**Sample L1 test**

**READING**

1. From a personal website

That’s me on the left, my sister in the middle, and my brother on the right in about 1990 in front of our house in Petersburg, Alaska. Note the narrow street. Our house was to the right.

**The author is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. telling a story
2. describing a photo
3. speaking about a town
4. remembering his parents

2. From a magazine

Dr Gilbert’s *The Greenhouse Expert*

Detailed guide for anyone who has or is thinking of buying a greenhouse, with tips on more than 100 pages for £7.00 only!

**What is this advertisement for?**

1. a garden
2. a house
3. a holiday
4. a book

3. From an advertisement

Maybe you need to lose weight or quit smoking, or perhaps you are taking medication for allergies or high cholesterol. Whatever your concerns are, find out about the latest health trends and tips in Modern Health and Fitness Magazine.

**This ad is for people who want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. keep a healthy lifestyle
2. work for a magazine
3. buy some medicines
4. find a pharmacy

4. From a text

Mix water and sugar together in a saucepan and boil slowly; add the fruits and stew gently until they are soft but keep their shape. Serve with vanilla ice-cream.

**Where can you find this text?**

1. in a menu
2. in a bar
3. in a cookbook
4. in a shop

5. Advertisement

Join us on a luxurious four-week cruise around the exotic islands of the Caribbean at the great price of £2,500. The ship offers a choice of restaurants, cinemas showing the latest films, and music and dancing every night.

**The advertisement offers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. accommodation on the Caribbean islands
2. sailing on the sea for a good price
3. exotic restaurants on the Caribbean islands
4. a well-paid job on the ship

6. From a magazine

Joanne Dawn and her husband Robert run a corner shop in Beaconsfield. This kind of shop is called a milk bar. It sells all sorts of food and household goods from sandwiches to washing-up liquid, from magazines to nails and screws. They offer a huge range of products. It’s like three or four shops in one.

**What is true about Joanne and Robert?**

1. They are shopkeepers.
2. They work for a magazine.
3. They have four shops.
4. They want to buy a milk bar.

7. Eating habits

Eat sitting down. Most people stay in bed until the last minute and then have a coffee and a piece of toast standing up. This is really bad for you. Because it means that you start the day in a hurry. Your body and mind are already moving too fast. So do yourself a favour. Get up ten minutes earlier every day and have breakfast – nice and slow.

**The text says that in the morning you should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. move your body fast
2. stay in bed for a long time
3. stand up when eating
4. get up a little bit earlier

## 8. From a students’ magazine

Hi! I’m Paul. As a freshman in college, I take many different classes. I major in English. My roommate comes from Chicago, and we like our room in the dorm. He is a nice guy. We spend a lot of time studying, but we enjoy going out! Our friends live nearby in a big house. They organize a lot of parties. Life in college is fun!

**The text says that Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. is staying alone
2. shares a room
3. organizes parties
4. is from Chicago

9. From an article

Hello! My name is Jessica. At work, I interview celebrities and important people. I ask them questions about the environment, politics, and culture. I work with a colleague named Ellie. She takes pictures for the newspaper. She is the photographer on the team. We often travel together and report about many different topics.

**Jessica is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. a celebrity
2. a photographer
3. a journalist
4. a politician

10. About the military

New people in the military are often called “recruits”. They have training at a special camp, sometimes called “boot camp”. During this training, the recruits learn to understand the orders or commands that are given by the officers. They do a lot of exercise to improve their fitness. They learn about weapons, first aid and their uniforms and equipment. When they become fully trained professionals, there is usually a parade in front of important visitors.

**The main topic of the article is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. physical fitness of soldiers
2. weapons in the military
3. equipment of training camps
4. training of new soldiers

11. A short text

Watch as many movies and TV episodes as you want for only $ 7.99 a month. You can stream the movies instantly over the Internet to your PC, Mac & TV. Only $2 to get unlimited DVDs by mail. Try us for free. You can cancel anytime. See Terms of Use for complete membership and free trial details. Questions? 1-866-636-3076, 24 hours a day.

