

Written test 1

Name: _____

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Total Score

_____/100 points

A Listen to Pam and Neil talk about childhood memories. Circle *True* or *False* for each sentence.

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| 1. Neil didn't have many friends when he was growing up. | True | False |
| 2. Neil was the youngest kid in his neighborhood. | True | False |
| 3. There weren't a lot of kids where Pam lived as a child. | True | False |
| 4. Pam got along with her stepsisters very well. | True | False |

A _____ /8 points (2 points each)

B Listen to Don and Irene talk about food. Circle the correct sentences.

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| 1. a. Don never cooks. | 3. a. Irene doesn't like cake. |
| b. Don loves to cook. | b. Irene can't eat chocolate. |
| c. Don doesn't cook very often. | c. Irene is allergic to cream. |
| 2. a. There's a little food in the fridge. | 4. a. Irene would like some olives. |
| b. There's a lot of food in the fridge. | b. Don's going to make noodles. |
| c. There's no food in the fridge. | c. Don and Irene are going to have some nuts. |

B _____ /8 points (2 points each)

C Write a negative response to each question. Add a prefix to the adjective to give the opposite meaning, and use the word in parentheses. Use pronouns and contractions where possible.

Example: Is your sister reliable? No, she's extremely unreliable . (extremely)

- Are you well organized?
_____ . (completely)
- Is your father a patient person?
_____ . (very)
- Are the new employees competent?
_____ . (totally)

C _____ /6 points (2 points each)

D Choose the correct adjective, and complete each statement and question. Use each adjective in only one conversation. There is one extra adjective.

fast	hot	✓ large	long	tall
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Example: **A** Tokyo is the largest city in Japan.

B How large is it ?

- A** The Amazon is _____ river in South America.
B How _____ ?
- A** Death Valley is _____ place in North America.
B How _____ ?
- A** The redwoods are _____ trees in the world.
B How _____ ?

D _____ /6 points (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the correct adjective or adverb forms of the words in the box. Use each word only once. There is one extra word.

correct	hard	loud	reckless	safe	strong
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1. Some young people don't write _____. They make a lot of grammatical mistakes.
2. I heard a lot of _____ music last night. I guess our neighbors were having a party.
3. Why does my brother always drive so _____? If he doesn't slow down, he's going to have an accident.
4. My husband always goes into the office on weekends. He shouldn't work so _____.
5. We don't like our new neighborhood. It doesn't seem very _____ to us.

E _____ /5 points (1 point each)

F Circle the correct answers.

1. Fast food has **too much** / **too many** fat.
2. Yogurt has **fewer** / **less** calories than ice cream.
3. We need eggs. There aren't **very few** / **enough** for breakfast.
4. I drink very **little** / **few** milk.
5. There aren't **much** / **many** potatoes here.
6. You'd better slow down. You eat **too fast** / **fast enough**.

F _____ /6 points (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the present perfect or the simple past. Use contractions where possible.

- A** _____ you ever _____ (be) to Istanbul?
(1)
- B** No, I _____. How about you?
(2)
- A** Actually, yes, I _____ (be) there a couple of years ago. It's a really interesting place.
(3)
- B** Yeah? So, what _____ you _____ (do) there?
(4)
- A** Oh, we _____ (see) the sights and _____ (go) shopping
(5) for rugs and things. (6)
- B** Sounds great. I _____ always _____ (want) to go to Turkey,
(7) but I _____ never _____ (have) the chance.
(8)

G _____ /8 points (1 point each)

H Circle the best word to complete each sentence.

1. You can always count on my brother. He's very **outgoing** / **reliable** / **laid-back**.
2. Have you ever **fallen** / **gotten** / **found** in love? I mean, do you believe in love at first sight?
3. The **ocean** / **island** / **desert** wasn't very big. We sailed around it in three days.
4. I have a huge **immediate** / **extended** / **blended** family. I have a lot of aunts, uncles, and cousins.
5. My mom doesn't like boiled potatoes very much. She usually prefers **smoked** / **stir-fried** / **baked potatoes**.
6. I'm going to my boss's home for dinner. I want to **give** / **do** / **make** a good impression on him and his wife.

H _____ /6 points (1 point each)

I Read Sarah's memories about summer vacations with her family. Rewrite each sentence using the expression in parentheses.

1. My family stayed in a cabin near a lake every summer. (used to)

2. My brother and I went swimming every day in the lake. (would)

3. At night, we helped my parents cook wonderful meals over a campfire. (used to)

I _____ /6 points (2 points each)

J Circle the correct answers.

1. My sister is always telling her kids **pick up / to pick up** the clothes in their bedroom.
2. My friend's mother never lets him **use / to use** the car on weekends.
3. My parents usually make me **do / to do** my homework after dinner.
4. My brother's wife is always asking him **go / to go** shopping with her.
5. Our grandparents usually want us **visit / to visit** them during the holidays.
6. My dad had me **take / to take** him to the airport.

