

Practice Material for English Placement Test

Duration: 50 minutes

Name: _____

ID No.: _____

General Instructions

- The test has three parts: Listening, Grammar and Writing.
- Listening has 100 questions to be completed in 10 minutes.
- Grammar has 100 questions to be completed in 20 minutes
- In Writing, you will write an essay of at least 120 words on a given topic. You will have 20 minutes to complete this part.

This part is filled in by the teacher:

Listening	Grammar	Writing	%	Average Score	Average IELTS Band
100	100	10	100	100	5

ELEM (0 - 52) PRE-INT (53 - 70) INT (71 – 88) Direct Entry (89+)

PLACEMENT: _____

Marker's name: _____

Here is a sample of the type of questions that you can expect in GFP English Placement Test. The actual test will have 100 questions each in Listening and Grammar, and writing.

Part 1 Listening

Look at the example below. Listen to the tape. You will hear the example once only. Decide which word you hear, 'soap', or 'soup'.

a. Will you get me some (**soap / soup**) at the supermarket?

The word was 'soup', so 'soup' is underlined. Now look at these examples, and listen to the tape again. This time, you underline the words you hear. For example, if you hear 'shorts', underline 'shorts'.

b. The team need new (**shirts / shorts**).

c. They've recently developed a new kind of (**vine / wine**) around here.

The words on the tape were 'shorts' and 'vine', so the correct answers look like this:

b. The team need new (**shirts / shorts**).

c. They've recently developed a new kind of (**vine / wine**) around here.

Now listen to the tape and underline the words you hear.

1. What do you think of the new (**teachers / T-shirts**)?

2. He asked if it could be given in a bit late and I said (**yes, today / yesterday**) was OK.

3. I think Agassi's winning it (**to love / two -love**).

4. I'd have (**lied / liked**) to help him.

5. At (**least / last**) you understand what I mean.

6. I think she lives at No. (**68/ 60 A**).

7. He was (**lapped / rapped**) by his team – mates because he hadn't trained hard enough.

8. On Saturday he could well wins his third (**cup/cap**).

9. They asked if I was sending anybody and I said (**Mike or myself/ I might go myself**).

10. I'm afraid we've only (**fifty / fifteen**) left in stock.

11. She (**likes / lacks**) that little extra a bit of class.

12. He's just become a member of the **(Hockey/ Jockey)**.
13. They were going to **(Wrexham / Wroxham)** for their holidays.
14. What do you think those **(ships/ shapes)** on the horizon are?
15. Did you realize he **(sept /slipped)** out last night?
16. It's an **(amazing / amusing)** story, isn't it?
17. The roads were absolutely **(impossible/impassable)** last week.
18. Sooner or later we'll have to **(chuck / check)** them out.
19. Is it ready for **(typing /taping)** yet?
20. Most of the **(new wavebands/new-wave bans)** sound really good.
21. We need a **(cork/chalk)** board in our classroom.
22. Do they have many **(orchids/orchards)** in Tunisia.
23. I see Oxford University is advertising the chair in **(metaphysics/ matter physics)**.
24. Can you help **(Bridget / Richard)** to get it finished?
25. It'll be difficult to keep within these **(perimeters/parameters)**, but you must try.

Part 2 Grammar

Look at these examples. The correct answer is underline.

- a. In warm climates people **(like/likes /are liking)** sitting outside in the sun.
 - b. If it is very hot, they sit **(at / in / under)** the shade.
1. Water **(be freezing / is freezing / freezes)** at a temperature of 0C.
 2. In some countries **(there is /is/ it is)** dark all the time in winter.
 3. In hot countries people wear light clothes **(for keeping / to keep / for to keep)** cool.
 4. In Madeira they have the **(good / good / a good)** weather almost all year.
 5. Most Mediterranean countries are more **(warm / the warmer / warmer)** in October than in April.
 6. Parts of Australia don't have **(the / some / any)** rain for long periods.

7. In the Arctic and Antarctic (**it is / there is / it has**) a lot of snow.
8. Climate is very important in (**most / of most / the most**) people's lives.
9. Even now there is (**little / few less**) we can do to control the weather.
10. In the future (**we'll need / we are needing / we can need**) to get a lot of power from the sun and the wind.
11. For many people the name Pele still means (**the more / the most / most**) famous footballer in the world.
12. Pele (**had been / is / was**) born in 1940.
13. His mother (**not want / wasn't wanting / didn't want**) him to become a footballer.
14. But his father (**made him to / made him / would make him to**) practice every day.
15. By 1956 he (**has joined / joined had / joined**) the Brazilian clubs, *Santos*, and had scored in his first game.
16. In 1957 he (**has been picked / was picked / was picking**) for the Brazilian national team
17. The next World Cup Finals were in 1958 and Pele was looking forward (**to play / playing / the play**).
18. And (**even though / even so / in spite of**) he was injured he helped Brazil to win the final.
19. Pele was (a **such / such a / a so**) brilliant player that he helped Brazil win 3 World Cups.
20. He didn't stop (**playing / to play / play**) for *Santos* till he was 34
21. After calling it a day in 1974, he came (**from / off / out of**) retirement and played for *New York Cosmos*
22. (**Till / By / In**) the end of his career he had scored over a thousand goals.
23. He then settled for a role (**as / like / in**) a sporting ambassador for Brazil
24. By the end of the twentieth Century he had received a great (**many / number / deal**) of awards.
25. Though honored with the title *Athlete of the Century*, he will always be remembered (**as footballer as a footballer / as the footballer**)

Part 3 Writing (10 Marks)

You have 20 minutes to complete this task.

Write about one of the following topics.

Education should be free for everyone. Do you agree? Give at least three reasons.

OR

Computer games cause personal problems. Do you agree? Discuss at least three reasons.

Write at least 180 words.

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Speaking (10 Marks)

Speaking (one-on-one interview) will be held in October. It has two stages and it will be completed in 10 minutes.

There are two stages in the Speaking Test which lasts for 10 minutes.

In **Stage 1**, the examiner will ask you a total of 12 questions from 4 different topics. The topics are related to you and your life experiences.

In **Stage 2**, you will be asked to describe a place, a person, an event, an activity or an object (**one only**). The examiner will give you a card with the topic written on it. You will be given 2 minutes to think about what you're going to say. You can make notes if you wish. You will have up to two minutes to talk about the topic.

Procedure

Introduction

1. Good morning afternoon and welcome to Sohar University's General Foundation Programme placement test conducted on _____ (Teacher)
2. My name is _____ and I am your examiner today. (Teacher)
3. Can we begin with you telling me your full name please? (Teacher)
4. My name is _____
5. Where are you from? (Teacher)
6. I am from _____. (student)
7. Can I see your identification please? Thank you, that's fine (teacher)

Stage 1

8. In **Stage 1**, I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself (Teacher)
9. The examiner will introduce each topic with a phrase "Let's talk about ... " (teacher)

Stage 2

10. In Stage 2, you will be asked to describe a place, a person, an event, an activity or an object (**one only**). The examiner will give you a card with the topic written on it. You will be given 2 minutes to think about what you're

going to say. You can make notes if you wish. You will have up to two minutes to talk about the topic.

11. Once the two minutes preparation time has elapsed, the examiner will ask you to begin speaking.
12. The examiner may ask you some supplementary questions. Finally, the examiner will inform you that the exam is over with the phrase "Thank you, that is the end of the speaking test."

Comments:

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Please note:

The PLACEMENT TEST will be in the same format as these practice materials.