



SAMPLE:  
Reading and  
Writing Test



COVER SHEET  
**READING AND  
WRITING TEST**

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**Instructions:** You are allowed **90 minutes** to complete all **4 sections**. The first two sections measure your reading comprehension. The third section measures your ability to integrate reading to writing. The fourth section measures your independent writing ability. You should spend **40 minutes** on the **first two sections** and **50 minutes** on the **last two**.

Section 1

Read the following passage about “Living Abroad.”

LIVING ABROAD

**Paragraph 1**

For a lot of young people, living abroad is one of the most important experiences of their lives. Most people feel a wide range of emotions before leaving their home country, but once they arrive in a new place everything is different and life becomes an adventure at every turn. The language, the food, the architecture and the people are fascinating. Travelers talk to people who speak their language and are friendly to foreigners.

**Paragraph 2**

After a while, the initial excitement of being in a new country starts to wear off. More unfavorable experiences lead to frustration. Language **barriers** and differences between public hygiene, traffic regulations and food quality may cause a feeling of disconnect. People begin to feel lonely and have problems with simple tasks like treating illness, getting a bus or paying for something. This time is especially difficult for young students who are used to having parental support.

**Paragraph 3**

This stage of frustration is a passing one, however, since the cultural differences eventually become more acceptable and with time, the language becomes less of a problem.

Friends are made and travelers begin to feel comfortable with the culture, people and food. It is a time of exploration where new places and experiences are appreciated.

**Paragraph 4**

Eventually the culture in the host country feels less foreign and more like another home. The aspects of the culture that are different from a traveler’s home country are no longer cause for frustration. The host country is now a place to live life, study and work to one’s full potential. Deeper relationships and community ties are formed.

**Paragraph 5**

When it’s time to return home, things are not always as expected. Your outlook on life has changed after spending time learning customs and beliefs, new patterns of thought and behavior are formed to fit into a host country. Coming home then can result as a shock as the changes which have taken place become evident. Things at home are seen in a new perspective. However, people from the home country may not be interested about the returning traveler’s experience and new perspective. This may cause a feeling of rejection and a desire to return back to the host country.

**A WRITE ANSWERS 1-5 ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

Read the headings carefully. Choose the best heading for each paragraph. Use the letters A-F. One heading will NOT be used.

- 1. Paragraph 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Paragraph 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Paragraph 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Paragraph 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Paragraph 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- A Reverse culture shock**
- B Adjustment and exploration**
- C Hard times**
- D At home in the host country**
- E The honeymoon stage**
- F Feeling racism or benefits of studying abroad**

**B WRITE ANSWERS 6-10 ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

Read the statements 6-10. Do the statements agree with the article? Choose either **True**, **False**, or **Not Given**.

<b>T</b>	if the statement agrees with the text
<b>F</b>	the statement does not agree with the text
<b>NG</b>	if the information in the statement is not given in the text

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| <p>6. _____ People have a feeling of loneliness as soon as they arrive to the host country.</p> <p>7. _____ Young students from overprotective parents would find it hard to live abroad.</p> <p>8. _____ You should get professional help if you feel depressed abroad.</p> | <p>9. _____ After a while, the host country feels like home.</p> <p>10. _____ Friends in the home country may not pay attention to your stories of travelling abroad.</p> |
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**C WRITE ANSWERS 11- 15 ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

Choose the best answer to the following questions.

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| <p>11. The word “barriers” in bold in paragraph 2 has the most similar meaning to</p> <p>A. withdrawals</p> <p>B. obstacles</p> <p>C. prejudices</p> <p>D. crises</p> <p>12. The text mainly discusses</p> <p>A. the difficulties that people will face when living abroad.</p> <p>B. the stories of travelling abroad.</p> <p>C. the effect of depression on travelers.</p> <p>D. the stages that people go through when they live abroad.</p> <p>13. According to the text, what is NOT a reason people begin to feel negatively about their host country?</p> <p>A. language barriers</p> <p>B. transportation issues</p> <p>C. not enough security</p> <p>D. buying things</p> | <p>14. According to the text, why might you feel like a stranger when you return to your home country?</p> <p>A. You have problems with the language.</p> <p>B. You have gotten used to the culture and way of doing things in the host country.</p> <p>C. You have forgotten the traditions.</p> <p>D. You miss your friends and community from the host country.</p> <p>15. Living abroad is</p> <p>A. an exciting experience.</p> <p>B. a frightening experience.</p> <p>C. a life changing experience.</p> <p>D. a great way to meet new people.</p> |
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## Section 2

Read the following passages about sustainable living and answer the questions about them. (Q16-25)

### Text A

#### THE 50/20/30 RULE

There are so many ways to spend money that finding a way to budget may seem impossible. The 50/20/30 rule tries to address this issue by showing you how to allocate your money in the best way possible using percentages: 50% is used for what are essential payments (rent, phone, internet, tuition, food, gas), 20% is for saving and 30% is used for leisure and entertainment purposes. When you are following a budget, you need to first make sure your essentials are covered and then your savings. You should not feel guilty about spending on leisure and entertainment as long as you have already covered the essential payments and your savings.

