B. black | C. dark | |
| 10. A. hole | B. field | C. area | |

Reading Comprehension

Multiple Matching 10/20

A

Harry loves his first-year university course. He studies psychology, sociology and philosophy, which all seem to be quite fine though they involve a lot of reading. He studies methodically and is never stressed out. Even though the lessons tend to be held in the earlier part of the week, he is at university all day every day because the social life is fantastic. So many clubs, associations, activities and societies want him to join and do things with them. He wants to join them all, except for the debating society, which he thinks is probably very boring, even though they do drink a lot. Needless to say, he is planning to go on to second year, and can't wait!

B

Sharon finds university difficult, certainly much more difficult than high school, where she had always had a good time without ever having to study at all. Here things are different. If she doesn't ask and find out for herself, no one tells her what to do to pass exams. She has a part-time job at the local library and spends all her free time there doing her own study and research. Her only real problem is that she wastes a lot of her time and can't seem to get organized. She is, however, doing well enough. She has never failed anything and she expects to go on to third year and finally graduate. She hopes to work as a librarian because she likes the public library.

C

Stephen is very lucky. At university he found a group of friends who adore him and do everything for him. It's incredible when you think he had very few friends at high school. These young people

take notes for him, which they then summarise so that he can simply arrive at lessons when he wants to. He only has to study the most important parts for the exams. They spend time in the library finding all the books for the various research projects he has to do. Then they all go out together. Sometimes I wonder why they do all this for him. He is certainly happy with the way things are and wouldn't change them at all.

Multiple Matching questions: Which student

1. has a job?
2. has helpful friends?
3. finds university the most difficult?
4. spends the most time at university?
5. balances study and social life?
6. is having least fun?
7. depends the most on others?
8. should study more?
9. does not use all the time productively?
10. has joined some clubs?

Reading Comprehension

Total: 10/20 (= 3 Traditional Reading Comprehension exercises /6 + 2 Summary Technique exercises/4)

Traditional Reading Comprehension Three paragraphs, each worth 2 marks

I

The agency led by lovely Mary Whyte is specialised in planning Tours to Cornwall's most remarkable sites. Mary has had over ten years experience in the food and drink sector and five years professional training in tourism. When she moved to Cornwall two years ago, Mary started up her own business, specialising in personal tourist itineraries. She introduces her guests to the authentic Cornish atmosphere and lifestyle. With its precious historical heritage and culinary traditions, which have been passed from generation to generation down through the centuries, Cornwall encourages visitors to make their own journey to discover the inner and outer beauty of this ancient land. In Cornwall, visitors will learn about its secrets, arts and architecture. Mary can recommend the best time of year for sightseeing, some of the finest hotels and restaurants and even organise a fishing trip if you want. If you are looking for something different, personal service and you want to feel cared for, then Mary's tours are the answer. Contact her now at the email below and let her know what you want. She will find a way to satisfy all your needs and requests.

1. How long has Mary been offering these special tours?

- a. for 10 years
- b. for 5 years
- c. for 2 years

2. These tours are:

- a. self-catering
- b. secret
- c. personalised

II

Fruit trees grow in orchards with the type of tree varying with the latitude. In northern Europe people grow apples and pears while in Mediterranean countries you can find orange and lemon trees and some people have even planted kiwis, which originated in New Zealand. In a kitchen garden people grow fruit and vegetables. If you have time, energy and experience, the produce grown there will noticeably reduce the family's weekly food bill. At the end of the year, that means real savings. Your own fruit and vegetables taste better and are better for you. A few words of advice, though: experiment with as many different types of vegetables as you can. Plant them at different times so that they are not all ready at the same time and don't forget to water them! Happy eating! A flower garden is different. It is for looking at during the day, relaxing in and deriving pleasure from artistic arrangements of different colours, heights and shapes of plants, as they change over the seasons. The big challenge is to have a good colour display in winter. The flowers can be used to decorate your house.

1. Fruit trees:

- a. provide different fruit at different latitudes
- b. provide the same fruit at different latitudes
- c. originated in New Zealand

2. Cultivating a kitchen garden is:

- a. energy-saving
- b. labour-saving
- c. money-saving

III

On my trip to Egypt last year I went alone but made lots of friends and have kept in touch with many of them. I even learnt some Arabic and how to order food in restaurants. Of course, they all speak English there and understand you perfectly. It was a great experience. Then there was my holiday in China. A fascinating country, but I had some language difficulties. The food was nothing like the local Chinese restaurant just down the road from me here in Sydney. An exciting holiday, and I would advise everyone to go there one day. What can I tell you about my trip to the USA. I saw the Big Apple and the West Coast. In a word, wow! It is everything and more you can expect from a holiday. Everywhere you see lights, people from all sorts of backgrounds and ethnic groups. But the language? Most times it was fine, but sometimes a bit embarrassing. You know, we all speak English, but do we? We have our strange ways of pronouncing things and they have theirs. Nothing a smile and a 'Sorry?' won't fix, however!

