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A practice booklet to print or complete on screen. Parts B, C, D and G are audio items — open the listen links from the digital booklet. Answer keys and transcripts for every scorable part are at the end.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- Sit the nine parts in order, A to I, without pausing between them — the real test never lets you go back.
- Parts B, C, D and G are played to you: open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet.
- Check yourself against the transcripts and answer keys at the end, then take the scored version free on mocko.ai.

SECTION 1

Speaking Section

Parts A–D · spoken responses

40 items **Duration** ≈ 11 minutes

Parts A to D are spoken. Every item runs on its own countdown and moves on by itself, so work at test pace. Open the audio link for each item from the digital booklet, then answer aloud — record yourself if you want to review your responses afterwards.

PART A

Read Aloud

2 items 30 s to speak · start within 10 s

Read the passage aloud smoothly and naturally in a clear voice. You will be stopped after 30 seconds. This is not a speed reading test. You may not be able to finish reading the entire passage, but that is okay. When your time is up, you will automatically move on to the next item.

A1

At the market, people move slowly between the tables. Fresh fruit and green vegetables fill many boxes and bags. A woman picks up apples, looks at them, and chooses a few good ones. Nearby, a man sells bread that smells warm and sweet. Before noon, the market becomes crowded, and friends stop to talk while they wait to pay for their food.

A2

During a long hiring process, small delays can alter the quality of the final choice. Strong applicants may accept other offers while a committee debates minor points. At the same time, hurried approval can overlook signs that a candidate lacks sound judgment. Effective selection depends on steady timing as much as it depends on careful review. Both speed and caution serve the same practical aim.

PART B

Repeat

16 items 15 s to speak · start within 6 s

Please repeat each sentence that you hear.

Audio items — open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. Nothing is printed for you to read.

B1 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B2 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B3 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B4 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B5 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

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B12 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B13 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

B14

► Listen to the sentence

B15

► Listen to the sentence

B16

► Listen to the sentence

PART C

Sentence Builds

10 items 15 s to speak · start within 8 s

Now, please rearrange the word groups into a sentence.

Audio items — open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. Nothing is printed for you to read.

C1

► Listen to the word groups

under the bed this morning

my warm coat

i found

C2

► Listen to the word groups

to the table very quickly

the waiter brought

our drinks

C3

► Listen to the word groups

on friday afternoons

our teacher gives us

easy homework

C4

► Listen to the word groups

more water during the flight

the doctor advised him

to drink

C5

► Listen to the word groups

so we missed

our train arrived late

the start of the meeting

C6

► Listen to the word groups

had revived the soil

the garden looked vibrant

because recent rain

C7

► Listen to the word groups

before the final inspection

every window

the repair team checked

C8

► Listen to the word groups

after workers repaired

the museum reopened quietly

the damaged ceiling overnight

C9

► Listen to the word groups

even after the lawyer challenged

the witness remained calm

her account

C10

► Listen to the word groups

the audience unexpectedly sympathetic

a quiet apology left

toward his position

PART D

Conversations

12 items 15 s to speak · start within 8 s

You will hear a conversation between two people, followed by a question. Give a short, simple answer to the question.

D1

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where can the eggs be bought?

YOUR ANSWER

D2

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where is the parcel now?

YOUR ANSWER

D3

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where is the practice room booked?

YOUR ANSWER

D4

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What's the reason for missing the gym class tonight?

YOUR ANSWER

D5

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

When is the technician coming?

YOUR ANSWER

D6

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What will be added to the order?

YOUR ANSWER

D7

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Which room was booked for the budget review?

YOUR ANSWER

D8

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Who will greet the visitors?

YOUR ANSWER

D9

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where will they sit?

YOUR ANSWER

D10

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What's the plan for the leftover soup?

YOUR ANSWER

D11

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

When is the copier check scheduled?

YOUR ANSWER

D12

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Who must send the final wording?

YOUR ANSWER

Writing Section

Parts E–I · typed responses

41 items **Duration** ≈ 40 minutes

Parts E to I are typed. In the real test each item is timed separately and saves automatically when the time is up. On paper, keep to the time shown on each part header and write your answers in the space provided.

PART E

Typing

1 item 60 s

This section allows you to get used to the keyboard and also measures your typing speed. You will have 60 seconds to type as much as you can. Type quickly and accurately. Keep typing until your time is up. Your work will be saved automatically.

