

## MOCK EXAM

**NB!** Please be aware that while the tasks included in this test are representative of the types of questions you can expect to encounter on the actual exam, the number of questions may vary.

### TASK 1

I. Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. Choose A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

0. Example: If you don't mind, I \_\_\_\_\_ finish my coffee before we leave.

- A. would                      C. would like  
B. would have                D. would rather

1. 'Did you enjoy the concert?' 'By the time we arrived, the band \_\_\_\_\_ home.

- A. had went  
B. have went  
C. had gone  
D. have gone

2. You \_\_\_\_\_ have bothered asking, he was always going to say 'no'.

- A. couldn't  
B. should  
C. needn't  
D. didn't

3. I prefer watching football \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A. playing  
B. to play  
C. play  
D. to playing

## TASK 2

- I. Read the text. Then choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to the text. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

**It could have been worse...**

A wise person once said that the best souvenirs are the stories you bring home with you. And did I have a story to tell! I was 19 and on my first overseas trip. My destination was Italy and there was so much to be excited about: I was travelling solo for the first time...independence, hooray! I was looking forward to eating my fill of pizza, pasta, cannoli and gelato; there were stunning monuments, museums and places to take my breath away; and that unique Mediterranean chaos that makes you feel alive. Oh yes, I was ready to experience *Bella Italia*!

Armed with my passport, a guide book, an Italian phrase book, euros and the best sunglasses I could afford, I boarded my plane for Rome. A nice gentleman helped me put my day pack in the overhead compartment. He was the person sitting next to me on the flight. After settling into my seat, I looked around at my fellow passengers. Some looked *distressed* and were biting their nails. First-time flyers? Perhaps. Some were chatting animatedly with their travel companions; they looked Italian to me. Others had already nodded off and were snoring gently. How was that possible? I mean, they were going to ROME. Why weren't they as excited as I was?

'British?' asked the man who had lifted my heavy day pack. 'Yes,' I replied, 'is it obvious?' He laughed and made a joke about me being 'less noisy' than the Italians on board. 'My name is Giancarlo,' he said in an Italian accent, and told me he was a retired police officer. He had been in London enjoying the sights and the theatre, 'but not,' he joked, 'the food.' We had a laugh about that and then he pulled out his wallet and showed me a photo of two lovely little children with dark hair and beautiful almond eyes. 'They are my grandchildren,' he said proudly and proceeded to tell me all about them.

Chatting to Giancarlo about Rome was wonderfully instructive. He gave me tips on where to eat and what to see. I felt very fortunate to have got so much insight into the place I was soon to visit. When our plane landed, I thanked him. He wished me well and strode off towards the taxi rank. Needing money I opened my day pack and shoved my hand in, feeling for my wallet. I was sure it was in there, but I couldn't find it. I sat down and began pulling things out – the guide book, the phrase book, a packet of tissues, a map... everything but my wallet!

There was no use looking for it. It wasn't there. Somehow, I had lost it. Panic gripped me. I was penniless. There was no way I could stay in Italy...but how on earth was I going to get home? I'm ashamed to admit that I began to cry; softly at first and then in loud racking sobs as I was overcome by *the problem*. My great Italian adventure was over before it had even begun! It was so unfair!

An airport employee led me to an office where I reported the loss. As I was describing my lost item, the assistant opened a drawer and took out ... my wallet! I couldn't believe it. There it was,

and none of my money was missing.' Did someone find it and turn it in?' I asked. And that's when I got the biggest shock of all. Giancarlo - nice, polite, charming, granddad Giancarlo – was a thief! He had been caught leaving the airport terminal with five stolen wallets in his possession. Oh, and his real name was Nigel Waters, an Englishman from Manchester! It was sheer luck that he hadn't got away with it, and I realised I should never trust a stranger.

1. **What is the writer's purpose in the first paragraph?**

- A. to explain why she was travelling
- B. to give important details about her trip
- C. to introduce the start of an adventure
- D. to describe the beauty of the destination

2. **What does the word distressed mean in para 2?**

- A. injured
- B. disbelieving
- C. stunned
- D. anxious

3. **What does the writer suggest about the sleeping passengers?**

- A. They should have shared her enthusiasm.
- B. None of them were interested in Rome.
- C. It wasn't possible to wake them.
- D. They were extremely tired.

**TASK 3**

I. **Complete the second sentences so that they have a similar meaning to the first sentences. Use the word in bold without changing it. You must use between three and six words including the word given. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

Example:

0. He has to be a better actor for them to give him a great role. **ENOUGH**  
He isn't a good enough actor for a great role.

1. Your bedroom really needs to be painted. **HIGH**  
It's \_\_\_\_\_ was painted.

2. 'I highly recommend you stop smoking,' the doctor told me. **BETTER**  
The doctor said \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

3. You are always tired because of your poor physical condition. **SHAPE**  
You are \_\_\_\_\_, which is why you are always tired.

## TASK 4

- I. For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### A delicious way to travel

In recent years, TV food shows have become (1) \_\_\_\_\_ popular. These usually fall into three categories: cooking competitions, cooking programmes that show you how to prepare delicious (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and travel-food shows that focus on the sights and cuisine of a particular (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

The third category has been largely responsible for an increase in what is known as 'culinary travel', and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ agents are reporting that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and more people are enjoying food and wine tours while they are on holiday.

Wine-producing countries like Italy and France have thousands of wineries, many of (6) \_\_\_\_\_ offer wine tastings. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ can you see how the wine is produced, but you also get the opportunity to taste different varieties.

Cooking classes are also a hit with travellers who are in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of something different to do. Typically, a class involves a(n) (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of how to prepare a local dish and, once it has been cooked, participants sit down to enjoy a meal. There is no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ way to learn how to make authentic ethnic food.

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|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| 0. A. a bit   | B. slightly    | C. much    | D. extremely |
| 1. A. dishes  | B. nutrients   | C. plates  | D. courses   |
| 2. A. address | B. destination | C. station | D. stop      |

## TASK 5

- I. Choose the correct answers.

- In order to \_\_\_\_\_ the theory you need to have considerable mathematical ability.
  - know
  - understand
  - realise
  - recognise
- As the wooden window frame had \_\_\_\_\_ we replaced them.
  - polluted
  - rotted
  - spoiled
  - stained

3. My oldest \_\_\_\_\_ relative is 88 years old.

- A. live
- B. alive
- C. living
- D. lively

## TASK 6

I. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet

### An unusual park

Parks in large cities are (1).....thought of as refuges, as islands of green in the middle of a concrete jungle. But High Line Park in the (2).....of Chelsea in New York looks on first (3).....like something that city parks were created to get away from. It's an (4).....steel structure supporting an (5)..... rail line that once brought freight cars into the city's factories. Now the structure has been turned into an (6)..... and inviting public park. Walking on the High Line is (7)..... any other experience in New York. You can sit surrounded by (8).....tended plants taking (9).....from the views, or you can walk the line as it crosses between old buildings and past (10)..... new ones.

1. USUAL

2. NEIGHBOUR

3. SEE

4. ATTRACT

5. ELEVATE

6. INNOVATE

7. LIKE

8. CARE

9. ENJOY

10. STRIKE

## WRITING

Choose one of the following tasks:

1. You recently stayed in a hotel in a large city. The weather was very unusual for the time of year and the heating / cooling system in the hotel was quite inadequate.

Write a **letter** to the manager of the hotel. In your letter:

- give details of what went wrong
- explain what you had to do to overcome the problem at the time
- say what action you would like the manager to take

2. Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, what does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. Write an essay.

Words: 200 - 220