



2024 Paper, Grade 8

A2+ / B1 Preliminary for Schools. Reading, language use and writing.

30 MIN · 24 POINTS · 20 QUESTIONS

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

SCHOOL

SCORE

Circle the correct letter, write the letter in the box, or write the word on the line. Every question has only ONE correct answer. Write your e-mail in Part 5 on the lines. Use a pen.

Part 1

Questions 1 to 5 · 5 points

For each question, choose the correct answer. Circle the letter.

1

Library notice. Books borrowed before 20 June must be returned by 1 July. Books borrowed after that date may be kept until September.

- A All books must be returned by 1 July.
- B Books borrowed in late June can be kept over the summer.
- C The library is closed from July to September.

2

Text message from Dan: Match moved to 4 pm because of the rain. Same pitch. Can you tell Leo? He never reads the group.

- A Dan wants the reader to pass on a change of time.
- B Dan wants Leo to find a new pitch.
- C The match has been cancelled because of the rain.

3

Sign at a swimming pool. Children under 8 must be accompanied in the water by an adult at all times.

- A Children under 8 are not allowed in the pool.
- B An adult must stay with young children while they swim.
- C Adults may not swim in the children's pool.

4

Email from a teacher: The trip is confirmed for Thursday. Bring a packed lunch; the museum café is closed for repairs. Coats are essential, most of the visit is outdoors.

- A Pupils will be able to buy lunch at the museum.
- B The visit will take place mainly inside the museum.
- C Pupils should bring their own food and warm clothes.

5

Note on a shop door. Back in 10 minutes. If you are collecting an order, ring the bell at the side entrance.

- A Customers with an order can be served now.
- B The shop will be closed for the rest of the day.
- C Orders can only be collected at the side entrance after 10 minutes.

Part 2

Questions 6 to 10 · 5 points

Read the text and for each question choose the correct answer. Circle the letter.

The town that moved

Kiruna is a small town in the far north of Sweden, built more than a century ago beside an iron mine. The mine has been good to the town: it paid for the school, the church and the hospital, and most families have someone who works there. But the ore under Kiruna runs deep, and as the miners dug further, the ground beneath the town centre began to crack. In 2004 the mining company announced that within a few decades the centre would no longer be safe to live in.

The solution was unusual. Instead of closing the mine, the town would move. A new centre would be built three kilometres to the east, and over twenty years the shops, the town hall and thousands of homes would be taken down or carried, piece by piece, to the new site. The wooden church, voted the most beautiful building in Sweden, was to be lifted onto lorries and driven along a specially widened road.

Not everyone was pleased. Some older residents said that a town is not just buildings, and that the streets where they grew up could not be moved. Younger people were more likely to see the new centre, with its modern flats and a new railway station, as a chance. The company paid for the move and offered residents either a new home or the value of their old one plus a quarter. Most took the new home.

By 2022 the new town hall was open and the first families had moved. The old centre was slowly emptied. Visitors who came to see the famous church still found it standing in its old place, waiting for its turn on the lorries.

- 6** Why was the mine important to Kiruna?
 A It was the reason the town was built and paid for its public buildings.
 B It was the only building older than the town.
 C It employed every family in the town.
- 7** What did the company announce in 2004?
 A The mine would close within a few decades.
 B The town centre would become unsafe in the future.
 C The town would move immediately.
- 8** What is said about the church?
 A It was to be taken apart and rebuilt.
 B It was moved in 2004.
 C It was to be moved whole, by road.
- 9** How did older residents differ from younger ones?
 A They wanted more money for their homes.
 B They felt the town could not really be moved.
 C They preferred the new railway station.
- 10** What was true by 2022?
 A The church had been moved to the new centre.
 B All the residents had left the old centre.
 C Some residents were living in the new centre.

Part 3

Questions 11 to 16 · 6 points

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. Circle the letter.

- 11** Maria _____ the piano since she was six.
 A plays
 B has played
 C is playing
- 12** The boy _____ won the prize is in my class.
 A who
 B which
 C whose
- 13** I _____ go to the dentist tomorrow; I have an appointment at nine.
 A might
 B have to
 C would
- 14** Do you know _____?
 A where is the station
 B where the station is
 C the station where is
- 15** If it _____ tomorrow, we will stay at home.
 A rains
 B will rain
 C rained
- 16** This is _____ book I have ever read.
 A the more interesting
 B most interesting
 C the most interesting

Part 4

Questions 17 to 19 · 3 points

Read the text. Write ONE word for each gap on the line.

Message to Alex

Hi Alex, I'm writing to tell you about the concert on Saturday. I managed to get two tickets, (17) _____ was lucky because they sold out in an hour! The show starts at eight, but unless we get there early, we won't be near the stage. My brother has offered to give us a lift in (18) _____ car, so we won't need to take the bus. Text me (19) _____ soon as you know if you can come. Nina

17 _____
18 _____
19 _____

Part 5

Question 20 · 5 points

Write an e-mail.

Writing · e-mail · 7 minutes

Your English-speaking friend Sam is visiting your town next month. Write an e-mail to Sam. In your e-mail:

- say what you will show Sam in your town;
- say where you will go to eat, and why;
- ask what day Sam is arriving.

Write 25 words or more, in complete sentences.
