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**For Offshore Testing  
quick  
placement  
test**

**This test is divided into two parts:**

**Vocabulary (Questions 1 to 60): 30 Minutes**

**Writing (approximately 120 words): 30 Minutes**

**Please print out answer sheet below.  
Fill in the answers and writing then return to Shafston for assessment**

**The writing must be done using pen and paper.  
DO NOT TYPE writing task:**

(Writing that has been automatically computer-corrected cannot be used for accurate assessment)



## Questions 1 – 5

- Where can you see these notices?
- For questions 1 to 5, mark **one** letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your Answer Sheet.

1

**Please leave your  
room key at Reception.**

- A in a shop
- B in a hotel
- C in a taxi

2

**Foreign money  
changed here**

- A in a library
- B in a bank
- C in a police station

3

**AFTERNOON SHOW  
BEGINS AT 2PM**

- A outside a theatre
- B outside a supermarket
- C outside a restaurant

4

**CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**  
Lessons start again on  
the 8 th January

- A at a travel agent's
- B at a music school
- C at a restaurant

5

**Price per night:**  
£10 a tent  
£5 a person

- A at a cinema
- B in a hotel
- C on a camp-site

## Questions 6 – 10

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the text below.
- For questions 6 to 10, mark **one** letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your Answer Sheet.

### Scotland

Scotland is the north part of the island of Great Britain. The Atlantic Ocean is on the west and the North Sea on the east. Some people (6) ..... Scotland speak a different language called Gaelic.

There are (7) ..... five million people in Scotland, and Edinburgh is (8) ..... most famous city.

Scotland has many mountains; the highest one is called 'Ben Nevis'. In the south of Scotland, there are a lot of sheep. A long time ago, there (9) ..... many forests, but now there are only a (10) .....

Scotland is only a small country, but it is quite beautiful.

6 A on

B in

C at

7 A about

B between

C among

8 A his

B your

C its

9 A is

B were

C was

10 A few

B little

C lot

## Questions 11 – 20

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the texts.
- For questions 11 to 20, mark **one** letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

### Alice Guy Blaché

Alice Guy Blaché was the first female film director. She first became involved in cinema whilst working for the Gaumont Film Company in the late 1890s. This was a period of great change in the cinema and Alice was the first to use many new inventions, (11) ..... sound and colour.

In 1907 Alice (12) ..... to New York where she started her own film company. She was (13) ..... successful, but, when Hollywood became the centre of the film world, the best days of the independent New York film companies were (14) ..... . When Alice died in 1968, hardly anybody (15) ..... her name.

- 11 A bringing      B including      C containing      D supporting
- 12 A moved      B ran      C entered      D transported
- 13 A next      B once      C immediately      D recently
- 14 A after      B down      C behind      D over
- 15 A remembered      B realised      C reminded      D repeated

## UFOs – do they exist?

UFO is short for 'unidentified flying object'. UFOs are popularly known as flying saucers,

(16) ..... that is often the (17) ..... they are reported to be. The (18) .....

"flying saucers" were seen in 1947 by an American pilot, but experts who studied his claim

decided it had been a trick of the light.

Even people experienced at watching the sky, (19) ..... as pilots, report seeing UFOs. In

1978 a pilot reported a collection of UFOs off the coast of New Zealand. A television

(20) ..... went up with the pilot and filmed the UFOs. Scientists studying this

phenomenon later discovered that in this case they were simply lights on boats out fishing.

- 16    A   because            B   therefore            C   although            D   so
- 17    A   look                B   shape                C   size                D   type
- 18    A   last                 B   next                 C   first                 D   oldest
- 19    A   like                 B   that                 C   so                    D   such
- 20    A   cameraman        B   director            C   actor                D   announcer

## Questions 21 – 40

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.
- For questions 21 to 40, mark **one** letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

