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Test 1

Speaking

Parts 1 & 2

Part 1 Interview

1.01 You are going to answer eight questions. You have 10 seconds per question for questions 1 and 2, and 20 seconds per question for questions 3–8. Start speaking when you hear this tone.

Part 2 Voicemail 1

1.02 You are going to leave a voicemail message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voicemail. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You went to a party at your friend's house yesterday. You left something there. Leave a voicemail message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- explain who you are
- describe the problem
- say what you want your friend to do.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 2 Voicemail 2

1.03 You are going to reply to a voicemail message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voicemail. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Listen to the message from your friend about a competition. Then leave a voicemail message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- congratulate your friend
- ask some questions about the competition
- suggest what your friend could do to celebrate.

Now listen to the message.

You have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 3

1.04 You are going to give a talk. Read and listen to the task, and start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going to give a talk to your English class about different types of holidays.

Choose **two** photographs. Tell your class what the advantages and disadvantages of these two types of holidays might be.

You now have 30 seconds to think about what you want to say.

You now have one minute to give your talk.



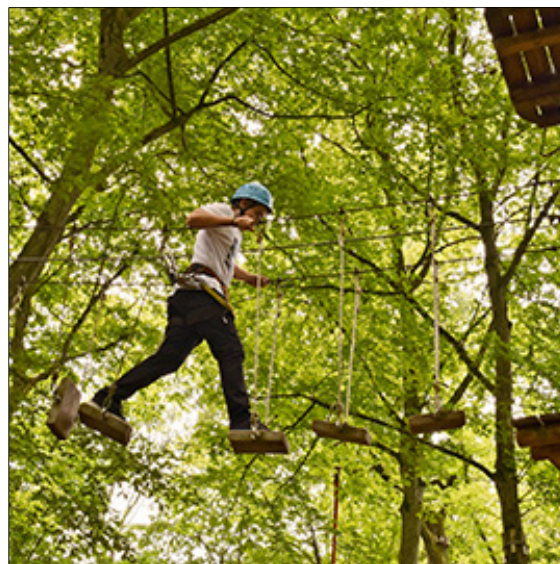
A sailing holiday



A camping holiday



A beach holiday



An adventure holiday

Part 4

1.05 You are going to answer six questions about your talk. You have 30 seconds to answer each question. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Listening

Part 1

1.06 Listen and choose the correct picture (A, B, or C).

1 A girl is talking to her father. Which teacher is going on the class trip?



2 A teacher is talking to students about a school trip. What do students need to bring?



3 A mother and son are talking. Where is the boy going?



4 A mother is talking to her son. What does the boy decide to wear?



5 Two cousins are talking about a holiday. What time does the plane leave?



Part 2

1.07 Listen to a school teacher talking about a school camp. Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) for each gap (1–5). The first one (0) has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.



School camp

- 0 The camp begins on **C**
 A 2nd June B 4th June **C 9th June**

General information

- 1 The cost for horse riding is
 A £10 B £12 C £25
- 2 The bus leaves at
 A 3.00 p.m. B 3.15 p.m. C 3.45 p.m.

Things to remember

- 3 Students must take
 A a sleeping bag B a tent C a mobile phone

Activities

- 4 On Saturday, all of the students will go
 A boating B rock climbing C hiking




Coming home

- 5 The camp finishes on
 A Monday B Tuesday C Wednesday




Part 3

1.08 Listen to two classmates talking about a concert. Match the people (the girl, the boy, or both) to the opinions below. The first one (0) has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.




- 0 The stadium was too big.

		
girl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boy	both




- 1 The singing was better in other concerts.

		
girl	boy	both




- 2 The dancers on stage were excellent.

		
girl	boy	both




- 3 The music was too loud.

		
girl	boy	both

- 4 The concert was too short.

		
girl	boy	both

- 5 The tickets were expensive.

		
girl	boy	both

Part 4

 1.09 Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

- 1 A teacher is talking about a class trip. The subject of the class is ...
 - A geography.
 - B art.
 - C biology.

