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Grade 11

Sample

70 Minutes

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# Exam Tips

## **EXAM TIPS:**

Throughout this Sample Test, you will find text boxes like this one. Each box has a tip to assist you in completing each specific part of the exam successfully.

### **General Exam Tips:**

1. If you feel anxious, take 3 to 4 deep breaths before you start.
2. Focus on your own work.
3. Even if you finish the exam early, stay until the end and check your work.
4. Don't leave any question blank. Even if you don't know the answer try your best to answer the question.
5. Pay attention to how much time you spend on each Part. It is recommended that you spend **40 minutes** on **Parts 1, 2 and 3** of the **Reading** section and **30 minutes** on the **Writing** section.

## Part 1

Read the text and answer the questions.

Decide if the sentences are **True**, **False** or **Not Given** according to the text, and circle the correct answer.

### EXAM TIPS:

1. Read the **instructions** in the exam paper carefully. There might be important instructions that you shouldn't miss, e.g. you must choose only one answer.

## A Workaholic Economy

Free time seems reserved mostly for the unemployed and underemployed. In fact, working hours have increased since 1970. Shops are now filled with books describing how to manage time and cope with stress.

There are several reasons for lost leisure time. Since 1979, companies have preferred employees to work overtime rather than hire extra personnel. Some firms are even reducing the number of staff as their profits increase, as they choose to give more work to existing workers rather than hire new employees.

Other factors push employers to hire fewer workers for more hours and at the same time encourage workers to spend more time on the job. For example, the way salaries are organised make it more profitable to ask 40 employees to work an extra hour each than to hire one more worker to do the same 40-hour job. When people are on a fixed salary, their cost to a firm is the same whether they spend 35 hours a week in the office or 70. Therefore, it is more profitable for employers to work their existing employees harder.

Even if employees complain about long hours, they have reasons not to go home early. Economist Juliet B Schor suggests that people who work fewer hours pay the price in their career because this is seen as a negative signal about their professionalism. Many managers decide whether staff are needed in a company by counting the number of hours they work. Employees know this, so they accept working long days.

### Reading (Skimming & Scanning):

2. Use your finger or pen as a guide as you read the **text**. This will help you focus.
3. Remember to **skim** read for overall meaning (main idea) and **scan** for detail.

### Reading (Underlining Key Words):

4. Underline key words as you are reading. Words such as:

- a. Names (look for capital letters)
- b. Dates and times
- c. Numbers
- d. Events

1. People's working hours have gone up since 1970.

True                      False                      Not Given

2. Companies want to hire more employees.

True                      False                      Not Given

3. A lot of staff in companies are losing their jobs.

True                      False                      Not Given

4. It is cheaper for companies to give more working hours to current employees.

True                      False                      Not Given

5. Employees enjoy working long hours.

True                      False                      Not Given

6. People who work fewer hours can lose their jobs

True                      False                      Not given

7. Managers decide which staff members they want to keep.

True                      False                      Not Given

Part 2

Read the text and answer the questions.

Choose and circle the correct answer (A, B or C).

**EXAM TIPS:**

1. This part is going to ask **multiple choice questions**.
2. You need to **circle** one correct answer which is a letter.

**The Thrill of the Grand Prix**

Every year thousands of Formula 1 fans spend hours watching the world's greatest drivers race around Grand Prix circuits at speeds of up to 360 kilometers per hour. Many have spent hundreds of dollars on day-passes to watch the teams or drivers they admire.

There are Grand Prix circuits all over the world, but probably the most famous track for Formula 1 fans is in Monaco. For drivers, the Monaco Grand Prix is a 'must win' race, not just because it is a difficult track, but mainly because the Monaco Grand Prix has always been a very popular race. This is because, traditionally, film stars and royalty have watched the Grand Prix in Monaco.

A much more modern circuit is Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi. It was finished in 2009 and the first race took place in November that year. It has now held seven races and is usually the last race in the Grand Prix calendar. Unlike most Grand Prix tracks, the drivers go in an anti-clockwise direction and when they need a pit stop they use an underground pit lane to get to the garages. Yas Marina has also hosted the world's first day-night race. In 2009, the race started at twilight and finished in the dark and the thing fans loved most was that throughout the race giant floodlights lit up the track.

