

Exam Model 2

Reading (24 points)

Part 1: Multiple Choice

Read this text about pets. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each of the questions (1 to 7). Write your answers in the boxes after the questions. An example (0) has been done for you (7 points, 1 point each question).

Pets Come First

Some dog lovers show their puppy love with fancy dog food or special toys. And then there are those who buy their dog a house. Not a doghouse mind you, a whole HOUSE. Meet Whitney, a 31-year-old woman who lives in Falls Church, Virginia. Similar to many millennials, she is focused on her career, so for now, her 3-year-old dog, Lucy, is her baby. And as with any good parent, it's important to Whitney that her baby be happy in their family home. "When my dog is happy, I'm happy," she confides. Whitney became a first-time homebuyer nine years ago. She purchased a one-bedroom condo because it was cheaper than renting in the area where she was living. One month before she sold her condo, Whitney adopted Lucy from a shelter. Although only a puppy, it was obvious the Labrador/Great Dane mix wouldn't stay small for long. With her energetic new puppy, living together in her small condo was challenging. Whitney knew she needed a larger place but wasn't sure exactly how much room she required. So she rented a townhouse – without a yard – for \$3,100 a month, while she assessed the situation. It soon became apparent that a townhouse wouldn't work either, so she started house hunting. This time, Whitney knew exactly what she wanted: a dog-friendly house with enough room to grow a family. She searched for a house with the following must-haves:

- a big, fenced-in backyard for Lucy to run and play.
- proximity to dog-friendly establishments.
- a lot of room for a family and more pets.

It took Whitney one year to find a house that checked all her boxes. The house has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. It has a large fenced-in yard and a doggy door for Lucy, who is now a 90-pound, gentle giant. But her dream house came at a high price: \$600,000. However, her monthly mortgage payment is \$3,800 – only \$700 more than she was paying for the townhouse. They moved in last summer and Whitney really likes the neighbourhood, but hasn't had time to meet many people. And what does Lucy think of her new house? "She is constantly happy," gushes Whitney. "She loves going in and out of her doggy door, and I've caught her sunbathing on the deck. I sacrifice a lot for Lucy, but she is my baby."

Example:

0. What did Whitney buy for her dog?

- A) fancy dog food
- B) a whole house (This is the correct answer)**
- C) a new toy
- D) a doghouse

1. Which is true for Whitney?

- A) She has children
- B) Her job is more important than getting married
- C) She is like other people her age.
- D) She is concentrating on her university studies.

2. Why did Whitney buy a condo?

- A) She needed more space for her dog.
- B) She couldn't afford renting any longer.
- C) She wasn't happy where she was living.
- D) It wasn't as expensive as other options.

3. What did Whitney realize soon after adopting Lucy?

- A) Lucy was more energetic than she had expected.
- B) She knew that Lucy was going to grow quickly.
- C) She was glad that she had sold the condo.
- D) The condo was adequate for their needs.

4. Why did Whitney rent the townhouse?

- A) She wanted to own a house.
- B) She needed time to evaluate her living situation.
- C) She knew how much space she needed and the townhouse was bigger.
- D) She wanted a place that had a yard.

5. Which was not a requirement for Whitney's new house?

- A) to be near a dog park.
- B) to be big enough for additional animals.
- C) to have four bedrooms.
- D) to have a large garden with a gate.

6. What would Whitney say about her new house?

- A) "It was expensive, but worth it."
- B) "It's cheaper than the townhouse."
- C) "The neighbours are very friendly."
- D) "It was very cold when we first got there."

7. The main point of this article is...

- A) to give suggestions on how to care for a dog.
- B) to highlight the sacrifices that pet owners have to make.
- C) to give an example of how pets are treated as an equal part of the family.
- D) to show how difficult it is to find a house if you have a pet.

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Part 2: Multiple Matching

Read the four different stories on the next page of people describing their experience learning a foreign language. For questions 1-10, choose from the stories (A – D). The letters may be used more than once. An example (0) has been done for you (10 points, 1 point each).

Which...

