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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 practise each section 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

After school, a young child goes to the park with a parent. The child runs to the swings and laughs in the cool air. Nearby, other children play simple games and take turns on the slide. A small dog walks past with its owner and stops near a bench. When the sun gets low, families slowly leave, and the park becomes calm again for the evening.

A2

During a labor dispute, an independent mediator meets each side in separate rooms before joint talks begin. The aim is not to force quick agreement but to reduce anger and clarify the main concerns. When language becomes less hostile, practical options are easier to examine. Even so, progress may remain slow because trust has often been damaged long before formal discussion starts.

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](#)

B6 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

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B11 [▶ Listen to the sentence](#)

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

in a locked drawer upstairs

my brother keeps

important papers

C2

► Listen to the word groups

the test results

in clear language

the doctor explained

C3

► Listen to the word groups

before boarding the late train

many passengers checked

the schedule

C4

► Listen to the word groups

creative staff maintain

steady concentration

a quieter workspace helps

C5

► Listen to the word groups

after the sales figures arrive

our department will review

the budget

C6

► Listen to the word groups

their contrasting textures

the curator arranged

the sculptures to emphasize

C7

► Listen to the word groups

she warmed it

because the soup had cooled

over a low flame

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

a serious obstacle

their private disagreement soon became

to further progress

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 should the plants be moved?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D2

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Who is covering the front desk?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D3

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Until when is the pass valid?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D4

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What will be added to the order?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D5

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What flowers are for the welcome desk?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D6

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Why are the headphones going back to the store?

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

Where should the spare key be left?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D9

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Which ingredient is missing for dinner tonight?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D10

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What time is the dentist appointment?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D11

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

When will the books be returned?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D12

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

When is the copier check scheduled?

YOUR ANSWER _____

SECTION 2

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

A public library is a quiet place where people read, study, and borrow books. Many visitors come in after school or work and spend a little time there. Some sit at tables and write notes. Others look for stories, cook books, or travel guides on the shelves. A library card is often free and easy to get. After a person chooses a book, the book can go home for some days. Later, it must come back so another reader can use it. This simple system helps many people share knowledge, ideas, and pleasure from reading.

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 She put the apples in a ____ at the supermarket.

F2 My room is cold because the ____ is open.

F3 ____ the window before you leave the office.

F4 ____ is my bus ticket? I can't find it in my bag.

F5 If you feel dizzy after taking the medicine, call the ____ right away.

F6 ____ your essay by midnight or it will be marked late.

F7 The cashier said my card was declined because there was not enough ____ in the account.

F8 If the internet stops working again, call the ____ desk for help.

F9 I set an alarm so I would not ____ my dentist appointment.

F10 The store would not offer a refund unless the customer returned the item in its original ____.

F11 After comparing several models, she chose the printer with the lowest maintenance ____.

- F12** When the package arrived, the box was ____, so I took photos for the seller.
-
- F13** ____ the receipt, the store manager could not authorize a refund for the damaged appliance.
-
- F14** The cashier apologized and explained that the refund might take several days to ____ in my account.
-
- F15** ____ several items were missing from the delivery, the customer service team issued a partial refund.
-
- F16** The cashier said the discount would only apply if the coupon was still ____.
-
- F17** ____ the store had lowered its prices, demand remained weaker than expected.
-
- F18** The customer canceled the order after noticing a hidden ____ in the service agreement.
-
- F19** The committee found his explanation internally ____, despite its unusual conclusion.
-
- F20** Despite the revised budget, the project remained financially ____.
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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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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

I am writing about my appointment at the health center this afternoon. The message says my visit is at two o'clock, but my work meeting was moved to the same time this morning. Could you please give me a later appointment today? If that is not possible, I can come tomorrow morning instead.

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

YOUR RESPONSE

H2

The apartment tenant reported that the bedroom window would not close properly after yesterday's storm. Because cold air was coming in all night, he slept badly and became worried about rain damaging the floor. The building office said a repair worker can come tomorrow morning, so he moved the desk away from the window and covered it with a sheet.

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

YOUR RESPONSE

H3

I appreciate the conference booking you arranged for next month. After checking the schedule more carefully, I realized my presentation has been moved to the final afternoon instead of the opening day. Since I no longer need to arrive early, could you contact the hotel and ask whether one night can be removed from the reservation without any penalty or extra charge?

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

YOUR RESPONSE

PART I

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 towns are considering deposit return schemes for drink bottles and cans, and I believe this is a sensible step. Under these schemes, shoppers pay a small extra amount when they buy a drink and get it back when they return the empty container. Some people dislike the idea because it adds a step to daily life, but the system can improve habits in a practical way. It gives a simple reason to return packaging instead of throwing it away, and that matters in places where streets, parks, and beaches often collect litter.

A deposit scheme can also make recycling work better, not just look better. When bottles and cans are returned separately, they are usually cleaner than mixed waste from a general bin. Cleaner material is easier to reuse, so less is lost during sorting. This can reduce waste and lower the cost of dealing with rubbish later. In addition, people who do not usually think about the environment may still respond to the small payment, which means the scheme can change behavior without long campaigns or repeated warnings.

There are, of course, problems. Small shops may need space to store returned containers, and busy customers may not want to stand in line to use a machine. If return points are too far away, the system will annoy people rather than help them. However, these are design problems, not reasons to reject the idea completely. Local authorities and stores can share the work by providing enough collection points and clear rules.

