



The Global Language System Sample Test of English



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Information for candidates

Please read the instructions carefully and always follow them.

There is an example for each task to help you understand it.

Make sure your handwriting is easy to read.

Please remember that you must not speak or ask questions during the exam.

Time limit during the exam:

	Level: A1/A2	Level: B1/B2	Level: C1/C2
Paper: Grammar and Vocabulary	15 mins. each level	15 mins. each level	15 mins. each level
Paper: Reading	20 mins. each level	20 mins. each level	20 mins. each level
Paper: Listening	approx. 25 mins.	approx. 25 mins.	approx. 25 mins.
Paper: Writing	30 mins.	40 mins.	60 mins.
Paper: Speaking	approx. 10 mins.	approx. 10-15 mins.	approx. 10-15 mins.

Time limit during sample exam:

Paper: Grammar and Vocabulary (no more than 5 mins. each task)

Paper: Reading (no more than 10 mins. each task)

Paper: Listening (approx. 25 mins.)

Paper: Writing (Level A1/A2 30 mins. both tasks; Level B1/B2 45 mins. both tasks)

Paper: Speaking (approx. 10-15 mins.)

Paper: Reading
Level: A1/A2

Task 1. Read the personal ads below and fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

heart bother find business currently

Ron

I'm a nice, sweet, romantic, big-hearted guy that wears his **(0)** **heart** on his sleeve. I'm an emotional person that can easily be hurt but also doesn't let the small things **(1)** _____ him. I grew up in the country and consider myself a country boy at heart, yet I love the city life! I'm a family oriented man who has a big loving family, and I am very close to my mom. Things I enjoy doing are camping, riding horses and quads, having bonfires, watching sunsets on the beach, and listening to all types of music. I like working on vehicles. I have been in construction and the car **(2)** _____ my whole life, and I am currently working in an auto-shop. I don't watch much TV; however, I do like watching comedies.



Daniel



I'm a funny, athletic, honest, and loyal 26-year-old man. I love kids but I have none of my own. I'm a laid back man who likes to have fun. I'm **(3)** _____ studying for a Degree in Business Administration. I love soccer, boating, cooking, and spending time with my family. I hope to **(4)** _____ a woman who likes to e-mail, one I can become friends with, and one day meet face-to-face. If I sound like a man you might like to know, I'm only an e-mail away.

Task 2. Read all of the personal ads on the next page and choose the correct answer. Which man ...

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|---|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. doesn't talk about his age? | A. Ron | B. Daniel | C. Chris | D. Ben |
| 2. would like to have kids in the future? | A. Ron | B. Daniel | C. Chris | D. Ben |
| 3. is a bit obsessed with his health? | A. Ron | B. Daniel | C. Chris | D. Ben |
| 4. prefers indoor activities? | A. Ron | B. Daniel | C. Chris | D. Ben |
| 5. enjoys repairing cars? | A. Ron | B. Daniel | C. Chris | D. Ben |

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Chris

I'm very athletic and love such things as weightlifting, cardio workouts, and long distance running. I'm also a bit of a health nut. I do, however, love good food, just in moderation. I'd love to go to a culinary arts school some day. I'm a firm believer that if you look good, you'll feel good. I'm interested in other cultures and would love to travel more. The music I mostly listen to is R & B, but a little Caribbean and rap too. Professionally, I've worked mostly in construction as a heavy equipment operator and utility worker. I enjoy working with my hands. I don't think it would be fair to mention only my good traits without talking about the bad ones. I am not a patient person to say the least. I want what I want when I want it. I can also be a bit materialistic.



Ben



My name is Ben and I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and I'm 29 years old. I'm looking for someone willing to give me a chance to be a friend! I enjoy writing, reading and painting. I am always trying to better myself mentally. I would love to share my thoughts and dreams with you. Hopefully, if you have taken the time to read this, you'll take a chance and let me try to make you laugh. Send me a letter, you won't be disappointed.

Paper: Reading
Level: B1/B2

Task 3. Are the sentences below about coffee, tea or Coca-Cola? Read the three texts and tick TEA, COFFEE or COKE next to each sentence. Only one answer is correct.