E1

Many people start the day with small habits that help them feel calm. They open a window, drink some water, and make a simple breakfast. A quiet morning can make work or study easier later. Some people write a short list of things to do. Others like to sit for a few minutes and think. These easy actions do not take much time, but they can help the day begin in a clear and steady way. When the morning feels smooth, people often carry that feeling with them for many hours.

PART F

Sentence Completion

20 items 25 s

Please type one word that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Type only one word. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Click "Next" when you are finished.

F1 We need to buy some ____ because there is none left to pour on the cereal.

F2 ____ your name at the top of the page.

F3 The hotel room was small, but it was very ____, with no dust or mess anywhere.

F4 The meeting ended late, so we ordered ____ to the office.

F5 My phone battery was dead, so I could not ____ you.

F6 ____ your shoes before you enter the room.

F7 To avoid late fees, please pay the ____ by Friday.

F8 ____ your password somewhere safe, or you may forget it again.

F9 Please ____ the form before your appointment on Friday.

F10 After the doctor examined my ankle, she suggested a short period of ____.

F11 ____ your jacket in the hall so it does not get wet.

F12 The librarian asked us to speak more ____ because several students were taking an exam nearby.

F13 When the road was closed, the driver took a longer ____ to the conference center.

F14 After the storm, several office computers stopped ____ properly.

F15 To avoid confusion, each box was labeled according to its ____ before the movers arrived.

F16 ____ submitting the claim, please check that every receipt is legible.

F17 ____ the conference, please submit any dietary requirements through the online form.

F18 ____ demand has fallen recently, the factory will reduce production for the next quarter.

F19 The committee praised her proposal for being both innovative and financially ____ .

F20 ____ not all the data had been processed, the analyst avoided drawing firm conclusions.

PART G

Dictation

16 items 25 s

Please type each sentence exactly as you hear it. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Pay attention to spelling and punctuation. Click "Next" when you are finished. After 25 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.

Audio items — open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. Nothing is printed for you to read.

G1

▶ Listen to the sentence

G2

▶ Listen to the sentence

G3

▶ Listen to the sentence

G4

▶ Listen to the sentence

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▶ Listen to the sentence

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▶ Listen to the sentence

G16

▶ Listen to the sentence

PART H

Passage Reconstruction

3 items 30 s to read · 90 s

You will have 30 seconds to read a paragraph. After 30 seconds, the paragraph will disappear from the screen. Then, you will have 90 seconds to reconstruct the paragraph. Show that you understood the passage by rewriting it in your own words. Your answer will be scored for clear and accurate content, not word-for-word memorization. After 90 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.

H1

Our team planned to have lunch outside in the park after the morning class ended. Just before the class finished, heavy rain started, and the benches outside became very wet. We decided to stay in the building and eat in the break room instead. One person went downstairs to buy hot soup for everyone.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

H2

Our department was supposed to hold a short training session before lunch on Thursday, but several new staff members were still attending security checks at that time. Rather than begin without them, the supervisor postponed the session until late afternoon and asked everyone to read the handout first, so the delayed start would not waste more time.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

H3

The replacement laptop arrived this afternoon, but it has the wrong keyboard layout for our staff. We cannot issue it to the new employee tomorrow because she needs it for training. Please arrange a pickup and send the correct model as soon as possible so her first week is not disrupted.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

Summary and Opinion

1 item 18 minutes

Read the passage. Then, in the first box, write a short summary of the author's opinion in 25–50 words. In the second box, write your opinion on the topic. Do you agree or disagree with the author? Why? Try to use your own ideas. You must write at least 50 words. You will have 18 minutes to read the passage and write both the summary and opinion. Write both the summary and the opinion before clicking 'Next'. Write in complete sentences. After 18 minutes, your work will be saved automatically.

11

Many people enjoy visiting famous places, and tourism can bring money to an area. However, I believe towns and cities should limit tourist numbers in very busy seasons. Travel helps people learn about other ways of life, but too many visitors at one time can create serious problems for local people. A place that becomes overcrowded may lose the very charm that visitors come to see.

One problem is pressure on daily life. When large numbers of tourists arrive, streets, buses, and public spaces can become too full. Local residents may need more time to go to work, shop for food, or take their children to school. Prices can also rise in busy areas because shops, cafes, and landlords focus on visitors with more money to spend. As a result, local people may feel that their own town is no longer made for them.

