

1 Yourself and others

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Part 7

Look at the exam task. Answer these questions.

- 1 What's the text about?
- 2 How many people can you choose from?
- 3 What must you find?
- 4 How many questions are there?

Now do the exam task.

Exam task

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their friends. For questions 1–10, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person


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| earns less money than their friend? | 1 <input type="text"/> |
| says the two of them did not like each other at first? | 2 <input type="text"/> |
| denies that their friend is bossy? | 3 <input type="text"/> |
| has had a similar upbringing to their friend's? | 4 <input type="text"/> |
| once fell out with their friend? | 5 <input type="text"/> |
| shares a hobby with their friend? | 6 <input type="text"/> |
| says their friend has a good sense of humour? | 7 <input type="text"/> |
| describes their friend as rather shy? | 8 <input type="text"/> |
| has a friend who is very optimistic? | 9 <input type="text"/> |
| has a very ambitious friend? | 10 <input type="text"/> |

The best of friends

- A Nadia Hassan** has been friends with Amina since they were fourteen. 'We were born in the same month,' says Nadia, 'and we grew up in the same small town, though the funny thing is we didn't actually know each other until we both took up horse riding, something we still enjoy.' There are, according to Nadia, some differences between them. 'Whereas I tend to be a bit negative about the future, always expecting the worst to happen, Amina is the complete opposite. Maybe between us we just about strike the right balance. Though of course having such different ways of looking at the same thing can lead to tensions, and a couple of years ago we actually stopped speaking for a while, but that didn't last long.'
- B Liam Doherty** first met his friend Marc when they were both doing summer jobs at a seaside hotel. Marc has since moved to another part of the country, but they still keep in touch by email and chatting online. 'He comes round to my house whenever he's in town, which is actually quite often. He's got a good job and can travel wherever he likes every weekend, which is something I wish I could afford to do on my salary. But he's different from me in that he's always had this strong desire for success in life whereas I prefer to take things a bit easier, with plenty of time for hobbies like hill-walking and reading.'
- C Maxim Salenko** has been friendly with Andriy ever since they were at primary school. 'We grew up in much the same kind of family environment and we usually sat together at school and enjoyed the same sports, though in some ways he's not like me. I'm fairly quiet, perhaps a little shy at times, but Andriy is always a fun guy to be with,' says Maxim. 'He can be noisy and some people say he tries to tell everyone what to do, but I don't think that's true. He just likes to make sure everyone else has a good time, too. Once or twice I've felt a bit irritated by things he said but that was probably because I was in a bad mood at the time, and I don't think he even noticed I was annoyed.'
- D Camille Leroy** and her friend Lara have known each other for three years now. 'We're from different backgrounds,' says Camille, 'and to be honest when we were introduced at a party we didn't hit it off at all. She seemed a bit unfriendly and it took quite a while before I realised that she was in fact lacking in self-confidence, particularly when meeting new people. To some extent she still is, but once you get to know Lara you realise what good company she is. She always has interesting things to say, and she tells some great jokes, too. I often see her on the bus home from work because nowadays she lives just round the corner from me. She moved there to be close to the golf course, and I'm thinking of taking it up too.'

Grammar

Present tenses

- 1  Some of these sentences written by exam candidates contain mistakes. Correct any mistakes, using the present simple or present continuous.
- I'm belonging to a tennis club and it is my favourite sport.
 - I'll pick you up from the airport when you'll arrive at 9.30.
 - I'm having a lovely holiday here on the island.
 - Every day we are spending about eight hours at work.
 - When you will receive my letter, please tell Mary about this.
 - Pablo is needing to talk to somebody, but he never calls me.
 - Nowadays it becomes more and more important to have a good education.
 - I promise that I'll phone you tonight when I get home.
 - I need to earn some money, and this is the main reason why I apply for this job.
 - They are the kind of people who are driving to work every day in big cars.
- 2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of these verbs. Use each verb only once.

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- I usually go to work by car, but this week I the train because the road bridge is closed.
- It harder to find a job and youth unemployment is now very high.
- As soon as the college term, I'm going away on holiday.
- Her parents are very rich. They homes in both London and New York.
- I Marcos later this evening, when he leaves the club.
- Please turn the music down a bit. I to sleep.
- In every part of the world, the sun in the east.
- I promise I'll get up as soon as I the alarm clock.

LISTENING

Part 1

Look at questions 1–4 in the exam task. Answer these questions.

