



ENGLISH B1

Reading Comprehension

TIME: 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

There are **2 tasks** in this part of the test.

You must answer **all** the questions.

All questions are worth 1 point each.



Task 1

You are going to read an article about campsites in Europe.

- Read the sentences (A-J) and decide which sentence matches the campsite (1-8).
- There is an example at the beginning (0).
- There are two extra sentences you will not use.

According to the texts...

0. Le Clos du Lac, Provence, France

X. Here you can prepare something to eat.

1. *D'Olde Kamp*, Ansen, The Netherlands
2. *Camp Vala*, Mokalo, Croatia
3. *Camping de la Cascade*, Coo, Belgium
4. *Zur Mühle*, Black Forest, Germany
5. *Camping Mexico*, Bregenz, Austria
6. *Camping Lindenhof*, Bern, Switzerland
7. *Campsite Nature Ferie*, Hals, Denmark
8. *Quinta dos Moinhos*, Braga, Portugal

- A. Here you can learn about a famous historical event.
- B. This place uses green electricity.
- C. From this place you can see other nations.
- D. This text suggests a certain day to visit a place.
- E. At this place you can connect to the Internet without paying.
- F. At this place you can use a form of transport for free.
- G. Here automobiles have to be parked in a different place.
- H. This place has economical places to eat.
- I. At this place someone can take you on a tour.
- J. Here travellers share something with other travellers.

Answers:

0. X 3. _____ 5. _____ 7. _____
1. _____ 4. _____ 6. _____ 8. _____
2. _____



The best campsites in Europe

0. *Le Chant-hibou*, Auvergne, France

This small yet spacious site on a modest farm not only has a petting zoo, where children can cuddle up to the animals – in summer there are daily activities such as helping collect eggs, (0) making cookies, face painting, riding tractors and storytelling around a campfire.

1. *D'Olde Kamp*, Ansen, Netherlands

This woodland site has a choice of open field camping or more private pitches, and finishing touches such as coffee on tap, warm bread to order, and free wifi. Goats, donkeys, chickens and rabbits are your neighbours – kids can help feed them with the farmer and get a “farming diploma”.

2. *Camp Vala*, Mokalo, Croatia

Near the island of Korčula, this small coastal campsite combines sea, mountains and woodland. It's also within walking distance of a beach where bathers can look out for rays, crabs, sea urchins and starfish. There's an onsite pizza place and a beach bar, both with reasonable prices.

3. *Camping de la Cascade*, Coe, Belgium

This small campsite sits on the Amblève river in the Ardennes, a region of forests and rolling hills. Here campers can fish, swim, walk, bike and stroll through a little-visited landscape, while cars are kept at a distance (no vehicles stay on pitches once unloaded). Nearby, in the village of Coe, are tumbling cascades that look like something out of a fairytale.

4. *Zur Mühle*, Black Forest, Germany

Zur Mühle offers stepped pitches with hillside views between shady trees. The emphasis is on relaxation – this is a peaceful site – no clubhouses or play areas. There is a stream for paddling, and guided walks and cycle routes for the more energetic. This is the perfect place to simply pitch up and do nothing at all.

5. *Camping Mexico*, Bregenz, Austria

There aren't many campsites where you can look into two other countries from the door of your tent, but *Camping Mexico* is not like other campsites. Near the shore of Lake Constance – a huge, shining body of water that borders Austria, Germany and Switzerland, it offers the chance to wild swim after a day's walking or sightseeing.

6. *Camping Lindenhof*, Bern, Switzerland

Lindenhof lies amid the vine-covered slopes of Seeland, a stone's throw from Lake Biel, with views stretching to the Jura hills opposite. The site itself is proudly ecological, heating the accompanying farm with solar energy and wood from its own forest.

7. *Campsite Nature Ferie*, Hals, Denmark

If you thought private beaches were the preserve of five-star hotel guests, think again. Because for €10 a night campers have access to an exclusive stretch of coast near the northern tip of Denmark and ride complimentary bikes (or their own) on a number of cycle trails.