**What kind of text is it?**

1. instructions from a manual
2. a price list of new products
3. an advertisement for a service
4. information from the post office

12. From a magazine

Charlotte Jones works part-time in a restaurant. She also attends the local community college, and is majoring in English. She is a single mother, so she’s very busy. Her mother and two brothers work, too, and are trying to help her. Charlotte would like to become a school teacher. She likes to work with children.

**What is Charlotte’s present job? She is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. teacher
2. waitress
3. translator
4. babysitter

13. From a magazine article

A computer company has a special person who answers all questions that are sent to him. The person is a 63 years old man. He is known for always finding the right answer on the Internet. He doesn’t look like a computer expert. He has silver hair and is gentle. He feels that his age helps him with his job. He remembers a lot of things people ask about. He says that every day is different, so he is never bored.

**What is true about the man?**

1. His memory is good.
2. He looks after computers.
3. He feels old for his job.
4. His job is uninteresting.

14. About a student

Carla, a student, is very bad with money. Every month she spends all her money on clothes and going out, and then doesn’t have enough for books, etc. Her parents are annoyed with her, and say that she has to learn to be more careful, so they won’t give her any extra money. But Carla’s grandmother secretly gives her the extra money every time Carla sees her. Carla’s parents know what is happening!

**Carla \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. buys a lot of books
2. gives extra money to her parents
3. earns a lot of money
4. gets money from her grandmother

15. From a magazine

Choose a gym near your home. Try to exercise three days a week. Start slowly! The first day work out only for five to eight minutes. The next day you can work out for a longer time. Take a friend with you, it will be more fun. Select an exercise you like. You can even play tennis, basketball or volleyball.

**This text is for people who want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. learn games
2. work
3. keep fit
4. find a friend

16. About a friend

One of my closest friends, Kerry, is a journalist. He lives in Florida. His wife Catherine comes from France. She lives with Kerry in Florida but she can’t find a job there. Last month Kerry decided to move to Paris because both he and his wife can work there. Catherine is very happy because she will live near her parents now.

**What is true about Catherine?**

1. She is French.
2. She works in Florida.
3. She lives near her parents.
4. She wants to stay in Florida.

17. At the beach

Every Saturday Daniel and his family go to the beach. They live far from the beach, but once a week the family gets into the car and Daniel’s father drives for hours until they arrive there. They all love the beach but it is a problem to go to the beach every week. Daniel’s father gets tired from driving so many hours and the rest of the family gets tired from sitting in the car for such a long time.

**What is true about Daniel and his family? They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. have a house on the beach
2. enjoy the journey to the beach
3. go to the beach twice a week
4. travel a long way to the beach

18. From a magazine

After so many healthy recipes, today I would like to share with you something that isn’t healthy at all but will make you very happy – chocolate cookies! They are amazing and I am sure that both you and your friends will enjoy them. You’re going to need 200 g of butter, 300 g of sugar, 1 large egg, 325 g of flour, a little milk and 200 g of milk chocolate.

**This text is for people who want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. eat healthily
2. bake something
3. meet new friends
4. buy some food

19. From the news

Last month Sam and Jane Barnes, twins from Barnstaple, were invited to London by an electronics company to test a new family computer. The company invited them onto a ship on the River Thames. Sam, who is only 12, has already written several computer programs and he thinks that computers are better than TV: “Instead of sitting doing nothing, you can make a computer talk to you and play games.”

**Sam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. lives in London
2. prefers TV to PC
3. is good at computers
4. works as a programmer

20. Living in the countryside

Living in the countryside can be very difficult for teenagers. Their nearest friend lives miles away and it’s impossible to get into the town to go shopping or attend a club. 13-year-old Fiona Timson, who lives in Carneath in Wales, says “Everyone else in my class seems to have such interesting weekends. They meet each other by chance when they’re out shopping, and they decide there and then to do something cool together. That never happens to me.”

**Fiona \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. needs more friends
2. feels quite isolated
3. shops with friends
4. has little free time