



# TEST IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## Instructions to candidates

1. The time allowed for this examination paper is 60 minutes. When that time is over, you will have to stop working.
2. You may solve the problems in any order.
3. In solving the problems, you are not allowed to use any devices, or printed or written material.
4. Choose the right answer to the questions. Mark your answers on the score sheet in blue ink. Please, mark your final solution, if you correct your answer.



## **I. Reading Comprehension**

*Read the five texts, items 1 – 5. Then read the headlines a – j.*

*Decide which headline a – j goes best with which text.*

*Mark your answers on the score sheet.*

- a, Free furniture for Christmas
- b, **Full stores all over Britain**
- c, Help a homeless person – and yourself
- d, **Meals for the homeless**
- e, Largest number of passengers
- f, **Plans to increase road safety**
- g, Police arrest bus driver
- h, **School dinner causes serious illness**
- i, Shopping centre accident avoided
- j, Tired drivers a danger on the road



**1.** At least 100 Sussex children and staff are thought to be suffering from food poisoning after a Christmas meal. A third of all pupils – aged between nine and 13 – and 10 teachers were struck down after eating a turkey lunch on Wednesday. No one is thought to have been hospitalized.

**2.** Southend police used patrol cars to block the path of a runaway double-decker bus yesterday as it careered driverless towards a shopping area. Two men had just jumped from the vehicle, which had been reported stolen. Two men in their thirties were arrested.

**3.** A London furniture company is putting a £1,500 sofa up for sale for £1 – in return for a promise from the buyer to take someone in need into their home at Christmas. Whoever wins the prize will have to nominate someone who is homeless, or living on their own, or is otherwise not going to have much of a Christmas.

**4.** More road accidents are caused by drivers who fall asleep at the wheel than is generally recognized, an MP claimed yesterday. He has called for Government action to help solve the problem.

**5.** Travellers flocked to Heathrow Airport yesterday at the start of its busiest ever fortnight. Two million people are expected to travel through the airport between this weekend and 5 January, thanks to the start of the ski season and the traditional Christmas holiday period.



## II. Language Elements

Read the following text and decide which word or phrase a, b, or c is missing in items 6–15.  
Mark your answers on the score sheet.

Dear Gordon,

I wish you all the best for your birthday and hope that you will stay as young as you are.

I'm sorry that I forgot to send you a birthday card but I have been working very hard 6. I actually thought that your birthday 7 one month later - on the 25th February, not the 25th January. It was only on Saturday that I realized my 8.

I hope that you are very well - as 9 - and that you have no problems in your new job. Could you write or phone to 10 me more about it?

By the way, did you 11 the entry test for the Open University course in marketing?

I am also thinking of 12 a similar course and would be interested to hear what the requirements are like in British colleges.

It's about time we 13 together again. How about 14 across for a long weekend some time? May would be perfect. You could stay here for 15 of days and we could both catch up on what's been happening since we met last year.

Best wishes,  
Jim

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|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 6.          | 9.         | 12.        | 15.         |
| a) last     | a) used    | a) holding | a) a couple |
| b) late     | b) usual   | b) making  | b) a few    |
| c) lately   | c) usually | c) taking  | c) a little |
| 7.          | 10.        | 13.        |             |
| a) is       | a) reports | a) get     |             |
| b) was      | b) say     | b) getting |             |
| c) would be | c) tell    | c) got     |             |
| 8.          | 11.        | 14.        |             |
| a, fault    | a, pass    | a, come    |             |
| b, mistake  | b, success | b, coming  |             |
| c, wrong    | c, write   | c, to come |             |



## Score table

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### I. Reading comprehension

Question	Answer									
1.	a,	b,	c,	d,	e,	f,	g,	h,	i,	j,
2.	a,	b,	c,	d,	e,	f,	g,	h,	i,	j,
3.	a,	b,	c,	d,	e,	f,	g,	h,	i,	j,
4.	a,	b,	c,	d,	e,	f,	g,	h,	i,	j,
5.	a,	b,	c,	d,	e,	f,	g,	h,	i,	j,

### II. Language Elements

Question	Answer		
6.	a,	b,	c,
7.	a,	b,	c,
8.	a,	b,	c,
9.	a,	b,	c,
10.	a,	b,	c,
11.	a,	b,	c,
12.	a,	b,	c,
13.	a,	b,	c,
14.	a,	b,	c,
15.	a,	b,	c,