



Sidcot School English Entry Test

Name: _____ (Please PRINT)

Time Allowed: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Instructions to Candidates

- Write your name in the space provided at the top of this page
- Write your answers on the answer sheet

Signed: Date:

I confirm that the answers on this test papers are all my own work and were completed under examination conditions, without reference to a translator or dictionary.

Section 1: Comprehension

Choose the phrase (A,B, or C) which is most similar in meaning to the one underlined

Part A – Beginner

1. I'm leaving on Monday
 - A. I'm going to leave on Monday
 - B. I left on Monday
 - C. Tomorrow is Monday

2. Shall I speak to her?
 - A. Would you like me to speak to her?
 - B. Can I speak to her?
 - C. May I speak to her?

3. I haven't got any money
 - A. I've got some money
 - B. I've got no money
 - C. I've got a little money

4. Steffi and Thomas don't live in London but Anna does
 - A. Steffi lives in London
 - B. Steve and Thomas both live in London
 - C. Anna lives in London

5. I didn't see her yesterday. I was in Bristol
 - A. I saw her yesterday
 - B. I went to Bristol yesterday
 - C. I saw her in Bristol yesterday

6. Oxford is bigger than Stratford but smaller than London
 - A. Stratford is bigger than Oxford
 - B. London is bigger than Oxford
 - C. Oxford is smaller than Stratford

7. They had finished when I arrived
 - A. After I arrived they finished
 - B. They finished before I arrived
 - C. They hadn't finished before I arrived

Part B: Intermediate

8. What time does the train get in?
A. When is the train going to arrive?
B. What time is the train going to leave?
C. When is the train going to stop?
9. What's the weather like?
A. I like the weather
B. Describe the weather
C. Do you like the weather?
10. The office has been here for a year
A. The office is not here now
B. It's quite a new office
C. It was here for a short time
11. She hardly ever speaks
A. She speaks all the time
B. She speaks very little
C. She never speaks
12. They were having a meeting when we arrived
A. After we arrived they had a meeting
B. They had a meeting before we arrived
C. We interrupted their meeting
13. I might go to the party, but I feel ill
A. I have an invitation
B. It's possible that I'll go
C. I won't go
14. I used to be a teacher
A. I've been a teacher
B. I am a teacher
C. I want to be a teacher

Part C: Advanced

15. You don't have to apologise
A. It isn't necessary to apologise
B. You mustn't apologise
C. You shouldn't apologise
16. It's time we were going
A. We have to go
B. We left because it was time
C. We were leaving at that time
17. She'd stay if she weren't so ill
A. She's going to stay
B. She stayed because she wasn't ill
C. She's not staying because she's too ill
18. If we can afford it, we'll buy it
A. We're going to buy it
B. We may buy it
C. We won't buy it because it's too expensive
19. I haven't seen the data yet
A. It was impossible to see the data
B. I haven't had time to see the data
C. I'm going to see the data
20. If interest rates had been lower we might have bought it
A. Interest rates were too high so we didn't buy it
B. Interest rates were high so we bought it
C. Interest rates were high but we bought it

(20 marks)

Section 2: Reading

Read the texts and match them with the titles. Write the correct letter – A, B, C, D, or E on your answer sheet.

- A. The fastest-growing city. B. The oldest city. C. The largest town.
D. The cheapest city. E. The longest name.
1. Mount Isa is a town in Queensland, Australia. It covers an area of more than 41,000 square kilometres. It is 26 times bigger than London and is about the same size as Switzerland.
 2. Mexico City is now growing at a rate of 25 per cent every five years. It has a population of 16 million, and it is estimated that by the year 2020, there will be over 31 million people living there. This is five times as many people as there are in Switzerland at present.
 3. Krung Thep is the shortened name of the capital of Thailand, known in the West as Bangkok. It's full name has 167 letters!
 4. In 1626 a Dutchman bought an island in America from some local Indians. He gave them some cloth and beads worth about \$24 for an area of land that covered 57 square kilometres. It was a bargain because he had bought Manhattan, the most crowded and expensive island in the world. He called his town New Amsterdam but it was later renamed New York.

