



# OXFORD TEST OF ENGLISH

## A2 Practice Test 3

### Answer key

#### Speaking Part 1 Interview Page 3

1 Students' own answers

2 Students' own answers

3 **Sample answer**

My dad does the cooking in my house. He's a very good cook and I like the things he makes.

4 **Sample answer**

My favourite meal is dumplings. Lots of people here in Poland like dumplings, but my father's ones are the best.

5 **Sample answer**

When I eat out with my friends here in Krakow, we usually go and have a hamburger. It's not very expensive and the food is nice.

6 **Sample answer**

I usually get up at 7.15. I have a shower, get dressed and then I have breakfast. After that, I catch the bus to school.

7 **Sample answer**

In the evenings I do my homework when I come back from school. Then we have supper and watch TV with my family.

8 **Sample answer**

Last weekend, we went to the mountains. My two cousins came too. We walked in the mountains, and we went swimming, but the water was very cold.

#### Speaking Part 2 Voice message 1 Page 3

**Sample answer**

Hello, I'm Harry Robson and I'm in Mrs Velacott's class. I'm going to stay at home for a few days. I have a bad cold and I don't want other people to catch it. Could you please tell Mrs Velacott that I will be away? Also, I can do some homework if she sends it to me. Thank you!

#### Speaking Part 2 Voice message 2 Page 3

**Sample answer**

Hi! Thank you for getting all the information about where we can stay next month. I think I'd prefer the place in town. I know it costs more, but if we stay in the other place we'll probably have to pay for taxis. Would you like me to book the train? I could go to the station and buy our tickets tomorrow. Bye.

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## Speaking Part 3 Talk Page 4

### Sample answer

I'm going to talk about two activities that are really important for a great holiday. The first is sightseeing. It's always fun to go and see a country's famous tourist places. These places are often very beautiful, and you can learn about the country's history. But you can get tired if you do too much sightseeing, so the other important activity is relaxing on the beach with your friends and family. You can go swimming, sit in the sun or read a book. If you do both of these things, I am sure you will have a great time.

## Speaking Part 4 Follow-up questions Page 4

### 1 Sample answer

When tourists visit my country, they like to go to the beaches and lie in the sun and swim in the sea. They also like to go to the cities; Barcelona is very popular with tourists.

### 2 Sample answer

Staying in a hotel on holiday is good because you do not have to do anything. You do not have to cook and clean. I cannot think of any bad things about staying in a hotel on holiday. I love staying in hotels.

### 3 Sample answer

Travelling by plane is good because it's quick and you can travel anywhere in the world. But there are also disadvantages. It's very bad for the environment.

### 4 Sample answer

I think a holiday abroad is better because you get to see and do new things. I also like to try different food and learn new languages. If you stay at home, you do not get to try all these new things.

### 5 Sample answer

Yes, I agree that we should all work less and spend more time relaxing and on holiday. When we work all the time, we feel stressed and tired. The most important thing in life is time with our friends and family, so yes, we should all spend less time working.

### 6 Sample answer

Yes, I think tourism is good for people's jobs. Where I live in Spain, there are lots of tourists. This means the bars and cafes are always full. If there weren't lots of tourists, lots of people would lose their jobs.

## Listening Part 1 Page 5

### 1 C

The woman suggests getting a book, but the man says Jenny can get books from the library. They both like the idea of a T-shirt, but the woman says tickets would be 'fun' and the man agrees that tickets would be 'perfect'. At the end he says, 'Let's do that', so that is their final decision.

### 2 A

We know the girl is in the station because she tells the boy 'it says the train leaves in nine minutes', and she will be waiting for him under the clock. The bus stop is outside the station and the boy is near the pizza restaurant.

### 3 B

The boy suggests meeting at the cafe because it is difficult to park at Jake's house near the cinema. He will not be at the football field because he says, 'there's no football today'.

### 4 B

The woman decides not to wear a dress because the man says her suit is fine. She thinks the tie is too bright, and she decides to 'wear the scarf instead'.

### 5 C

The airport is not the problem because the man says, 'there aren't very many planes at that time'. He says the noise of the children playing 'feels all right'. The main problem is that 'the road outside his house is really busy'.

## Listening Part 2 Page 6

1 C

The most important rule is not to make too much noise because playing loud music is 'what people complain about most'. He says it's OK to have 'big groups of friends over', and just reminds them that they should 'tidy up after'.

2 C

He says they need 50p to use the washing machines, so they need money for cleaning their clothes. Heating the flat is wrong because heating is included in the rent, and there is free Wi-Fi everywhere, so using the internet is wrong.