### Text B

#### MONEY SAVING TIPS

Here are some tips that can help you save money on a daily basis.

1. Pay yourself first. This means that a certain part of your paycheck should go to your savings before you have a chance to spend it on something else.
2. Avoid debt. The next time you want to make an expensive purchase, think about how much more you will be paying if you get it on credit. Sometimes it is unavoidable, like for the purchase of a house. In cases

like this, make the biggest deposit possible so that you will be able to pay off your debt faster and spend less on interest.

3. Have a plan. It is easier to save money if you have goals and a timeframe. First, set small reasonable goals. Once these have been accomplished, think about bigger ones and monitor your goals on a regular basis.
4. Keep a budget. At the beginning of every month, write out how much you plan to spend and on what. Be sure to record your expenses.

### Text C

#### WHY SAVE MONEY?

With so many bills and expenses, it may seem impossible and unrealistic to actually save money. However, even if you start with just a little, over time and with some effort you should be able to improve your financial situation. By saving money you gain peace of mind. Instead of worrying about paying the rent you can focus on more enjoyable experiences for your family and yourself. The more money you have saved, the more freedom you have. If you hate your job, saved money gives you the power and safety to make changes. For example, you can quit your job and look for a new one, but only if you saved money to live off of. Moreover, money can work for you. If you have saved money and invest in the stock market or real estate, you can make money off investments.

## D WRITE ANSWERS 16-20 ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

Read statements 16-20. Do the statements agree with the articles? Choose either **True**, **False**, or **Not Given**.

T	if the statement agrees with the text
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16. \_\_\_\_\_ The most common reason to budget is to buy a new house.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ You should spend a fourth of your income on fun and relaxation.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ There are some cases where you need to use credit.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ You can save money by buying things on sale.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ You are more likely to be relaxed and independent if you have saved money.

**E WRITE ANSWERS 21-25 ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

**Complete** the summary notes below according to the 3 texts in **Section 2**. Use a word or phrase of up to 3 words to complete the missing information in the gaps **21-25**.

**Important:** You **MUST** only use words from the text.

**Example:**

It is important to have saved money.  
If you plan to quit your job.

**THE 50/20/30 RULE**

- » a method to start saving
- » first pay what is **21**\_\_\_\_\_ then savings and finally use the rest on fun
- » no guilt in spending after paying essentials and savings.

**MONEY SAVING TIPS**

- » take some of your money from every paycheck and put it into your **22**\_\_\_\_\_ before you spend it
- » there is a higher cost when using **23**\_\_\_\_\_
- » important to make note of what you buy

**WHY SAVE MONEY?**

- » unrealistic—hard to do
- » with saved money you obtain **24**\_\_\_\_\_
- » Instead of working for money, make profits from **25**\_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3

Reading to Write Section 3.

**F** WRITE ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

Write an essay (125- 150 words) on the importance of money. You **MUST** use information from **EACH** of the reading texts in **Section 2**.

**Important:** You **MUST** not copy complete sentences. You **MUST** use your own words.

- Describe the money saving formula.
- Recommend ways to save money.
- Explain why you should save money.

Prepare an outline of your ideas in the box below before you start writing.

### Section 4

**G** WRITE ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

Write a letter to a friend about a pleasant experience you had on your last vacation (about 125-150 words).

- Describe where and when it happened.
- Explain why this memory is special.

Prepare an outline of your ideas in the box below before you start writing.

Reading Sections

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Section 1

Section 2

**A** ANSWERS 1-5

- 1. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F)
- 2. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F)
- 3. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F)
- 4. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F)
- 5. (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F)

**D** ANSWERS 16-20

- 16. (T) (F) (NG)
- 17. (T) (F) (NG)
- 18. (T) (F) (NG)
- 19. (T) (F) (NG)
- 20. (T) (F) (NG)

**B** ANSWERS 6-10

- 6. (T) (F) (NG)
- 7. (T) (F) (NG)
- 8. (T) (F) (NG)
- 9. (T) (F) (NG)
- 10. (T) (F) (NG)

**E** ANSWERS 21-25

- 21. \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_

**C** ANSWERS 11-15

- 11. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 12. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 13. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 14. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 15. (A) (B) (C) (D)







**Section 4: Answer sheet - Independent writing**

Lined area for writing the answer sheet.

## Answers to Reading Test

### Section 1

#### **A** ANSWERS 1-5.

- 1. E
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. A

#### **B** ANSWERS 6-10.

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| 6. F  | 9. T  |
| 7. T  | 10. T |
| 8. NG |       |

#### **C** ANSWERS 11-15.

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| 11. B | 14. B |
| 12. D | 15. C |
| 13. C |       |

### Section 2

#### **D** ANSWERS 16-20.

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| 16. NG | 19. NG |
| 17. F  | 20. T  |
| 18. T  |        |

#### **E** ANSWERS 21-25.

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| 21. essential | 24. peace of mind/freedom/more freedom |
| 22. savings   | 25. investments/your investments       |
| 23. credit    |  |