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ENGLISH

PLACEMENT TEST

Time allowed 30 minutes

WRITTEN TEST

Time allowed 30 minutes

Total test time 1 hour

Questions 1-5

- Where can you see these notices?
- Mark one letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

1

**Book your train
tickets here.**

- A** at a railway station
- B** in a theatre
- C** at a bus stop

2

Fresh bread
DAILY

- A** in a bank
- B** in a shop
- C** in a theatre

3

**LAST PETROL STATION
FOR 50 MILES**

- A** on a motorway
- B** in a railway station
- C** at an airport

4

◀ **Emergencies**
Appointments ▶

- A** in a zoo
- B** in a hospital
- C** in a hotel

5

*For pain: take
two tablets*

- A** on a medicine bottle
- B** on a food packet
- C** on a soap box

Questions 6-10

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the test below.
- For questions 6 to 10, mark **one** letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

BEARS

There are seven kinds of bear. The (6) is the white polar bear, which is almost three metres tall. There are two kinds of black bear. (7) lives in the forests of North America, and the other lives in South-East Asia. But not (8)black bears are black. They may be dark brown or a reddish brown.

Everyone loves the black and white panda bear, which comes from China. Not (9) pandas live in the forest today because (10) is difficult to find food.

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| 6 | A larger | B largest | C large |
| 7 | A Both | B One | C He |
| 8 | A every | B all | C each |
| 9 | A many | B more | C much |
| 10 | A there | B anything | C it |

Questions 11-20

In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space.

ALPACAS

Alpacas were first kept by the Inca people in the mountains of South America, more than six thousand years ago. These animals (11) clothes, food and fuel for their owners. The softest wool was (12) worn by the leaders of Incan society though.

When Spanish explorers (13) in the fifteenth century, sheep were introduced and these gradually (14) alpacas in the region. It wasn't (15) the middle of the 20th century that both farmers and fashion designers began to recognise the (16) of alpacas again. They are easy to look (17) since they eat grass and are used to low temperatures. Their wool, which comes in a (18) of natural colours from white to dark brown, is lighter and warmer than sheep's wool and (19) strong.

It is not surprising (20) that alpacas are becoming a familiar sight in the fields of North America, Australia and the UK.

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| 11 | A supported | B provided | C turned | D gained |
| 12 | A mainly | B fully | C extremely | D absolutely |
| 13 | A reached | B delivered | C arrived | D transferred |
| 14 | A retired | B removed | C returned | D replaced |
| 15 | A until | B after | C during | D before |
| 16 | A prizes | B rewards | C qualities | D points |
| 17 | A at | B after | C for | D like |
| 18 | A row | B group | C range | D crowd |
| 19 | A only | B also | C instead | D too |
| 20 | A therefore | B already | C otherwise | D enough |

Questions 21-40

In this section you must choose the word which best completes each section.

- 21 I bought these shoes in the sale. They were a real
A cheap B economy C bargain D purchase
- 22 Just a minute! You've forgotten to your cheque.
A mark B make C place D sign
- 23 My favourite at school was history.
A topic B class C theme D subject
- 24 Before you begin the exam paper, always read the carefully.
A orders B instructions C rules D answers
- 25 Then George punched the police officer the face!
A at B on C to D in
- 26 Please invite you like to the reception.
A one B anyone C ones D all
- 27 Nobody's got to stay late this evening, ?
A is it B have they C isn't it D don't they
- 28 Take the bus and at Oxford Circus.
A get out B get off C get down D get away
- 29 On the first day of our holiday we just by the hotel pool.
A enjoyed B calmed C comforted D relaxed
- 30 The fans climbed over the fence to paying.
A avoid B prevent C abandon D refuse

- 31 My hands were so cold that I couldn't my coat buttons.
A open B remove C put out D undo
- 32 You look hot in that jacket. Why don't you ?
A put it on B take it off C put it away D take it out
- 33 Before we choose a dress for you, let's all the shops.
A look into B look through C look up D look around
- 34 David missed his train because of the queue in the ticket
A office B agency C room D lounge
- 35 Don't buy those fish, they aren't very
A fresh B new C recent D young
- 36 The street market was full of selling fruit and vegetables.
A counters B boutiques C tables D stalls
- 37 Graham works well in class but his could be better.
A rudeness B behaviour C politeness D acting
- 38 Unless we the problem, many animals could become extinct.
A face up to B look up to C turn up to D get up to
- 39 That was a bad fall! Have you yourself?
A harmed B damaged C wounded D hurt
- 40 More people in cities should cycling instead of using cars.
A rely on B take up C set up D get around to

Questions 41-50

In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best fits each space.

