



Certificate in Advanced English

Placement Test

Time allowed: 2 hours

QUESTION PAPER

DO NOT write on this paper

Instructions:

Please answer all questions

DO NOT USE a dictionary

Write all answers on the separate answer sheet

Section A – English in Use

Part 1

For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Write your answers *on the separate answer sheet*. The exercise begins with an example (0).

Example:

0 A expressed B directed **C indicated** D guided

What we know about music and the brain

Work on the human brain has (0) C how different parts are centres of activity for different skills, feelings, perceptions and so on. It has also been shown that the left and right halves, or hemispheres, of the brain are (1) _____ for different functions. While language is processed in the left, or analytical hemisphere, for most people music is processed in the right or emotional hemisphere. However, professional musicians have the (2) _____ to process music in the left hemisphere more often than those without musical training do. This (3) _____ they are having a different experience – which is likely to be the case because they are analysing music rather than just listening to it. (4) _____ of music like tone, pitch and melody are all probably processed in different parts of the brain. Some features of musical experience are processed not just in the auditory parts of the brain, but in the visual ones. We don't yet fully understand the (5) _____ of this.

The tempo of music seems to be (6) _____ related to its emotional impact, with fast music often (7) _____ as happier and slower music as sadder. It is the same with the major biological rhythm of the body: our heart (8) _____ quickens when we're happy, but slows when we're sad. Military music may have (9) _____ from attempts to get us ready for (10) _____ by using fast drumming to (11) _____ our hearts to beat faster. Music is perhaps one of the most complex experiences the brain (12) _____ with and it has become an absolutely (13) _____ part of our rituals and ceremonies. It has the power beyond language to (14) _____ mood and co-ordinate our emotional (15) _____.

1	A amenable	B dependable	C responsible	D reliable
2	A tendency	B inclination	C possibility	D intention
3	A proposes	B advances	C introduces	D suggests
4	A Views	B Aspects	C Factors	D Pieces
5	A expectations	B implications	C assumptions	D propositions
6	A surely	B plainly	C evidently	D directly
7	A felt	B endured	C encountered	D touched
8	A pulse	B speed	C pace	D rate
9	A evolved	B extended	C advanced	D elevated
10	A battle	B fight	C quarrel	D struggle
11	A activate	B motivate	C stimulate	D animate
12	A manages	B copes	C bears	D holds
13	A vital	B important	C compulsory	D dominant
14	A notify	B report	C associate	D communicate
15	A conditions	B stages	C states	D positions

Part 2

For questions **16-30**, complete the following article by writing each missing word in the correct box on your answer sheet. Use **only one word in each space**. The exercise begins with an example **(0)**.

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example: **0** **of**

Mosquitoes

According to the World Health Organisation, malaria, a disease spread by mosquitoes, affects millions **(0) of** people every year. Everyone knows how irritating the noise made by a mosquito, **(16)** _____ by a painful reaction to its bite, can be. It is astonishing that so **(17)** _____ is known about why mosquitoes are drawn to or driven away from people, given **(18)** _____ level of distress and disease caused by these insects. We know that the most effective chemical **(19)** _____ protecting people against mosquitoes is *diethyltoluamide*, commonly shortened **(20)** _____ *deet*. **(21)** _____ deet works well, it has some serious drawbacks: it can damage clothes and some people are allergic to it.

Scientists know that mosquitoes find some people more attractive than others, but they do not know **(22)** _____ this should be. They also know that people vary in **(23)** _____ reactions to mosquito bites. One person has a painful swelling while **(24)** _____ who is bitten by the same mosquito, **(25)** _____ hardly notice. Scientists have **(26)** _____ discovered the reason for this, but they have carried **(27)** _____ experiments to show that mosquitoes are attracted to, or put **(28)** _____ by, certain smells. In the future, scientists hope to develop a smell that mosquitoes cannot resist. This could be used to trap **(29)** _____ that, instead of attacking people, mosquitoes would fly into the trap and be destroyed. For the time **(30)** _____, however, we have to continue spraying ourselves with unpleasant liquids if we want to avoid getting bitten.

Part 3

In **most** lines of the following text, there is **one** unnecessary word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text. For each numbered line **31-46**, find this word and then write it in the box on your answer sheet. **Some lines are correct.** Indicate these lines with a (✓) in the box. The exercise begins with two examples (**0** and **00**).

Example: 0 ✓
 00 **made**

Sumo Wrestling

0 Japanese sumo wrestling is generally considered to be one of the
00 oldest organised sports on earth. Men have been **made** fighting each
 31 other in the wrestling ring for more over a thousand years, and four
 32 hundred years ago, wrestlers were to be found throughout Japan. The
 33 organisational and structure of the sport began in the 1680s, with
 34 most of the basic rules remaining largely unchanged ever since. The
 35 ring itself is considered a sacred place, and even for this reason,
 36 wrestlers must throw a handful of some salt into it before they may start
 37 fighting. When they are in the ring, which is five metres in its diameter,
 38 the men must fight between each other until one of them is knocked
 39 down or push out of the ring. Slapping, tripping, and judo-style moves
 40 are all allowed, whereas punching him with a fist is not. There is no
 41 upper weight in limit, which is why many sumo wrestlers spend years
 42 long trying to make themselves put on weight. The Sumo Association
 43 runs six major tournaments a year. A tournament lasts during fifteen
 44 days and each wrestler fights every other wrestler. The tournament is a
 45 gruelling test of strength and stamina, and the man who has the far best
 46 record all over the two-week period is judged to have won the championship.