3 A

He says they do lunch on Saturdays and Sundays; they also do breakfast, as they do in the week, so the answer is 'breakfast and lunch'. They do breakfast and dinner during the week, and they never do lunch and dinner.

4 B

The gym is next door, and next to that is the food store. Students need to take a short bus journey to get to the library to borrow books, so 'library' is the correct answer.

5 C

He says someone from the football club is coming this evening. Someone from the film club is coming tomorrow morning and someone from the music club is coming to talk about jazz tomorrow evening.

## Listening Part 3 Page 7

1 woman

The woman says she couldn't get close to a painting she wanted to see, and there were other rooms that were crowded. The man disagrees – he says it 'wasn't too crowded'.

2 both

The woman says the app had 'lots of useful information' and was 'very clear'. The man says that in some ways, the app was better than a tour guide.

3 man

The man says that lots and lots of rooms had 'the same sort of paintings', so it is clear he found them boring. The woman says it's better to focus on just one painting in each room, and that is 'much more interesting'.

4 woman

The woman says she thinks the roof was 'amazing'. The man says it was 'unusual' and suggests he doesn't think it is right to put something very modern in a 'lovely old building'.

5 both

The man says the prices in the cafe are 'terrible'; the woman says her sandwich 'wasn't cheap'. They do not complain about the museum, which was free.

## Listening Part 4 Page 8

1 B

The woman asks the man about 'the day after tomorrow', and he refers to it as 'this Wednesday'. So today is Monday. She asks about taking the car in 'tomorrow', and he says she can, so she will go in on Tuesday.

2 B

He suggests that he doesn't want to spend 'two hours there and back every day', so the job is too far away. He says he might earn a bit more money but doesn't think it is a good idea. He says he could do the work well.

3 C

The man says they don't need pasta and that they have some mushrooms from yesterday. There is only a little oil left, so she will buy some now because she doesn't want to go shopping again tomorrow.

4 B

The woman says she prefers this beach because lots of people 'don't come', so it is not too busy. The beach cafe is not special but is OK for her. She says that all the beaches are clean, not just this one.

5 C

The man says he hasn't got a temperature or a headache, so he doesn't have a cold. The woman suggests he is sick because he had lunch in a cafe, and he was ill after eating there before. This suggests he has a stomach ache.

## Reading Part 1

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1 A

The blogger says he went sailing on Sunday morning, and then went swimming with his cousin after lunch on Sunday afternoon. He played tennis on Saturday afternoon.

2 B

The letter tells customers about a problem – there will be no water on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. The letter gives information, it doesn't ask for it. The letter says that customers can call if they want the most recent news, it doesn't say they should call.

3 C

Pavel is offering Jenny a lift to the airport. He tells Jenny she can get to the airport if she goes to London first, but this is not his main reason for writing the email. He gives her three choices (coach, train, car) but he does not recommend one.

4 A

The students must do things in the following order. First, get a letter of permission from their parents. Next, apply for a place. After that, if they get a place, pay the fee. Finally check their passport, so 'get a letter' is correct.

5 C

The note tells her son to 'tidy everything up'. She does not ask him to cook a meal and she does not ask him to collect her from work.

6 A

The advert says the film is good for 'everyone from 8 to 80', which means it is fine for children, parents and grandparents. It is not possible to see the film now – it is coming soon and the advertisement just tells people to buy tickets – it does not say there are only a few left.

## Reading Part 2

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1 B

Dave enjoys watching movies. He says he is a member of the film club, and he sees some great films. Nickie talks about films, but says she prefers going to the theatre than going to the cinema.

2 C

Ingrid says she sometimes goes to 'a cheap burger place', but not very often. Dave says he would love to eat out in restaurants, but it is too expensive.

3 C

Ingrid says she is a member of the gym, and she is happy to spend her money going to there. Dave says he should do some exercise and is thinking about doing it next term.

4 B

Dave takes the bus every day. Nickie said she would take the train if she wanted to get to the high street, but she buys her clothes online, so she doesn't need to go there.

5 A

Nickie says she buys French novels at a bookshop. Ingrid says books for her medical course are very expensive, but she doesn't need to buy them because she can get them online for free.

6 B

Dave says that he spends more than half of his money on food at the supermarket. Nickie sometimes goes to the supermarket, but she only buys a few things like tea and coffee because she gets all her meals in college.

