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## English EOT 1 2017/18 Reading and Writing Examination

Grade 12

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 **45 minutes** on **Parts 1, 2 and 3** of the **Reading** section and **30 minutes** on the **Writing** section.

Read the text below and answer questions (1 to 7) on the next page.

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

## Part 1

**True/False/Not Give Questions:**  
Read the instructions carefully.  
There might be something important, e.g. you must choose only **ONE** answer/option.

### Calling Planet Earth

A recent survey suggest that many people believe that space research should be stopped because it is very expensive. They say that it is a waste of money and that there are more urgent needs on earth, such as reducing poverty, saving the environment and finding cures for diseases. These people think that it costs billions of dollars to send astronauts to the moon just to bring back a few rocks.

However, other people believe that it has given us many benefits. First of all, many of the technologies today exist thanks to space research. For example, satellite technology, which we depend on for communication and weather forecasting, personal computers, heart pacemakers and special foods, are all the results of space research. In this way, space programmes, have helped people all over the globe.

Another argument is that we cannot know what will happen in the future, so we must find a way to escape from the Earth by going into space and researching alternative places where we can survive. Gradually, we are learning how humans can live for long periods in space and even live on other planets in the future. It seems to me that if space exploration stopped, we would never have this valuable information.

In conclusion then, while it is true that we face serious problems on our own planet and there are many issues with space exploration, it is important that we continue to explore outer space as it will bring even more benefits, ones that we cannot imagine now, but which will affect us all.

#### Reading - Skimming & Scanning:

Use your finger or pen as a guide as you read the **text**. This will help you focus.

Remember to **skim** read for overall meaning (main idea) and **scan** for detail.

#### Reading - Underlining Key Words:

Underline key words as you are reading such as:

- a. names (look for capital letters)
- b. dates and times
- c. numbers
- d. events

1. The author believes that space research is expensive.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

2. One of the benefits of space research is that it can help poor people.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

3. The authors believe that one of the benefits of exploring the universe is that astronauts can collect rocks.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

4. Space exploration has helped us to communicate more easily.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

5. Space exploration is the solution if we cannot stay on Earth in the future.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

6. Scientists know how to survive in space for long periods of time.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

7. The author is positive about the impact of space research on the future.

True                                      False                                      Not Given

**True / False / Not Given**

Remember – if the sentence has the same meaning as the idea in the text it is **true**.

If the sentence says the opposite of the text, or the text makes it impossible, it is **false**.

If the sentence has an idea which is *possible* but not in the text, it is **not given**.

## Part 2

Read the text and answer the questions on the next page.  
Choose and circle the correct **ONE** answer (A, B, C or D).

**Multiple-choice Questions:**  
You must only **circle ONE** correct answer. If you circle more than one answer, you will receive ZERO marks for that question.

### Plants of Arabia

There are estimated to be around 400,000 different species of plant in the world surviving in many different types of environment, all of which should be studied in their context. Some countries, such as those in South America are extremely diverse, having as many as 130,000 species. Perhaps surprising, there are as many as 678 types of plant in the United Arab Emirates which have adapted well to the extreme desert conditions.

Before visiting the UAE, I had little understanding of the various plant species in this region. I thought that the only tree which grew here was the date palm. I had seen pictures of the oleander but had never seen it in real life before. Much to my surprise, I found that there is a much wider variety including the incredible desert hyacinth and the beautiful purple heart plant.

When I was living in Spain, I saw the desert rose grown in plant pots in gardens. I also saw the purple heart on balconies. In fact, these plants, unlike the desert hyacinth, which grows in the salty sands of the coast, and the oleander, which grows in the mountains, can be grown almost anywhere in the world.

During my time in the emirates, I saw the oleander for the first time. It is a small shrub which can be found all over the country. When it is young, it has light green leaves and, when mature, it is a dull dark green grey. Although it is highly poisonous, surprisingly, for a toxic plant, it is extremely attractive.

The appearance of each of these plants is distinct. The date palm grows to about 30 metres tall and has leaves as long as six metres. This can be contrasted with the small leaves of the purple heart which, amazingly, actually has green leaves when grown in the shade. On the other hand, the desert hyacinth has long overlapping brown leaves which point upwards, whilst the desert rose has leather-like leaves.

I feel very fortunate to have seen all of these plants in the Arabian Peninsula. As a young scientist, to my mind, it is essential to study these different types of wildlife, especially in their native habitat. In this way, we can build knowledge which assists scientists and conservationists globally.

