

## LEVEL 2 (B1) PRACTICE TEST 1

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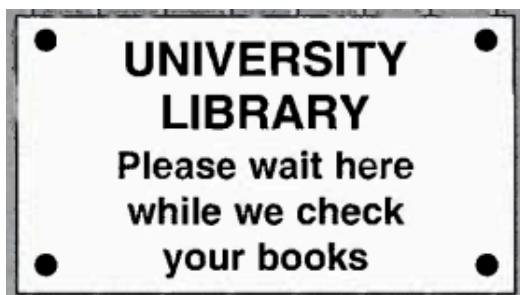
### PART ONE: READING

**SECTION 1: Circle the letter next to the word or phrase that best complete each sentence (A, B, C or D)**

1. I prefer writing a term paper ..... taking an examination.  
A. than                      B. to                      C. for                      D. that
2. Staying in a hotel costs ..... renting a room in a dormitory for a week.  
A. twice more than                      B. twice as much as  
C. as much twice as                      D. as much as twice
3. The examiner made us ..... our identification in order to be admitted to the test center.  
A. showing                      B. to show                      C. showed                      D. show
4. The cook looked ..... at the burned food.  
A. sad                      B. sadly                      C. sadness                      D. in sad
5. Most insects are *tiny*. They are .....  
A. huge                      B. very small                      C. intelligent                      D. beautiful
6. "Would you like a cold drink?" "....."  
A. I'd love to. That's very kind                      B. I'd love one. I'm very thirsty  
C. I'd love some. It's delicious                      D. I don't like biscuits
7. Tim seems to be putting ..... weight.  
A. in                      B. on                      C. by                      D. over
8. If ever the child ....., the mother would run to it.  
A. cries                      B. will cry                      C. would cry                      D. cried
9. After the children ..... she began to write.  
A. has left                      B. leave                      C. left                      D. had left
10. If the coffee is still too ....., put some more sugar in it.  
A. bitter                      B. hot                      C. sour                      D. sweet
11. The price of petrol has ..... up again.  
A. risen                      B. got                      C. gone                      D. stood
12. I wonder ..... he'd like the steak cooked – rare or well-done?  
A. which                      B. how                      C. where                      D. why
13. Helen asked me ..... the film called "Star War"  
A. have I seen                      B. have you seen  
C. if I had seen                      D. If had I seen
14. There has been a great ..... in his English.  
A. increase                      B. improvement                      C. decrease                      D. rise
15. We have to ..... the meeting until next week because no one can come this afternoon.  
A. put down                      B. put off                      C. put on                      D. put out

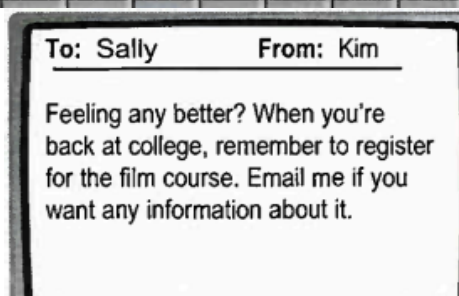
**SECTION 2: Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Circle the letter next to the correct explanation (A, B or C)**

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- A. Do not go away until we have checked your books.
- B. Check you have all your books before you leave the library.
- C. Do not leave books here for checking without telling us.

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**Why has Kim emailed Sally?**

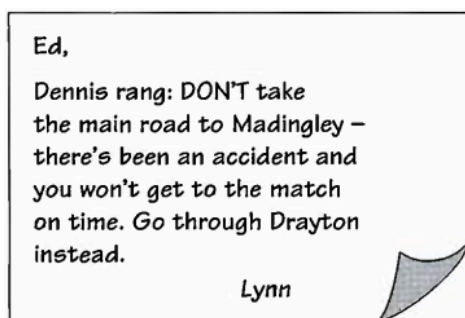
- A. to give her some details
- B. to let her know that he's ill
- C. to remind her to do something

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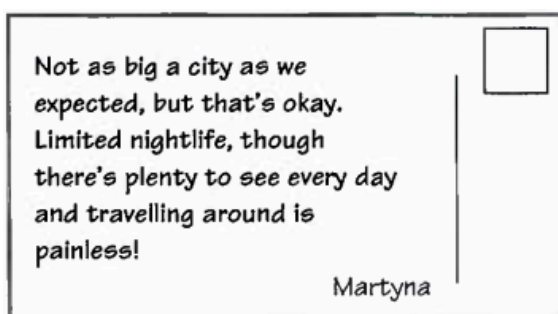
- A. We leave some toys at the back of this room for children.
- B. Please don't leave any toys outside this room when you go.
- C. Remember to take your children's toys with you when you leave.

