

Practice Test

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

1 B 2 C 3 D 4 C 5 D 6 B 7 B 8 A

Part 2

9 more 10 which 11 were 12 who/that 13 there
14 how 15 whether 16 between

Part 3

17 currently 18 enables 19 global
20 producers 21 effectiveness 22 poverty
23 development 24 directly

Part 4

25 the manager to look into
26 had run out of
27 make/have any/an objection to
28 has been learning Japanese for
29 was/had been more difficult than
30 insisted on seeing

Part 5

31 B 32 C 33 C 34 B 35 D 36 A

Part 6

37 E 38 B 39 G 40 A 41 F 42 D

Part 7

43 A 44 B 45 A 46 C 47 B 48 C 49 C 50 A
51 D 52 B

Listening

Part 1

1 A 2 C 3 C 4 C 5 B 6 A 7 C 8 B

Part 2

9 headquarters 10 flying club 11 instructor 12 funding
13 support 14 vacancies 15 fuel 16 check 17 shifts
18 colleagues

Part 3

19 G 20 D 21 H 22 C 23 F

Part 4

24 A 25 B 26 A 27 C 28 B 29 C 30 B

Writing (sample answers)

Part 1

The internet has more advantages than disadvantages. Do you agree?

Many people all over the world have access to the internet. It has made a big difference to how we live and work.

On one hand, it has made both study and work much easier. We have easy access to information and can learn almost anything at the touch of a button. Social networking sites allow people to stay in touch with friends and family all over the world, and people can buy groceries and clothes or even order furniture from the comfort of their home. The internet has also made it possible for people to work from home.

On the other hand, the internet has some disadvantages. Some people end up wasting too much of their time online talking to people in chat rooms, which can affect their relationships with family members.

Another problem with the internet is that people may become addicted to online gaming. This can have a negative effect on their social life, and can mean they spend little time outdoors or doing physical exercise.

Personally, I think the internet has more advantages than disadvantages. People just need to know how to use it sensibly.

Part 2

2 I recently read *Hannah* by Julie Stephens. I'd seen the film version, but the book's even better. It's very well written and has a really funny main character, who's called Hannah Brown.

Hannah lives with her family in London. She has two older sisters who she doesn't get on with and she tries to make their lives as difficult as possible, whenever she can. The plot mainly revolves around their relationship.

One day, she decides to play a trick on her sisters by hiding all their clothes. They get a huge shock when they go to their wardrobes and find nothing there, and they get very annoyed with Hannah because they've made plans to go out that evening. A big argument follows. Hannah has a great sense of humour, which is something neither of her sisters has. She uses some very funny jokes on them.

I'd certainly recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys reading humorous stories. The main character, Hannah, will keep you highly entertained and it's a book I could read again without getting bored!

3 Me and television

Can you imagine life without television? Personally, I can't! We're lucky nowadays as we have a huge variety of channels to choose from and a greater choice of programme than ever before. I watch TV every day, but I limit my viewing to a maximum of three hours.

There are certain programmes that I like, such as soap operas or comedies, which are on several times a week. These are high-quality programmes. If I miss one of them, I can always catch up with my viewing later in the week. There's also the handy option on some channels of watching a programme an hour later than the initial broadcast.

At weekends, when I have more time, I like watching the film channel or a good drama series. I especially enjoy science-fiction movies. Watching films is a good way of passing the time, especially on a Saturday in winter.

I think the quality of television available to viewers has never been so good. Wouldn't you agree?

4 Hi Oliver,

Thanks for your email. It's so nice to hear from you again. I hope you're well.

It's great to hear that your friends want to visit my city. I'm sure they'll love it! If they can, tell them to book a hotel in the Old City – that's where most of the famous museums, like the National Museum and the Museum of Technology, are. They should definitely visit both of those. I'd also recommend the outdoor antiques market, which is open on Sunday mornings. There are lots of cool things there – not only antiques. Finally, tell them to check out some of the fish restaurants near the beach. You can get great meals for really reasonable prices.

It's best to visit in spring or summer when the days are longer and the weather's warmer. Winter's not a good time here because it gets dark so early. Apart from that, the weather's not great. We often have quite a lot of heavy snow and that makes it difficult to walk around comfortably.

So, when are you going to come and visit me? I'd love to show you around!

Harry