
Practice Test 1

LISTENING SECTION

The Listening Section (items 1-25) comprises four parts. You will hear each of the parts twice. As you listen, mark your answers in your test booklet. When the Listening Section has finished, you will be given five minutes to transfer your answers to the separate answer sheet.

Part 1

In this part of the Listening Section (items 1-8), you will hear eight conversations. Each conversation is accompanied by one question. For each question there are three answer choices, A, B, and C. As you listen, choose the answer choice which best answers each question according to what you hear. The questions will not be read aloud. You will hear the conversations **twice**.

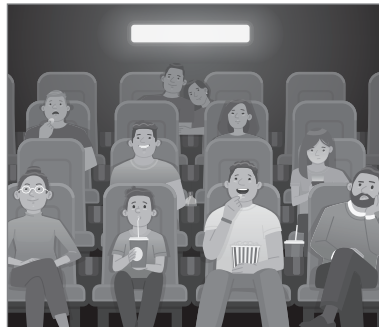
You now have one minute to read the questions and look at the picture answer choices before the conversations begin.

Now you will hear the conversations.

1. Where are they now?



A

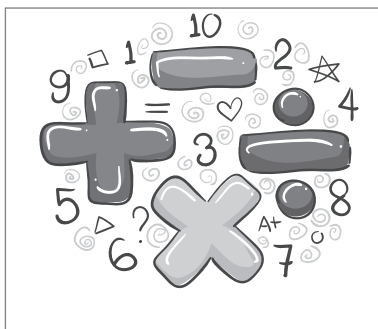


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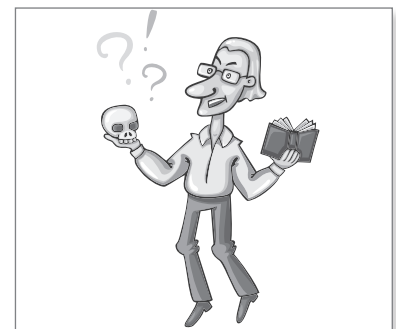
2. What will they study together tonight?



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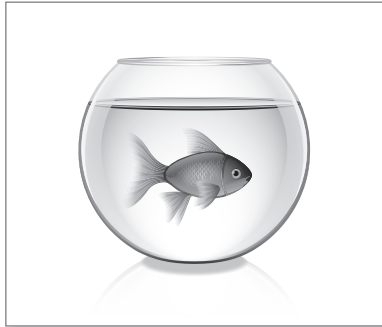


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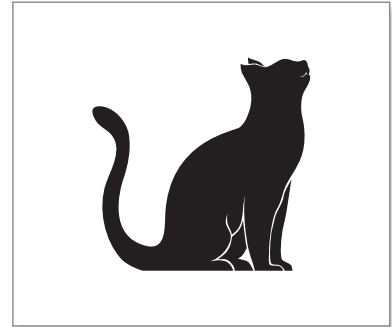
3. What kind of pet will the man get for his son?



A



B

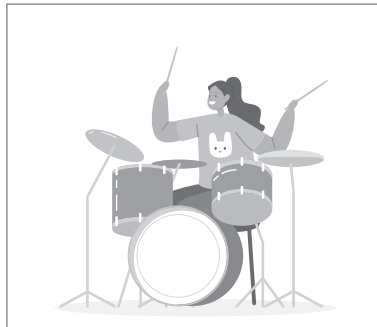


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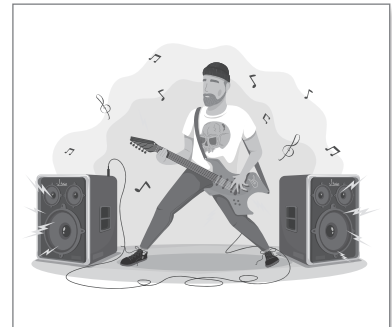
4. What does the band need?