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- A. To arrive punctually, Ed should use a different route.
- B. Dennis suggests that it's quicker to go on the main road.
- C. If there's enough time, Lynn would like to see the match.

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**According to Martyna, the city's disadvantage is**

- A. its actual size.
- B. its transport system.
- C. its evening entertainment.

**SECTION 3: Read the text and the questions below. For each question, circle the letter next to the correct answer (A, B, C or D)**

**Question 6-10**

**Snake Lovers**

Around the world there are men and women who make their living in unusual ways. Most of us would not do such jobs for a day, let alone pursue them as a lifelong career. However, the lifespan of these people may not be that long. They spend their days working with snakes.

Boonreung Bauchan is listed in the book of *Guinness World Records* for his feat of spending seven days in a pen filled with snakes. This Thai snake charmer performed with his pet snakes to earn money to support his family. During his performances, he danced with snakes, held them around his body, and even kissed them. One day, a cobra kissed him back. He died before he reached the hospital. Although he left behind several boxes of pet snakes, no one in his family was bold enough to touch them. Instead of carrying on with the snake shows, they decided to donate the snakes to the zoo.

In Australia, John Cann carries on his family's tradition of reptile shows. His parents started their snake circus in 1919. Cann's mother was called Cleopatra after the queen of Egypt who was lethally bitten by a snake. Both parents survived their profession and retired in good health. Their son has made good use of his lifelong experience with snakes. He now advises the Australia Museum on reptiles and has written several books on snakes and turtles. His goal is not only to entertain, but also to educate his audience on the value of these reptiles and their important role in the environment.

In India, Romulus Whitaker doesn't charm snakes or entertain his audience, but he is an active educator and environmentalist. He caught his first snake when he was just three. Now he is the director of the Madras Crocodile Bank and advises major international organizations on protecting the habitat of reptiles. Whitaker may be in need of protection himself. He has been bitten three times, but he doesn't blame the snakes. He says he's more afraid of people than of snakes.

6. What is this passage mainly about?

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|---|---|
| <b>A.</b> Snake shows                   | <b>B.</b> The dangers of snakes                         |
| <b>C.</b> Snakes in different countries | <b>D.</b> People working with snakes and other reptiles |

7. What happened after Boonreung Bauchan died from a cobra bite?

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|--|--|
| <b>A.</b> The cobra was killed             | <b>B.</b> People bought his pet snakes.            |
| <b>C.</b> His family gave his snakes away. | <b>D.</b> His family continued giving snake shows. |

8. Who is Romulus Whitaker?

- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> An entertainer      | <b>B.</b> A snake charmer     |
| <b>C.</b> A crocodile trainer | <b>D.</b> An environmentalist |

9. What is probably true about Boonreung Bauchan's family?
- A. They enjoy playing with snakes.      B. They are environmentalists.  
C. They are not wealthy.                      D. They like cobras.
10. What does 'shows' mean in paragraph 2?
- A. explains    B. performances  
C. presents    D. give evidence of having or being

**SECTION 4: Read the text below and fill each of the blanks with ONE suitable word from the box**

but	up	than	on	too
which	friend	going	have	man
is	to	however	who	do

	Your answer
Jane usually works in England, but sometimes she works abroad, too. When she isn't working, she likes (1)..... to the cinema and eating in nice restaurants. She isn't sporty and she doesn't (2)..... any exercise, but at least she doesn't smoke.	1. .... 2. .... 3. ....
People say that she (3)..... open and friendly. She gets (4)..... well with most people, but she's sometimes quite shy, (5)..... For example, she doesn't like going to parties. She prefers (6)..... meet friends individually or in small groups.	4. .... 5. .... 6. ....
She likes intelligent, funny men (7)..... make her laugh, and ideally who love music. Physically, she prefers men with dark hair who are not taller (8)..... her. And she likes men who are good listeners.	7. .... 8. ....
Her closest (9)..... is Laura. They often talk about boyfriends and the problems they have. She usually doesn't talk to her family about that kind of thing. Her mum always says that she looks for the wrong boy, (10)..... that's what mothers always say.	9. .... 10. ....