COFFEE



Coffee is a brewed beverage with a dark, acidic flavour prepared from the roasted seeds of the coffee plant, colloquially called coffee beans, which can be found in over 70 countries, primarily in Latin America, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Africa. Coffee has played a crucial role in many societies.

The energizing effect of the coffee bean plant is thought to have been discovered in the northeast region of Ethiopia, and the cultivation of coffee first expanded in the Arab world. The earliest credible evidence of coffee drinking appears in the middle of the 15th century, in the Sufi shrines of Yemen in southern Arabia. In East Africa and Yemen, it was used in religious ceremonies. It was banned in Ottoman Turkey during the 17th century for political reasons.

Brazil remains the largest coffee exporting nation, and Indonesia is the largest producer of washed arabica coffee. Coffee has become a vital

cash crop for many Third World countries. It has become the primary export and backbone for African countries like Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and Ethiopia, as well as many Central American countries.

Behind petroleum, coffee is the second most traded product in the world. Coffee is often consumed alongside breakfast by many at home and is often served at the end of a meal, normally with a dessert. Coffee can also be incorporated with alcohol in beverages—it is combined with whiskey in Irish coffee, and forms the base of many alcoholic coffee liqueurs.

Many studies have examined the relationship between coffee consumption and certain health conditions; whether the overall effects of coffee are ultimately positive or negative has been widely disputed. Many health experts claim coffee consumption can lead to iron deficiency, anemia and heart-related problems.

There have been warnings that climate change may eliminate coffee production within a few decades.

TEA



Tea is an aromatic beverage prepared by adding leaves of the *Camellia sinensis* plant to hot water. After water, tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world. It has a cooling, slightly bitter flavour which many enjoy. Tea plants are native to East and South Asia. Although there are tales of tea's first use as a beverage, no one is sure of its exact origins. The first recorded drinking of tea is in China, with the earliest records of tea consumption dating back to the 10th century BC. Tea was imported to Europe during the Portuguese expansion of the 16th century. It was first consumed as a luxury item on special occasions such as religious festivals, wakes, etc. and later became everyday beverage for all levels of society.

Drinking large amounts of tea may cause nutritional and other problems, although there are no solid data on the harmful effects of tea consumption. Tea is believed to prevent dental problems due to the presence of fluorine. The role of tea is well established in normalizing blood pressure, prevention of heart diseases and diabetes.

Tea is the most popular manufactured drink in the world in terms of consumption. Its consumption equals that of all other manufactured drinks in the world – including coffee, chocolate, soft drinks, and alcohol – put together. Most tea consumed outside East Asia is produced on large plantations in India or Sri Lanka, destined to be sold to large businesses. Opposite this large-scale industrial production there are many small "gardens," that produce highly sought-after teas. These teas are both rare and expensive, and can be compared to some of the most expensive wines in this respect.

India is the world's largest tea-drinking nation, and Turkey, with 2.5 kg of tea consumed per person per year, is the world's greatest per capita consumer.

COKE



Coca-Cola is a carbonated soft drink sold in stores, restaurants, and vending machines in more than 200 countries. It is produced by The Coca-Cola Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and is often referred to simply as Coke (a registered trademark of The Coca-Cola Company in the United States since March 27, 1944).

Originally intended as a patent medicine when it was invented in the late 19th century by John Pemberton, who claimed Coca-Cola cured many diseases, including morphine addiction, headache, and impotence. Later, Coca-Cola was bought out by businessman Asa Griggs Candler, whose marketing tactics led Coke to its dominance of the world soft-drink market throughout the 20th century. Based on Interbrand's best global brand 2011, Coca-Cola is the world's most valuable brand.

Coca-Cola was sold in bottles for the first time on March 12, 1894. The first outdoor wall advertisement was painted in the same year as well in

Cartersville, Georgia. When launched, Coca-Cola's two key ingredients were cocaine and caffeine. The cocaine was derived from the coca leaf and the caffeine from kola nut, leading to the name Coca-Cola (the "K" in Kola was replaced with a "C" for marketing purposes).