Overall, a deposit return scheme is not a complete answer to packaging waste, but it is a useful tool. It encourages responsibility, improves the quality of recycling, and can make public spaces cleaner. For these reasons, towns should introduce such schemes and improve them over time.

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 put your bag under the chair.
B2	I am ready.
B3	We stayed inside because the street was full of water after the storm.
B4	When the lights went out, everyone looked for a candle.
B5	I was happy when my friend brought warm soup to me.
B6	I left my glasses on the counter.
B7	Please wait beside the front desk.
B8	We meet after lunch.
B9	Her advice sounded unusually sensible.
B10	Although the train was delayed, we still reached the conference before it began.
B11	If the bus is full, we can walk instead.
B12	When pressure rises unexpectedly, even skilled people may abandon their usual method.
B13	The museum acquired a rare object after months of careful negotiation.
B14	Although the room looked empty, someone was obviously waiting inside.
B15	While the committee debated minor details, the broader ethical question remained unsettled in everyone's mind.
B16	Even when the budget appears stable, hidden maintenance costs can undermine long term planning.

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	My brother keeps important papers in a locked drawer upstairs.
C2	The doctor explained the test results in clear language.
C3	Many passengers checked the schedule before boarding the late train.
C4	A quieter workspace helps creative staff maintain steady concentration.
C5	Our department will review the budget after the sales figures arrive.
C6	The curator arranged the sculptures to emphasize their contrasting textures.
C7	Because the soup had cooled, she warmed it over a low flame.
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	Their private disagreement soon became a serious obstacle to further progress.

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 hallway also accepted: hallway, into the hallway A: Are the plants staying on the balcony? B: No, move them into the hallway tonight. A: Right, the wind is getting strong.
D2	Ben A: Will Maya cover the front desk this afternoon? B: No, Ben is covering it until five. A: Thanks, I'll leave him the visitor list.
D3	Next april also accepted: until next april, april A: Did you renew your pass for the pool? B: Yes, it's valid until next April. A: Nice, then you can join us often.
D4	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.

Item	Expected response
D5	Roses also accepted: the roses, some roses, the rose flowers A: I've got roses for the front table, not lilies. B: Perfect, the welcome desk needed roses today. A: I'll put the lilies near the window instead.
D6	The wrong model also accepted: they were the wrong model, wrong model A: Why are you carrying that empty box? B: I'm returning the headphones to the store. A: Were they damaged? B: No, they were the wrong model.
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	Under the ceramic plant also accepted: the ceramic plant, by the back steps, under the ceramic plant by the back steps A: Where should I leave the spare key for you? B: If I'm delayed, put it under the ceramic plant by the back steps. A: All right, I'll text you once it's there.
D9	Basil also accepted: some basil, fresh herbs A: Do you want me to pick up anything for dinner? B: Yes, since we're out of fresh herbs, get some basil from the market. A: Sure, I'll buy it with the bread.
D10	Half past three also accepted: at half past three, three thirty, at three thirty A: Did you book the dentist after your meeting? B: Yes, although the morning was full, they had a slot at half past three. A: Good, I'll remind you before lunch.
D11	Tomorrow also accepted: return them tomorrow A: Are you carrying those library books back today? B: I was, but since the branch closes early, I'll return them tomorrow. A: Then leave them by the door so you won't forget.
D12	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.

Part E — Typing

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

Part F — Sentence Completion

Item	Expected response
F1	bag
F2	window
F3	close also accepted: shut
F4	where
F5	doctor
F6	submit also accepted: send
F7	money also accepted: funds
F8	support also accepted: service
F9	miss also accepted: forget
F10	packaging also accepted: box
F11	cost also accepted: expense
F12	damaged also accepted: broken
F13	without
F14	appear also accepted: show
F15	because also accepted: since, as
F16	valid also accepted: current
F17	although
F18	clause also accepted: condition, term

Item	Expected response
F19	consistent also accepted: coherent
F20	viable also accepted: feasible

Part G — Dictation

Item	Expected response
G1	My class starts now.
G2	The bus is late again.
G3	Can we meet after lunch?
G4	Please wait here until the doctor comes.
G5	Take this form to the front desk.
G6	When the rain stopped, we walked to the park.
G7	Can we delay the delivery?
G8	Did you lock the door?
G9	Please email the draft before lunch.
G10	Check the label before you open it.
G11	When will the repair team finish the front entrance?
G12	Why was the file removed?
G13	We should leave now because the traffic gets heavy after sunset.
G14	If you save the receipt, the store may replace the broken lamp.
G15	Because the archive was incomplete, we compared several versions before reaching a conclusion.
G16	When the museum opens later, ask whether photography is permitted inside.

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 writer has an appointment at the health center this afternoon The message says the appointment is at two o'clock A work meeting was moved to the same time this morning The writer asks for a later appointment today If that is not possible, the writer can come tomorrow morning instead
H2	The tenant said the bedroom window would not close properly after the storm Cold air came in during the night He was concerned that rain might damage the floor The building office scheduled a repair worker for tomorrow morning He moved the desk and covered it with a sheet
H3	The speaker is thanking someone for arranging a conference booking The presentation has been rescheduled to the last afternoon rather than the first day The speaker no longer needs to arrive early The speaker asks whether the hotel can remove one night from the booking The speaker wants the change made without a penalty or extra charge

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	Deposit return schemes add a small refundable charge to bottles and cans The writer supports the schemes because they encourage people to return containers instead of littering Separately returned containers are cleaner and easier to recycle The scheme can change behavior even among people who are not strongly concerned about the environment Practical problems for shops and customers exist, but the writer says they can be solved with good design



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