

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM
LEVEL A2/B1**

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(Faculty/field of study)

READING

I. Read the following article on getting fit and mark sentences 1 to 7 T (True) or F (False).

My first piece of advice to people who want to start getting fit is: *don't* buy an exercise bike. Typically, people who buy them use them for a week or so and then forget about them. They are effective if they are used regularly but you need to be determined. Most people will find it much easier to go for a gentle jog around the park.

As well as being easy to do, jogging is also relatively cheap compared to most other sports. You don't need to buy expensive clothes if you're just going running around the park or on the beach. The main thing is that they're comfortable, and that they keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

There is one piece of equipment, however, that you will have to spend time and money on, and that's your running shoes. Remember that you are not looking for a fashion item, but for something that will support your feet and protect you from injury. They can be expensive, but if they are good quality they will last you a long time. It's always best to get expert advice, and the best place for that is a sports shop.

As for the actual jogging, the secret is to start gently, and not to do too much at the beginning – especially if you haven't had any exercise for a long time. Try a mixture of walking and running for ten minutes about three times a week at first. Once you are happy doing that you can then start to increase the amount you do gradually. After a few months you should hope to be able to run at a reasonable speed for twenty minutes three or four times a week.

It's important that you feel comfortable with whatever you do. If you do, you'll start to enjoy it and will probably keep doing it. If it makes you feel uncomfortable, you'll probably stop after a short time and return to your bad habits. In any case, training too hard is not very effective. Research has shown that somebody who exercises for twice as long or twice as hard as another person doesn't automatically become twice as fit.

- 1) Most people don't use exercise bikes for very long. T/F
- 2) Exercise bikes don't get you fit. T/F
- 3) You should keep warm at all times when you are jogging. T/F
- 4) Running shoes don't have to be fashionable. T/F
- 5) You should start jogging by walking for ten minutes. T/F
- 6) You should expect to feel uncomfortable when jogging. T/F
- 7) You won't necessarily be a lot fitter by running twice as fast. T/F

II. Read the text below. Answer questions 8 to 15 with a short sentence.

When I was at school, I played some football and rugby. I hated rugby because I couldn't catch the ball, but I enjoyed football. I started out being a terrible player and nobody wanted me to be on their team. But I started to improve slowly and, after a few years, the other kids in the school accepted me as a player, not a fantastic one, but one who wouldn't do anything stupid.

When I was at university, I stopped playing sports altogether. I was working too hard, started eating too much, and, worst of all, I started smoking. By the time I was thirty, I was overweight and unfit.

Then one day, I was sitting in the park, smoking a cigarette. I was watching these guys running. They looked slim, fit and healthy, and some of them were much older than me. When I got home, I looked in the bathroom mirror and, well, I suppose I just didn't like what I saw. At that moment, I decided to stop smoking and change my life. I went to a sports shop, bought myself a pair of running shoes, shorts and a sweatshirt. That evening I went running around the park – for ten minutes! Physically, I felt terrible. Everything was hurting: my legs, my chest. But inside, I did feel good about it.

The next evening, I went again. I still only did ten minutes, but I didn't feel as bad as I did the day before. Within a week, I was running for fifteen minutes, then twenty, and after three weeks I ran for thirty minutes without stopping. Quite soon, I was running longer distances and my speed and strength were improving all the time. After six months, I was a runner!

That was five years ago. I now run eight kilometres six times a week and love it. My proudest moment was last year, when I ran my first marathon and finished in under three hours. I'm fitter now than I've ever been, and am so glad that I went to sit in the park that day five years ago.

- 8) Which sport did he like best at school? _____
- 9) Why did nobody want to play with him at first? _____
- 10) When did he stop playing football? _____
- 11) Where was he when he decided to change his life? _____
- 12) How long did he run for the first time? _____
- 13) How did he feel psychologically? _____
- 14) How often does he run now? _____
- 15) What did he do last year? _____

WRITING

III. "On-line shopping."

- What is your opinion about on-line shopping?
- Is it fashionable nowadays?
- Do you do your shopping on-line? Why/Why not?
- What are the products you would never buy on-line? Why?

Write about 150 words.

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IV. Choose and circle the correct answer. There is an example at the beginning.