8. *Quinta dos Moinhos*, Braga, Portugal

It may only have six pitches but there's plenty on offer at this site in northern Portugal. The nearby village of Vila Nune is worth a meander – especially on Mondays, when the market is on – and slightly further away is Serra de Cabreira, which has hiking trails by the herd-load.

Source: an article by Phoebe Smith in *The Guardian*. *Guardian News and Media* (abridged version)



Task 2

You are going to read an article about working from home.

- For questions 9-14 choose the correct answer (A-C) according to the text.
- Only answers written in the section marked “answer” will be corrected.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

Why some people find it so hard to manage their time when working from home – and what to do about it

More people than ever now work from home for part or all of the week. Such flexibility can seem a good idea, but many people (0) find it difficult to manage their time. Working from home in isolation can also prevent people from engaging in the daily interpersonal relationships that working life can offer – and which can help creativity and improve our mental well being.

Time is our most precious commodity and a currency to spend. Research into lateness has highlighted time management involves managing complex relationships and conflicts within ourselves – as well as with others.

In an ordinary workplace, we are helped in our time management by the fact that our access to many temptations is limited. We don't have to constantly monitor ourselves as our colleagues or bosses are probably doing it.

But when working from home, temptations abound which can eat up our time. Food is in the fridge or can be bought in a quick trip to the shops. Excitement of all kinds can be easily accessed through social media, websites or games. For some, the temptations to use their time “badly”, particularly online, can be very seductive. At any moment there is a delicate balance of power within: between our creative, constructive side and the side which seeks easier gratification and mindlessness.

Real work is often scary, and the responsibility can frighten us. Difficult tasks remain vague if we don't actually start them. Procrastination is not a good way to manage anxiety, but it is a very common option. Putting things off keeps the anxiety going of course, but also keeps the possibility alive that the task will get done well – at some point in the future.

At work, the pressures of time management mostly come from other people. While we can get angry when others forget things, we still do our jobs and being closely managed in this way can actually make us work more. At home, we are both the “boss” and the “worker”, so the conflict, now internal, can be much harder to manage.

At work we deal with others in ways which are generally helpful – they are there to discuss ideas with when we need another point of view or to express appreciation of our work. But even when we are having conflicts or difficult relationships with others they may be helping us in another way. We can define our own ideas through these arguments, but if these conflicts don't just happen inside our own heads, they trouble us less internally.

So if you find working from home challenging, don't worry, many people do. Take seriously the possibility that you need to recreate something more like a workplace in your own home by setting aside an area away from your relaxation space and setting yourself designated, but limited, working hours. Think about what you need to do to re-establish some of the other external constraints of work by involving others in your deadlines, arranging progress meetings and, most importantly, limiting your access to distractions by switching off internet access for periods during the day.

Source: an article from *The Conversation* (abridged version)



0. The first paragraph says that people working at home
A. feel lonely.
B. cannot organise their time easily.
C. have fewer mental health problems.
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Answer: **B**

9. In a traditional work environment
A. there are many distractions.
B. colleagues cause people to waste time.
C. other people help us focus on work.

Answer:

10. Paragraph four says that people who work at home can
A. cook too much.
B. use Internet too much.
C. work too much.

Answer:

11. What is explained in paragraph five?
A. Postponing work makes us feel better.
B. People like planning work for the future.
C. Workers are frequently afraid of doing hard tasks.

Answer:

12. Paragraph six says that
A. at home, organising our time can be difficult.
B. workers are more productive at home.
C. many bosses call their workers at home.

Answer:

13. What is one advantage of working with others?
A. People do not feel so lonely.
B. Colleagues help you form new ideas.
C. Bosses help resolve conflicts.

Answer:

14. The last paragraph says that workers
A. need to establish specific times to work.
B. have more space if they work from home.
C. should have work meetings at home.

Answer:



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Listening Comprehension

TIME: 20 minutes approximately

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

There are 2 **tasks** in this part of the test.

You must complete **all** the tasks.

Listen carefully to the instructions on the recording.

You will hear each recording twice.

You will have time to read through the tasks before the recording begins, and you will have 1 minute at the end of the test to complete your answers.

Each question is worth 1 point.



Task 1:

There are 8 questions in this task. For each question (1-8) there are three options and a short recording. Choose an option (A, B or C) and write it on the line. Here is an example.