A



B

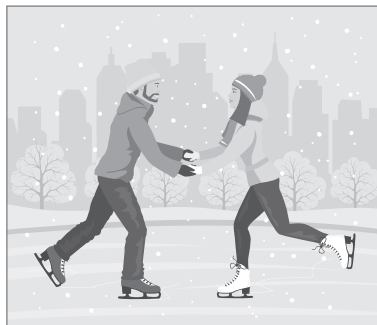


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5. What will the man enjoy doing in New York?



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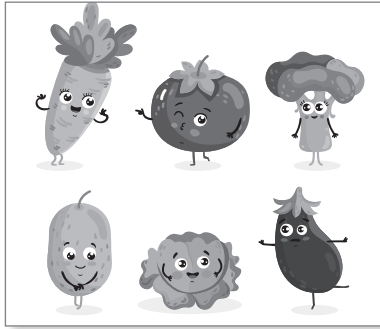


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6. What will the man get for the meeting?



A



B



C

7. How will the woman travel to Philadelphia?



A

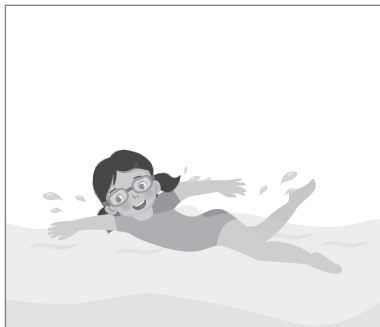


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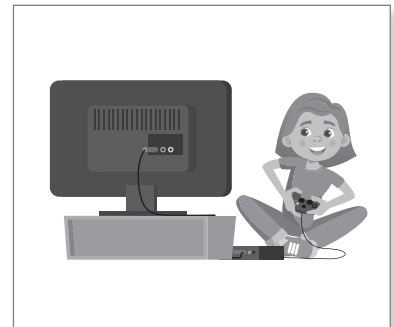
8. What has the woman mostly been doing lately?



A



B



C

End of Part 1

Part 2

In this part of the Listening Section (items 9-13), you will hear five short messages. Each message is accompanied by one question. For each question there are three answer choices, A, B, and C. As you listen, choose the answer choice which best answers each question according to what you hear. The questions will not be read aloud. You will hear the messages **twice**.

You now have one minute to read the questions and answer choices before the messages begin.

Now you will hear the messages.

9. What should Ian Barkley do?

- A. meet his wife
- B. show a receipt
- C. move his car

10. What time does Weird World start?

- A. 9 pm
- B. 10 pm
- C. 11 pm

11. Where is the celebration taking place?

- A. Lowell Center
- B. Fairway Avenue
- C. Gosden Park

12. In which section can shoppers get something for free?

- A. Sweets and Snacks
- B. Cheese
- C. Clothes

13. Which number should callers press to find out how much money they owe?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3

End of Part 2

Part 3

*In this part of the Listening Section (items 14-19), you will hear an interview accompanied by six questions about what was said. For each question, there are three answer choices, A, B, and C. As you listen, choose the answer choice which best answers each question according to what you hear. The questions will not be read aloud. You will hear the interview **twice**.*

You now have one minute to read the questions and answer choices before the interview begins.

Now you will hear the interview.

14. What is Richard's latest movie?

- A. an historical movie
- B. a science-fiction movie
- C. a documentary

15. In Richard's movie, what does the main character, Ben, do?

- A. rescue a friend
- B. return home
- C. win a battle

16. What difficulty did Richard face when making his latest movie?

- A. making special effects
- B. hiring actors
- C. finding locations

17. When did Richard decide to start making movies?

- A. when he was a teenager
- B. when he was in acting school
- C. when he moved to a city

18. What does Richard enjoy most about making movies?

- A. being famous and popular
- B. working with other people
- C. traveling to different places

19. What is Richard's aim as a director?

- A. to change people's ideas
- B. to use new special effects
- C. to win lots of awards

End of Part 3

Part 4

*In this part of the Listening Section (items 20-25), you will hear a short talk accompanied by six questions about what was said. For each question there are three answer choices, A, B, and C. As you listen, choose the answer choice which best answers the question according to what you hear. The questions will not be read aloud. You will hear the talk **twice**.*

You now have one minute to read the questions and answer choices before the talk begins.