- 0) Do you mind c a few minutes?
a) waits b) to wait c) waiting
- 1) Your brother's or your sister's daughter is your _____.
a) niece b) nephew c) cousin
- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo is the most popular _____ football player.
a) Portugal b) Portuguese c) Portuguese
- 3) Nowadays many young couples decide to _____ before they get married.
a) move up together b) move in together c) move on together
- 4) The film we watched yesterday was so _____ that I'm still very sad.
a) depressful b) depressed c) depressing
- 5) "Unfortunately, we can't afford _____ such an expensive car!"
a) buy b) buying c) to buy
- 6) According _____ Associated Press, the visit will last three days.
a) to b) with c) at
- 7) I'm not going to buy this sweater. Green and orange don't _____ me.
a) suit b) fit c) look
- 8) "How _____ is it from your house to the nearest bank?" "I think about two miles."
a) often b) much c) far
- 9) Greg usually avoids _____ his car in winter. He is not a very good driver.
a) drive b) to drive c) driving
- 10) "What can I do to relax?" "That's easy! _____ your mobile phone, sit down and close your eyes."
a) Switch out b) Switch off c) Switch away
- 11) Tracy had a lot of _____ jobs as a student. She couldn't spend much time working.
a) part-time b) party-time c) partnership
- 12) Managing directors who _____ big companies shouldn't earn such large salaries.
a) ride b) run c) rise
- 13) When you _____ in a demonstration, you participate in it and agree with its slogans.
a) take time b) take part c) take tone
- 14) People who care about the environment try to use _____ to minimise the pollution of the air.
a) public communication b) mass communication c) public transport
- 15) I've always _____ my parents. They're my best friends.
a) got on well b) got too well c) got on good

V. Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first one. Use the word in brackets. You can't change its form. Use between 2 and 5 words. There is an example at the beginning.

0) She played table tennis a lot when she was younger. (**used**)
She _____ **used to play table tennis** _____ when she was younger.

1) Uncle Paul bought his car last November. (**had**)
Uncle Paul _____ since last November.

2) Professor Edwards teaches my friends. (are)
My friends _____ professor Edwards."

3) Were politicians more honest in the past? (**be**)
Did politicians _____ honest?

4) They might not come to the party so we aren't going to order a lot of food. (**don't**)
If they _____, we won't order a lot of food.

5) Mark's parents didn't give him a lot of pocket money when he was a teenager. (**use**)
Mark's parents _____ a lot of pocket money.

6) The last time I saw Fernando was seven years ago. (**for**)
I _____ seven years.

7) Henry may have more money next week and he will buy a warmer jacket. (**If**)
_____ next week, he'll buy a warmer jacket.

8) Steven was a good swimmer when he was a student. (**swim**)
Steven _____.

9) I'm not an animal but I'd love to be an eagle. (**would**)
If I _____ be an eagle.

10) Somebody made this mobile phone in Japan. (**was**)
This mobile phone _____.

VI. Use the collocations in the right form to complete the two stories. There is an example at the beginning.

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| a) take photos | b) run out of petrol |
| c) do a sport | d) run a company |
| e) do a course | f) make a decision |
| g) get stuck in a traffic jam | h) make a living |
| i) get a new job | j) make mistakes |
| k) do a full-time job | |

A

Robert never (0) **did** any **full-time job**. He was a gifted guitarist and played with his friends in a band. Robert enjoyed his temporary job but it was really hard to (1) _____ as a jazz musician. Last summer he decided to find a new job. His brother, Jack, (2) _____ a big _____ and knows many businessmen. Jack introduced and recommended Robert to some of them. After a few days Robert (3) _____. He was really happy! Unfortunately, when he was

driving his car through the city centre, he (4) _____ for two hours and was late at work on the very first day. As a result, Robert lost the job. His wife told him: "Don't worry! Everyone (5) _____, nobody's perfect." Now he earns a decent salary as a ... taxi driver!

B

Emily loves spending her free time outdoors. She has a very healthy lifestyle and (6) _____ a few different _____: she plays tennis twice a week, runs in a park every morning and goes swimming at the weekends. Emily travels a lot in Europe and (7) _____ thousands of _____. Some of them are really beautiful and show spectacular views. Her worst journey took place three years ago. When she was driving to Greece, she (8) _____ somewhere in the country. There wasn't any petrol station so she had to walk more than five miles! Finally, she (9) _____ to leave the car and continue the journey on foot. This year Emily (10) _____ a Spanish _____ because she wants to visit Mexico next summer.

