

Reading A2 Vstep - Test

READING

PART 1

Read the following passage. Choose the best word for each space. For questions 1-8, choose the correct letter (A, B or c).

Example: Susan is (0)..... TV now.

1. **A. watching** B. looking C. seeing

The actor Penelope Cruz comes from Madrid and was born in 1974. She danced **(1)** well and once made a rock video **(2)**..... the group *Mecano*. Cruz made **(3)**..... first film in 1991 and soon became a big name in Spanish cinema. Since then, she has **(4)**..... in several important films in Spain and in the USA. One Spanish film won an Oscar in the famous film competition, for the **(5)**..... foreign film. When she is going to make **(6)**..... new film, she looks for information that will make the film really special. This often means travelling to **(7)**..... country and talking to people there. She loves **(8)**..... photographs... on these trips

A. too	B. very	C. enough
A. at	B. with	C. to
A. his	B. its	C. her
A.been	B. be	C. being
A. good	B. better	C. best
A. any	B. no	C. some
A. other	B. all	C. another
A.take	B. taking	C. takes

PART 2

Which notice (A-J) says this (9-16)? For questions 9-16, choose the correct letter.

9. You can catch a boat here at 4 pm.
10. Yesterday's bad weather means you cannot buy anything here today
11. Drivers must use another road later tonight.
12. If you return soon, your bill will be smaller than usual.
13. You can phone this number for more information
14. You don't have to pay any fee when booking a room here.
15. You can't use your phone on the trip.
16. You can only use this service for a short time during rush hours.

A. PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE JOURNEY

B. Customers: come back later this week for a half price meal!

C. River trips leave on the hour from this bridge until 6 p.m.

D. OUR INFORMATION DESK MAKES HOTEL

BOOKINGS WITHOUT ANY CHARGE

E. MOTORWAY CLOSED

11 p.m – 4 a.m.

F. Boat to rent – tel 867224

G. AT BUSY TIME, customers can only swim for ONE HOUR

H. NO FISH FOR SALE BECAUSE OF

LAST NIGHT'S THUNDERSTORM

I. Mr Sharp's History class: Get tickets for trip
from secretary.

J. You will need the right money to use this.

PART 3

Read the notice and the email. Fill in Maria's notes with the correct information. The information should be NO MORE THAN THREE words.

Hi Maria,

Would you like to come on the school trip to France with me? It is only 104 pounds for two weeks camping (July 7th – 21st). Make your mind up quickly because there are only five places left! If you want to come, tell Mrs Taylor on Friday.

It will be great fun, we will go by coach and then catch a ferry to France. You don't need to bring any equipment, just your clothes and spending money.

See you later,

Claire

MARIA'S NOTES

Camping trip

Starting date	17:
Cost	18:
How long	19:
Number of places left	20:
How to get there	21:
Tell	22:
Need to take	23:

PART 4

Read the following passage. Choose A, B or c to answer the questions.

Photographing animals

Photographer James Warwick often visits Kenya and Namibia and has just returned from India, James didn't find photography interesting when he was young, but on holiday in Africa during university, he decided on his future job.

James has to get up early for most of his African pictures. He takes a few when the sun is going down, but in the afternoon the light is too strong. Being a photographer

is hard work. Some photographers visit different places on one trip, but James prefers to stay in one place and learn all about it.

He has some wonderful pictures of Indian tigers. Once, two tigers ran past him, stopped a metre away from his truck and began to fight. He was too afraid to photograph them.

in Namibia, one lion came even closer. It went all the way round James's truck checking for danger. Then it got up on the back and looked at him through the window. This was one of James's happiest moments.

James doesn't use his flat in Britain much. He doesn't mind living out of a suitcase, but he sometimes finds life hard without his friends. Money isn't very important to him, but he likes travelling. His pictures make people think about animals in danger, from African elephants to British birds. This is what matters most to him.

EXAMPLE

0. James Warwick's last trip was to

- A. India.
- B. Kenya
- C. Namibia

24. When did James choose to become a photographer?

- A. when he was a boy
- B. when he was a university student
- C. when he left university

25. in Africa, James takes most of his pictures

- A. in the morning.
- B. in the afternoon.
- C. in the evening.

26. How is James different from some other photographers?

- A. He works much harder.
- B. He visits more countries.
- C. He spends longer in one place.

27. In India, why didn't James photograph the two tigers together?

- A. They were too far away.
- B. It was too dangerous.
- C. He was inside his truck.

28. In Namibia, what did the lion do first?

- A. It got up on the truck.
- B. It stood and watched James
- C. It walked round the truck.

29. James finds it difficult when he

- A. doesn't see his friends.
- B. cannot use his flat.
- C. can't work in Britain.

30. For James, the most important thing about his work is

- A. travelling round the world.
- B. earning lots of money.
- C. giving people information.