Now you will hear the talk.

20. Where is this talk taking place?

- A. on a coach
- B. inside a museum
- C. in a school

21. Who is the speaker?

- A. a security guard
- B. a scientist
- C. a teacher

22. What do dinosaur experts disagree about?

- A. when Diplodocus lived
- B. what Diplodocus ate
- C. how Diplodocus walked

23. What might Diplodocus have used for defense?

- A. its tail
- B. its neck
- C. its body

24. According to the speaker, what did artists do in the 19th century?

- A. draw dinosaurs in black and white
- B. paint dinosaur skeletons
- C. show how dinosaurs used to be

25. What will the group do next?

- A. complete a task
- B. start traveling home
- C. watch a piece of drama

End of Part 4

End of the Listening Section

READING AND USE OF LANGUAGE SECTION

The Reading and Use of Language Section comprises 5 tasks and 45 items, numbered 26-70. All items have only one correct answer and are worth one mark. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will have 60 minutes to complete the Reading and Use of Language Section.

Task 1: Grammar

The fifteen sentences below, items 26-40, have a gap in them. For each gap, choose the answer choice from A, B, C, or D which best completes each sentence. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet.

26. There's a quicker way to the stadium the way you usually go.
A. with
B. for
C. than
D. as
27. I sometimes watch Kim tennis with Alice in the park.
A. to play
B. plays
C. played
D. play
28. If we get to the theater late, we the start of the movie.
A. would miss
B. will miss
C. have missed
D. had missed
29. Paul lots of new friends since he started his new school.
A. has made
B. makes
C. is making
D. was making
30. We visited some interesting places we were away on vacation.
A. while
B. if
C. unless
D. so
31. I was so anxious that I sleep at all last night.
A. wouldn't
B. can't
C. couldn't
D. won't
32. We've been practicing the same dance move four hours.
A. during
B. for
C. since
D. in
33. you see the movie when it comes out?
A. Did
B. Have
C. Are
D. Will
34. Max has changed a lot, he?
A. doesn't
B. didn't
C. hasn't
D. hadn't
35. Have you thought about an easier topic for your project?
A. choosing
B. choice
C. you choose
D. your choice

36. **By the time she was ten, Beth to play the guitar, the piano and the flute.**
- A. has learned
 - B. learned
 - C. learns
 - D. had learned
37. **Before the Internet, people communicate mostly by letter.**
- A. used
 - B. use
 - C. use to
 - D. used to
38. **Don't forget the date at the top of the application form.**
- A. to writing
 - B. to write
 - C. write
 - D. written
39. **..... store did you buy those sneakers from?**
- A. Who
 - B. Where
 - C. Which
 - D. When
40. **Of all the students in the class, Jessica is**
- A. friendlier
 - B. the friendliest
 - C. friendly
 - D. as friendly

Task 2: Vocabulary

The ten sentences below, items 41-50, have a gap in them. For each gap, choose the answer choice from A, B, C, or D which best completes each sentence. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet.

41. We'll work for an hour then a break.
A. take
B. do
C. put
D. make
42. The guide us to follow him into the museum.
A. said
B. made
C. asked
D. suggested
43. Carl the job offer because the pay was too low.
A. admitted
B. preferred
C. agreed
D. refused
44. Temperatures will and the weather will become much hotter.
A. move
B. rise
C. keep
D. grow
45. Could you that idea to me again?
A. discover
B. solve
C. discuss
D. explain
46. Mr. Sanders the students homework every Friday.
A. gives
B. receives
C. permits
D. puts
47. Luck has an important role in their success.
A. presented
B. posted
C. played
D. provided
48. My ankle still hurts a lot, but the pain is less than it was.
A. totally
B. slightly
C. extremely
D. exactly
49. If you want better grades, you need to more effort.
A. do
B. put
C. make
D. take
50. The book of twelve chapters.
A. contains
B. counts
C. completes
D. consists

Task 3: Reading

Reading 1

You are reading the following four texts to help you make a decision. The texts are accompanied by eight questions, items 51-58. For each question, choose the answer choice from A, B, C, or D which best answers each question, using the information from the texts. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Restaurant Reviews

Which restaurant ...

