

CAMBRIDGE PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST READING


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Part	Task type	Test ability to
Part 1	Reading Multiple Choice	read and understand short notices signs messages etc.
Part 2	Reading Multiple Matching	read and understand longer texts for detailed information
Part 3	Reading True/False	read and identify factual information
Part 4	Reading Multiple Choice	read for detailed and general understanding. Understand writer's attitude, opinion or reason for writing
Part 5	Reading Multiple Choice Cloze	identify missing vocabulary or part of grammatical structures in a short text


Reading Part 1 (Multiple choice)

What's in Part 1?	Five very short texts (they may be signs and messages, postcards, notes, emails, labels, etc.). You have to read them and choose which of the three sentences (A, B or C) is the best description of the text.
What do I have to practise?	Reading notices and other short texts to understand the main message.
How many questions are there?	5
How many marks are there?	1 mark for each correct answer.



Reading Part 2 (Matching)

What's in Part 2?	Five short descriptions of people and eight short texts to read. You have to match each person to a text.
What do I have to practise?	Reading eight short texts to find specific information.
How many questions are there?	5
How many marks are there?	1 mark for each correct answer.




Reading Part 3 (True/False)

What's in Part 3?	A long text and 10 sentences about the text. You have to read the text and say if each sentence is true or false.
What do I have to practise?	Reading a text quickly to find out information.
How many questions are there?	10
How many marks are there?	1 mark for each correct answer.

Reading Part 4 (Multiple choice)

What's in Part 4?	A long text and five questions. You have to read the text and choose the right answer (A, B, C or D) for each of the five questions.
What do I have to practise?	Reading to understand the detail of a text.
How many questions are there?	5
How many marks are there?	1 mark for each correct answer.



Reading Part 5 Multiple-choice cloze

What's in Part 5?	A short text with 10 numbered spaces. Each space represents a missing word and you have to choose the right answer from a choice of four (A, B, C or D).
What do I have to practise?	Understanding vocabulary and grammar.
How many questions are there?	10
How many marks are there?	1 mark for each correct answer.

Part 1

Instructions

You are given some information on the notices.

Use the meaning to identify which of the answers given is correct

Example:

A Do not leave your bicycle touching the window.

B Do not ride your bicycle in this area.

C Broken glass may damage your bicycle tyres.



Part 2

Instructions

You are given some people on the left who want to go to the cinema, and descriptions of the films available on the right.

Decide which film would be best for each filmgoer and choose the correct letter by clicking on the button.



Question 1

Arriet is 71, and is interested in painting and drawing. She would like to go somewhere in the summer where she can learn new tips and paint attractive scenery.

- A - Form and Colour
- B - Practice makes Perfect
- C - Armchair Explorer
- D - Art Starter
- E - Wild Design
- F - Explore your Imagination
- G - Technology for You
- H - Wildlife Photographer

Part 3

Instructions

You are going to read a piece of text.

For questions 1 – 10, choose the correct answer which you think fits best according to the text.

Moordale

This old industrial village is the highest village in the area. Here in the hills, coal was found in the late eighteenth century, and people came here in great numbers to take it out of the ground and transport it to the nearby towns. Many industries grew up

in the area, including a paper factory. When the paper and other industries all closed down in the 1980s, then Moordale has gone back to being a village. However, if you walk from the village to the north, you can still see the remains of the coal. There is a four mile walk to the top of the hills. There are some amazing views, but walking the path is steep in places and they have a bus service. You can take Bus 7A to Reeford, and then walk to Moordale.

1 It is unusual for visitors to visit the villages near Hartbridge.

True

False

2 The Hugo family allows people to visit their current home.

True

False

Instructions

Read the text below and the questions on the right.
For each question choose the correct answer, A, B,
C or D.

Dear Editor

I am writing with regards to the article 'Is the TV Dead?' that appeared in your newspaper on the 4th March. The author claimed that with the rise of the Internet, the TV was becoming less and less significant in our lives.

I find it very difficult to agree with this view. The TV is still the main way most of us get our entertainment at home. It offers us the chance to see top musical artists, great films and documentaries and occasionally, thanks to important televised events, it has the power to bring the whole nation and all ages together in a way the Internet never could.

Your article was particularly critical of the TV for the poor quality of programmes available on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many of the channels offer nothing more than repeats or low budget programmes. However, I would argue that the majority of content on the Internet is also of questionable quality. I agree with the writer that it is easy to keep up-to-date with the latest news on the Internet, but I'm sure most of us still enjoy sitting down to the News on TV in the evening just as much.

The writer is correct in stating that the Internet has become our major source for research and I think this is its main strength. However, criticising the TV for not being as good is totally unfair. Information programmes like documentaries are made for their potential as entertainment not as research tools and as such will continue to be popular with viewers.

So in conclusion I don't think the writer should be so quick to write the TV off. On the contrary, I think it has many more years left in it!

*Yours sincerely
Samantha Johnson*

1. Why is the person writing this letter to the newspaper?

to make a complaint

to offer a different point of view

to encourage people to watch more TV

to persuade people to not use the Internet

Part 5 - text with gaps

In this part of the exam you need to fill 10 gaps in a short text.

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

Easter Island

Easter Island is a small triangle of rock situated in the Pacific Ocean. It's about 2,000 miles _____ the nearest city. Easter Island is _____ for its statues. Hundreds of these huge, stone faces can be _____ all over the island. Who made them?

