

**East European University 2018**

**Master's Degree Programme Entrance Examination Test (A) in the  
English**

**language Level: B2**

The Test consists of three parts.

Part one is a Reading part with two texts.

Part Two is for Use of English. It consists of four tasks

The last part is Writing

In All you have 3 hours for the test.

**WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!**

Sample Test (B2)

PART I

READING I

You are going to read an article in which four people comment on a book they have read recently. For questions 1-10 choose from the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once.

A

**Sundance by Teresa Wilson**

**Kerry:**

I really don't know why this book is so popular. I mean, I suppose it is going to appeal to young girls who want danger and romance, but I found this book really tedious. For a start, the characters were really unconvincing. The author went out of her way to add lots of details about the characters, but I found these details really pointless. I thought that some of the facts she presented about the main characters would become significant in some way later in the novel, but they didn't. They were just worthless bits of information. I also was disappointed that, although this book is meant to be about kids at high school, the writer seems to have no recollection at all about what it's like to be 17. The main character thought and acted like a 32-year old. It just wasn't believable. I'm not saying Teresa Wilson is a bad writer. She can obviously string words together and come up with a story that is appealing to a large number of people, but she lacks anything original. There is no flair. It just uses the same sort of language as you can see in many other mediocre novels.

B

**Wild Ways by Margery Emerson**

**Liz:**

I have to say that I won't forget this book for a long time. I was hooked from the very first chapter. The devastating story affected me so much that I don't know if I'll ever feel the same again. I was close to tears on several occasions. I've got images in my brain now that I don't think will ever leave me. It's incredibly well-researched and, although it is fiction, is based on shocking real-life events. I learned an awful lot about things that went on that I never knew before. Margaret Emerson has a brilliant way with words and I really felt real

empathy towards the characters, although I was sometimes irritated by the choices they made. However, the parallel story, the part that is set in the present, is not quite so good. I found myself just flicking through that part so that I could get back to 1940s Paris.

C

### **Orchid by Henry Rathbone**

**Imogen:**

This is a delightful novel full of wonderful imagery, a paints a remarkable picture of life in a distant time and a far-away place. If you're looking to learn about Eastern culture in great detail, then this is probably not the book for you, as the writer skims over most of the more complicated aspects of the country's etiquette. The historical aspects are also not covered in much depth. However, I wonder whether this was the writer's intention. By doing this, he symbolise the superficiality of the girl's life. She, like the book, is beautiful and eager to please, but remains too distant from us, the readers, to teach us much. Although I loved the book and read it in one sitting, the ending was a bit of a disappointment. A story which involves so much turmoil, in a place where the future is uncertain, should not have a happy-ever-after fairy-tale ending.

D

### **High Hills by Mary Holland**

**Hannah:**

I read this book for a literature class. I know it's a classic, and I did try to like it, but I just didn't get into it. I kept persevering, hoping that I'd start to enjoy it, but no such luck. The famous scene out on the moors was definitely the best bit of the book, but even that I found ridiculous when it is clearly supposed to be passionate. As I approached the end of the book, I figured there must be some kind of moral to the story, something that I would learn from the experience of trudging through seven hundred long pages, but there was nothing worthwhile. I don't know why the literary world sees this book as such a masterpiece. The characters are portrayed as being intelligent, but they do such stupid things! And as for it being a *love* story - marrying someone you don't love and then being abused by them - that doesn't spell love to me.

**Which person read the text which .....**

1. was set in an Oriental country
2. finished in an unrealistic way
3. had characters that the reader could sympathize with
4. is well-known and was written a long time ago
5. contained two stories
6. was not set in the past
7. was historically accurate
8. made the reader cry
9. contained insignificant details
10. has a well-known scene

SCORE----- (10)

## READING 2

**You are going to read an article about the making of an unusual commercial. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.**

- A Then the falling dominoes head out of the room into the streets, causing progressively larger objects to tumble.
- B These were all chosen to suit the town and fit in with the people's way of life.
- C Getting there involved driving along 48 kilometres of dirt roads and crossing twelve rivers.
- D Iruya is situated 3000 metres above sea level and the film crew was not used to working in such conditions.
- E The prop department did construct a small version on site, but most of the work was done in a studio in London.
- F Added to this was the total of one hundred and thirty 'actors' who were recruited from a five neighbouring towns.
- G Not so with the famous Irish drink company Guinness.