Read the texts again and for question 5 – 9 write TRUE or FALSE

5. London is about the same size as Switzerland.
6. There are about 6.2 million people living in Switzerland.
7. Krung Thep and Bangkok are the same place.
8. The Dutchman paid the Indians \$24 for Manhattan.
9. New York used to be called New Amsterdam

(9 marks)

Section 3: Reading and Grammar

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

For each question, write the correct letter **A, B, C or D** on your answer sheet.

Longleat House (1)140 kilometres west of London (2).....the cities of Salisbury and Bath. The house is (3)..... home of Lord Bath. It is about 400 years old.

Visitors can (4).....through the house and look at the magnificent rooms, with their beautiful paintings. There are many examples of antique furniture in the rooms. There is also a safari park (5).....Longleat. Wild animals wander freely inside the park. Visitors can drive (6)..... the safari park and they can see (7).....and tigers and many other animals. There are (8).....restaurants and cafes inside the house and in the grounds.

Longleat House is open (9).....day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except 25th December – Christmas Day). The safari park is open in the summer and is (10).....in the winter from October to March.

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| 1. | A was | B is | C are | D were |
| 2. | A between | B in | C among | D along |
| 3. | A this | B the | C a | D an |
| 4. | A have walked | B walks | C walk | D walked |
| 5. | A on | B up | C at | D into |
| 6. | A by | B along | C though | D through |
| 7. | A lions | B people | C animals | D insects |
| 8. | A much | B a lot | C little | D many |
| 9. | A all | B some | C many | D every |
| 10. | A close | B closed | C closing | D clothes |

(10 marks)

Section 4: Writing

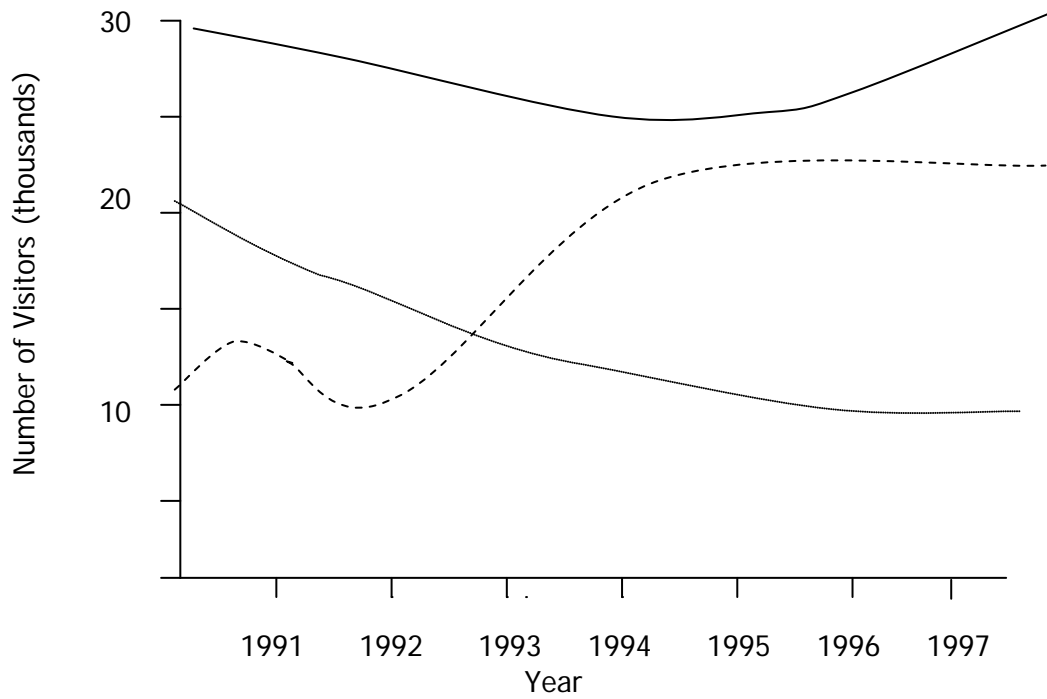
Choose one of the questions and write 100 – 200 words.

1. Write a letter to a new friend in America telling him/her all about yourself.
Write about your family, home, school and hobbies.
2. What is the best way to learn English?

(15 marks)

Section 5:

Write a short description of the graph. Give a reason for each increase or decrease. (10 marks).



Additional Information

———— Exhibition Centre – new restaurant opened in 1996

..... Museum – new extension opened in 1994

----- Art Gallery – free admission from 1992



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