- 2 Two classmates are talking about a holiday. Where did the boy go on holiday?
 - A by the sea
 - B on safari
 - C to a big city

- 3 A mother is talking to her son. Where are they?
 - A at the airport
 - B in a shopping centre
 - C at a restaurant

- 4 A girl and her father are in a clothing shop. The girl thinks that the dress is ...
 - A the wrong colour.
 - B too big.
 - C expensive.

- 5 A girl is leaving a voicemail message for her friend. Why is the girl leaving the message?
 - A to offer to help her friend
 - B to ask for directions
 - C to invite her friend to do something

Reading

Part 1

1 Read the note and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).



Danny,

If you have time after dinner, please have a look at my computer. My email isn't working – I'm not receiving messages. I'd do it myself, but I won't be home until late.

Love,
Mum

What does Danny's mum want him to do?

- A send an email
- B fix the computer
- C make dinner

2 Read the sign and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Friday

If you are coming on the museum trip, the bus will leave from outside the sports centre at 9 a.m. Students going to the theatre will need to make their own travel arrangements.

The bus is going to the ...

- A sports centre.
- B theatre.
- C museum.

3 Read the text message and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Hi Uncle Toby – can I come round at 6 p.m. today to get your guitar? I forgot to bring mine home from school, and I need to practise before my lesson tomorrow. Brett

Why did Brett send this text message?

- A He wants to borrow a guitar.
- B He left his guitar at Uncle Toby's house.
- C He hopes to start learning the guitar.

4 Read the notice and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).**Runners' club**

All students are welcome to join us every morning for a run down to Lake Norminster. We start at 7.25 a.m. outside the science building, and we finish at the sports hall at 8.15 a.m.

Where does the run begin?

- A** near the sports hall
- B** in front of the science building
- C** at Lake Norminster

5 Read the email and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

TO: Liz
FROM: Amy
SUBJECT: Science

Liz,

How are you finding the science homework? Do you know the answer to question three? I couldn't find it in the book, and I called Robert to ask him, but he didn't know.

What does Amy want Liz to do?

- A** lend her a book
- B** send her Robert's number
- C** help her with some homework

6 Read the letter and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Dear Hugh,

I heard you're going on the ski trip. You can take my warm jacket if you like. You'll be cold without it, and I won't need it until January.

Martin

Martin is writing to Hugh to ...

- A** offer to lend him something.
- B** ask if he can borrow something.
- C** tell him to do something.

Part 2

My typical day



Anton

My dad drives me to school on his way to work. My favourite thing about school is the lunch break! We finish at four o'clock, but I think we should finish at three. After school, I meet up with friends and play video games or watch football on TV. My brother helps me a lot with my homework. He's really clever – he's doing maths at university and usually studies till eleven. I always go to bed late, but I feel fine in the morning. It isn't a problem for me!



Mia

I always wake up early so I can go for a run. After that, I have to help make breakfast. I really enjoy school – Maths is my favourite subject and I'm going to study it at university. I finish school at four. Some people think that's late. I don't think so, though. I do a lot of homework after school, but I enjoy studying so I don't mind. I sometimes watch TV before bed. It isn't great to spend hours doing that, though. It's important to also do other things.



Freya

Every morning, Dad drives me to the pool, and after swimming practice I walk to school. School is OK, but I prefer swimming. I always go in the morning and after school, before I do my homework. My teachers give us a lot of homework – especially maths. I think they should give us less. In the evening, I watch TV. I love watching game shows. I always have an early night. It's important to rest enough – it helps me feel better.

Read the questions (1–6) and match them to the correct text about the young people's typical days (A–C).

- 1 Who goes to school by car?
A Anton B Mia C Freya
- 2 Who thinks it's a good idea to get a lot of sleep?
A Anton B Mia C Freya
- 3 Who says they like school?
A Anton B Mia C Freya
- 4 Who does sport after school?
A Anton B Mia C Freya
- 5 Who believes watching a lot of TV is bad?
A Anton B Mia C Freya
- 6 Who thinks the school day is too long?
A Anton B Mia C Freya

Part 3

Six sentences are missing from this text. Choose the correct sentence (A–G) for each gap (1–6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Meet Owen Barnes, the teenage tennis player

When I was about six years old, my parents took me to our local tennis club for group lessons. It wasn't anything serious – it was just for fun.

Those lessons were the best part of my week. I loved tennis, and I was good at it.¹ He told my parents I could become a very successful player.