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| 0. | A | person never learned enough of the language to be able to talk to other people? |
| 1. | | person learned a foreign language by living in a different country? |
| 2. | | person had a teacher that brought a typical food item to class? |
| 3. | | person feels a little embarrassed with their technique of learning a foreign language? |
| 4. | | person had to take a foreign language as part of their studies? |
| 5. | | person was inspired to learn a foreign language by watching a television programme? |
| 6. | | person feels more confident with their language level? |
| 7. | | person had a native speaking teacher? |
| 8. | | person was disappointed with their classes? |
| 9. | | two people learned a foreign language in a similar way? |
| 10. | | |

Learning a Foreign Language

- A. In college I was required to take three different languages. I had always wanted to learn German so I decided to take one year of French and Italian and three years of German. Our German teacher had German speaking parents and spent two years living abroad in Vienna when she was in high school. She was a lovely person and sometimes she would bring us a typical chocolate candy from Austria called "Ildefonsos". Despite that, I wasn't terribly keen on the classes because we spent most of the time analyzing the grammar and vocabulary of old German poetry. I never learned how to have a proper conversation.
- B. I've always had difficulty learning English, but managed to keep a positive attitude toward the subject, thanks to my first English teacher from a local language academy. Our classes were always very dynamic. We would play games, perform different role plays like pretending to buy food or clothes, or sing songs. As an adult, I would still like to watch a television programme in English and understand what they are saying. However, I still try to learn by putting CDs in my car and repeating the dialogues. I'm sure that the other drivers that pass me by think I'm crazy.
- C. I decided to spend five years in China because I thought that it would be good for my career in business. I took a class where we only used Chinese since almost all of us spoke a different language. The teacher used pictures and gestures to explain vocabulary and grammar. It was difficult at first, but little by little, I was able to understand what people were saying and actually start having conversations with them. Now, I can watch any Chinese television programme and understand everything. I hope my story inspires people to learn a new language!
- D. I always had a passion for learning Spanish. Ever since I saw Dora the Explorer on television when I was a little kid, I always imagined myself visiting exotic places and talking to the natives. I decided to take a Spanish course at the local Adult Education Center. Our teacher was from Mexico and she was fantastic! We would learn a lot of vocabulary and grammar and then practised it by doing different drama activities. Once we even created a restaurant in our class and we all had to pretend to be the waiters, waitresses, chefs and customers. We even had a party in class where everyone had to make and bring a typical Mexican dish. It was a lot of fun!

Part 3: Heading Identification

You are going to read some reviews of a hotel. The headings of each review are missing. Choose the best option from the list (A-I) for each gap (1-7) in the text. There is one extra heading that you do not need to use. Write your answers in the boxes after the text. There is one example (0) in the first review (7 points, 1 point each question).

0. _____ C _____

I stayed at this hotel by accident when the airport was closed due to poor weather conditions. We were very lucky to get a room since there were so many other passengers looking for accommodation. The staff was exceptional and got us to our room quickly so that we could finally get some sleep.

1. _____

My family and I resided at this hotel and we were quite pleased during our three night stay. Our rooms were comfortable and spacious with great amenities such as a refrigerator, microwave, and coffeemaker. At the hotel restaurant, we enjoyed wonderfully made cocktails in the evenings. We greatly enjoyed our stay!

2. _____

I decided to stay at this property after reading positive reviews, but was disappointed. The air freshener that they used in the lobby and in the rooms was very strong and unpleasant. It was like cheap men's cologne. The bad odor gave me a terrible headache. I complained to the staff, but they said that there was nothing that they could do. Apart from that, it's not a bad hotel. So if you don't have a sensitive nose, you're fine.

3. _____

We loved the restaurant at this hotel. Our waitress's name was Michelle, and she was very helpful in recommending things from the menu. Everything we ate was amazing! We especially loved the broiled salmon and the dark chocolate cake for dessert! Some people have said that the restaurant was very expensive, but I thought everything was quite reasonable!

4. _____

The hotel was amazing. If there was a problem, a member of the staff was there straight away to help you. The food at the restaurant was a bit expensive, I thought, but this hotel is far superior to many other higher priced ones that I've stayed at. I seriously cannot recommend them enough.

5. _____

I came here for an overnight business trip. The staff at the front desk was very attentive. I think they were the best part of the hotel. The rooms were an adequate size and clean, but the beds were a little uncomfortable and I did not get a good rest. Overall the hotel is fine if you're only in town for a couple of days, but I wouldn't recommend it for a longer stay.

6. _____

The hotel is large and the rooms were fairly spacious. The food at the restaurant was absolutely delicious, but the prices were quite high. The surprise was that they charged us for parking, which was a gated lot next to the hotel. However, the neighborhood is safe and parking is free on the streets surrounding the hotel.

7. _____

I chose this hotel after looking at various possibilities on the internet and this one seemed to be the best option. However, when we got there, we it looked like they hadn't cleaned the hallways in weeks. The room felt small and had a peculiar odor. Not at all what the pictures showed on the internet. I had high expectations and was disappointed.

- A. Good food for the right price
- B. An Unexpected Cost
- C. Distressed Travelers
- D. Not recommendable at all
- E. Lovely accommodations
- F. Good for a single night
- G. Not what I expected
- H. Better than more expensive ones
- I. A smelly situation

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