Many of the most expensive commercials ever made are those in which an A-list celebrity flashes a beautiful smile at the cameras<sup>1</sup>-----Their recent television advertisement, the most expensive in British history, cost ten million pounds, and it features, not the rich and famous, but villagers from the mountains of Argentina. The advertisement features a game of dominoes. It begins in a darkened room where several thousand ordinary dominoes are set up on a specially-designed table<sup>2</sup>----- Dominoes knock over books, which in turn knock bigger household objects such as suitcases, tyres, pots of paint, oil drums and even cars. The final piece in the chain reaction is a huge tower of books. These flutter open to reveal a structure in the shape of a pint of Guinness. The location chosen for the commercial was Iruya, a village high up in the mountains of north-west Argentina<sup>3</sup>----- The journey there could take up to ten hours. Asked why this remote destination was chosen for the shoot, the director said that even though it was the most difficult location they could have picked, it was perfect. For one month, the village, population thousand, increased in size by almost thirty percent. One hundred and forty crew members descended on the village. These included the world record holders in domino toppling, Weijers Domino productions from the Netherlands<sup>4</sup>-----

Creating this film was no easy task. Preparations for filming took well over a month. Twenty six truckloads of objects were brought in<sup>5</sup>----- They included 10,000 books, 400 tyres, 75 mirrors, 50 fridges, 45 wardrobes and 6 cars. Setting the objects up took skill and patience. They needed to be arranged so they would fall over easily, and this involved balancing them on stones. Some of the sequences had to be reshot 15 times and 24 hours of footage was captured. However, the sequence in which six cars fell over was successfully shot in just one take.

Filming in this location was not without its difficulties. Firstly, being so isolated, it was hard to obtain resources at short notice. The second problem was the high altitude <sup>6</sup>----- It was also hard working with the villagers who had no experience of film-making. Finally, setting and resetting the props caused a good deal of frustration. Director Nicolai Fuglsig said about the project : 'Despite all the challenges, the cast was fantastic and it was a really amazing experience.' Whether or not the effort put into the advert pays off is another matter entirely.

SCORE -----(6)

**PART II**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**TASK 1**

**Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap. There is an example at the beginning.**

The Goulburn Valley (0) **is** situated in the south-east corner of the Australian continent, in the state of Victoria. Because 1 ----- the introduction of irrigation over a century ago, primary industry flourished, resulting in a multitude of orchards 2----- -- market gardens. After World War II, migrants flocked to the area in search of work on the farms, and in 3----- cases, establishing a property of their own. Unfortunately, the region has taken a turn for the worse over the past decade. The irrigation water that was water that was 3----- plentiful has now been rationed, and many farmers have been forced 4----- the land. The main source of water is from the Goulburn River, with several reservoirs located along its stretch to the mighty Murray River. Dam capacities have fallen to dangerous levels, resulting in some farmers having 5----- inadequate supply of irrigation water.7----- the recent hardships, some farmers have continued to eke an existence out of the land. Many have become 8----- - ingenious, devising new ways to utilize water plus finding special niches to service the ever-changing urban needs. Perhaps the Goulburn Valley can return to its prosperous times again.

**SCORE-----16**

**TASK 2**

**Read the text below .Use the word given in the capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning.**

Because of the 0. **INCRESING** number of cars on the roads, few

**INCREASE**

People get the chance to go out driving for 1----- --these days.

**PLEASE**

In Britain traffic 2----- has increased by over seventy percent in  
**DENSE**

The last couple of decades, but there has been relatively little 3 -----  
**GROW**

In the country's road network. The result of more traffic on the roads  
Has been a greater emphasis on road 4----- and this has meant  
**SAFE**

The 5----- of tougher speed regulations. As a result, those **INTRODUCE**  
6----- who enjoy going fast are always in danger of being fined. **MOTOR**

One answer is something called a 'track day'. This is an event where  
People can drive their own cars around a racing circuit, and explore  
the limits of its 7----- without the need to worry about other **PERFORM**

road users. Track days are not competitive events, and people go for the pure  
8-----of driving. Track driving are currently seeing **ENJOY**  
an enormous boom in 9----- with over six hundred a year held **POPULAR**  
in Britain alone.

