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**English EOT 1 2017/18 Reading and  
Writing Examination  
Grade 10  
Sample  
70 minutes**

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# Exam Tips

## **EXAM TIPS:**

Throughout this Sample Test, you will find text boxes like this one. Each box has a tip to assist you in completing each specific part of the exam successfully.

### **General Exam Tips:**

1. If you feel anxious, take 3 to 4 deep breaths before you start.
2. Focus on your own work.
3. Even if you finish the exam early, stay until the end and check your work.
4. Don't leave any question blank. Even if you don't know the answer, try your best to answer the question.
5. Pay attention to how much time you spend on each Part. It is recommended that you spend **40 minutes** on **Parts 1, 2 and 3** of the **Reading** section and **30 minutes** on the **Writing** section.

Part 1

Read the text and complete the gaps. Use **ONE** word only from the box.

There is one **EXAMPLE**.

usually      so                  up                  live                  and  
 climb                                  sure                  long

Instructions:

1. Read **instructions** in the exam paper carefully. There might be important instructions that you shouldn't overlook, e.g. you need to use **one word** only.
2. There is one **example**; this is so you know how to answer the question.

*Unusual Pets* Pet Shop

3. Read the **title** to get an idea what the

Iguanas are reptiles in the wild, they **EXAMPLE** ...**live**... in tropical areas where there are a lot of trees and other plants that they can 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and hide in. But they are quite easy to have as a pet. Before buying an iguana, it's important to make 2. \_\_\_\_\_ that there is space in your house. Iguanas grow up to 1.5 metres long, and they need a large space to live in. A vivarium is a special tank designed for large reptiles, such as iguanas. There is space in the vivarium to put plants and stones 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the iguana can climb and hide. Every day they need food and clean water. The best food for iguanas includes lettuce, apples, cabbage 4. \_\_\_\_\_ other vegetables. Iguanas can bite and scratch, so it's important that you are very careful when you are near them.

Scorpions are arachnids. They are in the same family as spiders! In the wild, they usually live in hot dry areas but some scorpions live in the rainforest. The best scorpions to keep as pets are Emperor Scorpions. They are one of the biggest scorpions in the world and can grow up to 20 centimetres 5. \_\_\_\_\_! But they are quite easy to look after. They need a large tank in a quiet part of the house. Scorpions 6. \_\_\_\_\_ sleep during the day, so they need to eat at night. The best food for pet scorpions includes crickets, moths and cockroaches. They also need a small bowl of water. There is one problem with Emperor Scorpions — they sting! You need to be very careful when you pick them 7. \_\_\_\_\_!

4. Consider the sentence and what comes **before** gap 7. Which word goes with "pick them"? Also, you need to be "careful" when you do it.

## Part 2

Read the text. Choose and circle the correct answer (**A, B, or C**).

There is one **EXAMPLE**.

**Instructions:**

1. This part is going to ask **multiple-choice questions**.
2. You need to **circle** one correct answer which is a letter.

While the majority of 18-year-old students finish Grade 12 and go straight from school to university, some take a break for a year or two. These students (sometimes called 'gappers') often say that they want the chance to enjoy life as an independent adult for the first time, and think about what they want to study next. In fact, a growing number of students take a gap year after school and then head back into higher education via a roundabout route of working and 'gapping'. According to recent research, 105,000 students aged 19 and 44,400 aged 20 started higher education last year — numbers that show a big increase in this age group over the previous three years. Christine Smithson is a typical example. Christine left school at 16 with seven good GCSEs, but did not want to continue studying at the time.

She says she was also worried that she might find higher education too difficult. So she chose a different path and decided to become a hairdresser. She really enjoyed the job and meeting and chatting to people every day. She found that her confidence improved and that she learned how to talk to anyone of any age. However, after two years she began to realise that it was not what she wanted to do for the rest of her life. After reading about the courses at her local college she decided to study Social Sciences to prepare herself for university. She completed the course last July and is now an undergraduate student at Bath University where she is studying Sociology. Christine says that she is glad that she took a break from education because it gave her time to learn more about people and decide what she really wanted to study.

**EXAMPLE:** According to the article, what do the majority of 18-year-old students do when they finish Grade 12?

- A. Start work.
- B. Take a break.
- C. Start their university studies.**

8. What are students who take a one - or two-year break from education called?

- A. students
- B. gappers
- C. dependent adults

9. Why did Christine continue studying when she left school?

- A. She thought university would be hard.
- B. She wanted to study sociology.
- C. She wanted to study at Bath University.