8. In the first paragraph, the writer's main topic is \_\_\_\_.

- A the lack of plants in the UAE
- B how plants adapt to different climates
- C the wide range of plants around the world
- D the importance of understanding plant species

9. Which did the writer previously believe was the only plant in the UAE?

- A date palm
- B desert rose
- C purple heart
- D desert hyacinth

10. Where did the writer see the desert rose growing before visiting the UAE?

- A on the coast
- B on balconies
- C in the mountains
- D in private gardens

11. What does the writer say is most interesting thing about the oleander plant?

- A It is colourful.
- B It is beautiful.
- C It is enormous.
- D It is dangerous.

12. According to the writer, what is the most interesting thing about the purple heart?

- A It has huge leaves.
- B It has green leaves.
- C It has brown leaves.
- D It has leather-like leaves.

13. What is the main topic of the last paragraph?

- A why it is important to visit the Middle East
- B why it is important to protect the environment
- C why it is important to protect these species in the UAE
- D why it is important to understand different species of plant

**Multiple-choice Questions:**

When reading the text, try to think of the correct answer **before** looking at the possible answers. This reduces the possibility that the wrong answers influence your choice.

In some questions you need a specific fact. In others you need to get the general idea of a paragraph.

## Part 3

Read the text and match the sentences (14 – 20) to the correct letter (A – D).

**You can use each letter more than once.**

### Matching Questions:

With matching questions, read the headings **before** you read the text.

Pay attention - for this question type, you can use each letter more than once. Make sure to make a guess, even if you're not sure – do not leave any questions blank!

### Future Energy

**A** Traditional energy sources like oil, coal and natural gas have been the principal sources of energy around the world since the 1900s, and are mainly used for electricity and transport. Are they going to run out in the future? When will that be? How will we survive without them?

**B** Many countries believe renewable energy is the way forward; it is energy made from natural sources that will never run out, such as wind, waves and sun. Iceland and Norway already produce nearly 100% of their energy from renewable resources and Denmark aims to reach that goal by 2050, which puts them ahead of all other countries.

**C** What do they use? Denmark mainly uses wind power through turbines to mechanically generate power for electricity. Turbines look like giant-size fans placed either on land or in the water. Iceland mainly uses geothermal power – basically the heat coming from the land. Iceland has a high concentration of volcanoes which makes it easy to generate heat.

**D** Why should we use renewable energy? For so many reasons, first of all, pollution. . Oil use produces vast amounts of toxic gases, which makes it extremely bad for all living things. Renewable energy protects our health because it doesn't produce harmful pollution. Secondly, because it is freely available in many forms. Any country which has waves, sunshine or wind can benefit from these resources. Renewable energy is an efficient use of natural resources and can be especially useful for countries that are not developed. The question really should be, why not?

<b>Example.</b>	a country that uses wind power	<b>C</b>
<b>14.</b>	the financial benefits of renewable energy	
<b>15.</b>	examples of types of renewable energy	
<b>16.</b>	energy which can be used forever	
<b>17.</b>	use of resources historically	
<b>18.</b>	places that lead the rest of the world	
<b>19.</b>	protecting health	
<b>20.</b>	using natural resources to create energy	



## Writing

Write an article for a school newsletter. Include information on:

- the different energy sources used around the world
- the problems of using non-renewable energy
- what people can do to protect the environment

Write **at least 180** words in separate paragraphs.

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1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Grade 12 is a discursive essay – you will need to give your opinion on something but may also need to describe advantages of something, to give the other side of the opinion, or to suggest solutions to a problem.
3. It is important to know what the question is asking you to do.
4. **Make sure you write about all three bullet points.**
5. Write in paragraphs – you could write one paragraph per bullet point.
6. Before you start writing – make notes or a mind map to help you structure your essay.

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**Task Completion:** There are four marks for TC. The marker will look to see if you have answered all of the question. Did you answer the original question? Did you include information on all the bullet points?

**Vocabulary:** Did you include vocabulary related to the topic? Did you include vocabulary which you learned from the course book? Did you include new vocabulary outside of what you learned in the course book? Did you spell the words correctly?

**Grammar:** Did you use the proper tense? Does your sentence have a subject and an object? Do you use different modals and/or complex sentences?

**Organisation:** Does your essay have an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion? Did you separate your ideas into paragraphs? Did you capitalise the first word in the sentence? Proper nouns? Did you put a full stop at the end of the sentence? Did you use commas?

Marker 2				
Task Completion	Vocabulary	Grammar	Organisation	Total
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Marker 1				
Task Completion	Vocabulary	Grammar	Organisation	Total
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