- | | |
|---|--|
| 51. has an amazing view? | 55. is owned by a famous chef? |
| 52. offers discounts for children under twelve? | 56. does not take reservations? |
| 53. closes after midnight? | 57. has recently changed its menu? |
| 54. offers vegetarian food only? | 58. has an unusual location? |

A Sally's Burgers

Most burger bars have options with no meat, but Sally's is the first to have a whole menu that is 100% vegetarian. Instead of meat, the burgers are made from plant ingredients – and they taste absolutely delicious! I really liked the food, the service, and the great atmosphere. Sally's hasn't started a delivery service yet, but the owners say that one will soon be available.

*Open 7 days a week, 12 pm - 2 am
10% off for students*

B China Town

China Town is so popular you might have to wait ages for a free table, and they don't allow you to book before you go. But the long wait is definitely worth it. The food is amazing, and so is the spectacular nighttime view of downtown. No wonder China Town continues to be such a success, even after all these years!

*Open Friday – Sunday, 8 pm - 12 am
For the delivery menu, check the China Town website.*

C Taste

Anthony Price first achieved international fame with his cooking show on Vision Channel. Then, two years ago, he decided to quit making meals in front of the cameras and open his own restaurant, called Taste, instead. The food is what Anthony's fans would expect: complete perfection! What might surprise them, however, is that Taste isn't found in the city itself, but ... on a boat on the river!

