



SAMPLE PAPER

B1 ENGLISH

Reading & Writing

TIME: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You must copy all your answers onto the answer sheet within the time available.
No additional time will be allowed.

You can use this question paper for any rough work.

No exam materials must be taken out of the exam room.

Complete the answer sheets using **pen**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

READING

Answer **all** the questions.
There are four parts to the exam.
Each question is worth 1 mark.

WRITING

There are two parts to the exam.
Each part is worth 10 marks each.

READING

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

Read the five short texts below. For each short text, choose which sentence (A, B or C) is correct. Mark the correct option (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

Example:

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- A The door has been painted recently.
- B Open the door when it is dry.
- C The door needs to be painted.

Answer:

0	A	B	C
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1



- A. A free bus is available for travellers from Monday to Friday.
- B. Travellers must wait here if they want to go to the airport.
- C. Travellers who are flying from Terminal 1 should park their cars here.

2

To	Friends
From	Vanessa
I've lost my mobile phone, so don't send me any text messages for the next few days. If you need me, send an email to van@hotmail.co.uk	

- A. Vanessa doesn't want her friends to contact her for a few days.
- B. Vanessa prefers receiving emails rather than text messages.
- C. Vanessa can't contact her friends by phone at the moment.

3

APLI SUPERMARKET

ALL PRODUCTS IN THIS SECTION OF
THE SUPERMARKET ARE HALF-PRICE
UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK
(Valid from 20th October)

- A. Customers can buy cheap products here until 20th October.
- B. At the moment every product here is reduced in price.
- C. Apli supermarket is offering a discount on all its products this week.

4

Hi Sandra,
Can you phone Tom from the Italian restaurant? He wants to confirm your table booking. I said you'd ring him before 8 o'clock tonight.
Beatriz

- A. Sandra has booked a table in the Italian restaurant for 8 o'clock.
- B. Sandra should call the Italian restaurant about the table she has booked.
- C. Sandra and Tom are going to eat in the Italian restaurant tonight.

5

WARNING: DANGER!

DO NOT OPEN THIS DOOR
UNLESS YOU HAVE
PERMISSION FROM THE
MANAGER

- A. Only the manager is allowed to open this door.
- B. It is dangerous to open this door at all times.
- C. Before you open this door, talk to the manager.

Part 2

Questions 6-10

The people below are all interested in listening to programmes on the radio.

On the opposite page, there are descriptions of eight UK radio programmes.

Decide which radio programme would be the most suitable for each person.

For questions 6-11, mark the correct letter (A-H) on the answer sheet.

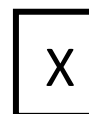
There is an example at the beginning (0):

Answer

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Tina has a baby so she likes to listen to the radio when the baby is sleeping in the afternoon. She likes to know about what is happening in the world at the moment so she prefers programmes about current affairs and politics. Tina is not a music fan.



6.



Simon listens to the radio when his young son has gone to bed. He enjoys many different types of music but he is also interested in news stories from the UK and abroad. Simon doesn't like listening to interviews with politicians but he does like radio presenters who have a good sense of humour



7.



Tom works in a factory during the night until 7 o'clock in the morning. He likes to listen to the radio while he is working and he is especially keen on rock music. Jim hates classical music or jazz. He also prefers to listen to a radio programme with a presenter who can make him laugh.



8.



George is a professional musician who can play a variety of styles, including rock, blues and jazz. During the week, he usually works until late but he sometimes likes to relax by listening to the radio until he goes to sleep. George is keen to learn about famous musicians but he is not interested in news or politics.



9.



Carrie really loves music and she likes to listen to it when she is studying. Although Carrie likes many kinds of music, her favourite types are European or Latin pop. Carrie hates it when people talk over the music so she prefers to listen to programmes that have no presenter. She likes to go dancing on Saturdays at the local disco.



10.