Another problem is damage to the place itself. Historic streets, beaches, parks, and old buildings can suffer when too many people use them every day. Litter, noise, and heavy traffic may become common. Workers then spend more time cleaning and repairing public spaces, and this costs money. Limits on visitor numbers, timed tickets, or rules for large tour groups can protect popular places while still allowing tourism to continue in a more balanced way for residents and guests.

For these reasons, some control of tourism is sensible. The goal is not to stop travel but to manage it better. Visitors can still enjoy beautiful places, and local people can keep a good quality of life. Some people dislike limits, yet careful rules may help a town remain pleasant, welcoming, and healthy in the long term.

SUMMARY (25–50 WORDS)

YOUR OPINION (AT LEAST 50 WORDS)

Answer keys

Parts F and G have one right answer and you can mark them yourself. For the spoken parts and the long writing tasks, compare your response with the transcript or the content points listed below — the real test scores them on accuracy, fluency, vocabulary and sentence mastery, which needs the online version.

Part A — Read Aloud

No answer key: the passage is printed in full above. Read Aloud is scored on pronunciation and fluency, which needs the recorded version.

Part B — Repeat

Item	Expected response
B1	Please sit near the window.
B2	We walked home after class.
B3	We can watch a movie after we finish our homework tonight.
B4	After dinner, we washed the dishes and cleaned the table.
B5	I was tired, so I went to bed early.
B6	We meet after lunch.
B7	The manager wants a quick update before lunch.
B8	My neighbor waters the plants every morning.
B9	Her advice sounded unusually sensible.
B10	Although the restaurant looked busy, we found a quiet table near the window.
B11	If the bus is full, we can walk instead.
B12	The lecture was engaging, even though some of the terms seemed unnecessarily technical.
B13	The museum reopened quietly after the repairs were finished ahead of schedule.
B14	Unless the medication is stored properly, its effectiveness can gradually decline over time.
B15	The speaker argued that lasting reform requires patience, compromise, and unusually clear goals.
B16	If the proposal sounds promising but lacks detail, ask for clarification before offering support.

Part C — Sentence Builds

The task is to rearrange the word groups, so where the three groups assemble more than one way every correct build is listed.

Item	Expected response
C1	I found my warm coat under the bed this morning. also correct: Under the bed this morning, I found my warm coat.
C2	The waiter brought our drinks to the table very quickly.
C3	Our teacher gives us easy homework on Friday afternoons. also correct: On Friday afternoons, our teacher gives us easy homework.
C4	The doctor advised him to drink more water during the flight.
C5	Our train arrived late, so we missed the start of the meeting.
C6	The garden looked vibrant because recent rain had revived the soil. also correct: Because recent rain had revived the soil, the garden looked vibrant.
C7	The repair team checked every window before the final inspection. also correct: Before the final inspection, the repair team checked every window.
C8	The museum reopened quietly after workers repaired the damaged ceiling overnight. also correct: After workers repaired the damaged ceiling overnight, the museum reopened quietly.
C9	The witness remained calm even after the lawyer challenged her account. also correct: Even after the lawyer challenged her account, the witness remained calm.
C10	A quiet apology left the audience unexpectedly sympathetic toward his position.

Part D — Conversations

The transcript of each conversation is printed with its answer so you can check what you missed.

Item	Expected response
D1	The market also accepted: at the market, market A: We need more eggs for dinner. B: I can buy them at the market. A: Thanks. Please go before six.
D2	By the side entrance also accepted: the side entrance, side entrance, at the side entrance, by side entrance A: Was the parcel left at your desk? B: No, the driver put it by the side entrance. A: I'll go pick it up before the rain starts.

