

Candidate ID: _____

Use of English, Reading and Writing Test

Instructions

1. This test contains three sections:

Section A; 15 UoE items. Recommended time: 25 minutes

Section B: 15 Reading items. Recommended time: 30 minutes

Section C: TWO Writing tasks. Recommended time: 45 minutes

2. Please read the instructions carefully.

3. Each correct UoE and Reading answer weighs 2 marks.

4. Writing task 1 weighs 15 marks.

5. Writing task 2 weighs 25 marks

6. You have 1 hour 40 minutes to complete the test.

NB Grammar and spelling are important.

Use of English

Circle the correct answer.

To explore the ocean depth, you need a submarine. This is because the deeper you go, the darker and colder it gets. The weight of all the water above also makes it (1) to move around.

1. A) possibly B) easy C) difficult D) rapid

Every day you (2) by recommendations about what to buy, where to go, what to do, and how to do it. Advertisements are a classic example of persuasion. They are trying to get you (3) buy a particular product or to go to a certain place.

2. A) surround B) are surrounded C) surrounding D) were surrounded

3. A) for B) to C) – D) in

If you ever visit Pompeii in Italy – an ancient city frozen in time by a volcanic eruption nearly 2,000 years ago – you may see something surprising wandering among the ruins... a yellow robotic dog! Known (4) “Spot”, the four-legged bot is inspecting the (5) old buildings, looking for structural and safety issues that could cause dangerous rockfalls.

4. A) like B) so C) and D) as

5. A) cities B) city’s C) cities’ D) city

Michael Kors was born (6) the name Karl Anderson Jr on Long Island, New York on 9 August, 1959. When he was five, his mother remarried to Bill Kors and let little Karl (7) a new name for himself. He opted for Michael. For the wedding, Michael eagerly redesigned his mother’s dress, exhibiting a flair for fashion that would never fade.

Michael’s mother was a former model, so (8) fact that her son showed an affinity for fashion surprised no one. Kors designed and sold clothes from his parents’ basement during his teenage years. Intent on becoming a professional designer, Kors enrolled at New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology. He grew antsy and didn’t last a single year (9) dropping out. He bagged a job at a Manhattan boutique. There, he climbed up the ranks from salesperson to designer and visual display head. His flavour caught the eye of luxury (10)..... store Bergdorf Goodman, and he caught his big break.

6. A) under B) in C) on D) with

7. A) to choose B) choosing C) chose D) choose

8. A) - B) the C) these D) other

9. A) however B) because C) before D) in fact

10. A) supermarket B) department C) mall D) entertainment

Read the following text carefully. If there is a mistake (grammar or vocabulary) in the line, write this word in the corresponding line provided below the text. If the line is correct put a tick (✓). The first two lines are given as examples.

- 1 Which light is on top of the traffic? Is it the Red or Green? Your first thought, probably
- 2 is that this is an easy question in answer. However, put yourself in this position –
- 3 you are on one of the current quiz shows that pays a lot of money for correct answers.
- 4 You must answer this question correct to win the top prize. Now then, which light
- 5 is on top, the Red or the Green? Red is always on top of the traffic light. Green is
- 6 always on the bottom. A third colourful is usually Yellow which is always in the center.
- 7 You are lucky if you were surely that the Red was the correct answer.

Line 1 _____ ✓ _____

Line 2 _____ in _____

11. Line 3 _____

12. Line 4 _____

13. Line 5 _____

14. Line 6 _____

15. Line 7 _____

READING

Read the text and circle the correct answers.

Founded back in 1923, you'd be hard pushed to find many folks in today's modern world unfamiliar with the name Walt Disney. Of course, it has grown and developed since its initial start-up as a film company, and nowadays the brand is associated with toys, fashion accessories, theme parks and a vast array of multimedia products.

Twenty-two years ago, the corporation branched out even further, setting up Disney Cruise Line, and its success has been immense. With four ships currently in its fleet (Disney Wonder, Disney Dream, Disney Magic and Disney Fantasy), it is expected that three more will be added within the next six years. All in all, this will allow for a total of 21,000 passengers, which the company hopes will enable an increase on its current 2.8 percent of the worldwide market.

What first **springs** to mind when you think of a Disney Cruise? Screaming kids running wild in the restaurants? Alice in Wonderland for night-time entertainment? Well, it's not quite as bad as that. In fact, official estimates state that roughly one-fifth of adults boarding the ships now do so without any children in tow. But what's the attraction?

George and Natalie Wilson, aged 53 and 50, have been going on Disney Cruises for eight years now, and already have one booked up for next year. With their kids having long flown the nest, most of the time they holiday just the two of them, although they have been twice with close friends.

16. According to the passage, ...

- A) approximately 20% of adults prefer visiting the Disney Cruise with no children.
- B) the name Walt Disney is famous for its only theme parks and thrilling movies.

- C) there are seven ships in Cruise Line ready to board 21,000 passengers every day.
- D) Disney Cruise visitors love to experience the Alice in Wonderland for night-time entertainment.

17. What does the word '**springs** in the text mean?

- A) seasons
- B) delivers
- C) comes
- D) halts

Read the text and circle the correct answers.

Coveo, a software-as-a-service search engine powered by artificial intelligence, issued its first Relevance Report in January 2021, which found that retailers often fail to meet shoppers' rising digital expectations.