J _____ /6 points (1 point each)

K Complete the conversation with appropriate ways to talk about the future. Use contractions where possible. There is more than one correct answer in many cases.

A What _____ you _____ (do) this weekend?

B Well, we _____ (go) to the baseball game on Saturday. Do you want to go?

A Well, what time _____ the game _____ (start)?

B It _____ (start) at 2:00. We can give you a ride.

A Oh, no, thanks. That's OK. We _____ (go) somewhere in the evening, so
I think we _____ (take) our car. That's if we go.

B OK, well, maybe we _____ (see) you at the game, then.

K _____ /7 points (1 point each)

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L Read the first part of each conversation. Circle the best response for the strategy given.

1. **A** If you want to lose weight, you have to exercise.
B (*Agree and be a supportive listener.*)
 - a. I think you have to eat less, too.
 - b. You're always telling me what to do.
 - c. You're right. You sure do.
2. **A** Have you read all the *Harry Potter* books?
B (*Show interest.*)
 - a. No, I haven't. Have you read them all?
 - b. Not yet. But listen. I've got to get going.
 - c. No. They're not really my kind of thing.
3. **A** Let's go to a movie. Or would you rather stay home and watch a movie?
B (*Let the other person decide.*)
 - a. Oh, I'm always going to the movies.
 - b. I'd prefer to stay home. Definitely.
 - c. Whatever you prefer. You choose.
4. **A** So, what are you doing this weekend?
B (*End the conversation.*)
 - a. Oh, nothing much. What are you doing?
 - b. I'm not sure. But listen, can we talk later? I have to go.
 - c. I'm going to a concert. Do you want to come?

L _____ /8 points (2 points each)

M Read the first sentence. Circle the sentence under it that is the most similar in meaning.

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| 1. You'd better go or you'll be late. <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. You have to go or you'll be late.b. You may need to go or you'll be late. | 3. I'm going to have to get some cash. <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. I might want to get some cash.b. I'll need to get some cash. |
| 2. We don't have to leave right now. <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. It's not necessary to leave right now.b. We'd rather not leave right now. | 4. He's got to get a job right away. <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. He might want to get a job right away.b. He must get a job right away. |

M _____ /4 points (1 point each)

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N Read the article about Karen's city. Then circle the four true statements.



A CITY OF SUPERLATIVES

The city I live in is over 400 years old. Over a century ago, it had the country's first banks, streetlights, and telephones. Today you will find neighborhoods with the oldest buildings in the city, and some of the newest, modern buildings, too.

The most modern part of the city is downtown. Tall, modern skyscrapers crowd the area. The tallest building is a beautiful hotel. It has 90 floors, and there's a fabulous swimming pool at the top, with spectacular views of the city. One of the museums looks like something from the future, and the science museum has an amazing design.

It's a big city, but it's easy to get around by bus, subway, and train. There's even a new, highspeed train to the airport, which is about 30 kilometers away. It only takes eight minutes, but by car it can take over an hour.

People come from all over the world to visit my city. Most tourists come in the summer – the hottest time of year. I think the summer is too hot. The best time of year here is the fall, when it's a little cooler.

- a. Karen's city had telephones before other cities in her country.
- b. All of the buildings in Karen's city are modern.
- c. The area by the airport is the most modern part of the city.
- d. The tallest building in the city has over 90 floors.
- e. There is more than one museum in the city.
- f. It takes longer to drive to the airport than to take the train.
- g. It takes 30 minutes to get downtown from the airport by train.
- h. It is very hot in the summer in Karen's city.
- i. Tourists think the fall is the best time to go to Karen's city.

N _____ /8 points (2 points each)

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- O** Read the article. Then read each statement. What does the article say about each statement? Circle (a) *True*, (b) *False*, or (c) *Doesn't say*.

The Cost of Clutter

We all live with some clutter. But clutter can cost you in more ways than one. Consider these points.

1. **Money** Everything costs something. Think about it: We've all bought something, used it a few times, and then never used it again. Well, everybody makes mistakes, right? But the next time you're getting ready to buy something, ask yourself, "Do I really need it?"
2. **Time** Have you ever spent an hour (or more) looking through all your stuff for your keys, your wallet, or your watch? Then your clutter is costing you time.
3. **Space** If you aren't using something, it's taking up valuable space in your home. This is space you can use for something you really need – or just for living.
4. **Happiness** Have you ever felt stressed or depressed because there is so much clutter in your home? Having a clutter-free home can actually improve people's moods.
5. **Pride** Are you embarrassed when someone visits you without an invitation because your home is so messy? Then your clutter is making you feel bad about yourself and is limiting your opportunity to be with friends.

1. You should think carefully before you buy something new.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
2. Clutter costs money, but it does not affect the way people live.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
3. If you've owned something for a long time, you should keep it.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say
4. If you have a messy home, you shouldn't invite your friends there.
a. True b. False c. Doesn't say

O _____ /8 points (2 points each)