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# English *Practice Test*

## ABOUT THIS PRACTICE TEST

This *Practice Test* has 17 questions. It has been designed to give you an idea of the main IBT assessment. The questions have been divided into the following five categories:

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Grammar
3. Spelling
4. Punctuation
5. Vocabulary

## ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Each question has four options. Choose the BEST answer from the four options **A, B, C or D**.

You will find the key to the answers on the last page of this booklet.

## EQUIPMENT ALLOWED IN THIS PRACTICE TEST

You may use a pencil for this *Practice Test*. You may **NOT** use a dictionary.

## ESTIMATED TIME FOR THIS PRACTICE TEST

You should be able to complete this *Practice Test* in approximately 30 minutes.

## Reading

# Magic Brain



## What You Need

fresh eggs (make sure no one's boiled them!)

salt (heaps of it!)

a spoon

a jar

crayons (or waterproof pens)

## What To Do

1. Decorate your egg to make it look like a human brain – Yuk!  
If you're using waterproof pens or crayons wait until the ink is dry .
2. Fill the jar three-quarters full (nearly to the top but not quite) with warm water.
3. Use the spoon to lower the egg into the jar (careful now- you don't want to crack it!)
4. Add the salt to the water – once you add enough salt you'll eventually make your brain levitate (you know float). Urghh!! Once the water becomes more dense than the egg it floats! Just like you do when you're swimming in a salt water pool or the ocean.

**Remember:** the saltier the water the better your brain will levitate.

**1** Why is the brain 'magic'?

- A** It floats.
  - B** It explodes.
  - C** It is colourful.
  - D** It looks like an egg.
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**2** Before putting the egg into the jar you need to

- A** make sure the water is salty.
  - B** check that your egg will float.
  - C** decorate your egg.
  - D** make your brain levitate.
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**3** According to the text, why do you need a spoon?

- A** to fill the jar with water
  - B** to stir the salt into the water
  - C** to put the egg in the jar safely
  - D** to measure out the correct amount of salt
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**4** The overall aim of the experiment is to show

- A** how you can make your brain levitate.
  - B** what causes things to float.
  - C** how you can tell if an egg is fresh.
  - D** how gravity can be reserved.
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**5** The text is best described as

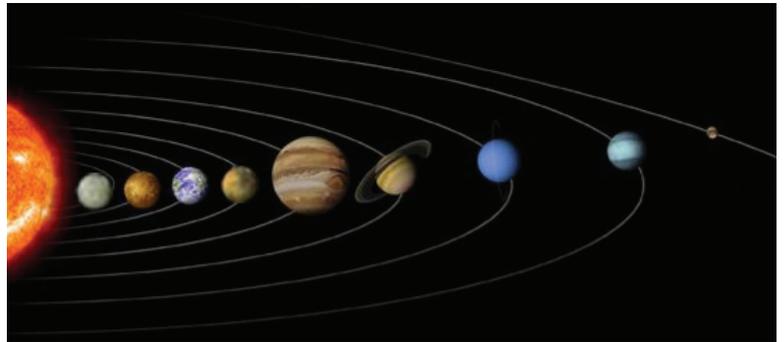
- A** series of instructions.
- B** conversation.
- C** procedure.
- D** list of rules.

## Grammar

Choose the best word for each blank space.

Our planet is called the earth. It revolves around \_\_ (6) \_\_ sun. There are seven other planets \_\_ (7) \_\_ revolve around the sun. The largest planet \_\_ (8) \_\_ Jupiter.

6	A. a B. the C. this D. that
7	A. for B. who C. that D. where
8	A. is B. are C. was D. will be



## Spelling

Choose the correctly spelt word for each blank space.

I have a \_\_ (9) \_\_ garden at home. I grow lots of \_\_ (10) \_\_ in it . I wake up \_\_ (11) \_\_ in the morning to water them.

9	A. larg B. large C. laage D. laarge
10	A. vegetables B. vigitables C. vegetables D. vegetabes
11	A. erly B. early C. erley D. earley



## Punctuation

Choose the best option for each blank space.

When Reena was going \_\_ (12) \_\_ she met Zeenat. 'Where are you \_\_ (13) \_\_ said Reena. 'I am going to eat a \_\_ (14) \_\_ said Zeenat.

12	A. home, B. home. C. home? D. home!
13	A. going. B. going? C. going' D. going?'
14	A. pizza. B. pizza, C. pizza,' D. pizza?'



## Vocabulary

Choose the best word to replace each **bold** word. The meaning of the sentence should stay the same.

I had to **dash** back home to get ready for our camping trip. When I reached home, my wife had already packed everything. I just needed to pack **sufficient** food for three days. The weather turned **dismal** just as we started driving. Camping in this weather is not fun.

15	The best word to replace <i>dash</i> is A. go B. walk C. race D. drive
16	The best word to replace <i>sufficient</i> is A. convenient B. delicious C. enough D. special
17	The best word to replace <i>dismal</i> is A. hot B. windy C. unusual D. gloomy

## Answer Key

1.	A
2.	C
3.	C
4.	B
5.	A
6.	B
7.	C
8.	A
9.	B
10.	A
11.	B
12.	A
13.	D
14.	C
15.	C
16.	C
17.	D