The greatest Grand Prix driver is probably Michael Schumacher. He won seven Grand Prix titles with two different teams, Ferrari and Benetton, before he retired in 2012. Drivers to watch now are Sebastian Vettel, who has won four championships so far, and Lewis Hamilton, who has won three, including the 2015 Grand Prix championship.

Formula 1 is a very expensive sport and so very few teams take part. Every year, cars are redesigned and teams change their tactics to try and create the perfect Formula 1 car.

For many fans, the greatest thing about Formula 1 is that the circuits are in every continent, which makes it easier for fans to travel to. Also, the drivers and teams are from many countries. It is a truly an exciting sport.

8. How many people watch the Formula 1 every year?
- A 360
  - B hundred
  - C thousands
9. What is the main reason why drivers want to win a race in Monaco?
- A Because it's a very big track.
  - B Because it's a difficult track.
  - C Because film stars have been there.
10. What is different about Yas Marina circuit?
- A It has held seven races.
  - B Drivers go anti-clockwise.
  - C It's the last race on the calendar.
11. What did fans enjoy the most about the day-night race?
- A That it started at twilight.
  - B That it finished in the dark.
  - C That floodlights lit up the track.
12. Which Grand Prix driver is famous for winning four championships?
- A Lewis Hamilton
  - B Sebastian Vettel
  - C Michael Schumacher
13. Not many teams take part in the formula 1 because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A teams need to change their tactics
  - B cars are redesigned
  - C it's very expensive
14. What do fans love most about the Formula 1?
- A That circuits are in every continent.
  - B That it's an exciting sport.
  - C The drivers are from different countries.

**EXAM TIPS:**

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. Read the instructions carefully so you will know if you are required to choose one answer or more than one answer.
2. As far as possible, come up with the correct answer in your head first before looking at the possible answers. This way you won't allow the wrong answers to influence your choice.
3. Make sure to guess, if you are not sure about your answer choice.

Part 3

Read the text and match the sentences (15-20) to the correct letter (A-E).

You can use each letter more than once.

Canada's ice roads

**A** Canada's ice roads are a combination of man-made and natural structures. Some of the first ice roads in history were built in the 1930s in northern Canada. The ice roads were used for sleds. Ice roads in Canada are mainly found in the northern areas. Ice roads reduce the cost of materials needed to build completely man-made roads. They are mainly built across frozen lakes and are flat, without any trees, rocks or obstacles.

**B** The roads are mostly used by large trucks, although lighter vehicles such as pickup trucks, small cars and snowmobiles, can be seen. Ice roads link remote villages and diamond mines. These roads helped make the diamond business bloom and put Canada in the lead as a producer of diamonds.

**C** While easier to drive across in the winter than land, roads over water present a great danger to anyone using them. Speeds are typically limited to 25 km/h to stop a truck's weight from causing waves under the surface. These waves can damage the road and create a hazard. Another hazard on large lakes is breaks in the ice due to changes in temperature. Because of the danger level of driving on the roads, experienced truck drivers make between \$20,000 to \$80,000 in two months. Truck drivers must attend training programmes specifically for driving on ice roads, even if the driver is already licensed. This training can take from a week to two months.

**D** For the past decade, ice roads have been opening late due to the late winter starts. Global warming is the main cause of these delays. For example, the winter of 2005 to 2006 was the warmest since record keeping began in 1850. In recent years, some of the ice roads were only in use for around 35–40 days.

EXAM TIPS:

1. This is a **matching** question.
2. With matching questions, read the headings first before you read the text.
3. Pay attention, you can use each letter more than once.
4. Make sure to guess, if not sure of your answer choice.

<b>Example</b>	One year had a very hot winter.	<u>  D  </u>
<b>15.</b>	Building ice roads is less expensive than other roads.	<u>      </u>
<b>16.</b>	Vehicles should not drive fast on ice roads.	<u>      </u>
<b>17.</b>	The creation of ice roads.	<u>      </u>
<b>18.</b>	Weather changes make ice roads very dangerous.	<u>      </u>
<b>19.</b>	Ice roads helped the Canadian economy grow.	<u>      </u>
<b>20.</b>	Changes in temperature mean ice roads cannot be used for very long.	<u>      </u>







Marker 1				
Task Completion	Vocabulary	Grammar	Organisation	Total
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