When I was younger, I also played football and hockey.² After that, I started playing five times per week after school at the local tennis club.

A couple of years later, I started playing in local tennis competitions, and I realized I wanted to become a professional tennis player.³

Now I do an online programme instead. This gives me more time for tennis.

My coach, Lucas Rivero, is a very important person in my life. He's from Brazil, and he was a top tennis player when he was younger.⁴ It's the best decision I've ever made. He really helps me to improve my game.

There are good and bad sides to being a professional tennis player. I travel a lot, and I love meeting new people and learning about different cultures.⁵ So sometimes I feel very tired.

When I have a break from tennis, I like spending time with friends.⁶ I need time to relax every day.

- A But at the age of 12, I decided to give up the other sports to focus on tennis.
- B One day, I want to be the best player in the world.
- C However, it is hard work because I spend hours training.
- D I'm really the same as any other teenager in that way.
- E The coach of the group was very positive about me.
- F We started working together at the end of last year.
- G So after talking with my parents, I decided to stop going to school.

Part 4

Read the article about astronauts. For each question (1–4), choose the correct answer, (A, B or C).

How do you become an astronaut?

Fifteen-year-old Hannah finds out about her dream job

I've always wanted to be an astronaut. When I found out that NASA, the USA's space organization, plans to send people to live on Mars, I was excited. I couldn't stop looking for information about it. But then I read that you can't come back. That made me less sure I wanted to do it!

To be an astronaut, you need to be good at science and maths. Many people find these subjects hard, but they give astronauts the skills to do experiments in space, which is the most important part of their job. Sometimes they also need to repair the International Space Station, where they live.

Before they become astronauts, spacemen and women have to go through months of very hard training. They must be strong enough both in body and mind. Although they will be living with other astronauts, it can be difficult being away from family, so they have to feel ready.

'Being in space is very different from being on Earth', says astronaut Marie Willis. 'Food tastes different – things I usually love don't taste good. Also, we don't have beds. We connect our sleeping bags to the wall. It's like camping, which I love – and the sun rises 16 times a day because we're travelling so fast!'

I still don't think I'd like to live on Mars forever, but I would love to be an astronaut like Marie.

- 1 In the first paragraph, what does Hannah say about the idea of living on Mars?
 - A She doesn't know a lot about it.
 - B She can't imagine herself doing it.
 - C She isn't sure she would like it.
- 2 Hannah says the main reason why astronauts need to study science or maths is so they can ...
 - A carry out research.
 - B pass difficult tests.
 - C fix equipment in space.
- 3 As part of their training, astronauts have to ...
 - A live together for several months.
 - B spend time away from their families.
 - C prepare their mind as well as their body.
- 4 What does Marie Willis like about being in space?
 - A eating different food
 - B sleeping in an unusual way
 - C watching the sun rise

Writing

Part 1

You have 20 minutes to write an email. Write 80–130 words.

You recently went on a school trip with your English class. First read the email about the school trip. Then write an email to Mrs Townsend, including the three notes you have made.

FROM: Mrs Townsend
SUBJECT: School trip

Dear Student,

I am very happy you could join the school trip last weekend.

I am writing to ask your opinion about the trip.

I think ...

I am already planning the next one, possibly on Sunday 20th October. Are you able to come on a trip that day?

No, because ...

I am looking for ideas on where to go for our next trip. Do you have any suggestions?

What about ...

Best wishes,

Mrs Townsend
School Secretary

Part 2

For Writing Part 2, choose one question, the essay **OR** the review.

Part 2 Essay

You have 25 minutes to write an essay. Write 100–160 words.

You have had a class discussion on education. Your teacher now wants you to write an essay.

The title of the essay is:

Some people believe that students should learn life skills such as cooking and dealing with money at school. Do you agree?

Write your **essay**.

Part 2 Review

You have 25 minutes to write a review. Write 100–160 words.

You have seen the following advert in an online magazine for English language students.

Write a review for the magazine.

Reviews wanted

A great shopping experience

Have you been to an interesting shop recently? What was special about it?

Write a review of the shop and your experience there. We will publish the best reviews in the next issue of *All English*!

Write your **review**.

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