

Prima A + B placement test September 2024 - KEY

Total score: / 64

Name, class _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- time limit for the test = max. 40 minutes
- MAKE SURE TO WRITE NEATLY AND LEGIBLY AND MAKE SURE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ARE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR
- do not panic over difficulty; it's a placement test, so we don't need everybody to do well, we need to compare your level against your classmates! If you don't know the answer at all or you don't understand something, do NOT guess the answer.
- GOOD LUCK! 😊

A. LISTENING: Listen to the recording. For each item, write the correct answer in the gap. Write **one, two or three words**. You will hear the recording **twice**. max. 20 pts./2 pts. per item

You will hear a teacher giving her students some important advice.

The teacher wants the students to take ① notes while she is speaking.
The teacher suggests eating ② cereals and ③ fruits, especially apples.
If the students study in a very comfortable place, they will probably ④ fall asleep.
It's important to study only the ⑤ important/basic things, as there's not enough time for everything.
Although it may sound ⑥ boring, repetition really helps to remember things.
Students can find lots of exam papers from the previous years in ⑦ the library.
When studying intensively, students should take short ⑧ breaks and drink a glass of water every ⑨ half (an) hour.
At the end, the teacher wishes her students ⑩ good luck.

B. PRACTICAL ENGLISH: What does the librarian say to Phoebe? Complete the conversation in a library with the sentences/lines from the blue box. DO NOT copy the full sentences, only use the letters! max. 18 pts./2 pts. per item

Librarian: **B** Hello! Welcome to the library. How can I help you today?

Phoebe: Hi. Um, I've never been to the library before. How does it work?

Librarian: **C** No problem! It's easy. The library is a place where you can borrow books, use computers, and study. Do you have a library card?

Phoebe: No, I don't have one yet.

Librarian: **D** That's okay! You can get a library card for free. All you need to do is fill in a form with your name, address, and a parent's signature since you're under 18.

Phoebe: Oh, okay. What can I do with the card?

Librarian: **E** With the card, you can borrow books, magazines, and even DVDs. You can also use the computers and access our online resources.

Phoebe: How many books can I borrow at once?

Librarian: **I** You can borrow up to 10 books at a time. You can keep them for three weeks, and if you need more time, you can renew them online or at the library.

Phoebe: That sounds cool! Do you have books for teenagers?

Librarian: **G** Yes, we have a special section just for teens. There are books, comics, and graphic novels that you might like.

Phoebe: Awesome! And can I use the computers anytime?

Librarian: **F** Yes, the computers are free to use, but you need to book a time if it's busy. You can also print or scan documents for a small fee.

Phoebe: Cool. Are there any activities for teens?

Librarian: **H** Yes, we have book clubs, game nights, and workshops. You can check our calendar online or ask us at the front desk.

Phoebe: That sounds fun! I'll sign up for a card.

Librarian: **A** Great! Let me give you the form, and once you fill it in, we'll make your card. Welcome to the library!

C. Make a sentence of ALL the words on each line.

max. 6 pts./2 pts. per item

? a cousins do lot money of often spend your

Do your cousins often spend a lot of money?

and are favourite flavours green ice-cream lemon my sister's tea

My sister's favourite ice-cream flavours are green tea and lemon./My sister's favourite ice-cream flavours are lemon and green tea.

bedroom classmate French his in is Jack's studying

Jack's classmate is studying French in his bedroom./His classmate is studying French in Jack's bedroom.

D. READING COMPREHENSION: Read the following text and choose the correct answers for each question below. BEWARE, there may be more than one correct answers for each question, so make sure to mark them ALL.

max. 8 pts./1 pt. per every single correct answer

① On which of the holidays is it possible to taste unusual meals?

Activity holidays Polar expeditions **Cultural journeys** Trekking tours Wildlife holidays

② On which of the holidays can you see animals?

Activity holidays **Polar expeditions** Cultural journeys Trekking tours **Wildlife holidays**

④ On which of the holidays might you go up a mountain?

Activity holidays Polar expeditions Cultural journeys **Trekking tours** Wildlife holidays

③ Where can you see penguins?

In Asia In Sri Lanka In Thailand Near the north pole **Near the south pole**

⑤ Which of the holidays is best for adrenaline lovers?

Activity holidays Polar expeditions Cultural journeys Trekking tours Wildlife holidays

E. USE OF ENGLISH: Complete the short article. Write ONE word starting with the indicated letter in each space

max. 12 pts./1 pt. per item



Wedding ring history

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The beginning of the tradition of wedding rings is **not** clear, but some experts **think** that it started in ancient Egypt.

For people in Egypt, a ring showed **eternity** because it had no **beginning** and no end. **They** also believed in the **vein** of love, which connects to the heart. **It** is in the fourth finger on the left hand, and it explains why **people** wear a wedding ring on this **finger**.

Later, this tradition came to Greece and then Rome, where they believed that the ring showed that a man owned his wife. During World War II, men gave rings to **women** as a promise to marry **them** when they returned home.

Diamond rings became popular in the 1950s; company De Beers said in its slogan that diamonds last forever. **Today**, 86% of engagement rings **in** the US are diamond rings.

Difficult words: **eternity** (time which doesn't end), **vein** (a tube through which the body's blood goes)