

**JETSET LEVEL SEVEN
 WRITING TEST PRACTICE PAPER
 TIME ALLOWED: 120 MINUTES**

Complete the details below in block capitals.

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- You need:
- this question paper
 - a pencil or a pen.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

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

Try to answer ALL the questions.

Total marks 60

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read each question carefully.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Part One

Read the following text and fill the numbered gaps with a suitable word. The first one has been done for you.

Taking frequent short breaks is better for you than one long holiday, research **has** found. Dan Ariely, a behavioural economist who wrote *The Upside of Irrationality*, has suggested ¹ _____ holidaymakers break up extended time away by doing some work in the middle of their break, saying this would make them ² _____ appreciative of their time away from the office. The explanation is that people's enjoyment wanes as they ³ _____ accustomed to their holiday lifestyle.

Prof Ariely, ⁴ _____ teaches at Duke University in North Carolina, said: "On a long vacation, day seven is ⁵ _____ as good as day one because it's not ⁶ _____ exciting. That's why in general, going away four times [a year] provides more benefit ⁷ _____ you would expect, and going away for one week provides less benefit than you would expect."

⁸ _____, other experts disagree. Tim Harford, the author of *Dear Undercover Economist*, said that taking an increased number of trips would only ⁹ _____ the stress associated with travelling to and from a holiday destination.

He said: "If you pack three times as many holidays into the same amount of leave, you can expect three times as ¹⁰ _____ trouble. It's not obvious to me that it's worth it."

(10 marks)

Part Two

Fill the gaps with the correct variation of the word in brackets. The first one has been done for you.

Last month the first beaver to be born in the wild in Britain in roughly 400 years emerged from its lodge. Its arrival (**arrive**) is a profound relief to the Scottish conservationists who pioneered their ¹¹ _____ (**introduce**) to the UK, centuries after they were hunted for their fur and oil into ¹² _____ (**extinct**).

It is one of two born to wild beavers released last May around several lakes in ancient, deserted and ¹³ _____ (**inhabit**) forest on the Kintyre peninsula in Scotland.

The first kit (young beaver) emerged as part of a family outing, with its parents close by to offer ¹⁴ _____ (**add**) protection. It kept close to the edge of the loch, and called out to its family for ¹⁵ _____ (**assure**) while it began to learn to forage for food.

(5 marks)

Part Three

Rewrite each sentence so that the meaning is similar. Include the given words.

Example: She will retire next year after working here for 40 years.

When she retires next year, she will have been working here for 40 years.

16. There are more people living in London than in Birmingham.

_____ in Birmingham than in London.

17. Someone instructed staff to leave the building by the nearest available exit.

Staff _____ by the nearest available exit.

18. He doesn't have many nice shirts.

He only has _____

19. I don't support Manchester United; on the other hand, he supports Manchester United,

He supports Manchester United _____

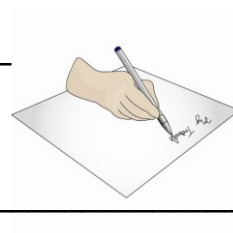
20. You should apply for university next year.

Why _____

(5 marks)

Part Four

A travel guide is looking for new articles about local places of interest. Write an article about a popular site in your area, explaining why tourists should visit. Write about 200 words.



Part Four continued

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(10 marks)

Part Five

Read the following text and fill the gaps by writing the correct form of the verb from the infinitive supplied. The first one has been done for you.

When Ron Sveden, a retired teacher from Massachusetts **was admitted** (admit) to hospital last May, he ²¹ _____ (be) short of breath for several months previously.

When a grainy spot ²² _____ (find) on an X-ray of his left lung, he began to prepare himself for the worst.

But much to his surprise, the 75-year-old was told that the spot was actually a pea-plant, which ²³ _____ (grow) for some time inside his lung, and had reached a length of 1.2cm.

Doctors believe he must ²⁴ _____ (eat) a pea seed, which went down 'the wrong way'. The warm and moist conditions inside his lung are thought

²⁵ _____ (encourage) it to grow.

