

SUB-TEST: LEXICAL AND GRAMMAR COMPETENCE

PART 1

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

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

Questions 1-10.

Penny Lane

I used to have a friend called Penny Lane, you know like the Beatles' song. Mr and Mrs Lane must have had a really strange **Q1** of humour or maybe they just weren't **Q2** fans of the Beatles - anyway their daughter Penny was always being made fun of. Kids can be so cruel. One day she must have got sick of it because she suddenly announced she would **Q3** a trip to Penny Lane. That got us all laughing - Penny Lane in Penny Lane! - so we decided to go too and make her dream come true. I'd never been to Liverpool before and I was quite excited myself.

Anyway, we went by coach to Liverpool, playing word games to **Q4** time on the boring journey. It was obviously Penny's lucky day because she won every time. When we arrived, we got a taxi from the station. Penny had a real thrill **Q5** the taxi driver to go to Penny Lane. The driver didn't seem surprised at all to go there - I guess he does this journey **Q6** often.

It wasn't a long way and, suddenly, we had arrived. The taxi pulled **Q7** next to a street sign proudly announcing Penny Lane. There was no way we were going to miss this golden **Q8**. Of course, we had to take a photo of Penny and we weren't **Q9** only ones as there were lots of tourists doing the same. Then, completely spontaneously, we all started singing *Penny Lane*. **Q10** a day! Penny, and the rest of us, will always remember it.

Q1.	A)	sensation	B)	feeling	C)	sense	D)	superstation
Q2.	A)	great	B)	large	C)	strong	D)	major
Q3.	A)	do	B)	take	C)	go	D)	ride
Q4.	A)	waste	B)	spend	C)	kill	D)	take
Q5.	A)	talking	B)	speaking	C)	saying	D)	telling
Q6.	A)	lots	B)	pretty	C)	many	D)	much
Q7.	A)	to	B)	by	C)	up	D)	in
Q8.	A)	possibility	B)	opportunity	C)	chance	D)	luck
Q9.	A)	a	B)	an	C)	the	D)	-
Q10.	A)	What	B)	How	C)	Such	D)	So

PART 2

In the following text, each line (Q11-Q20) has three underlined words or phrases marked **A**, **B**, or **C**. Find the word or the phrase which has a mistake and must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. If there is no mistake in the line, choose **D** (no mistake).

E.g: A	According to <u>me</u> (A), she <u>mustn't</u> (B) leave <u>the</u> (C) company	D – no mistake
Q11.	When Roman soldiers <u>were paid</u> (A), part of their earnings <u>went into</u> (B) a fund <u>on</u> (C) their behalf.	D – no mistake
Q12.	If they were in battle, <u>than</u> (A) this money <u>was given</u> (B) to their families. Or, if they were retired <u>from</u> (C) the army, they were given this money to help them start a new career.	D – no mistake
Q13.	In the days when pirates <u>used to</u> (A) attack ships <u>at</u> (B) sea, many sea captains used to club together <u>to</u> (C) putting money into a fund.	D – no mistake
Q14.	Then <u>when</u> (A) one of these captains was <u>unluckiness</u> (B) enough to get captured, money from the fund was used <u>to pay</u> (C) his ransom and so get him released as soon as possible.	D – no mistake
Q15.	<u>Once</u> (A) very important idea or principle that began to develop was <u>that</u> (B) if life assurance <u>worked</u> (C) well, a fund of money was needed.	D – no mistake
Q16.	People who wanted <u>to have</u> (A) assurance would join a club or society and pay money <u>regularly</u> (B) into the society's fund <u>each</u> (C) year.	D – no mistake
Q17.	<u>The</u> (A) problem that remained was this: how <u>much</u> (B) money should each person put <u>into</u> (C) the fund?	D – no mistake
Q18.	This important question <u>solved</u> (A) by a mathematics teacher who worked <u>in</u> (B) London two hundred years <u>ago</u> (C).	D – no mistake
Q19.	James Dodson <u>realized</u> (A) that the <u>number</u> (B) each person should pay into the fund rested on the principle <u>of</u> (C) probability.	D – no mistake
Q20.	<u>Using</u> (A) his mathematics, James Dodson calculated the probability <u>of</u> (B) death for each individual <u>which</u> (C) wanted life assurance.	D – no mistake

PART 3

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

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Questions 21-30.

Balloon Fiesta

If you love stories by Jules Verne and have always dreamt of going for a **Q21** in a hot air balloon, England is the country for you. Every August England celebrates the biggest hot air balloon festival in Europe. The festival takes place in Bristol, a world centre for ballooning and is called the Bristol Balloon Festival. The festival was **Q22** 28 years ago and has an amazing history. It began in 1978 when Don Cameron, the **Q23** of the world's largest manufacturer, Cameron Balloons, decided to create an event that would help balloonists from all over the world **Q24** together. On the weekend of the 7th-9th September 1979, a small group of balloonists made up their **Q25** to celebrate the first Bristol Balloon Fiesta. 27 balloons shot into the sky and were cheered by a large group of **Q26**. Not all the balloons were from England, some came from Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland. The Fiesta was sponsored by local businesses and some national companies. Each sponsor was given a balloon to display their advertising banners. A **Q27** of 117 flights were made and the first balloon festival was declared a success. Over the years the Fiesta has grown to become the Europe's largest hot balloon festival enjoying crowds of delighted people and **Q28** media coverage. Of course, the main condition for the festival to be successful is not good management, but the **Q29**, which, as you know, is England's worst enemy. Nobody in the whole world knows how **Q30** wonderful hopes and events have been ruined by its Majesty the Rain.

Q21.	A)	fly	B)	drive	C)	ride	D)	walk
Q22.	A)	found	B)	start	C)	founded	D)	establishing
Q23.	A)	employer	B)	master	C)	employee	D)	owner
Q24.	A)	get	B)	go	C)	come	D)	be
Q25.	A)	money	B)	minds	C)	decisions	D)	force
Q26.	A)	audience	B)	spectators	C)	spectacles	D)	auditorium
Q27.	A)	totally	B)	total	C)	amount	D)	large
Q28.	A)	nation	B)	nationality	C)	nations	D)	national
Q29.	A)	money	B)	people	C)	weather	D)	whether
Q30.	A)	many	B)	much	C)	any	D)	little

SUB-TEST: WRITING

TASK 1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend Dan who writes:

... I wasn't very happy when our teacher announced a city excursion. Walking round the city didn't look like the best way to spend Sunday morning. But I was wrong.

Do you like going on excursions and why? What things can spoil an excursion? What was the last excursion you went on? ...

Write a letter to Dan. In your letter answer his questions.

Write your letter in about **60-80** words.

You can use this page for any rough work.

TASK 2

The day when you had to stay up until the morning.

You should write:

- when it was;
- why you had to stay up;
- what experience and feeling you had;
- whether it was difficult or not.

Write your narrative essay in about **120-140** words.

You can use this page for any rough work.

KEYS

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- Q1. C
- Q2. A
- Q3. B
- Q4. C
- Q5. D
- Q6. B
- Q7. C
- Q8. B
- Q9. C
- Q10. A
- Q11. D
- Q12. A
- Q13. C
- Q14. B
- Q15. A
- Q16. D
- Q17. D
- Q18. A
- Q19. B
- Q20. C
- Q21. C
- Q22. C
- Q23. D
- Q24. A
- Q25. B
- Q26. B
- Q27. B
- Q28. D
- Q29. C
- Q30. A