Twelve months on, the group sought to find out whether the situation had improved. At first glance, 91 percent of respondents encountered at least one problem when shopping online over the past year, citing issues such as slow websites (35 percent), not finding what they want (34 percent), and disorganized site or app navigation (29 percent). Despite lockdown restrictions loosening in recent months, shopping online remains a primary mode of consumption for many of us. We examined what consumers crave from their digital experiences, and how businesses can better meet this relevance challenge in 2022 and beyond.

Ninety-three percent of consumers expect the online shopping experience to be at least equal to, if not better, than in-store — an increase from last year's figure of 90 percent.

18. Which of the following is true according to the text?

- A) In its first Relevance Report, Coveo revealed that merchants frequently fall short of consumers' expanding digital expectations.
- B) Lockdown limitations have become even tighter recently, so many of us continue to use internet shopping as our major method of consumption.
- C) After a half year, the group investigated if the situation had become better.
- D) Results showed that the most difficult issue for shoppers was slow website.

19. How many customers now anticipate that their online shopping will be at least as good as their in-store experience?

- A) 35%
- B) 93%
- C) 90%
- D) 91%

Read the text and complete the sentences below. Use MAXIMUM THREE words.

NB If more than three words are used, the answer will be marked as INCORRECT.

Drinking coffee helps the human body to burn fat more easily, which explains why caffeine is an ingredient of practically all fat-burning substances. Certain studies have even demonstrated its ability to increase the metabolic rate by up to 11 percent.

Moreover, as it raises levels of adrenaline – the hormone that prepares the body for physical activity – caffeine has been scientifically proven to enhance physical performance by 12 percent on average.

Furthermore, the findings of numerous experiments and research have demonstrated that coffee drinkers are at much lower risk of succumbing to several serious diseases. The list just goes on: up to a 60-65 percent lower risk of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases; as much as 80 percent less chance of cirrhosis (liver disease) in individuals who imbibe at least four cups of coffee daily; 40 percent and 15 percent less risk of liver and colorectal cancer respectively; no increase – rather a slight reduction – in the risk of heart disease; up to 20 percent less risk of stroke. Most recently, the greatest ever studies into coffee, carried out by the Universities of London and Southern California, have proved that regularly drinking just one cup of coffee can prolong human life by up to nine minutes a day. While it's true that caffeine can increase blood pressure, the effect is minimal and is reduced by drinking more coffee. All these benefits make a cast-iron case for drinking coffee.

20. According to some research, caffeine in the coffee demonstrated its ability to boost the _____ by up to 11 percent.
21. Furthermore, caffeine increases _____, the hormone that primes the body for exercise.
22. The results of various studies show that those who drink coffee have a significantly decreased risk of catching a number of _____.
23. Recent research from two universities has shown that routinely consuming just one cup of coffee can increase a person's life expectancy by up to _____ each day.
24. Caffeine increases blood pressure; however, the _____ is very little and consuming more coffee will help to lower blood pressure.

Read the text below. In questions 25-30, Write TRUE (if the statement agrees with the text), FALSE (if the statement contradicts the information) or NOT GIVEN (if there is no information on this).

Food and culture are so interconnected that it's usually hard to have one without the other. The food of a nation reflects the history and geography of the country. Even restaurants serving foreign cuisine reflect the host country through presentation style, adaptations of meals, choice of drinks and combinations of dishes. What, then, could be a better way to experience some local life, than by heading out to dinner while visiting a foreign land? To make the most of the experience it would be best to understand the whole menu so you can choose from the complete offer. This is not necessarily an easy task though, as menus can be confusing things, even for native speakers: they are full of abbreviations, synonyms, industry specific vocabulary, and sometimes even slang.

As with any standard menu the world over, English menus are divided into sections, to aid the reader and encourage a large order. The sections you can expect to see on the menu are: starters, sides, mains, dessert and drinks. There could also be an extra section with special recommendations and offers for children. It's also quite common for main courses to be divided by content – typically groups of food such as pizza and pasta will be placed together in Italian style restaurants, while other cuisines commonly group mains by their feature ingredient (usually meat, fish, or vegetables).

25. A country's history and geography are reflected in its cuisine.
26. Restaurants offering cuisine abroad reflect only meals and beverage selections of that country.
27. It is better to understand the whole menu rather than knowing the language of that country.
28. Only native speakers understand menus that are full of acronyms, synonyms, industry-specific language, and even jargons.
29. Unlike menus in the world, English menu sections help people with choices.
30. There are usually 5 sections on menus and sometimes a separate section with suggestions suited specifically for children can also be found.

WRITING

Task 1

Read the following two advertisements and then do the task below.

<p style="text-align: center;">VISIT THE NEW EXHIBITION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our temporary display contains art and artefacts. We show wonderful documentaries, and conduct debates and performances.</i></p> <p>Where: Science Museum</p> <p>When: July 26, 27, 28</p> <p>Opening hours: 10 am to 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free entrance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB No food or drinks are allowed in the museum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ONE DAY ONLY Family Movie Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIGHT NIGHT & TOY STORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Westwood Cinema on July 26 at 17.30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tickets are available from the ticket office or telephone +998 91 333 38 89</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15% discount for students and schoolchildren</p>
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Choose and write about ONE place where you would like to go. Explain why you have chosen it. Write between 120-150 words.