EXAMPLE

0. What does the woman say about visiting her sister?

A

B

C

Answer: A

1. Where are these people?

A

B

C

Answer: _____

2. What did the man have a problem with on his camping trip?

A

B

C

Answer: _____

3. What activity can the people do this afternoon?

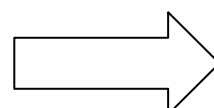
A

B

C

Answer: _____

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4. Which profile picture will the woman use?

- A** **B** **C**

Answer: _____

5. What number should the caller press if they want to get information about how much a course costs?

- A** **B** **C**

Answer: _____

6. What did the woman do at the hairdresser's?

- A** **B** **C**

Answer: _____

7. What kind of television programme is this?

- A** **B** **C**

Answer: _____

8. What did the man leave in his car?

- A** **B** **C**

Answer: _____

Original recordings



Task 2:

You are going to hear a report about the city of Edinburgh in Scotland.

- For each question (9-14) complete the gaps with the word or short phrase you hear on the recording.
- Do not change the word(s).
- There is an example at the beginning (0).
- Write between ONE and THREE words.



0. Edinburgh has been the capital of Scotland since the 15th century.

9. The main things that people study in Edinburgh are _____, literature and engineering.

10. More than _____ foreign tourists visit Edinburgh annually.

11. Holyrod Park and Arthur's Seat are good parks for people who want to go _____.

12. The Meadows Park is a popular place to play _____.

13. Most of the winds in Edinburgh come from the _____.

14. Severe windstorms can happen in Edinburgh between _____ and May.

Original recording



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Writing

TIME: 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

There is 1 **task** in this part of the test.

You must answer the task.

Please include the total number of words you write at the end of your composition.

You will be penalised for writing 10% above or below the word count.

Do NOT include your name in the answer. The exam is anonymous.

The task is worth 28 points.



TASK: write between 130 and 150 words in your e-mail in an appropriate style.

Your name is Juan. This is an email you've received from your American friend, Henry. Read his email and your comments.

Dear Juan,

How are you doing?

I went to a fantastic concert last month. It was a new rock band that is going to be very famous. I know you like going to concerts, too. Tell me about your favourite concert. What kinds of music do you listen to? When do you usually listen to music and why?

I remember

Well,

Normally...

Now write an **email** answering all his questions. Use all of your notes.

Key B1 Exam May 2020 Sample

Reading

| Task 1 | Task 2 |
|--------|--------|
| 1. E | 9. C |
| 2. H | 10. B |
| 3. G | 11. C |
| 4. I | 12. A |
| 5. C | 13. B |
| 6. B | 14. A |
| 7. F | |
| 8. D | |

Listening

| Part 1: | Part 2: |
|---------|----------------------|
| 1. A | 9. Medicine |
| 2. C | 10. One million |
| 3. B | 11. Walking |
| 4. C | 12. Tennis (cricket) |
| 5. C | 13. South west |
| 6. C | 14. October |
| 7. A | |
| 8. B | |

SPEAKING TEST – ENGLISH B1

INTERLOCUTOR:

Good morning/afternoon.

This test is being recorded.

This is the B1 speaking test. It's the _____ of _____ 20_____.

My name is _____.

PART 1 – (2 minutes):

To candidate: What's your name?

To candidate: ____ what's your surname? Can you spell it?

To candidate: ____ where do you live/come from?

And what do you like about your town/village/city?

The candidate will be asked questions about topics such as:

The weather
Hobbies
Studies
Jobs
Studying languages
Free time
Holidays
Future plans
Celebrations
Etc.

TASK 2- 3 minutes:

Example for photo 1

I am now going to ask you to describe a photo.

Here is your photograph. You have a minute to describe the photo. Can you describe it, please?

(Después de un minuto la foto deja de estar disponible en la pantalla).

Sample questions:

Do you like cycling?

Do you enjoy doing sports more alone or with other people?

Tell me about the last time you went to the beach.

What are your plans for your next holiday?

What's the weather like in summer where you live?

Do you like indoor sports or outdoor sports more?

Do people in your country do enough exercise?

What new sport would you most like to start?

Thank you. That's the end of the test.