Most nutritionists these days advise that Coca-Cola and other soft drinks can be harmful, particularly to young children, if consumed excessively. Studies have shown that regular soft drink users have a lower intake of calcium, magnesium, and vitamin A.

Coca-Cola has been criticized for alleged adverse health effects, its aggressive marketing to children, exploitative labor practices, high levels of pesticides in its products, building plants in Nazi Germany which employed slave labor, environmental destruction, monopolistic business practices, and even hiring paramilitary units to murder trade union leaders.

Coca-Cola has been prominently featured in countless films and television programs. Since its creation, it has remained one of the most important elements of popular culture.

Example: It used to be sold as a medicine.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

1. It is the oldest drink.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

2. Many poor countries rely on this drink economically.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

3. This drink took its name from its key ingredients.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

4. This drink didn't use to be allowed in one area of the world.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

5. This is the second most often sold drink in the world.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

6. It has been criticised not only for health reasons.

COFFEE

TEA

COKE

Task 4. Read the text below and choose the right answer for each gap (A, B, C or D).



As we all know, a workaholic is a person who is addicted (0) B work. The term generally (1) _____ that the person enjoys their work; however, it can also mean that they simply feel compelled to do it. There is no generally accepted medical definition of such a condition, although some forms of stress, obsessive-compulsive personality disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder can be work-related.

Workaholism is not the same as working hard. Despite logging an extraordinary amount of hours and sacrificing their health and loved ones for their jobs, workaholics are frequently (2) _____ employees. The term was coined by Wayne Oates in 1968 and it (3) _____ widespread use in the 1990s, as the result of the self-help movement that centered on addiction, forming an analogy between harmful social behaviour such as over-work, drug addiction, and addiction to alcohol.

Although the term workaholic usually has a negative connotation, it is sometimes used by people wishing to express their (4) _____ to their career in positive terms. The "work" in question is usually associated with a paying job, but it may also refer to independent pursuits such as sports, music and art. A workaholic in the negative sense is popularly characterized by a neglect of family and other social relationships. Experts also say that (5) _____ work-related activity masks anxiety, low self-esteem, and intimacy problems.



Atom tests 'affected IQ'

NUCLEAR FALLOUT from the first atomic bomb test in New Mexico and, later, from tests in Nevada is directly responsible for a sharp decline in the intelligence of American youth, according to new research.

Radon-133, which causes thyroid damage in the newborn, has impaired the mental development of a whole generation of American children. And the effects have been passed on to the far west of the United States, closest to the bomb test sites.



...bomb test area, recorded a decline of 20 on the verbal test and 15 on the mathematics in 1974. Over the same period, Ohio - some 2,000 miles to the west of the test site had much of the fallout - had a fall of just two points on the verbal test, while maths scores rose by four points.

The effect has persisted even for the 1980s. In 1982, new scores, eight states west against the trend. All were located in the west where radon-133 was recorded from the New Channel.

WIFE-STEALING HORSE

By GEORGE EDWARDS

A HUSBAND gave his wife an ultimatum: "Either your horse goes, or I will."

The woman replied: "If you mean that, Fritz, then she goes and for a price."

And when she returned, her husband, Frank, had not far to go.

Fritz was a divorcee who, naturally, gave the horse to his wife when she left him with nothing and everything.

Frank got his divorce because of her - "unreason-

Pioneer heads for the unknown

AFTER 11 years to leave the area will be the end for the best, well known because the last space Pioneer's orbit until June 15.

But will it even then be out of the solar system? It will certainly not be clear of the heliopause, the region of space affected by the million-mile-an-hour "wind" of electrified particles streaming out from the sun. The heliopause extends to distances several times greater than Pioneer's present position. It is billions miles from the sun. Further out



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| Example:. | A from | B to | C for | D for |
| 1. | A implies | B implicates | C implements | D involves |
| 2. | A diseffective | B miseffective | C uneffective | D ineffective |
| 3. | A obtained | B made | C gained | D maintained |
| 4. | A devotion | B demotion | C disclosure | D denial |
| 5. | A discontinuous | B incessant | C innate | D integral |