Item	Expected response
D3	The music building also accepted: in the music building, music building A: Did you book the practice room for tonight? B: Yes, from six until eight in the music building. A: Great, I'll bring my guitar after work.
D4	To watch my niece also accepted: watch my niece, i promised to watch my niece, promised to watch my niece A: Are you joining the gym class after work? B: No, I promised to watch my niece tonight. A: Maybe next week, then.
D5	Friday also accepted: on friday A: Did the repair service call you back? B: Yes, the technician is coming on Friday. A: I'll be home that afternoon.
D6	Labels also accepted: the labels, more labels, some labels, labels to the order A: Do we need more envelopes or more labels? B: Labels. There are plenty of envelopes in the cabinet. A: I'll add labels to the order, then.
D7	The smaller studio also accepted: smaller studio, studio, the studio A: Did you reserve a room for the budget review? B: Yes, although the boardroom was taken, I booked the smaller studio. A: That should work, as long as the projector's there.
D8	Daniel A: The seminar starts soon, so who's greeting the visitors? B: Daniel will, because I still need to test the microphones. A: Good, I'll put the name tags by the door.
D9	Inside also accepted: sit inside A: Are we eating inside or on the terrace? B: Let's sit inside, since the wind has picked up near the river. A: Good idea, I'll ask for a table.
D10	Freeze it in small containers also accepted: freeze it, in small containers, freeze it in small containers for next week A: Have you decided what to do with the leftover soup? B: Yes, I'll freeze it in small containers for next week. A: Great, then we won't need takeaway on Tuesday.
D11	Thursday afternoon also accepted: on thursday afternoon, thursday A: Has the maintenance team checked the copier yet? B: Not yet, because the technician is tied up, they scheduled it for Thursday afternoon. A: Fine, I'll warn everyone to use the other machine.

Item	Expected response
D12	The legal team also accepted: legal team A: Should we print these forms now or wait? B: Wait, unless the legal team sends the final wording today. A: All right, I'll check my inbox again later.

Part E — Typing

Not scored. Typing is reported separately as words per minute and accuracy.

Part F — Sentence Completion

Item	Expected response
F1	milk also accepted: cream
F2	write also accepted: put, print, add, enter
F3	clean also accepted: tidy, neat
F4	pizza also accepted: food, dinner, lunch, takeout, takeaway, sandwiches, pizzas
F5	call also accepted: phone, ring, text, message, contact, reach
F6	remove also accepted: wipe, clean
F7	bill also accepted: invoice, balance
F8	write also accepted: keep, store, save, put, record
F9	complete also accepted: submit, return, finish
F10	rest also accepted: recovery, inactivity
F11	hang also accepted: leave, put, keep

Item	Expected response
F12	quietly also accepted: softly
F13	route also accepted: way, detour
F14	working also accepted: functioning, running, operating
F15	contents also accepted: destination
F16	before also accepted: when
F17	before
F18	because also accepted: since, as, considering
F19	viable also accepted: sound, sustainable, feasible, prudent, realistic
F20	because also accepted: since, as, considering

Part G — Dictation

Item	Expected response
G1	Where is my jacket?
G2	Did you call me?
G3	If your train is early, please text me right away.
G4	After we finish dinner, let's watch a funny movie together.
G5	I will wash the dishes before I leave.
G6	Do you want soup, or would you like bread too?
G7	My package arrived this morning.
G8	Did you lock the door?
G9	Check the label before you open it.
G10	Why is the hallway so quiet?
G11	Why was the file removed?

Item	Expected response
G12	Please return the cart after you unload the boxes near reception.
G13	She sounded relieved after the interview finally ended.
G14	If you save the receipt, the store may replace the broken lamp.
G15	If you still feel uncertain, ask someone who has handled it before.
G16	If the instructions seem vague, ask for clarification before proceeding.

Part H — Passage Reconstruction

Scored on content, not wording. Check that your response covers the points listed for each item.

Item	Expected response
H1	The team planned to have lunch in the park after the morning class Heavy rain started just before the class finished The benches outside became very wet They decided to stay in the building and eat in the break room instead One person went downstairs to buy hot soup for everyone
H2	The department had planned a short training session before lunch on Thursday Several new staff members were still in security checks then The supervisor chose not to start without them The session was moved to late afternoon Everyone was asked to read the handout in advance to save time
H3	A replacement laptop arrived this afternoon It has the wrong keyboard layout for the staff The company cannot give it to the new employee tomorrow She needs a laptop for training They want the wrong laptop collected and the correct model sent quickly The reason is to avoid disrupting her first week

Part I — Summary and Opinion

Scored on content, not wording. Check that your response covers the points listed for each item.

Item	Expected response
I1	Towns and cities should limit tourist numbers in very busy seasons Too many tourists can make daily life harder for local residents Heavy tourism can raise prices in busy areas Large visitor numbers can damage streets, beaches, parks, and old buildings Rules such as visitor limits or timed tickets can protect places while allowing tourism



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