



# English Language Assessment

## Sample Paper: Writing

Time: 1 1/4 hour

**Managerial Module**

Sample Test

### Part 1

In **most** lines of the following text, there is either a spelling **or** a punctuation error. For each numbered line **1 – 16**, write the correctly spelled word or show the correct punctuation in the box on your answer sheet. **Some lines are correct.** Indicate these lines with a tick (✓) in the box. The exercise begins with three examples (0), (00) and (000).

Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**

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0	site
00	✓
000	officer, the

## DEANSGATE

0 When Deansgate was a narrow street and the sight of Central Station  
00 was a squalid slum, Wood Street Missions was founded. In 1869,  
000 according to a contemporary police officer the neighbourhood was 'the  
1 Rendezvous of thieves, the worst haunt of vice. Meals were served  
2 daily in the mission building to those who were hungry and thousand's  
3 of pairs of shoes were given away to those who arrived barefoot. At  
4 Christmas four hundred tramps, and criminals came to a meal and a  
5 religious service; in the summer children queued to be taken out for a  
6 day at the seaside. Every single night the streets were searched for  
7 homeless boys, who slept wherever they could, in door ways and  
8 under market stalls. They were given beds in Wood Street. Jobs  
9 were found for them and many were sent away to live in Canada,  
10 where most succeeded in creating new lives for themselves. In 1892, a  
11 new superintendent was appointed. He was an excriminal, and his  
12 success was undoubtedly an inspiration to those he was trying to help.  
13 His main achievement was to create a holiday camp at a nearby  
14 seaside resort wich could accomodate a hundred and twenty  
15 children. Many local residence still remember happy holidays there.  
16 The Mission still provides about a thousand familys a year with  
clothing and helps or advises many more.

## Part 2

For questions **17 – 24**, read the job advertisements below. Use the words to the right of the text to form **one** word that fits the same numbered space in the text. Write the new word in the correct box on your answer sheet. The exercise begins with an example **(0)**.

**Example:** 0. saddest

Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**

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### MAGAZINE ARTICLE

#### IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO BE PUNCTUAL

People who are unpunctual fall into three categories. The first and **(0)** ....., comprises the **(17)** ..... incompetent and **(18)** ..... who worry about being on time and never are. The second lot are, strange as it may seem, **(19)** ..... people who cannot bear to be kept waiting, and who make sure they aren't always being late themselves, thus **(20)** ..... that others must wait for them. If they are outmanoeuvred and compelled to wait for someone, they are the first to express **(21)** ..... of the bad manners of the latecomers. Finally, there are the egoists, determined to impose their own personality on others and to impress their sense of **(22)** ..... on them. An easy way to do this is to keep everyone waiting until the star makes an **(23)** .....

- (0) SAD
- (17) HOPELESS
- (18) EFFICIENT
- (19) PATIENCE
- (20) GUARANTEE
- (21) APPROVE
- (22) IMPORTANT
- (23) APPEAR

### Part 3

Choose **one** of the following writing tasks. Your answer should follow exactly the instructions given. Write approximately 350 words.

Mark your answers on **a separate answer sheet**

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- 1 There has recently been a strike in your country which has affected some aspect of everyday life (e.g. transport, electrical/gas power, medical service, rubbish collection). Having heard exaggerated reports about it on TV, a friend abroad has written to you expressing his/her concern. Write a **letter** to reassure him or her, describing what has happened and how people are coping.
- 2 You have seen the following in an international magazine.

**WANT A FREE TRIP TO YOUR IDEAL DESTINATION?**

Tell us about recent improvements in facilities for visitors to your country. We'll publish the most informative articles each month and after six months we'll fly the author of the best article anywhere in the world.

**HAVE THE HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME!**

Write the **article** about facilities for visitors to your country.

- 3 A new satellite TV series is being shown in your country. It seems worth watching for several reasons, including the quality of the English language used. Write a **review** of the series for your workplace/college newsletter, encouraging colleagues to watch regularly.
- 4 An international organisation is conducting research into employment prospects in different parts of the world. You have been asked to contribute a **report** entitled *Opportunities for School leavers* with particular reference to your local area. You should include information on kinds of employment available for young people, pay and conditions, and training possibilities.

**The End**

## Key

### Part 1

1. vice → vice'
2. thousand's → thousands
3. pears → pairs
4. tramps, and → tramps and
5. queud → queued
6. √
7. door ways → doorways
8. √
9. Canada, → Canada
10. themselves → themselves
11. excriminal → ex-criminal
12. √
13. acheivement → achievement
14. wich → which
15. residence → residents
16. familys → families

### Part 2

17. hopelessly
18. inefficient
19. impatient
20. guaranteeing
21. disapproval
22. importance
23. appearance

### Part 3 - Essay

The essay will be graded on the following categories:

- Grammar (complexity, accuracy etc.)
- Vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
- Spelling and punctuation
- Structure (use of linking words etc.)