*Open Monday - Saturday, 8 pm - midnight
Reservations only*

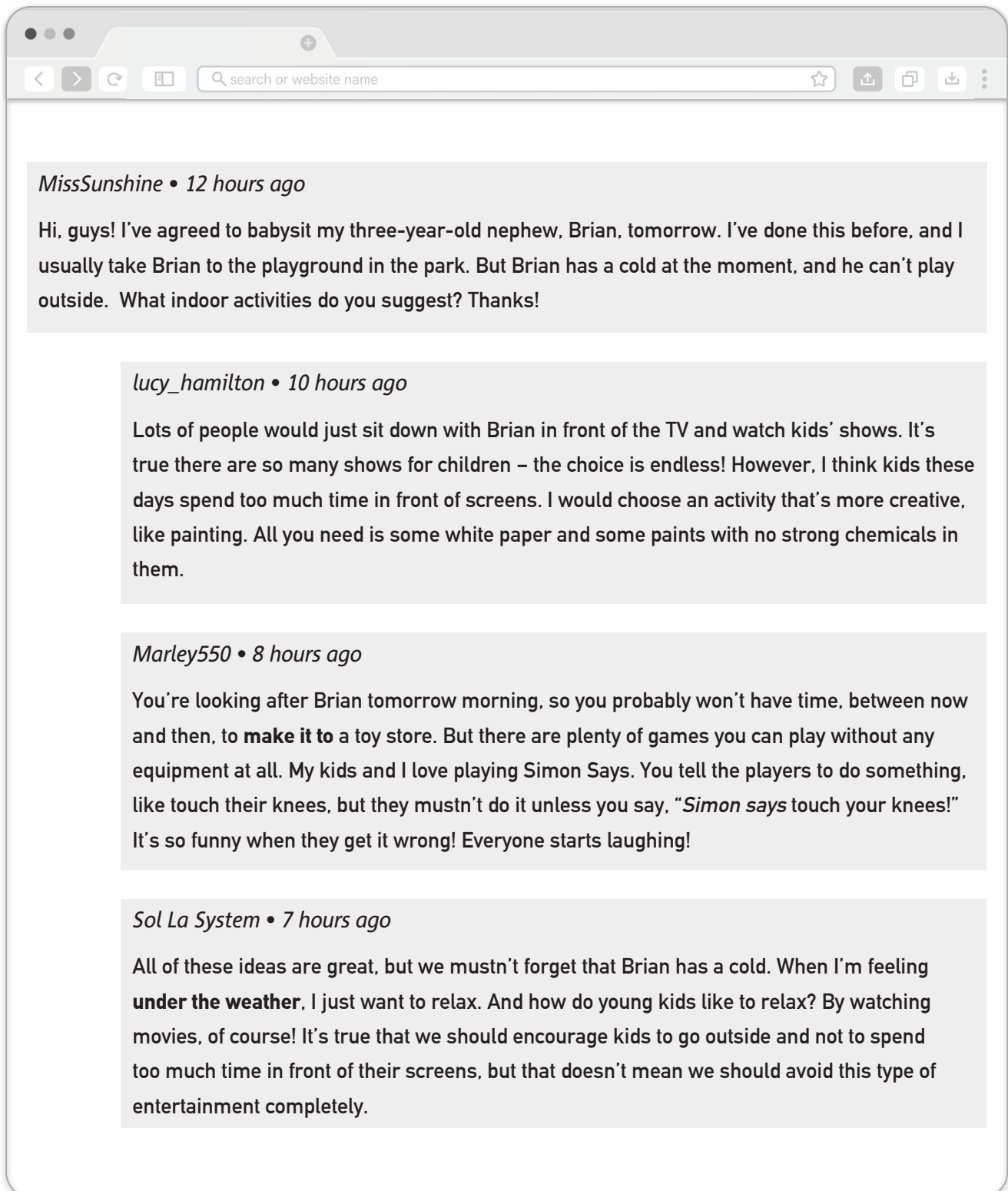
D Camu Camu

Susan Reyna opened Camu Camu ten years ago. "After my parents moved to the US from Peru, my mom wanted to continue the cooking traditions she'd grown up with. I learned everything I know by watching her prepare traditional Peruvian meals at home." Last month, Susan replaced the old Camu Camu menu with a new one. This includes dishes she designed herself, influenced by Peruvian and US recipes.

*Monday – Saturday, 12 pm - 9 pm
Discounts for families with children under 12*

Reading 2

You are reading a post on a social media site and some replies to that post. The posts are followed by six questions, items 59-64. For each question, choose the answer choice from A, B, C, or D which best answers each question, using the information from the posts. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet.



The image shows a browser window displaying a social media post and its replies. The browser's address bar contains the text "search or website name". The post is from "MissSunshine" and asks for indoor activity suggestions for a child with a cold. Three replies are shown: "lucy_hamilton" suggests painting, "Marley550" suggests Simon Says, and "Sol La System" suggests watching movies.

MissSunshine • 12 hours ago

Hi, guys! I've agreed to babysit my three-year-old nephew, Brian, tomorrow. I've done this before, and I usually take Brian to the playground in the park. But Brian has a cold at the moment, and he can't play outside. What indoor activities do you suggest? Thanks!

lucy_hamilton • 10 hours ago

Lots of people would just sit down with Brian in front of the TV and watch kids' shows. It's true there are so many shows for children – the choice is endless! However, I think kids these days spend too much time in front of screens. I would choose an activity that's more creative, like painting. All you need is some white paper and some paints with no strong chemicals in them.

Marley550 • 8 hours ago

You're looking after Brian tomorrow morning, so you probably won't have time, between now and then, to **make it to** a toy store. But there are plenty of games you can play without any equipment at all. My kids and I love playing Simon Says. You tell the players to do something, like touch their knees, but they mustn't do it unless you say, "*Simon says touch your knees!*" It's so funny when they get it wrong! Everyone starts laughing!

Sol La System • 7 hours ago

All of these ideas are great, but we mustn't forget that Brian has a cold. When I'm feeling **under the weather**, I just want to relax. And how do young kids like to relax? By watching movies, of course! It's true that we should encourage kids to go outside and not to spend too much time in front of their screens, but that doesn't mean we should avoid this type of entertainment completely.

