LanguageCert
Achiever B1
Entry Level 3
International ESOL for Schools
(Listening, Reading, Writing)
Practice Paper 1

Candidate's name (block letters please)	
Centre no	**Date**

Time allowed:

- Listening about 30 minutes
- Reading and Writing 2 hours and 10 minutes

Instructions to Candidates

- An Answer Sheet will be provided.
- All answers must be transferred to the Answer Sheet.
- Please use a soft pencil (2B, HB).

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Listening Part 1

You will hear some sentences. You will hear each sentence twice. Choose the best reply to each sentence.

1. a) Oh, don't you know it?
   b) I can sing very well.
   c) It's great, isn't it?

2. a) I went yesterday.
   b) I don't know the result yet.
   c) I'm looking forward to it.

3. a) No, you saw it.
   b) I really loved it.
   c) Not very often.

4. a) That's very long.
   b) That's no problem.
   c) It's good news.

5. a) Sorry about that.
   b) I'll give it back.
   c) Thanks a lot.

6. a) No, thank you.
   b) Yes, it's recent.
   c) Yes, I am sure.

7. a) Yes, it's been fun.
   b) I'll be right there.
   c) It isn't this evening.

Listening Part 2

You will hear some conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. Choose the correct answers for each conversation.

Conversation 1

1. What is the man's main reason for choosing Italian?

   a) He knows it's like Spanish.
   b) He thinks it will be easy.
   c) He loves the country.

2. How long is the man going to stay in Rome?

   a) 1 year
   b) 6 weeks
   c) 8 months

Conversation 2

3. Who are the speakers?

   a) strangers
   b) parents
   c) teachers

4. How does the woman feel at the end?

   a) annoyed
   b) calm
   c) shocked

Conversation 3

5. The woman is helping the man to

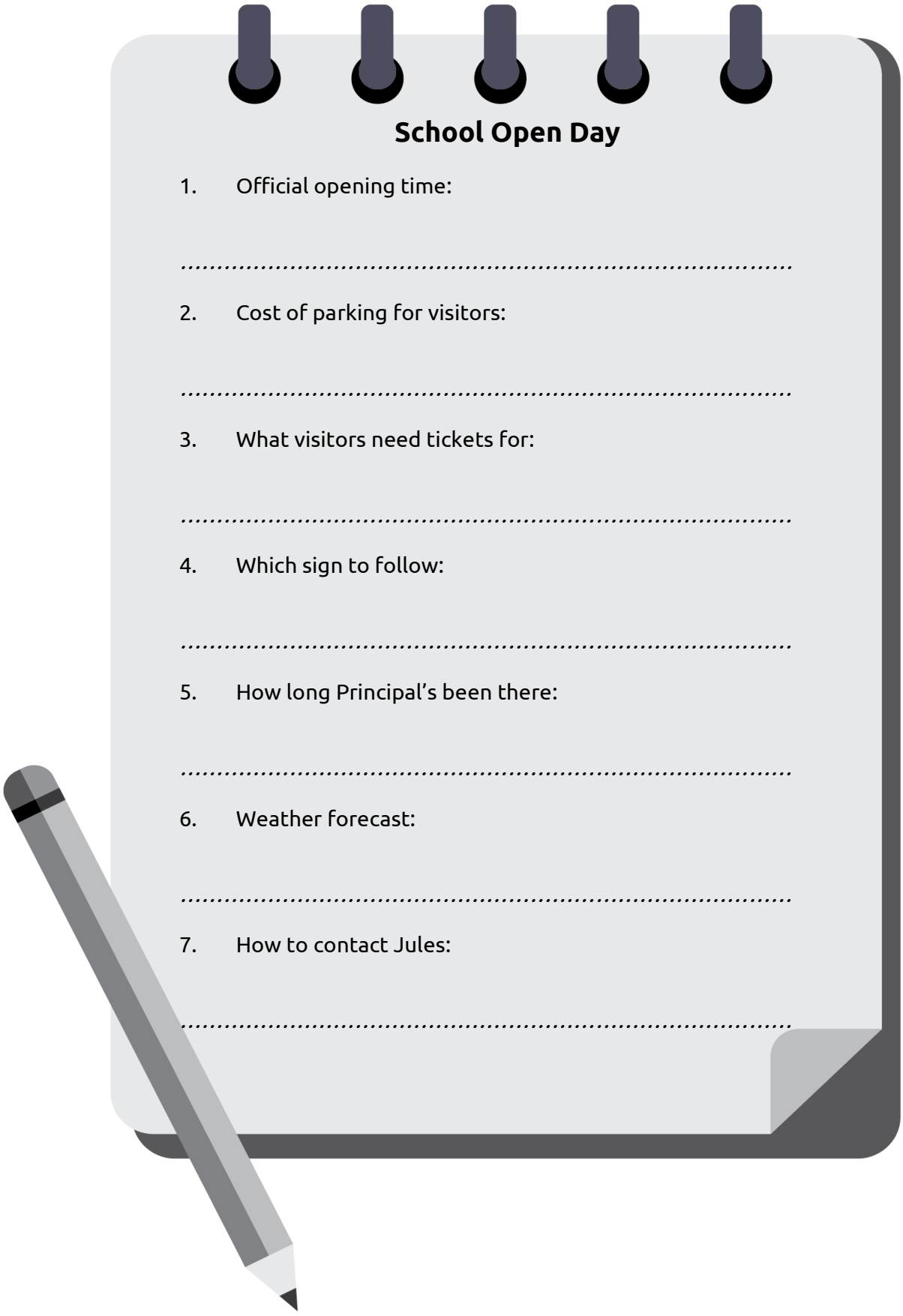
   a) apply for something.
   b) contact someone.
   c) decide what to study.