LISTENING

Directions: You will listen to a number of different recordings and you will have to answer questions based on what you hear. There will be time for you to read the questions and transfer your work. All the recordings will be played TWICE. While you are listening, you may take notes. Time allowance: about 25 minutes, including 05 minutes to transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

PART 1

Link bài nghe

[https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhb.com/Audio\\$achA2/33](https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhb.com/Audio$achA2/33)

In this part, you will hear FIVE short announcements or instructions. You will hear each announcement or instruction TWICE. There is one question following each recording.

For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, or C. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of each question and write down your answer in the corresponding space.

Now, let's listen to the example. On the recording, you might hear:

"Put the flour, eggs, milk and a bit of salt into a bowl. Then mix them all together really well. Wait for at least 5 minutes. Now/ heat your frying pan and add a bit of olive oil. 2 or 3 teaspoons depending on your taste. When hot, cook your cake for 1 minute on each side until golden."

On the test book, you read:

How many teaspoons of olive oil should be used?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 5

The correct answer is B

First you will have some time to look at questions 1 – 5.

Question 1 to 5. Listen to the short announcements, instructions or conversations

1. What do they have for dinner?

- A. pizza
- B. spaghetti
- C. fish and chips

2. What will the man do tonight?

- A. go to the cinema
- B. play football
- C. go to the theatre

3. How will they get to the airport?

- A. by car

- B. by train
- C. by bus
- 4. What will the woman wear?
- A. a denim jacket
- B. an anorak
- C. a coat
- 5. What time should the bus have arrived?
- A. at 12.45
- B. at 1.15
- C. at 1.30

PART 2

Link bài nghe

<https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhbl.com/AudioSachA2/34>

In this part, you will hear FIVE short conversations. You will hear each conversation TWICE. There is one question following each recording. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, or C. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of each question and write down your answer in the corresponding space.

Question 6 to 10. Listen to the short announcements, instructions or conversations

- 6. How long did the journey last?
- A. 1 hour
- B. 2 hours
- C. 3 hours
- 7. What did the man buy?
- A. a video player
- B. a CD
- C. a radio
- 8. Where will they go this afternoon?
- A. play football
- B. go swimming
- C. go to the park
- 9. What day would they go out for dinner?
- A. Thursday
- B. Friday
- C. Tuesday
- 10. How much does the man pay for his ticket?
- A. £104
- B. £140
- C. £180

PART 3

Link bài nghe

<https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhbl.com/AudioSachA2/35>

In this part, you will hear a longer conversation. You will hear the conversation TWICE. While you listen, fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS and/or a NUMBER. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of each question and write down your answer in the corresponding space.

Question 11 to 15. Listen to the conversation and fill in the form with NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS and/or a NUMBER

INFORMATION

Doctor's name:	Dr Jenkins
Name of medicine:	(11)
To be taken:	(12)
To be taken after:	(13)
To be taken for:	(14)
Date of next appointment:	(15)

PART 4

<https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhbl.com/AudioSachA2/36>

In this part, you will hear a longer conversation and answer questions 16-20. You will hear the conversation TWICE. Then, find the number of each question and write down your answer in the corresponding space.

0. Stephanie left her films at the chemist's last

- A. Monday.
- B. week.
- C. month.

16. Stephanie's ticket is

- A. broken.
- B. lost.
- C. new.

17. Her surname is

- A. Philips.
- B. Filipus.
- C. Filips.

18. Some photos are

- A. very bad.
- B. very dark.
- C. very sunny.

19. Stephanie took some photos from

- A. too near.
- B. too far away.
- C. the river.

20. The photos cost

- A. £19.99.
- B. C9.19.
- C. £9.99

PART 5

Link bài nghe

<https://a2b1b2c1.tienganhb.com/AudioSachA2/37>

In this part, you will hear a short talk and answer questions 21-25. You will hear the talk TWICE. While you listen, fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS and/or a NUMBER. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of each question and write down your answer in the corresponding space.

MUSIC CLASSES

PIANO CLASSES:

Days: (21)
Classes for: (22)
Classes cost: 60 per month

GUITAR CLASSES:

Adults pay: (23)
Classes start again on: (24)
New telephone number: (25)

WRITING

Directions: In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to compose in English level 2. There are three parts in this section with special directions for each part. The time allowance is 35 minutes.

PART 1

Use the following words to make complete sentences. You can make necessary changes to the words, but DO NOT change their order.

1. a/ famous/ tennis player/ open/ new/ sports centre.
2. It/ have/ excellent/ facilities/ and/ it/ good/ than the old one.
3. I/ prefer/ do/sport/ to/ watch/ it/ on TV.
4. The pool/ use/ by/ people/ of/ all/ age.

PART 2

You want to ask your English friend to come to the cinema with you at the weekend. Write a note to your friend. In your note, you should

- invite your friend
- recommend a film to see
- say why you want to see that film.

Write at least 35 words.

PART 3

An English-speaking friend called Jimmy has sent you a T-shirt as a present. Write a card to Jimmy. In your card, you should

- thank him for the T-shirt
- ask him where he got it
- say when you plan to wear it.

Write at least 40 words on your answer sheet.