Crocodiles

Crocodiles see well, their eyes are equipped with three eyelids, each having a different function. Their eyeballs slide back out of (41)..... way during an attack. These animals can attack at any (42) of the year, but they are more active in the warmer months and when in (43) of mates.

Many battles occur over mates. About six weeks after mating, the female (44) a nest, often on a river bank, and (45) about fifty eggs. She then seals the nest for protection and also as a way of (46) the temperature. After ten to twelve weeks the baby crocodiles come out of the eggs; only about one percent of these (47) it to adulthood, as thousands die in flooding or are eaten by fish or bigger crocodiles. In an (48) to ensure a source of (49) animals, crocodile farms have been (50) up, and a vast industry now exists in crocodile skin and meat.

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| 41 | A harm's | B danger's | C injury's | D damage's |
| 42 | A time | B phase | C month | D interval |
| 43 | A discovery | B hunt | C exploration | D search |
| 44 | A installs | B makes | C manufactures | D produces |
| 45 | A lays | B sets | C drops | D puts |
| 46 | A dominating | B ruling | C imposing | D controlling |
| 47 | A reach | B make | C get | D arrive |
| 48 | A attempt | B action | C aspiration | D alternative |
| 49 | A well | B fine | C fit | D healthy |
| 50 | A put | B taken | C set | D stood |

Questions 51-60

In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.

- 51 Losing the election was a serious in his career.
A setback B sacrifice C hardship D risk
- 52 Only two five people believe in the paranormal.
A from B by C over D out of
- 53 Wea campaign to help the homeless.
A launched B founded C established D originated
- 54 They both have red hair – it the family.
A runs in B comes from C started out with D is down to
- 55 I love sitting in a café watching the world drift
A away B apart C off D by
- 56 Scott was the best explorer of his times.
A looked upon B respected for C honoured D regarded as
- 57 He exposes himself to so many risks.
A hopeless B worthless C useless D needless
- 58 The government has published some highly new proposals for educational reform.
A arguable B controversial C potential D available
- 59 I'm sometimes by the sheer amount of junk mail I receive.
A flooded B conquered C outdone D overwhelmed
- 60 In my view, Puccini's operas are overrated.
A vastly B profoundly C absolutely D excruciatingly

Grammar Session Answer Sheet (30 minutes)

Tick ONE letter for each question. Example:

A
 B
 C
 D

Part 1

- 1 A B C
- 2 A B C
- 3 A B C
- 4 A B C
- 5 A B C
- 6 A B C
- 7 A B C
- 8 A B C
- 9 A B C
- 10 A B C
- 11 A B C D
- 12 A B C D
- 13 A B C D
- 14 A B C D
- 15 A B C D
- 16 A B C D
- 17 A B C D
- 18 A B C D
- 19 A B C D
- 20 A B C D
- 21 A B C D
- 22 A B C D
- 23 A B C D
- 24 A B C D
- 25 A B C D
- 26 A B C D
- 27 A B C D
- 28 A B C D
- 29 A B C D
- 30 A B C D

- 31 A B C D
- 32 A B C D
- 33 A B C D
- 34 A B C D
- 35 A B C D
- 36 A B C D
- 37 A B C D
- 38 A B C D
- 39 A B C D
- 40 A B C D

Part 2

- 41 A B C D
- 42 A B C D
- 43 A B C D
- 44 A B C D
- 45 A B C D
- 46 A B C D
- 47 A B C D
- 48 A B C D
- 49 A B C D
- 50 A B C D
- 51 A B C D
- 52 A B C D
- 53 A B C D
- 54 A B C D
- 55 A B C D
- 56 A B C D
- 57 A B C D
- 58 A B C D
- 59 A B C D
- 60 A B C D

Version 2