## **PART TWO: WRITING**

**SECTION 1: Fill each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.**

1. The weather is much warmer than it was a few days ago.  
A few days ago.....
2. No one has lived in this house for years.  
This house.....

Eric asked.....

Despite.....

The  
papers.....

This is part of a letter you receive from an English friend.

Now write a letter, answering your friend's questions. Write your answer in about 100 words on your answer sheet.



## **PART THREE: LISTENING**

### ***SECTION 1: Choose a correct picture***

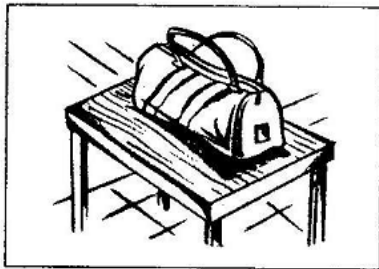
For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Put a tick ☒ in the box below the correct one.

**Example:** *Where will Sarah put her sports bag?*

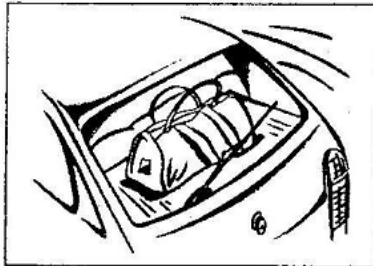
Choice **B** is ticked.

### **EXAMPLE**

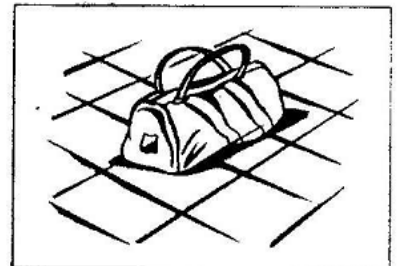
0 Where will Sarah put her sports bag?



A ☐

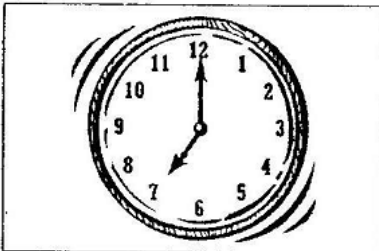


B ☒

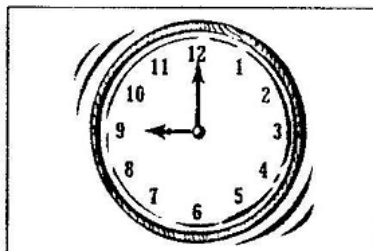


C ☐

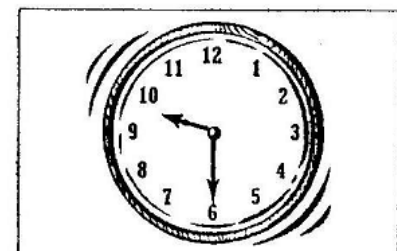
1 What time will the party start?



A ☐



B ☐

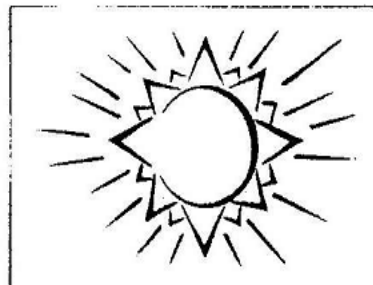


C ☐

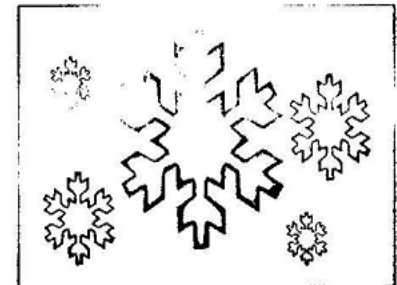
2. What is the weather like for Jack's holiday?



