

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

Year 2 of Secondary Education

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Name / Surname(s):

School:

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City / Town:

Date:

ENGLISH
LITERACY

Instructions

This test consists of three parts: Listening, Reading and Writing.

Listening

We will begin with a listening test. You will hear someone speaking about a situation.

- First, read the questions (2 minutes).
- Listen carefully to the recording. You will hear the recording twice.
- After each part, you will have time to answer the questions.

For each question, you have to circle the right answer. *For example:*

Example 1. How many months are there in a year?

- A. 2 months.
- ☒ B. 17 months.
- C. 12 months.
- D. 10 months.

If you decide to change your answer, cross out (X) your first option and circle your new answer. *For example:*

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Reading

You will read three texts and answer several questions.

Writing

Lastly, you will write a short composition, following some instructions.



The whole test lasts 60 minutes.

Listening

Listen this audio about London's transport. Choose the best option (a, b, c or d) or complete the sentences as in the example (0).

0. Example: Jackie has recently travelled from ...Portugal ...to the UK.

1. A cabbie is a ...

- A. taxi.
- B. black taxi.
- C. taxi driver.
- D. a new company of taxis.

2. Traditional red double-decker buses are the best option if ...

- A. you are a tourist.
- B. you want to travel fast.
- C. you want to travel cheap.
- D. you want to travel far.

3. The underground is the best option if...

- A. you want to travel fast.
- B. you want to be relaxed.
- C. you need the cheapest option.
- D. you want a view.

4. How many lines are there?

5. There are lifts ...

- A. in all underground stations.
- B. in some underground stations.
- C. and they are faster than the stairs at busy time.
- D. but they are available only for Oyster card users.

6. Which side on the escalators do you stay on if you walk slowly?

7. In the underground, the voice saying 'Mind the gap' reminds you ...

- A. the hole you could fall into.
- B. the distance you must keep from other passengers.
- C. the possibility of being hit by a running train.
- D. the announcements about connections.

8. In the underground, you probably can't sit down...

- A. at lunch time.
- B. in the afternoon peak hours.
- C. during the wait.
- D. in the mornings.

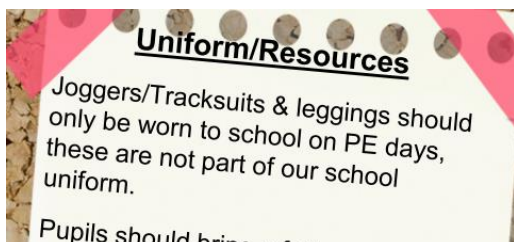
9. According to the listening, which one of the following statements is true?

- A. It is unusual to give a tip to taxi drivers.
- B. Using a bike as a way of transport in London is healthy and safe.
- C. Paying with an Oyster card is cheaper.
- D. Hardly anybody uses lifts in underground stations.

Reading 1

PART 1. For the next short messages, which sentence means the same? Choose the most suitable sentence (A, B, C) as in the example.

Example.



- A. Pupils can never wear anything different from the school uniform.
- B. Pupils are allowed to wear tracksuits to school only on PE days.
- ☒ C. Pupils should wear tracksuits only for PE lessons.

10.

Our science comedy night is very popular.

The show will now take place in Room 4 of the West Building, so that more people can see it.

See you there!

- A. You have to go somewhere else to see the show.
- B. There are no more tickets left for the show.
- C. The event has moved to a smaller place.

11.

**Magazines needed for patients to read
(up to date or out of date)**

Leave them with our receptionist or in the black box by the front door.

- A. You can take these magazines home with you.
- B. They only need new magazines.
- C. Please, bring magazines to our patients.

12.

Clothes on sale cannot be returned.

Try them on before you buy them!

- A. There isn't anywhere for customers to try on clothes here.
- B. You cannot try the clothes on sale.
- C. If you buy something that's too big, you can't bring it back.

13.

Heating comes on between 7am - 10 am and
4pm - 11 pm.

Please do not try to change these times.

- A. Someone will come here to change the heating times.
- B. Don't try to turn on the heating between 10am and 4pm.
- C. The heating may not come on every morning.

14.

Paul,

*There's still a little petrol in the car, so you won't need to get any more until
you reach Benton, where you can buy it cheaply.*

Sally

- A. Sally bought some cheap petrol.
- B. Paul should buy more petrol before he gets to Benton.
- C. There is enough petrol in the car to get to a cheap petrol station.

PART 2. For the next 5 questions, choose the most suitable answer (A - G). Use each letter once only. Which notice (A - G) means this?

It says...	Notice
Example: <i>Drinking and eating are not allowed!</i>	A B C D E F G H
15. Do not go in there.	A B C D E F G
16. You cannot let your dog run here.	A B C D E F G
17. This bus stop is not in use at weekends.	A B C D E F G
18. Check you have your luggage before you go.	A B C D E F G
19. There are changes at the beginning of autumn.	A B C D E F G

A

Do not exercise dogs
in the school playing
field.

B



C

MAKE SURE YOU TAKE
EVERYTHING WITH YOU
WHEN LEAVING THE TRAIN

D



E

Engineering works on
train line Saturday and
Sunday. Buses will run
between Bath and
Bristol.

F

New train timetable
starts from
September 23rd.

G

New train timetable will be
announced soon.

H



Reading 2

FESTIVALS IN AMERICA

Across the United States each region has its own festivals or events, but there are some that are shared by all. Independence Day celebrates the separation of America from British colonial power. Thanksgiving is another traditional United States holiday, commemorating the European arrival at Plymouth Rock with family feasts. On most of these national days, the majority of stores and businesses are closed.