10. At what age did Christine leave school?

- A. 16
- B. 18**
- C. 19

11. How long was Christine a hairdresser?

- A. one year
- B. two years
- C. three years

12. What subject did Christine study before university?

- A. GCSEs
- B. Sociology
- C. Social Sciences

13. Where is Christine studying now?

- A. a local college
- B. Bath University
- C. hairdressing school

14. How does Christine feel about taking a break from studying before attending university?

- A. happy
- B. worried
- C. confident

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. Read through each question carefully, some will be about the **whole text**, some will be about **specific information**.
2. In this question, you are looking for **specific information**.
3. Read the instructions carefully so you will know if you are required to choose one answer or more than one answer.
4. As far as possible, come up with the correct answer in your head first before looking at the possible answers. This way you won't allow the wrong answers to influence your choice.

## Part 3

Read the text and match the paragraphs with the correct heading **A to H**. Use each heading only once.

There is one **EXAMPLE**.

There are two headings you do not need.

<b>A</b>	The beginning of schools in the UAE
<b>B</b>	I learn best when I see a photo
<b>C</b>	Tests are simpler than writing
<b>D</b>	Preparing for a test
<b>E</b>	A school room in the past
<b>F</b>	University education is important
<b>G</b>	Planning for university
<b>H</b>	The school gets too small

**Instructions:**

1. This is a **matching** question.
2. With matching questions, read the headings first before you read the text.
3. Pay attention - there are two headings you don't need.
4. Match the easy ones first and cross off so you know you don't have to look at those ones again.
5. Make sure to guess, if not sure of your answer choice.
6. In this question you are looking for **overall meaning**.

**EXAMPLE A**

A man called Sheikh Ahmed bin Dalmouk built Al Ahmadiya School in 1912. Al Ahmadiya was the first public school in the UAE. It was a school for young boys. His Highness Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President, Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, and other important men studied there. The school was free for poor families and only rich families paid.

15 \_\_\_\_

My grandfather was a student at Al Ahmadiya. When he was at school, he studied the Qu'ran, Arabic and Maths. My grandfather used to study in a classroom on the first floor. The students sat at small wooden desks. They didn't have computers like we have today. And they didn't have labs or a library. But in the years after my grandfather left, the boys also studied subjects like English, Science and Geography.

16 \_\_\_\_

In 1962 there were a lot of students, so the school moved to a new place where there could be more classrooms, a reception and a school office. The old school was empty, however, thirty years later in 1995, the people of the city repaired the old building. Today it is a beautiful museum. We took my grandfather there on his birthday last year. He loved looking at the old photos and enjoyed watching the short films of his school in the past.

17 \_\_\_\_

I really want to pass my exams at the end of the semester so I need to work harder. I find some words in English difficult to remember. I think I need to improve my spelling and I want to improve my pronunciation too, so I need to practise speaking English with my classmates. We're going to learn lots of new grammar this semester so I need to revise every week. I hope I pass my exams.

18 \_\_\_\_\_

I'm going to work hard this semester. I want to go to college when I leave school and I need to pass my English exams. I want to be an engineer, so I need to pass my Science and Maths exams too. I'm going to revise every week. I really hope I pass my exams with good grades.

19 \_\_\_\_\_

I think History is the best subject at school. I love reading about the past and looking at pictures of the past. I think it is easier to remember something when you've seen a picture. I think History is easier than Geography and it's more interesting.

20 \_\_\_\_\_

My favourite subject is biology. I like maths too but I think maths is harder than biology. I think biology is more interesting. I like learning about trees, plants and animals. We did a quiz in biology class last week. It was brilliant. Quizzes aren't as difficult as essays. They're fun and it's easier to remember facts when you do a quiz.



# G10 Sample Writing

Write an essay about the importance of exercising. How important is it to exercise?

Include:

- the benefits of exercising
- what are the best activities for keeping fit? Why?
- what happens if a person doesn't exercise.

Write **130 to 150** words.

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## Essay Questions:

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Make sure you pay attention to words such as 'and' and 'or'.
3. Grade 10 is a discursive essay – you will need to give your opinion on something but may also need to describe advantages of something, to give the other side of the opinion, or to suggest solutions to a problem.
4. It is important to know what the question is asking you to do.
5. **Make sure you write about all three bullet points.**
6. Write in paragraphs – you could write one paragraph per bullet point.

**Task Completion:** There are four marks for TC. The marker will look to see if you have answered all of the question. Did you answer the original question? Did you include information on all the bullet points?

**Vocabulary:** Did you include vocabulary related to the topic? Did you include vocabulary which you learned from the course book? Did you include new vocabulary outside of what you learned in the course book? Did you spell the words correctly?

**Grammar:** Did you use the proper tense? Does your sentence have a subject and an object? Do you use different modals and/or complex sentences?

**Organisation:** Does your essay have an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion? Did you separate your ideas into paragraphs? Did you capitalise the first word in the sentence? Proper nouns? Did you put a full stop at the end of the sentence? Did you use commas?

Marker 2			
Task Completion	Vocabulary	Grammar	Organisation
/ 4	/ 4	/ 4	/ 4



Marker 1			
Task Completion	Vocabulary	Grammar	Organisation
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