- 21 The teacher encouraged her students ..... to an English pen-friend.  
A should write    B write    C wrote    D to write
- 22 They spent a lot of time ..... at the pictures in the museum.  
A looking    B for looking    C to look    D to looking
- 23 Shirley enjoys science lessons, but all her experiments seem to ..... wrong.  
A turn    B come    C end    D go
- 24 ..... from Michael, all the group arrived on time.  
A Except    B Other    C Besides    D Apart
- 25 She ..... her neighbour's children for the broken window.  
A accused    B complained    C blamed    D denied
- 26 As I had missed the history lesson, my friend went ..... the homework with me.  
A by    B after    C over    D on
- 27 Whether she's a good actress or not is a ..... of opinion.  
A matter    B subject    C point    D case
- 28 The decorated roof of the ancient palace was ..... up by four thin columns.  
A built    B carried    C held    D supported
- 29 Would it ..... you if we came on Thursday?  
A agree    B suit    C like    D fit
- 30 This form ..... be handed in until the end of the week.  
A doesn't need    B doesn't have    C needn't    D hasn't got
- 31 If you make a mistake when you are writing, just ..... it out with your pen.  
A cross    B clear    C do    D wipe

- 32 Although our opinions on many things ..... , we're good friends.  
A differ            B oppose            C disagree            D divide
- 33 This product must be eaten ..... two days of purchase.  
A by            B before            C within            D under
- 34 The newspaper report contained ..... important information.  
A many            B another            C an            D a lot of
- 35 Have you considered ..... to London?  
A move            B to move            C to be moving            D moving
- 36 It can be a good idea for people who lead an active life to increase their ..... of vitamins.  
A upturn            B input            C upkeep            D intake
- 37 I thought there was a ..... of jealousy in his reaction to my good fortune.  
A piece            B part            C shadow            D touch
- 38 Why didn't you ..... that you were feeling ill?  
A advise            B mention            C remark            D tell
- 39 James was not sure exactly where his best interests ..... .  
A stood            B rested            C lay            D centred
- 40 He's still getting ..... the shock of losing his job.  
A across            B by            C over            D through



### Questions 41 – 50

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best fits each space in the texts.
- For questions 41 to 50, mark **one** letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

### The tallest buildings - SKYSCRAPERS

Nowadays, skyscrapers can be found in most major cities of the world. A building which was many (41) ..... high was first called a skyscraper in the United States at the end of the 19th century, and New York has perhaps the (42) ..... skyscraper of them all, the Empire State Building. The (43) ..... beneath the streets of New York is rock, (44) ..... enough to take the heaviest load without sinking, and is therefore well-suited to bearing the (45) ..... of tall buildings.

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|----|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 41 | A stages     | B steps     | C storeys    | D levels     |
| 42 | A first-rate | B top-class | C well-built | D best-known |
| 43 | A dirt       | B field     | C ground     | D soil       |
| 44 | A hard       | B stiff     | C forceful   | D powerful   |
| 45 | A weight     | B height    | C size       | D scale      |

## SCRABBLE

Scrabble is the world's most popular word game. For its origins, we have to go back to the 1930s in the USA, when Alfred Butts, an architect, found himself out of (46) ..... . He decided that there was a (47) ..... for a board game based on words and (48) ..... to design one. Eventually he made a (49) ..... from it, in spite of the fact that his original (50) ..... was only three cents a game.

- 46 A earning            B work            C income            D job
- 47 A market            B purchase            C commerce            D sale
- 48 A took up            B set out            C made for            D got round
- 49 A wealth            B fund            C cash            D fortune
- 50 A receipt            B benefit            C profit            D allowance

## Questions 51 – 60

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.
- For questions 51 to 60, mark **one** letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

- 51 Roger's manager ..... to make him stay late if he hadn't finished the work.  
A Insisted      B warned      C threatened      D announced
- 52 By the time he has finished his week's work, John has hardly .....C..... energy left for the weekend.  
A Any      B much      C no      D same
- 53 As the game ..... to a close, disappointed spectators started to leave.  
A Led      B neared      C approached      D drew
- 54 I don't remember ..... the front door when I left home this morning.  
A to lock      B locking      C locked      D to have locked
- 55 I ..... to other people borrowing my books: they always forget to return them.  
A Disagree      B avoid      C dislike      D object
- 56 Andrew's attempts to get into the swimming team have not ..... with much success.  
A Associated      B concluded      C joined      D met
- 57 Although Harry had obviously read the newspaper article carefully, he didn't seem to have ..... the main point.  
A Grasped      B clutched      C clasped      D gripped
- 58 A lot of the views put forward in the documentary were open to .....  
A Enquiry      B query      C question      D wonder
- 59 The new college ..... for the needs of students with a variety of learning backgrounds.  
A Deals      B supplies      C furnishes      D caters
- 60 I find the times of English meals very strange – I'm not used ..... dinner at 6pm.  
A to have      B to having      C having      D have