- How many speakers will you hear?
- Will they be female or male voices?
- What is the situation?
- What is the focus, e.g. place, opinion, of the question?

 **02** Now listen and do the exam task.


Exam task

You will hear people talking in four different situations (in the exam you will hear eight). For questions 1–4, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- You hear a teenager talking about her new bedroom. What does she like about it?
A the way it is decorated
B the furniture in it
C its size and shape
- You overhear a conversation on a bus. Where is the man going first?
A to a shop
B to the library
C to work
- You hear a man talking on the phone. Why is he calling?
A to apologise
B to ask for information
C to complain
- You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman. What does she do?
A She hires out bicycles.
B She hires out cars.
C She hires out motorcycles.

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Part 3

1  Correct the mistakes in these sentences written by exam candidates, using the correct form of the word in brackets. Add a prefix and/or a suffix in each case.

- 1 I am worry (worry) about you, so can I talk to you?
- 2 The biggest disadvantage is that you are always stressy (stress) when you do that job.
- 3 These are my recommendations for the most attraction (attract) places in my town.
- 4 Suddenly I heard something strange near the door. I was terrorised (terrify).
- 5 Your report about the music festival is absolutely unacceptable (accept).
- 6 It was really surprised (surprise) to hear that Marta was the winner.
- 7 The streets wouldn't be so crowdy (crowd) and they would be safer for people.
- 8 Staying at your house next week will be really enjoyable (enjoy).
- 9 That festival was a completely unorganised (organise) and dull event.
- 10 There are some interesting and impressing (impress) museums in this city.

2 Look at the exam task example (0) and answer these questions.

- 1 What kind of word goes between the superlative form *the most* and the noun *features*?
- 2 Does this word describe how someone feels, or what causes a feeling?
- 3 What suffix do we use for this?

Now do the exam task.

Exam task

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 SURPRISING

Staying safe online

One of the most (0) features of the computer age is the huge amount of time that young people spend communicating with each other. Whereas a generation ago children would go home after a (1) day at school and watch TV, nowadays they are likely to do something much more (2), such as chat online with their friends.

SURPRISE

TIRE

SOCIETY

Others exchange information on (3) popular social networking sites such as Facebook. What some parents find rather (4), however, is how easily they can make online 'friends' who they have never actually met, and also the amount of information that their children are so (5) putting onto these websites for anyone to see.

INCREASE

WORRY

ENTHUSIASM

Parents are right to be (6), but with many children spending hours a day online it is simply (7) for adults constantly to watch over them. All they can do is advise them to be extremely (8) about contact with strangers, and to warn them not to put personal information such as their phone number or home address online.

ANXIETY

PRACTICE

CAUTION



WRITING

Part 2 informal letter

1 Look at the exam task and answer these questions.

- 1 Who has written to you?
- 2 Who do they want to know about?
- 3 What examples of informal language can you find?

Exam task

Here is part of an email you have received from Sam, an English-speaking friend.

Though my sister's quite a bit younger than me, we're good friends most of the time!

So tell me about a relative of yours who you see a lot – and why you enjoy being with him or her.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Write your **email** to Sam in **140–190** words. Do not write any addresses.

2 Read the model letter and answer these questions.

- 1 Does Matteo answer Sam's questions?
- 2 Where would you split the second paragraph to form two shorter paragraphs?
- 3 Is Matteo's message written in an informal style? Find examples.
- 4 Find and correct these mistakes in the letter:
 - a a comparative
 - b a verb tense
 - c an article
 - d three adjective suffixes
- 5 Which of Matteo's expressions could you use in your letter?

Hi Sam,

Thanks for writing. It's always nice to get a message from you!

It's great that you have such a close friendship with your sister. My sister's actually a lot older than me and my brother's much younger so we don't often like doing the same things, but I have a cousin called Lorenzo who's about my age and we get on really well. He lives not far from here and like me he's a student – though not at the same college. We've been friends since we were kids and we're seeing each other most weekends, and of course in the holidays. We've got lots of things in common. For instance we love the mountain biking, and something I really like about him is that he's so adventurous. We have great fun when we're out together because he's so enthusiastic about doing excited things, but without getting too competitive. He can also be quite sensitive and thoughtful, and whenever I have any kind of problem he's always sympatic. In short, he's a fantastic friend!

Hope to hear from you again soon.

Bye for now,

Matteo

3 Plan and write your letter to Sam. Try to include some of Matteo's expressions and character adjectives.

