

Student Name _____

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EMPOWER

A2 READING / USE OF ENGLISH COMPETENCY TEST

Mid-Course Test

Time 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name on this question paper.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Write your answers on the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

There are five parts to this test.

Each question carries one mark.

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

Read the notices.

For questions 1 – 5, write a letter A – H next to it.

1 Don't leave anything in the room.

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A

**Have some
fruit & vegetables
everyday!**

2 You can get one meal free.

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B

**Make sure you take
everything with you
when you finish.**

3 Remember to do this daily.

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C

**Back in 10 minutes.
Please wait.**

4 Don't touch this.

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D

**New menu ready
from Monday.**

5 The place isn't open at the moment.

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E

**Buy two lunches for
the price of one.**

F

**Classes start at
8 a.m. exactly.**

G

**All the details about
our new courses are
online**

H

**This is hot -
take care!**

Part 2

Questions 6 – 10

Read the text about Jane's summer and choose the correct answer for each gap.

- 6 Jane went to Spain to a few weeks with her Spanish friend last summer.
A get **B** spend **C** take
- 7 Jane only took one of clothes with her on holiday.
A bag **B** box **C** tin
- 8 Jane's friend arranged for them to visit some historic places in the local area.
A kind **B** well-known **C** happy
- 9 One day Jane got lost and had to ask for directions to the main
A square **B** apartment **C** centre
- 10 Jane a number of unusual presents in the market to take home with her.
A became **B** cost **C** bought

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text about a different holiday and the questions below.

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

A Different Holiday

Last summer our family wanted to have a different type of holiday. We wanted a change from just hotel and sun, so we spent a month checking holiday information online. It took a very long time, but finally we decided on Sark, as the website said it was a special place away from the noisy, everyday world.

You can only get there by boat or plane. We liked the idea of a small plane, but there was only one plane every 2 days. It was better to take the small boat, but we couldn't take much luggage. The day we went, the journey was only an hour and there were very few tourists with us. When we arrived on Sark, we found that there are no cars at all, only bikes or horses. Visitors must walk up the road with their bags after leaving the boat. The road ends almost in the village centre. But finding our holiday home was a problem, because we didn't see anyone to ask. We went in the wrong direction at first, but in fact it was very close.

Then the fun started! By day there were boat trips, fantastic walks and we even used our smartphone to find things. And at night, Sark has no streetlights, so we could study the thousands of bright stars in the sky.

- 11** Why did this family decide on Sark for their holiday?
- A** It was unusual.
B There was good weather.
C It was busy.
- 12** What did the writer think about the journey?
- A** It was quick.
B There were too many tourists.
C They could take a lot of bags.
- 13** How did they get to their holiday home?
- A** They got a taxi.
B They went on a horse.
C They went on foot.
- 14** What do we find out about their holiday home?
- A** It was easy to find.
B It was near the centre of the village.
C It was fun.
- 15** What did they do at night on Sark?
- A** look at the stars
B go for walks
C use their smartphone

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Read the text about Camden Town in London and choose the correct answer for each gap.

Great places to live: Camden Town, London

So many people go to Camden Town on Sunday afternoons that the station only lets people out, and not in, to stop it getting too busy. There **(16)** lots of tourists – they come to visit the unusual shops and markets around the high street and canal. The markets **(17)** everything you need; you can buy some clothes for a night out, or a sofa for a new flat. Camden Town **(18)** many restaurants, but if you want to try interesting food from around the world, go straight to the market. Away from the market, in many of **(19)** quiet streets, there are beautiful old houses. You can almost imagine the people who **(20)** in them in the past. Many people come to Camden, but some people never leave this amazing neighbourhood.

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| 16 | A is | B are | C were |
| 17 | A sell | B sells | C selling |
| 18 | A had got | B have got | C has got |
| 19 | A Camdens | B Camden's | C Camdens' |
| 20 | A live | B lives | C lived |

Part 5

Questions 21 – 25

Read the text. Think of the word which best fits each gap.

Write ONE word for each gap.

From:	Leo
To:	Justin

Hi Justin,

I've got a job with my brother, David, in Spain at the moment. **(21)** you remember I told you about it? He **(22)** a house near the sea. I can go out most nights because I **(23)** need to get up early in the morning – only at 11.00. There **(24)** so many places to see. It's very exciting! David's girlfriend **(25)** really nice and she's got some nice friends. Come and visit me so that you can meet them!

Speak soon.

Leo

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