A great 10-----of vehicles can be found on the track **VARY**  
at the same time and drivers have to follow a few basic rules. For example,  
slower vehicles must allow faster ones to pass.

*SCORE----- 20*

### TASK 3

Read the text below and for question 1-8 decide which answer from A-D best fits each gap.

Read the text and decide which answer ( A,B,C,D) best fits each gap.

Polar bears in danger of dying out. 1-----some other endangered animals, it's not Hunters that are the problem , it's is climate change, Since 1979, the ice cap at the Arctic Circle Where the polar bears live has2-----in size by about 30 per cent. The temperature in the arctic gas slowly been 3-----and this is 4-----the sea ice to melt, endangering the polar bears ' home .

The polar bears' main 5-----of food are the different types of seal found in the arctic. They catch them by waiting next to the air holes the seals in the water. This means that the bears 8-----do rely on the ice to hunt. Polar bears also need sea ice to travel. They can 9-----a huge territory and often swim from one part of the ice to another. They have been 10----- to swim up to 100km, but when there is less Ice, they may have to swim further and this can 11-----fatal to the bears. A number of bears have drowned in the last few years and scientists believe that it is because they were not able to 12----- -more sea ice before they become too tired and couldn't swim ant further.

1. A. opposite    b. Compared    c. unlike    d. different
2. A. cut    b. reduced    c. shortened    d. lost
3. A. lifting    b. gaining    c. advancing    d. rising
4. A. resulting    b. turning    c. causing    d. creating
5. A. source    b. means    c. origins    d. materials
6. A. placed    b. set    c. brought    d. made



7. A. Even                    b. although                c. as                        d. despite
8. A. really                    b. properly                c. surely                    d. fully
9. A. pass                      b. extend                    c. cover                    d. spread
10. A. learnt                    b. noticed                    c. known                    d. experienced
11. A. prove                    b. happen                    c. come                    d. end
12. A. achieve                    b. land                      c. get                        d. reach

SCORE -----(12)

#### TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example:

Example:

0 What type of music do you like best?

**Favorite**

What is your favorite type of music?

1. I expected ice-skating to be more difficult than it actually was.

NOT

Ice-skating-----as I had expected.

2. 'Leon, I think you should tell your mother the truth', said Maite.

ADVISED

Maite ----- his mother the truth .

3. Not many people went to see that live concert in the park.

NUMBER

Only -----went to see that live concert in the park.

4. Naomi hasn't seen any of her cousins for years.

SAW

It's----- any of her cousins

5. How many competitors went in for the race?

PART

How many competitors----- the race?

6. You can borrow my new bicycle, but you must be careful with it.

LONG

You can borrow my new bicycle----- careful with it.

7. Melanie regretted choosing such an expensive jacket.

WISHED

Melanie----- a less expensive jacket.

8. Recycling old newspapers seems pointless to me.

POINT

I can't -----old newspapers.

SCORE -----(16)

### PART 3

WRITING ( point – 20)

You have seen announcement in an English Language magazine called *Leisure Time*.

*My favorite sport.*

*Tell us about your favorite sport, when you started playing it, and if you would recommend it to young people who want to make new friends.*

Write your article in 120-180 words.

TOTAL -----100

## SAMPLE TEST KEYS

### Part I READING 1

#### ANSWERS;

1.c 2. c 3.b 4.d 5.b 6. a 7.b 8b 9. A 10. d

### READING 2

1.g 2 a 3 c 4 f 5b 6 d

### PART II

#### USE OF ENGLISH

#### TASK 1

##### Answers:

1.Of 2. And 3. many 4.once 5. Off 6. an 7.despite 8. more

#### TASK2

1.Pleasure 2.density 3.growth 4. safety 5.introduction 6.motorists 7 performance 8.enjoyment 9. popularity 10. variety

#### TASK3

1.c 2. b 3. d 4. c 5.a 6.d 7.b 8. a 9. c 10.c 11. a 12.d

#### TASK 4

1. Was not as difficult
2. Advised Leon to tell
3. A small number of people
4. Years since Naomi saw
5. Took part in
6. As long as you are
7. She had chosen
8. See the point in/of recycling.

SAMPLE