Sally is a history teacher at secondary school. She loves all types of music, from modern pop to jazz and classical. In the evening Sally likes to relax by listening to the radio while she is eating dinner. Sally also enjoys learning about famous musicians and the things that motivated them to write their famous songs.



A Super Hits

Super Hits is the nation's premier radio programme to hear the latest national rock and pop music hits. You can listen to all the best current songs from the UK without a pause. There's no presenter so you can just enjoy listening to the music and relax on your sofa at home.

Fridays & Saturdays from 21:00 to 23:00.

B Classical FM

Classical FM brings you the most beautiful classical music from across the world and throughout the centuries. In addition to the music, every week presenter and music historian Sally Tomkins tells listeners about the life of a great composer, such as Mozart or Beethoven. Join us at *Classic FM* and enjoy an educational trip through time!

Thursdays from 21:30 to 22:30.

C Everyone is a Winner

Everyone is a Winner is a new radio programme that mixes music, sport and competitions. Presenter Steve Dalton gives listeners the opportunity to win £500 by answering questions about a range of topics, such as classical musicians or famous football players. There's no national news stories or boring politicians here, only fun, fun, fun!

Wednesdays from 15:00 to 17:00.

D The Music Café

The Music Café is the place to be for people who like listening to relaxing jazz music but also learning about it. Presented by the famous guitarist Frank Wilkins, each week the programme focuses on the life of a different musician who has been important in the history of jazz music.

Wednesdays from 23:00 – 02:30.

E Zoe Hutton's Fun Hour

Presenter Zoe Hutton loves to tell jokes and to make her listeners laugh with funny stories from around the world. But her programme also has regular updates about the most important national and international news events. Zoe plays a great mixture of reggae, jazz, pop and rock to entertain all music fans.

Mondays & Tuesdays from 23:00 to 00:00.

F The News Roundabout

Do you like to know what is happening not just in your country but in the world? Then *The News Roundabout* is a great programme for you. Mixing interviews with famous politicians and the best international jazz music, presenter Gina Armitage takes you on a weekly journey through the world's most important news events.

Fridays from 20:00 to 21:30.

G Rock Around the Clock

Rock Around the Clock is perfect for people who can't sleep because the programme is transmitted from midnight to 6am. Listen to a great mixture of rock and pop music with presenter Danny Fox who always has funny stories to tell the listener. It's a great programme for those who love hearing great music from the past and the present.

Every day from 00:00 to 06:00

H Funky Music for Fun People

Funky Music for Fun People is a great way to relax at the end of the weekend. Playing the biggest hits from countries all around the world, this programme is perfect for those who love international pop music. There's no talking, just music and more non-stop music!

Sundays from 21:30 to 23:30.

X What's New Today?

Presenter John Young brings listeners a daily update about the main new stories from around the world. He also interviews local and national politicians to find out their opinions and ideas.

Every day from 15:00 to 18:00

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Look at the sentences below about “Take Our Children to Work Day”.

Read the text on the next page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.

If it is true, mark **A** on your answer sheet. If it is false, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

For each sentence, **you must also indicate the line(s) where you found the answer.**

There is an example at the beginning (**0**):

		A	B	LINE(S)
0	This special day is celebrated across the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>2/3</u>
11.	The programme in its current form began in 2003.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12.	It is celebrated on the same day every year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13.	The aim of the programme has changed over time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
14.	“Take Your Children to Work Day” has won a prestigious award.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
15.	All the children who participate can spend the day at work with their parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

LINE

1 **TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY**

2 “Take Our Children to Work Day” is a non-profit educational programme in
3 the United States, Canada and Australia that involves parents taking their children to
4 work for one day during the year.

5 It is the successor to “Take Our Daughters to Work Day”, which was expanded in 2003.
6 The idea for the programme was established in 1993 by Marie C. Wilson, the president
7 of the Ms. Foundation for Women. The fourth Thursday in April every year is
8 designated for the celebration, though this may vary from place to place, in order to
9 allow parents, teachers and bosses to plan ahead. Last year, it is estimated that over 37
10 million children and 35 million workplaces participated.