New Year's Eve

The US celebrates the outgoing of the old year and incoming of the New Year quite dramatically. Every state celebrates its own parties to welcome the New Year, but none is more extravagant than New York's Time Square, which sees the neighbouring restaurants, bars, parks, beaches, and neighbourhoods full of people.

Super Bowl Sunday

The world's most watched sporting event, Superbowl Sunday is a spectacular extravaganza. Held the first Sunday in February, the Superbowl is the final playoff game between the NFL's top two teams. The location rotates every year around America, but the local parties seem to remain. Pubs, bars and restaurants are great places to enjoy the Superbowl. Also locals throw their own parties with different variations of betting.

St Patrick's Day

The US's large Irish population celebrate March 17. In many cities around the country, noisy and colourful parades and Irish-themed parties are organised, especially in New York and Chicago, where the river becomes green.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an important holiday throughout the United States, but not for crazy festivities. Parades commemorating wartime heroes are often held and the day is also the 'unofficial' start of summer. Most visitors follow the crowds to parks and beaches, where they can find many of informal BBQs.

Independence Day

Also known as the Fourth of July, Independence Day celebrates the US's break from the British during the 18th century. Barbecues, street parties, beach trips, and weekend getaways are commonplace to appreciate freedom.

Halloween

Halloween is a fun holiday on October 31 for all generations to dress up in costumes and relive their youth. Children walk around the neighbourhood trick-or-treating for candy, while adults attend parties. Other seasonal events include haunted houses, pumpkin farms and carving, and corn mazes.

Thanksgiving

On the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving is held in almost every home in the US. Tourists will have a hard time finding anything to do as the country essentially shuts down. A typical Thanksgiving meal consists of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie commemorating the original Pilgrim's feast at Plymouth Rock.

- 20. According to the text which of the following sentences are true and which ones are false:**

	True	False
A. In the United States all the festivals are celebrated all across the country.		
B. Independence Day celebrates the union of the US with Great Britain.		
C. Thanksgiving is an interesting holiday as a tourist in United States.		
D. Most shops close on many national days.		

- 21. In NY's Times Square the most _____ party takes place.**

22. According to the text, which festivals are related to Europe?

- A. Super bowl, Thanksgiving, Independence Day.
- B. St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, Independence Day.
- C. St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving, Independence Day.
- D. Thanksgiving, Independence Day, New Year's Eve.

23. In this holiday, in some cities the river changes its colour.

- A. Super bowl.
- B. St. Patrick's Day.
- C. New Year's Eve.
- D. Independence Day.

24. Memorial Day commemorates...

- A. ... a crazy party.
- B. ... people who died at war.
- C. ... the beginning of the summer.
- D. BBQs on the beach.

25. In Halloween everyone feels younger thanks to ...

- A. ... candy and parties.
- B. ... trick or treat.
- C. ... parties.
- D. ... costumes.

26. When is it typical to eat pumpkin pie?

- A. During Halloween.
- B. During the Memorial Day.
- C. During Thanksgiving.
- D. During New Year's Eve.

27. Where can you find this type of text?

- A.** In a local newspaper.
- B.** In a travel brochure.
- C.** In a religion book.
- D.** In a science book.

Reading 3

Delicious Chocolate

If you love chocolate, you have **(1)** eaten a bar of Cadbury's chocolate. Cadbury is a famous chocolate brand that has been delighting people for over a century.

George and Richard Cadbury took over the cocoa and chocolate business **(2)** their father in 1861. A few years later, they **(3)** to move the factory out of the centre of Birmingham, a city in the middle of England, to a new location **(4)** they **(5)** expand. They chose an area close to the railways and canals so that they could receive milk deliveries easily and send the finished products to stores **(6)** the country.

One of the things that make Cadbury chocolate special is its smooth and creamy texture. When you take a bite, it **(7)** like a heavenly experience for your senses.

Cadbury is known for its wide variety of chocolate bars, **(8)** with its own unique flavor. The *Dairy Milk* bar is a classic favourite, but if you are a fan of nuts you can enjoy the *Fruit an Nut* bar, where crunchy almonds are mixed with smooth chocolate.

One of the most famous creations from Cadbury is the *Cadbury Creme Egg*. Shaped like a real egg, it is specially associated with Easter celebrations.

Over the years the brand has **(9)** a global favorite, with people from all **(10)** the world savouring the delicious taste of Cadbury chocolate.

(11), the next time you're in the mood for a sweet indulgence, consider trying Cadbury chocolate. It has **(12)** for everyone. Get ready to experiment a delightful chocolate adventure!

28. Write the word that corresponds to each number:

SOMETHING	EACH	WHERE	FROM
AROUND	COULD	BECOME	PROBABLY
FEELS	SO	ACROSS	DECIDED

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Writing

29. On your last summer holidays you travelled to the beach. In about 125 words write a narrative telling about an exciting experience you had while you were there, it can be real or imaginary.

Some ideas you can use (if you want): a shark appeared; you lost your clothes; you surfed a big wave; you met a celebrity, you met the love of your life; a competition; a mysterious bottle.

- Where were you? Who did you go with? What were you doing?
- What happened?
- Explain the sequence of events and what happened at the end.
- Talk about your reaction and how you felt.

ORGANIZE YOUR IDEAS before you start writing (this planning is scored).

First paragraph	
Second paragraph	
Third paragraph	
Fourth paragraph	

Now write your text here:



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TASK	PLANING		
	ADEQUACY	Task and length	
		Layout and register	
	COHERENCE		
LANGUAGE	COHESION	Punctuation paragraphs	
		Cohesion devices	
	GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY	Verbs and sentences	
		Prepositions, pronouns...	
	SPELLING ACCURACY		
	LEXICAL RANGE		
	Item 29 – Total:		