A ☐

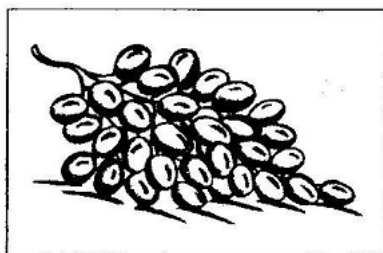


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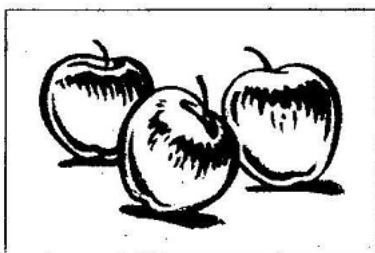


C ☐

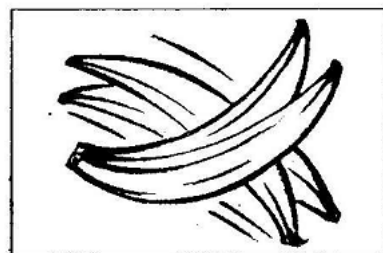
3 Which fruit does the woman buy?



A ☐



B ☐

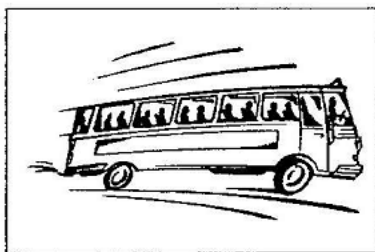


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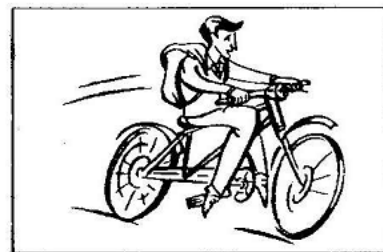
4 How will Tom go to school tomorrow?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

5 When will Rob have his next driving lesson?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

**SECTION 2: Listen to the passage and fill each of the blanks with the word you hear. You will hear the piece twice.**

### My Husband

My husband, Jeff, is a lovely man and I'm proud (6) \_\_\_\_\_ him. He is kind to everyone even if he doesn't (7) \_\_\_\_\_ much of them.

We often do the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ together and he helps me a lot. He's good at finding (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket. Jeff does this even though he isn't fond of shopping. I'm grateful (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his help.

Jeff is also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on cooking and, and, as I don't like cooking, he is happy to do it for me. I do the washing up and other (12) \_\_\_\_\_ such as dusting and vacuuming. Jeff is careful with money. He doesn't (13) \_\_\_\_\_ or buy unnecessary things. We are rarely (14) \_\_\_\_\_ or angry with each other. We have a good (15) \_\_\_\_\_.



## **PART FOUR: SPEAKING**

### **SECTION 1: INTERVIEW** (3 mins)

#### **Home and Family**

#### ***List of questions for conversation with your examiner(s).***

Tell me about your home.

Tell me about your *ideal* home.

How have your parents influenced your choices throughout your life?

Who is the closest person to you in your family?

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? How?

What do you think is most important for a family?

What are the differences between traditional families and modern ones?

What do you think about the roles of women in the family?

What do you think about the roles of men in the family?

What do you think about the sayings: "Men make houses, women make homes?"

What factors make families happy?

How many people are there in your family?

What do you like to do with your family?

### **SECTION 2: TALK** (about 5 mins)

#### **Topic 1: The means of transport you like/hate most.**

### **SECTION 3:** Other possible questions and topics for the Speaking test (interview, two-way discussion...).

1. Where in Vietnam are you from?
2. How many people are there in your family?
3. What do/does your parents/brother/sister do?
4. Describe the landscape of your town/city/province.
5. What are the main industries in your town/city/province?
6. What are the typical specialties of your town/city?
7. What kind of music/sports do you like most?
8. What do you think about... (name of famous singer/football player/football team)...?
9. What is your favorite T.V. program?
10. Would you prefer to... (eat out or at home / to live in the city or in the countryside / to watch football matches in person or on T.V.)? Why?
11. How did you/your family spend your summer holiday/Tet? What happened at the Lunar New Year's Eve?
12. How is Hanoi different from (learner's hometown)?
13. What do you like most about living in Hanoi? How does that compare with you hometown?
14. What is the most embarrassing/funny thing that has ever happened to you?