11 The original idea for the special day was to promote positive values and the benefits of
12 academic success for young females. However, this has been updated so that every
13 participant has the chance to explore potential future careers at a young age. Since the
14 beginning, men who are involved in the programme have benefitted from being seen
15 as parents in addition to their professional roles.

16 In 2007, Take Your Children to Work became a separate foundation. Nowadays
17 it is run by Caroline McKecuen, a winner of the MacArthur Genius Award, who
18 relocated the head office to Elizabeth City, North Carolina where it has stayed
19 ever since. Plans for further offices in other cities have not materialised so far.

20 Employees at the companies that participate in the programme typically invite their
21 own kids or relatives to join them at work for the day. But the programme also
22 encourages people to ask children from families without skilled workers to join them as
23 well. Wherever they go, the point is that the children involved have fun whilst learning
24 more about the world of work.

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Read the text below about the English town of Milton Keynes.

For each question (16-20), mark the correct answer (A, B, or C) on your answer sheet.

There is an example at the beginning (0):

0 Local people call Milton Keynes...

A MK

B BK

C LK

16 Milton Keynes was built because ...

A London had too many inhabitants

B people wanted more modern houses

C workers needed to be close to the city

17 The name Milton Keynes was ...

A invented by British politicians

B the man who build the town

C taken from a place in the area

18 Milton Keynes has been ...

A designed like a Roman town

B investigated by some experts

C visited by many nationalities

19 In recent years...

A more trees have been planted in the town

B some inhabitants have become unhappy

C many new buildings have been constructed

20 According to the final paragraph, Milton Keynes ...

A is a good destination for fans of music

B offers a number of free activities for locals

C has the largest stadium outside of London

MILTON KEYNES

Milton Keynes, or MK as it is known by local people, is a large town in a region of England called Buckinghamshire. It is located about 45 miles (or 72 km) north-west of the nation's capital city, London.

In the 1960s, the British government decided to build a series of new towns to offer more housing and jobs as the capital had become too crowded. Milton Keynes

was developed from building on agricultural and farm land. In fact, it was already one of several villages in the local area which became part of the new town. The region has a lot of historical importance as people have lived there for over 3,000 years. Before construction of the new town began, all of the area was searched by archaeologists and historians. This provided much information about the landscape. For example, evidence was found of medieval houses and Roman designed streets as well as Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

Milton Keynes is a "forest town" because the urban area now has more than 20 million trees. The original plan was that "no building could be taller than the tallest tree". However, more recently some local politicians said that the town needed "impressive buildings" and, as a result, the height restriction was removed. This has not been popular with all residents, although many local people are pleased that some of the town's buildings now look more modern.

Milton Keynes has many cultural activities to offer locals and tourists. In recent years, jazz, blues, rock, classical and pop concerts have taken place in the National Bowl, one of the country's largest venues, which has a capacity of 65,000 people. There are also two museums in the town, the National Museum of Computers and the Milton Keynes Museum, which contains many of the archaeological items found in the local area. In addition, the town's public art gallery presents free exhibitions of international contemporary art.



(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milton_Keynes)

WRITING

Part 1

You have just been to a city for the weekend.

Write an email to your American friend, Charlie. In your email, you should:

- Explain to Charlie how you travelled to this city.
- Tell him about the things that you did there.
- Suggest a place Charlie should visit there.
- Invite Charlie to travel with you in August.

Write an email of 100 – 150 words on your answer sheet.

Part 2

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story for the rest of the class to read.

Choose **either story (a) or (b)**:

(a) Your **title** for the story must be:

The best holiday I ever had!

(b) The **first sentence** of your story must be:

I arrived at the stadium but I couldn't see my friends anywhere!

Write a story of 100 – 150 words on your answer sheet.