VII. For questions 1 to 10, read the text and decide which answer (a, b, c or d) fills the blank.

Although doctors have been warning about the dangers of cigarettes (1) _____ over fifty years, the number of people who smoke is still very high. These people are not (2) _____; they do worry (3) _____ their health; they know the risks they are (4) _____ with their lives. They also realise how much money they are (5) _____ on cigarettes, yet they still find it almost impossible to give them (6) _____. Smoking is also much more socially unacceptable now. A lot of people are (7) _____ smoking in public places – I personally can't (8) _____ sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant, and I just don't go into (9) _____ bars any more because I know what the air will be like. But we have to remember that most smokers do want to stop. Instead of criticising them, perhaps we should give them a (10) _____.

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| 1) a) from | b) for | c) since | d) during |
| 2) a) funny | b) silly | c) sensitive | d) ambitious |
| 3) a) about | b) over | c) with | d) around |
| 4) a) doing | b) making | c) having | d) taking |
| 5) a) earning | b) making | c) wasting | d) saving |
| 6) a) in | b) up | c) out | d) to |
| 7) a) again | b) a gain | c) against | d) above |
| 8) a) mind | b) stand | c) say | d) like |
| 9) a) crowded | b) blocked | c) filled | d) packed |
| 10) a) help | b) ham | c) hold | d) hand |

VIII. Choose the best word or phrase (a, b or c) to complete sentences 1 to 10.

- 1) Who _____ *Jurassic Park*?
 a) did write b) wrote c) did he write
- 2) I _____ the glass when I was pouring the wine.
 a) was dropping b) have dropped c) dropped
- 3) I don't have _____ money after the weekend .
 a) much b) lots c) many
- 4) You _____ drive when you are feeling tired.
 a) shouldn't b) don't have to c) haven't to
- 5) When _____ Argentina last?
 a) will you visit b) have you visited c) did you
- 6) When I went into my office, he _____ for me.
 a) had waited b) waited c) was waiting
- 7) My flatmate _____ at home when I call him.
 a) never is b) is never c) never he is
- 8) He hopes _____ us soon.
 a) to see b) seeing c) to seeing
- 9) I _____ staying home tonight.
 a) am going to b) will c) am
- 10) James _____ Cathy over the last few days.
 a) hasn't seen b) isn't seeing c) didn't see

IX. Match the words from box A with the words from box B to create 10 collocations.

A	B
1. maiden	a) job
2. high-rise	b) trunks
3. cookery	c) clothes
4. designer	d) conditioning
5. energy	e) age
6. ski	f) name
7. well-paid	g) resort
8. retirement	h) book
9. swimming	i) building
10. air	j) drink

X. Write the opposites of the adjectives (one word). There are some examples at the beginning.

0) rich – *poor*
old – *young*
bright – *dark*

- 1) quiet -
- 2) slim -
- 3) interesting -
- 4) dangerous -
- 5) dirty -
- 6) generous -
- 7) sociable -
- 8) strange -
- 9) early -
- 10) spacious -

LISTENING

X. Listen to a student, Ash Sharma, who has an idea how to make money. Mark the statements 1-5 true (T) or false (F).

- 1) Ash studies business. T/F
- 2) He needs £ 500 to start his project. T/F
- 3) The website helps students to learn foreign languages. T/F
- 4) Ash doesn't have money to buy the software. T/F
- 5) He wants to study and run his business at the same time. T/F

XI. Now listen to his father. Circle the correct answer a,b or c in statements 6-10.

- 6) Ash's father made the decision about money...
 - a) on his own.
 - b) with his wife.
 - c) with the rest of the family.
- 7) Ash's father says that his son's idea is...
 - a) strange.
 - b) very dangerous.
 - c) interesting.
- 8) If Ash has a business plan, his father...
 - a) will give the money.
 - b) will analyse it and make a final decision.
 - c) will refuse again.
- 9) Ash's father thinks that his son should...
 - a) continue his studies.
 - b) finish his studies earlier.
 - c) give up his studies.
- 10) Ash's father thinks that his son is very young and...
 - a) has still time to start his business in the future.
 - b) not experienced.
 - c) needs a good job now.
 - d)