59. What is *MissSunshine* asking advice about?

- A. ways to cure a cold
- B. local playgrounds to go to
- C. activities children can do inside
- D. becoming a babysitter

60. What does *lucy_hamilton* recommend?

- A. painting a room in the house
- B. doing something creative
- C. watching shows on TV
- D. learning about chemicals

61. According to *Marley550*, what is the main advantage of *Simon Says*?

- A. The game is quick.
- B. Kids find the game easy.
- C. No equipment is needed.
- D. New skills are learned.

62. What does *Sol La System* say about watching movies?

- A. It is bad for children.
- B. It is the best kind of entertainment.
- C. It is better than going outside.
- D. It is relaxing for children.

63. Which of the following could replace 'make it to' in *Marley550's* post?

- A. buy
- B. play at
- C. go to
- D. contact

64. Which of the following could replace 'under the weather' in *Sol La System's* post?

- A. excited
- B. bored
- C. lonely
- D. unwell

Reading 3

The text below is followed by six questions, items 65-70. For each question, choose the answer choice from A, B, C, or D which best answers each question, using the information from the text. Mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Years ago, many governments decided that all school students should use digital technology, such as desktop computers, tablets, and smartphones, in the classroom. At first, teachers supported this idea. _____, many of these governments have now decided to limit the use of digital technology in education, particularly in the teaching of reading skills. What is the reason for this change?

Education experts who criticize digital technology say that since online devices began to be used as teaching tools, students' reading skills have gotten worse, not better. Students below the age of ten are the main group whose scores on reading tests have fallen. Could this be due to their use of technology?

Many experts think that it is. They claim that websites with on-screen text change children's reading styles and make them pay less attention to what they are reading. Other experts claim that the change in children's reading styles could be due to other causes. For example, parents are spending less and less time reading stories aloud to their children while **they** are growing up. Whether parents read stories to their children on a digital device or from a printed book isn't important. What *is* important, however, is that parents read stories to their children from a young age.

Experts therefore disagree about whether limiting the use of digital technology in the classroom will improve young students' reading skills. However, they all agree that the new policy could improve students' handwriting. Typing words and sentences on a keyboard requires different skills from writing text on paper with a pencil or a pen. Experts say that school students should practice both of these ways of writing – typing and writing by hand – as part of their school lessons.

- 65. According to paragraph 1, what did teachers support?**
- A. changing technology to help students
 - B. using digital technology in classrooms
 - C. teaching reading skills to school students
 - D. limiting the use of technology in schools
- 66. What problem does paragraph 2 describe?**
- A. drops in student numbers
 - B. fewer teaching tools
 - C. decreases in test scores
 - D. lack of technology
- 67. According to paragraph 3, what are some experts worried about?**
- A. parents who do not read aloud to their children
 - B. children who do not read stories by themselves
 - C. young children who prefer printed books
 - D. parents who use digital devices instead of books
- 68. According to paragraph 4, what do experts disagree about?**
- A. whether printed books have damaged reading skills
 - B. whether typing on a keyboard is an important skill
 - C. whether reducing technology will improve reading skills
 - D. whether young children's handwriting has improved
- 69. Which of the following words best fills the gap in sentence 3 of paragraph 1?**
- A. Secondly
 - B. Therefore
 - C. Furthermore
 - D. However
- 70. In sentence 4 of paragraph 3, what does "they" refer to?**
- A. devices
 - B. stories
 - C. children
 - D. parents

WRITING SECTION

There are two Tasks in the Writing Section. Choose only **ONE** of the Tasks. You have **30 minutes** to complete the Writing Section. You should write about **100 - 120 words**.

Task 1

Describe a celebration that you have been to recently. Use the questions below to help you with your answer.

- What celebration did you go to?
- Was it a big celebration, with lots of friends and family?
- What did you do there? Did you dance and eat food?
- What did you enjoy most at the celebration?

Task 2

Your American friend Andy wants to visit a country in Europe. He is not sure whether to go camping in Italy or stay in a hotel in England. He has emailed you to ask for your opinion. Decide which option would be better and write to Andy with some advice.

Start your email with: "Hi, Andy", and end with: "Best", and your first name.

Your email should include:

- an introduction
- at least one advantage of the option you chose
- at least one disadvantage of the option you did not choose
- a conclusion