Part 4

For questions **47-61**, read the two texts on pages **6** and **7**. Use the words in the boxes to the right of the texts to form **one** word that fits in the same numbered space in the text. Write the new word in the correct box on your answer sheet. The exercise begins with an example **(0)**.

Example: 0 construction

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Dutch bridge-builder

Pieter Lodewijk Kramer (1881-1961) was responsible for the **(0) construction** of some of the most famous bridges in Amsterdam.

As road traffic increased in Amsterdam at the beginning of the last century, the city started demolishing **(47)** _____ older structures in the city centre. But when workmen began pulling down the most attractive bridges and **(48)** _____ them with modern iron ones, there was strong public **(49)** _____. As a result, the position of architectural **(50)** _____ was created, and in 1917 Kramer took up the post.

Kramer built no fewer than 220 bridges. Each exemplifies Kramer's individual style: his acute sense of detail and his use of many unusual **(51)** _____ of stone and iron.

Kramer's bridges, which are now a **(52)** _____ part of the Amsterdam landscape, were largely ignored until a Dutch museum presented an **(53)** _____ successful exhibition of his work in 1995

(0) CONSTRUCT

(47) NUMBER

(48) PLACE

(49) APPROVE

(50) ADVICE

(51) COMBINE

(52) DISTINCT

(53) ASTONISH

BOOK REVIEW**A recommended book on the cinema**

There are **(54)** _____ volumes on the history of the cinema. Some provide only a brief overview. But *Chronicle of the Cinema*, a remarkable volume of history of the cinema, is an **(55)** _____ work, with no development of any **(56)** _____ being overlooked. The book opens with a chapter on the historic first screening of a moving picture, and works its way **(57)** _____ through to the present day. Thousands of items are presented in a way that bears a strong **(58)** _____ to contemporary newspaper reports. But what makes this book a treat is its **(59)** _____ illustrations. These are **(60)** _____ and include full-colour reproductions of some of the most unforgettable movie posters ever designed. The whole atmosphere of the Hollywood films of the 1940s is conveyed with great **(61)** _____ in these posters.

- (54)** COUNT
- (55)** INFORM
- (56)** SIGNIFY
- (57)** PROGRESS
- (58)** RESEMBLE
- (59)** STAND
- (60)** PLENTY
- (61)** AUTHENTIC

Part 5

For questions **62-74**, read the following job advertisement and use the information in it to complete the numbered gaps in the e-mail. Write the new words in the correct boxes on your answer sheet. The words you need **do not** occur in the job advertisement. **Use no more than two words for each gap.** The exercise begins with an example **(0)**.

Example: 0 looking for

JOB ADVERTISEMENT**Holiday Representatives**

We are seeking to appoint Holiday Representatives capable of working independently and also of managing teams of people. A minimum of 5 years' experience in the tourist industry is essential and experience in an international environment is preferred.

Applications should contain full details of educational background, previous and current employment, present salary and leisure activities. IT skills are essential and preference will be given to candidates with an ability to speak a foreign language.

The job will involve frequent foreign travel accompanying tourists, and also periods in our London offices.

Accommodation overseas will be provided.

Closing date for applications is 31 January. For further details, go to our website at www.holidayreps.com

E-MAIL

To: Eve
From: Peggy
Date: 16 January

I've just seen an ad for holiday reps and I thought of you. The person they are **(0) looking for** must be able to work on **(62) _____** and also to take **(63) _____** teams. You have to have worked for **(64) _____** 5 years in tourism – so you're OK. They **(65) _____** have someone who has worked abroad.

They want to know the usual stuff – where you went to school and how well you did, where you've worked before and where you're working at **(66) _____**. Also what you're **(67) _____** and how you **(68) _____** free time. You **(69) _____** IT skills and your knowledge of French will give you an **(70) _____**. You'll have to travel abroad **(71) _____** with tourists but will also work a bit in London. They'll find you somewhere to **(72) _____** wherever you have to work abroad.

You've got to **(73) _____** application in by the end of the month. If you want **(74) _____**, check out their website (www.holidayreps.com).

Section B – Writing

Choose **one** of the following writing tasks. Your answer should follow exactly the instructions given.

Write approximately **250 words**.

Put the question number on the line at the top of your answer sheet.

- 1 You read the following announcement in a travel magazine.

TOURISM – IS IT GOOD OR BAD FOR YOUR REGION?

Do you think there should be more or less tourism in your region?

What benefits does the tourist industry bring to your region?

What would be the disadvantages of increased tourism?

Write and tell us your views.

We will publish the most interesting articles.

Write your **article**.

- 2 You see this announcement in an international education magazine.

BEST TEACHER COMPETITION

Everyone remembers their best teacher.

We want you to nominate one of your teachers for our Best Teacher award. Send us your competition entry, telling us about the best teacher that you have ever had.

Your entry should:

- describe what this teacher taught you
- explain how this teacher has influenced your life
- tell us why this teacher deserves to win the award

Write your **competition entry**.

- 3 An international student magazine has asked its readers to send in a review of **two** different internet websites that are useful for students. Write a review for the magazine in which you compare **two** different websites, including the following points:
- What kind of information each website contains
 - How easy each website is to use
 - Why these sites are useful for students

Write your **review**.

- 4 A student from a business school in an English-speaking country has arranged to spend two months on a work experience programme in your department. Your manager has asked you to write a letter to the student, welcoming him to your company, explaining what he will be expected to do and how he will benefit from this experience.

Write your **letter**.