



SAMPLE TEST B1 & KEY

READING

Part 1

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, circle the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Ainsley Harriott

I've always been a bit of an entertainer and played the funny man. I was a part-time comedian for years, so I learned how to stand in front of audiences. It made me sure of myself. I like being liked and I love making everyone smile.

I've lived in London all my life and have just moved to a larger house with my wife Clare and our two children, Jimmy and Madeleine. We spend a lot of time just singing and dancing around the house. I grew up with music because my dad is the pianist, Chester Harriott – who is still playing by the way. My working day is divided between television and writing cook books, though TV takes most of my time. I spend about five days a fortnight working on the cooking programmes I appear in. I eat all sorts of things at home but I only buy quality food. When I am cooking, I experiment with whatever is in the fridge – it's good practice for my TV series.

I'm a football fan and enjoy going to matches, but I'm a home-loving person really. I don't like going to the pub but we do go out to eat about twice a month. There's nothing better than a night at home playing with the children. I rarely go to bed before midnight. Late evening is when fresh thoughts on cooking usually come to me, so I often write or plan my programmes then. When I eventually get to bed, I have no trouble sleeping.

1) What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A) to describe how he lives
- B) to say what makes him laugh
- C) to talk about his cooking ideas
- D) to explain how he started in TV

2) What would a reader learn about Ainsley from the text?

- A) He is a very good musician.
- B) He likes to plan the family meals.
- C) He is nervous about performing on stage.
- D) He enjoys spending time with his family.

3) What does the writer say about himself?

- A) He loves going out and meeting people.
- B) He is very similar to his father.
- C) He enjoys being popular.
- D) He should go to bed earlier.



4) What does he say about his working life?

- A) He would like to appear less on TV.
- B) He gets his best ideas at certain times.
- C) He prefers being a comedian.
- D) He should practise cooking more.

5) Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

- A) The popular TV comedian who enjoys cooking, watching football, and having a busy social life.
- B) The TV cook who loves making people laugh watching football and, above all, having a happy family life.
- C) The singing TV cook who likes making jokes, playing with his children, and having an early night.
- D) The cook and comedian who takes great care about the way he cooks his food and enjoys listening to music more than anything.



READING

Part 2

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

For each question, underline the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Deep Sleep

Deep sleep is important for (0) **everyone**. The actual (1) of sleep you need depends (2) your age. A young child (3).....to sleep ten to twelve hours, and a teenager about nine hours. Adults differ a lot in their sleeping (4) For most of them, seven to eight hours a night is (5)....., but some sleep longer, while other manage with only four hours.

For good night, having a comfortable (6) to sleep is very important. Also, there should be (7) of fresh air in the room. A warm drink sometimes helps people to sleep, (8)it is not a good idea to drink coffee immediately before going to bed.

(9) you have to travel a very long distance, try to go to be earlier than usual the day before the (10)This will help you to feel more rested when you arrive.

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|-----|--------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 0) | <u>A) everyone</u> | B) someone | C) both | D) each |
| 1) | A) size | B) number | C) amount | D) sum |
| 2) | A) on | B) to | C) in | D) of |
| 3) | A) could | B) ought | C) must | D) should |
| 4) | A) ways | B) habits | C) manners | D) actions |
| 5) | A) few | B) well | C) less | D) enough |
| 6) | A) point | B) place | C) position | D) part |
| 7) | A) plenty | B) much | C) many | D) several |
| 8) | A) because | B) as | C) although | D) even |
| 9) | A) Since | B) Until | C) After | D) If |
| 10) | A) journey | B) voyage | C) call | D) visit |



WRITING

Part 1

Here are some sentences about playing tennis.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that **it means the same as the first.**

Use no more than three words.

Example:

0) I prefer playing tennis to playing squash.

I like playing tennis*more than* playing squash.

1) It's too cold to play tennis.

It isn't warmto play tennis.

2) There are only a few squash courts in this town.

There aren't very..... squash courts in this town.

3) If you don't play every week, you won't improve your tennis.

You won't improve your tennis unless every week.

4) Why don't you join a tennis club?

If I were you,..... join a tennis club.

5) I haven't been to a tennis match for a long time.

It's a long time since..... a tennis match.



WRITING

Part 2

An English friend of yours called James gave a party yesterday, which you enjoyed. Write a card to send to James. In your card, you should

- thank him for the party
- say what you liked best
- suggest when you could both meet again.

Write **35-45 words**.



LISTENING

You will hear someone reviewing tonight's television programmes.
For each question, circle the correct answer.

1) The film about insects is

- A) badly photographed.
- B) unsuitable for some people.
- C) much too long.

2) Tonight's *Miller and Edwards* programme

- A) has fewer jokes than usual.
- B) is longer than usual.
- C) is continued next week.

3) *Policewatch* is not on television tonight because

- A) another programme has taken its place.
- B) Andy McKay is ill.
- C) you can't see it on Thursdays any more.

4) What does the reviewer say about *Stardate 3000*?

- A) It has expensive scenery.
- B) It took two months to make.
- C) The stories could be better.

5) What is different about *Doctors in Town*?

- A) The main actors have changed.
- B) It is now filmed in Australia.
- C) There is a new director.

6) From tomorrow, *TV Diary* will be shown

- A) after the tennis matches.
- B) at a later time.
- C) at 6.30 in the evening.



KEY FOR SAMPLE TEST

READING Part 1

- 1) A
- 2) D
- 3) C
- 4) B
- 5) B

READING Part 2

- 1) C
- 2) A
- 3) B
- 4) B
- 5) D
- 6) B
- 7) A
- 8) C
- 9) D
- 10) A

WRITING Part 1

- 1) enough (for me)
- 2) many
- 3) you play/practice
- 4) I would/ I'd
- 5) I went to

LISTENING

- 1) B
- 2) B
- 3) A
- 4) C
- 5) A
- 6) C