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# International Institute Australia

## Quick Placement Test



### Version 1

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**The test is divided into three parts:**

Part 1 - Grammar Test (40 Questions)	20 minutes
Part 2 - Listening Test	20 minutes
Part 3 - Writing Test	20 minutes

## Part 1

### Question 1 – 5

- Where can you see these notices?
- For question 1 to 5, mark **one** letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your Answer Sheet

1

**Please leave your  
room key at  
Reception**

- A** in a shop
- B** in a hotel
- C** in a taxi

2

**Foreign money  
changed here**

- A** in a library
- B** in a bank
- C** in a police station

3

**AFTERNOON  
SHOW BEGINS  
AT 2PM**

- A** outside a theatre
- B** outside a supermarket
- C** outside a restaurant

4

**CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**  
Lessons start again on  
8th January

- A** at a travel agent's
- B** at a music school
- C** at a restaurant

5

Price per night:  
\$ 10 a tent  
\$ 5 a person

- A** at a cinema
- B** in a hotel
- C** at a camp-site

**Question 6 – 10**

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the text below.
- For questions 6 to 10, mark **one** letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your Answer Sheet.

**Scotland**

Scotland is the north part of the island of Great Britain. The Atlantic Ocean is on the west and the North Sea on the east. Some people (6) ..... Scotland speak a different language called Gaelic.

There are (7) ..... five million people in Scotland, and Edinburgh is (8) ..... most famous city.

Scotland has many mountains; the highest one is called 'Ben Nevis'. In the south of Scotland, there are a lot of sheep. A long time ago, there (9) ..... many forests, but now there are only a (10) .....

Scotland is only a small country, but it is quite beautiful.

- |    |   |       |   |         |   |       |
|----|---|-------|---|---------|---|-------|
| 6  | A | on    | B | in      | C | at    |
| 7  | A | about | B | between | C | among |
| 8  | A | his   | B | your    | C | its   |
| 9  | A | is    | B | were    | C | was   |
| 10 | A | few   | B | little  | C | lot   |

**Question 11 – 20**

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the texts.
- For questions 11 to 20, mark **one** letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

**Alice Guy Blaché**

Alice Guy Blaché was the first female film director. She first became involved in cinema whilst working for the Gaumont Film Company in the late 1890s. This was a period of great change in the cinema and Alice was the first to use many new inventions, **(11)** ..... sound and colour.

In 1907 Alice **(12)** ..... to New York where she started her own film company. She was **(13)** ..... successful, but, when Hollywood became the center of the film world, the best days of the independent New York film companies were **(14)** ..... . When Alice died in 1968, hardly anybody **(15)** ..... her name.

- 11**     **A** bringing     **B** including     **C** containing     **D** supporting
- 12**     **A** moved     **B** ran     **C** entered     **D** transported
- 13**     **A** next     **B** once     **C** immediately     **D** recently
- 14**     **A** after     **B** down     **C** behind     **D** over
- 15**     **A** remembered     **B** realised     **C** reminded     **D** repeated

## UFOs – do they exist?

UFO is short for ‘unidentified flying object’. UFOs are popularly known as flying saucers, (16) ..... that is often the (17) ..... they are reported to be. The (18) ..... ‘flying saucers’ were seen in 1947 by an American pilot, but experts who studied his claim decided it had been a trick of the light. Even people experienced at watching the sky, (19) ..... as pilots, report seeing UFOs.

In 1978 a pilot reported a collection of UFOs off the coast of New Zealand. A television (20) ..... went up with the pilot and filmed the UFOs. Scientists studying this phenomenon later discovered that in this case they were simply lights on boats out fishing.

- 16     A   because     B   therefore     C   although     D   so
- 17     A   look         B   shape         C   size         D   type
- 18     A   last            B   next            C   first            D   oldest
- 19     A   like             B   that             C   so                D   such
- 20     A   cameraman    B   director        C   actor            D   announcer

In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. For questions **21** to **40**, mark one letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your Answer Sheet.

- 21** The teacher encouraged her students ..... to an English pen-friend.  
**A** should write      **B** write      **C** wrote      **D** to write
- 22** They spent a lot of time ..... at the pictures in the museum.  
**A** looking      **B** for looking      **C** to look      **D** to looking
- 23** Shirley enjoys science lessons, but all her experiments seem to ..... wrong.  
**A** turn      **B** come      **C** end      **D** go
- 24** ..... from Michael, all the group arrived on time.  
**A** Except      **B** Other      **C** Besides      **D** Apart
- 25** She ..... her neighbour's children for the broken window.  
**A** accused      **B** complained      **C** blamed      **D** denied
- 26** As I had missed the history lesson, my friend went ..... the homework with me.  
**A** by      **B** after      **C** over      **D** on
- 27** Whether she's a good actress or not is a ..... of opinion.  
**A** matter      **B** subject      **C** point      **D** case

- 28 The decorated roof of the ancient palace was ..... up by four thin columns.
- A built                      B carried                      C held                      D supported
- 29 Would it ..... you if we came on Thursday?
- A agree                      B suit                      C like                      D fit
- 30 This form ..... be handed in until the end of the week.
- A doesn't need              B doesn't have              C needn't                      D hasn't got
- 31 If you make a mistake when you are writing, just ..... it out with your pen.
- A cross                      B clear                      C do                      D wipe
- 32 Although our opinions on many things ....., we're good friends.
- A differ                      B oppose                      C disagree                      D divide
- 33 This product must be eaten ..... two days of purchase.
- A by                      B before                      C within                      D under
- 34 The newspaper report contained ..... important information.
- A many                      B another                      C within                      D a lot of
- 35 Have you considered ..... to London?
- A move                      B to move                      C to be moving                      D moving

- 36** It can be a good idea for people who lead an active life to increase their ..... of vitamins.
- A** upturn                      **B** input                      **C** upkeep                      **D** intake
- 37** I thought there was a ..... of jealousy in his reaction to my good fortune.
- A** piece                      **B** part                      **C** shadow                      **D** touch
- 38** Why didn't you ..... that you were feeling ill?
- A** advise                      **B** mention                      **C** remark                      **D** tell
- 39** James was not sure exactly where his best interests .....
- A** stood                      **B** rested                      **C** lay                      **D** centred
- 40** He's still getting ..... the shock of losing his job.
- A** across                      **B** by                      **C** over                      **D** through

# Quick Placement Test

## PART 2 - LISTENING



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**THE LISTENING TEST CD IS REQUIRED**

# Quick Placement Test

## PART 3 - WRITING



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**Students must choose the relevant writing test**  
**for their course**

**Part 3**  
**Writing (20 minutes)**

**For General English**

- Please write a self-introduction (**use full sentences, not notes**) of **at least 10 sentences**.
- Please make sure you include all of the following topics.

- ❖ your name and where you are from (country and city / town)
- ❖ what you do in your country (job or study)
- ❖ your education history (high school / university?)
- ❖ your work history (if you have worked)
- ❖ English courses / English study you have done (level?)
- ❖ why you want to learn English
- ❖ why you want to come to Australia
- ❖ what you hope to study / learn at IIA
- ❖ when you are planning to return to your country
- ❖ what you hope to do in the future (your future plans)

**For IELTS Direct**

In the twentieth century there were many very important inventions that we now take for granted; the television, the computer, the mobile phone and the radio for example. Which of these do you think is the most important?

Give reasons to support your choice. You should write at least 100 words.

**For FCE / CAE**

An English language school in your city is offering a prize for the best essay on the topic “What makes a successful language school”.

Write a short essay of 120 – 180 words in an appropriate style.