

CTE COMPRENSIÓ DE TEXTOS ESCRITS 60 minuts aprox.

PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE. Read the following e-mail from Gregor to Samia. Choose the most appropriate option (A, B or C). The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

An e-mail to a friend

Hi Samia,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see my new place and all the work we've done on the kitchen since we moved in. We can eat at home and then have a drink at a pub which is in the park across the road. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

Our address is 52 Charles Road, but it's a bit difficult to find because the house numbers are really strange here. If you turn left at the post office and keep going past the big white house on Charles Road, there's a small side street behind it with the houses 50–56 in. Don't ask me why the side street doesn't have a different name! But call me if you get lost and I'll come and get you.

Let me know if there's anything you don't like to eat. Really looking forward to seeing you!

See you soon!

Gregor

Source: text adapted from learnenglish.britishcouncil.org

0. Samia and Gregor are seeing each other...

A. on Saturday and Sunday.

B. on Saturday.

C. on Sunday.

1. Gregor and Samia are planning to...

A. meet at Samia's town.

B. live together.

C. spend some time together.

2. They are going to eat...

A. with Gregor's parents.

B. at Gregor's house.

C. in a pub.

3. Samia...

A. is going to meet Gregor's parents.

B. has a new job.

C. has a new house.

4. Gregor's house is...

A. near a Post Office.

B. big and white.

C. on a large street.

5. Which is TRUE?

A. Samia's life has changed recently.

B. The street and the house are easy to find.

C. Samia phoned Gregor because she got lost.

PART 2. GAP FILLING. VERB TENSES. Read the following text about a story called *The Alchemist* and fill in the blanks 1-5 with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

A story

The Alchemist is my favourite book: an easy story with a deep message. It **(0. be) is** about a young man named Santiago who left his country and his job to find a treasure. Santiago lived in Spain and **(1. work)** as a shepherd. He really liked his job, but he **(2. find)** it very tiring.

One day, he begins to have strange dreams so he **(3. decide)** to see a Gypsy to find out what they mean. The Gypsy tells him to go to the Egyptian pyramids to find his treasure. At the beginning, Santiago **(4. not believe)** her, but later he meets another person who tells him the same thing. At last Santiago leaves his job to find his treasure.

The Alchemist was originally written in Portuguese by Paulo Coelho, a Brazilian author. It has been translated into many languages, including English. It is a good book for people who are learning English because most of the sentences are short and the vocabulary is not difficult. So... with a little patience and study I am sure you **(5. enjoy)** the book!

Source: text adapted from 5minuteenglish.com

PART 3. MULTIPLE CHOICE LEXICAL CLOZE. Read the following text and then decide which of the words (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

Irish tourism

Millions of Irish people travel to **(0) C** countries on holiday each year. Many tourists choose package holidays with travel companies because they can arrange **(1) _____** for you. The company books your train, plane or bus **(2) _____** and finds you a hotel or a flat. In summer, Irish people usually go to places where the weather is **(3) _____** because they want to swim and sunbathe on the beach. Skiing holidays are very popular in winter. Some Irish people travel to countries such as Austria, France, Switzerland, Sweden and Canada to **(4) _____** skiing and snowboarding. Others prefer more adventurous holidays, like wildlife safaris **(5) _____** Africa.

Source: text adapted from englishrevealed.co.uk

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|----|---------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 0. | A. stranger | B. tourist | <u>C. foreign</u> | D. far |
| 1. | A. everything | B. nothing | C. everybody | D. anywhere |
| 2. | A. travelling | B. prices | C. tickets | D. drivers |
| 3. | A. cold | B. warm | C. cloudy | D. rainy |
| 4. | A. do | B. make | C. play | D. go |
| 5. | A. in | B. out | C. at | D. over |

PART 4. MULTIPLE MATCHING. You are going to read five texts about different topics. Read sentences A–H and match the texts 1-5 with the corresponding sentences. There are TWO EXTRA sentences you do not need. The activity begins with an example (0). Write your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

0. H Mummy of a lost Egyptian Queen

0. *It was originally found in the Valley of the Kings, a sacred burial site for kings and powerful nobles, more than a century ago. It remained in a tomb until last spring.*

1.

1. There are periods of time when people buy a lot, usually near holidays. Christmas is probably the biggest. Another important period is after summer, when children go back to school and need clothes, shoes, books, pencils, notebooks, and lots of other things. The sales are very popular, as items are reduced from 10% up to 70%, and people can get cheap winter or summer clothes to wear the following year. The sales usually last a few weeks, even months!

2.

2. "We could stay in a hostel. But there are also some nice apartments with 3 bedrooms, showers and cooking facilities. The minimum stay is a week. I think it's the cheapest option. But we need to book soon. The problem is, it's 5 miles from the beach".

3.

3. You should consider that:

- It's a good idea to go somewhere you speak the language.
- Hotels are comfortable but very lonely. Try to rent a room in an apartment. This will give you a connection with local residents and they can give you ideas about what you can do, places to visit, best restaurants, etc.
- Ask for directions in the street, or ask about the place, the culture or the customs. You will be surprised how much people like to talk about their town or their culture.

4.

4. The living room, dining room and kitchen are on the top floor where the owners can benefit from the light and views, and energy efficiency can be maximised. The bedrooms are on the ground floor as the garden gives the owners more privacy, and a cool temperature is maintained day and night. There are wide stairs from the ground floor to the first floor with some extra space for a stair lift in case it is necessary when the owners get older.

5.

5. It has become a big day in many countries. From this day until Christmas, this is the season when businesses make nearly 25 per cent of what they earn in a year. Some people sleep in tents on the streets a day or two before the doors open. They patiently queue in front of the shops to get cheap clothes and other products at a low price.

Source: text adapted from test-english.com and wikipedia.org

- A.** Tips for travelling alone
- B.** Learning English is difficult!
- C.** Black Friday
- D.** Summer is here!

- E.** Shopping seasons
- F.** Accommodation
- G.** Welcome to the home of the future
- H.** **Mummy of a lost Egyptian Queen**

CTE ANSWER SHEET**STUDENTS SHOULD NOT WRITE IN THE SHADED AREAS****PART 1. MULTIPLE CHOICE****An e-mail to a friend**

0.	<u>B</u>		2.			4.	
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PART 2. GAP FILLING. VERB TENSES**A story**

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PART 3. MULTIPLE CHOICE LEXICAL CLOZE**Irish tourism**

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PART 4. MULTIPLE MATCHING

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