(5 marks)

Part Six

Read the following text and write a summary of it in the space provided on the next page. Write no more than 100 words. Use your own words as much as possible.

How to buy a second hand car

The second-hand car market has become even murkier in the past year, consumer groups have warned, with cloned cars and forged documentation becoming increasingly common in the recession. Last week the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) began an investigation into the market after Consumer Direct, the watchdog, received a record 68,000 complaints last year. Frank Shepherd, of Consumer Direct, says: "We are receiving more complaints than ever about dodgy car sellers. From false documents to defective parts, there are plenty of pitfalls to avoid."

More than 170,000 cars were stolen last year, the Home Office says. If you buy a stolen car, you risk losing the vehicle and your money. Mr Shepherd says: "The police can take a stolen car from you to return it to the original owner or the insurance company. You will not receive any compensation, even though you bought the car in good faith." Car cloning is also increasing. This involves stealing a car and changing its identity before selling it on. Criminals replace the numberplates and vehicle identification number (VIN) with the identity from a legitimate vehicle of the same make, model and colour. The best way to avoid stolen or cloned cars is by checking that numbers on the vehicle registration document match the car's number plate, engine number and VIN, which is usually found in the engine compartment. Make sure that none of the numbers have been tampered with.

One in four checked vehicles still has outstanding finance, according to HPI, the organisation that performs checks on vehicle histories. If money is owed on a car by a previous owner, the car still belongs to the finance company and can be taken from the new owner at any time. This is why it is very important to get a vehicle check on any used car you are considering buying. These checks, which can be carried out online or over the phone, cost about £20. It normally includes a guarantee. HPI, for example, provides up to £30,000 financial reimbursement if a car turns out to have unforeseen problems.

Mr Shepherd says that most of the complaints received by Consumer Direct relate to faulty cars. "Common problems include a leaky gearbox and faulty clutch," he says. "The obvious advice is to view the car in daylight, take it for a test drive and take someone else with you if you are unsure about cars." Clocking, where the mileometer is turned back to reduce the number of miles shown, is a big problem. If the mileage appears low but wear and tear on the car looks heavy, there is a chance that the car has been clocked. Mr Shepherd says: "Check MoT certificates and service documentation for mileage readings. Previous owners named on the V5C should be able to tell you what the mileage was when they sold the car."

Consumer rights depend on whether the car is bought from a dealer, at auction or privately. If buying from a dealer, you are covered by the Sale of Goods Act 1979, which states that goods should be of satisfactory quality and fit for purpose. If they are not, you can demand redress. Look for an established dealer with a good reputation and make sure that it is a member of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, which offers a conciliation and arbitration service. You can find bargains at auction or privately, but you may not be covered by the Sale of Goods Act and have little hope of redress if something goes wrong.

Part Seven

Read the following pairs of sentences and think of one word that can be used appropriately in both sentences. Write the word in the box provided. The first one has been done for you.

I opted _____ of going swimming as I felt sick.

Tanya splashed _____ on a new pair of expensive shoes.

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26. I _____ up with his behaviour because he was an old friend.

I _____ off writing the essay as I was so tired.

27. I am not sure how to spell it, let's _____ it up in the dictionary.

Alan's a great boss, I really _____ up to him.

28. He decided to change his mind and _____ out of the deal.

Bobby rudely answered _____ to his teacher.

29. It was late so I _____ on with cooking the dinner.

We _____ on with all our neighbours very well in our old house.

30. Oh, my head! I'm feeling a bit _____ the weather today.

Sorry, I'm totally snowed _____ with work at the moment.

(5 marks)

Part Eight

Choose ONE of the following and write your answer in the space provided.

Write about 300 words.

Either

Your town wants to attract more tourists to benefit the local economy. Write a report for the council, assessing possible changes that could be made and giving recommendations.

Or

A magazine is publishing a series of articles on “100 Objects That Changed The World”. Write about one object that you think changed the world, and explain its significance.

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Part Eight continued

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(10 marks)