1. The writer:
 - a. is very good at foreign languages
 - b. practises his languages every day
 - c. does his best to communicate
2. The writer:
 - a. likes to see the world.
 - b. goes only where they don't speak English.
 - c. goes only where they speak English

Summary technique (2 marks each)

I

That summer was the happiest I can remember. My father had decided to take us to the seaside because the doctors said my younger sister needed fresh sea air. The cottage by the sea was small but wonderful. There were only two bedrooms so I had to sleep in the same room as my sister. Mummy started cooking lunch as soon as we got there and in no time at all we were sitting at the outside table overlooking the sea having her special dish, roast chicken and potatoes. I can still smell the aroma of that chicken and the salty air on our first day there and can still see the local boys playing on the rocks not too far from the cottage.

Which is the best summary? A child's memories of a special

- a. dinner
- b. summer holiday
- c. game

II

At twenty, he had never played the guitar before in his life, but he'd always wanted to. When he was given one as a present he just picked it up, and somehow he knew what he had to do and how he had to play it. In no time at all he was playing a complex piece by Jimi Hendrix. All his friends stood there in amazement, not believing their ears. He was selected to audition for a talent show on TV and all his friends were in the studio audience. When he finished playing he was in tears, and he was not the only one! He came first and was given a contract with a recording studio. He is famous now.

Which is the best summary? A man

- a. has a natural talent for playing the guitar.
- b. learns to play the guitar at music school .
- c. Doesn't win a talent contest .

Writing /20

Write to your English friend. 150-200 words. Choose one (1) topic. 30 minutes

1. Describe a city you visited.
2. Explain how to walk from the bus stop to the University coffee bar.
3. Describe your first impression of university life

Listening B1 (1 mark each question = 20 marks total)

I.

[ChildObesity](#) sec. 36 – min. 3.26

1. Who placed child obesity as an American national priority?
A. President Obama
B. The First Lady
C. The President's children

2. How many obese children are in the USA?
A. 1/4
B. 1/5
C. 1/6

3. What is the most dangerous source of refined sugar?
A. sweet drinks
B. sweet foods
C. vitamin supplements

4. What is the healthiest drink when doing a lot of sport?
A. apple juice
B. sports
C. water

II.

[Galileo Galilei](#) sec. 22 – min.2.42

1. Where is the professor during the interview?
A. Australia
B. Australasia
C. Austria

2. What does the professor particularly like about where she is?
A. a castle
B. an old train window
C. a medieval city

3. What did Galileo Galilei discover?
A. the moons of Jupiter
B. the moons of Uranus
C. the moons of Mars

4. How many shows have they dedicated to Galileo Galilei?
A. this is one of many

B. this is the second one

C. this is the first one

III.

[Annabel Pitcher](#) sec.43-min.2.34

1. What is on the letter?

A. ink

B. blood

C. jam

2. Where did the author's Gran spend her last week of life?

A. at home

B. in hospital

C. in a hotel

3. How many sisters has the author got?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

4. What colour hair has the author's mother got?

A. blond

B. brown

C. red

IV.

[Malorie Blackman](#) min1.16-min.4.00

1. What is the main problem between the two sisters?

A. Their names are too similar

B. They are twins

C. They have identical personalities

2. What did the author's mother want the two daughters to have at school?

A. Hair of different length

B. Different teachers

C. Different colour clothes

3. What did the other school children think of the author's sister?

A. They loved her

B. They wanted to imitate her

C. They were afraid of her

4. At school how could people tell them apart?
- A. by their personalities
 - B. by how they talked
 - C. by their friends

V.

[Jamila Gavin Tales](#)

1. What was Manu waiting for?
- A. a fly
 - B. a flood
 - C. a fish
1. What did Brahma tell Manu to do?
- A. to build a boat
 - B. to build a house
 - C. to build a castle
2. What happened first?
- A. the sources of water dried up
 - B. the bad weather came
 - C. elephants came to destroy the land
3. Which living things did Manu put in what he had built?
- A. Animals of all sorts from his home land
 - B. Plants and animals from all over India
 - C. Animals and plants from everywhere