## Reading Part 3

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1 G

The first sentence explains what hieroglyphs are. The second sentence (G) says where they can be seen. The word 'these' refers back to 'hieroglyphs' in the first sentence. The last sentence gives more general information about hieroglyphs, and 'this writing' refers back to 'hieroglyphs'.

2 E

The first sentence says the stone was large, flat and black. The missing sentence (E) gives more information about the stone. The sentence after the gap gives more information about the stone and what happened to it. In the last sentence, the word 'It' in the missing sentence refers back to the stone.

3 C

This paragraph talks about the writing on the stone. The first sentence talks about the three types of writing on the stone. The missing sentence (C) uses these words 'these hieroglyphs'; and this refers back to 'hieroglyphs' in the first sentence. The missing sentence gives information about a problem – there were only 13 lines of text. The final sentence begins with 'But' and explains that the problem was not too bad.

4 B

The first sentence talks about 'experts' in Europe. The missing sentence (B) begins with 'One of these ...' which refers back to 'experts'. The missing sentence says Champollion was 'brilliant'. The sentence after the gap explains why he was brilliant – he understood many languages.

5 A

The first two sentences say that hieroglyphs made words in the Coptic language. The missing sentence (A) explains why this helped Champollion. The word 'it' at the end of the missing sentence refers back to 'the Coptic language'.

6 D

The first sentence talks about other experts joining Champollion's research into Ancient Egypt. The missing sentence (D) says what these experts did. The word 'they' refers back to 'others' in the first sentence. The missing sentence talks about 'new information' that these people found. The word 'This' at the beginning of the last sentence refers back to 'information and gives more details about it.

## Reading Part 4

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1 C

The writer says she asked herself 'who wants to spend hours looking at some old paintings?' This suggests that she thought it would be boring. She says she'd prefer to spend her money on other things but does not say the art show would be expensive. She also thought 'almost nobody would go' so she did not think it would be crowded.

2 A

She describes the village as 'pretty', which is quite nice. She describes the house as 'large' and 'made of stone', which is also quite nice. But she describes the gardens as 'the most incredible gardens I have ever seen', which means she liked them the most.

3 A

The writer describes three tents. In one tent, a man was 'showing people' how to make bowls; in another tent someone was 'giving lessons'; in a third tent, people could 'learn' something, so the focus of the show was on teaching. The writer only mentions 'using technology' in one of the tents, and there was also only one tent selling art.

4 B

'It' refers to the day out at the show, which the writer enjoyed. The writer continues the sentence to talk about going to the show next year. If she was talking about the present from Peter, she would say 'it was great', not 'it had been great'. 'It' does not refer to the 'journey' because she doesn't use the words 'the journey' or 'the trip' – she says, 'Peter drove us back', which is not a noun.

## Writing Part 1

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### Sample answer

Hi Laura,

Congratulations on getting an interview! I'm really sorry, but I can't take you to Mount College. I have to study on Thursday, because I have an exam on Friday.

I think the way we dress is quite important at an interview. We need to look serious. If we wear jeans, for example, people may think we don't care about the college or the course.

It's important to plan for the interview. They may ask you questions like, 'Why do you want to do this course?' and 'Why do you want to come to Mount College?' Think about how to reply. You should also think of a few questions to ask, like 'Will there be group work?'

Good luck!

Jack

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## Writing Part 2

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### Sample answer – essay

Most people spend part of their time working, and doing necessary things like shopping, cleaning and cooking. They may not enjoy doing these, so it is important to do something they like as well, like a hobby. Hobbies can help you to forget about everything else, and just enjoy what you're doing, and this is good for you. So, it is important to make time for your hobbies.

There are lots of different types of hobbies. Some people collect things – tickets to sports events, or objects that a famous person has signed, for example. Other people prefer a more active hobby, like walking or playing a musical instrument.

It doesn't really matter what the hobby is. It is important to enjoy it and learn something from it. Some people don't have any hobbies, and maybe they get bored, or spend all their free time watching television. It is much better to have at least one hobby.

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### Sample answer – article

My local park is called Hinchbrook Park. It is unusual because it has a wood, a lake, grass, gardens and fields. There are lots of different types of trees in the wood, and some of them are over 200 years old.

Because there are different areas, the park has all sorts of animals, birds and insects. For example, ducks and other birds live by the lake, and other birds live in the wood, where you can hear them singing in the spring.

The park is important because people can do lots of different things. There is somewhere by the lake where you can sit and watch the birds, and they can't see you. People often spend time doing that. Other people go walking or running. The children's play area and the cafe are also very popular.

I think the park is almost perfect. The only way to improve it is to have somewhere to play tennis, my favourite sport.

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