6. The man feels

   a) frightened.
   b) confident.
   c) nervous.

Listening Part 3

You will hear someone talking. You will hear the person twice. Complete the information. Write short answers of one to three words.



School Open Day

1. Official opening time:

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2. Cost of parking for visitors:

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3. What visitors need tickets for:

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4. Which sign to follow:

.....

5. How long Principal's been there:

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6. Weather forecast:

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7. How to contact Jules:

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Listening Part 4

You will hear a conversation. You will hear the conversation twice. Choose the correct answers.

1. Which subject is Katya most concerned about?

    a) History
    b) Science
    c) Geography

2. Why does Katya think she has low marks?

    a) She finds it difficult.
    b) She gets no help from teachers.
    c) She doesn't know why.

3. Why does Katya worry about projects?

    a) They're harder than exams.
    b) They're work done at home.
    c) They're part of the final mark.

4. Why does Katya find using the web difficult?

    a) Her computer's confusing.
    b) There's too much material.
    c) It takes ages to start.

5. Mr Finlay wants Katya to

    a) get help from a teacher.
    b) talk to all her teachers.
    c) ask friends to explain.

6. What does Mr Finlay decide to do?

    a) Ask students for help.
    b) Teach Katya about IT.
    c) Provide IT advice for students.

Reading Part 1

Read the texts. Choose the correct answer to complete each text.

1.



Thanks for visiting!

We hope you have enjoyed your day out at Harling Fun Park and that you will want to come back. Remember to bring this leaflet _____ and we will let you into the park for half price.

a) if you've forgotten anything
b) to get another cheap ticket
c) when you visit us again

2.



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Performances daily 1 to 24 December

Buy tickets at the theatre box office.

Reduced _____ for children, pensioners and students in full-time education.

a) prices
b) dates
c) ages

3.

Pop-star of the future

Some people can sing. Other people practise singing for years but get no better. This girl is an example of the first.

_____ she has had no singing lessons, she sings beautifully.



a) So as
b) Although
c) However

4.



Half Price Books
(in alphabetical order)



The Long Good-bye
Things for You
Tim and Tammy

_____

Trucks and Cars

a) True Lies
b) Tell Me a Story
c) Tom Cat and Friends

5.

Thank you very much for the lovely birthday present. I was so happy with the tickets to next week's match. _____ I can't wait to see my favourite team!



a) I enjoyed reading it very much!
b) The whole experience was wonderful!
c) It was kind of you to choose what I wanted!

Reading Part 2

Read the text. Use the sentences to complete the text. Choose the correct sentence for each gap. There is one extra sentence you will not need.

Karaoke

There are many different types of popular entertainment. The most successful of these are usually very simple. **(1) _____**

Karaoke is a Japanese word which translates as 'empty orchestra.' The idea is that the music of a song is played without the words. **(2) _____** The result may not always be of great musical quality. It is, however, usually great fun.

(3) _____ It has been around for as long as people have made music. Karaoke has basically developed a tradition which already existed. **(4) _____** In a word – technology. Karaoke records both music and words and lets people put them together.

We don't usually know who first had the idea for any type of popular entertainment. These things seem to develop by themselves. **(5) _____** In fact, it is generally accepted that the idea for Karaoke as we know it today belongs to someone named Daisuke Inoue. Unfortunately, he never registered the name officially and missed the chance to make a lot of money. He did win an award for 'a new way for people to tolerate each other.' **(6) _____**

A The idea of singing along to background music is not new.

B With Karaoke, however, this is not the case.

C What it has done is to use something which did not exist in earlier times.

D Nobody knows how Karaoke became so popular.

E People read these from a screen and sing along to the music.

F If Karaoke has done this, it is truly priceless.

G Karaoke is a perfect example of this type of success story.

Reading Part 3

Read the four texts. Which text gives you the answer to each question? Choose the correct text (A-D) for each question.

A

The new Spartan's Football Stadium's opening ceremony was held yesterday and attended by guests including star footballer, Jay Ferosa. Fans then saw an excellent match in bad weather between the Spartans and the Giants. The Giants didn't play well in the rain and the Spartans defeated them 4-1. The stadium, which was built for three million euros, is now open to visitors on weekdays.

B

Parents can now send their children to the Spartan Football Academy at the famous new stadium. The two-week camps are going to take place during the summer holidays in July and August, with professional coaches and guest appearances by famous footballers. If you want your children to learn football skills and make new friends, this is the place for them. Take a friend and pay half price!

C

The Spartan's Football Stadium opening ceremony was great! I'm so happy I could be there. The building looks amazing; no wonder it cost so much. The match was fantastic despite the weather. I thought the footballers would stop playing, but they were great and didn't go off, although the wet grass seemed quite dangerous. They're organising football camps in the summer, so we could go together.

D

Rain delay and *rain stopped play* are words used to describe a sporting event which is delayed or cancelled because of rain. Sports typically stopped because of rain include golf, tennis, and cricket, where even slightly wet conditions can be dangerous for players. Football games generally continue despite the rain, although players can choose to stop the match and go off if the ground becomes too wet.

Which text:

1. explains what usually happens in bad weather? ☐
2. is part of a personal letter? ☐

Which text tells you:

3. exactly how much something cost? ☐
4. the benefits of a summer programme? ☐
5. where a famous person went? ☐
6. about some players who did something unexpected? ☐
7. about sports which people don't play on wet grass? ☐

Reading Part 4

Read the text and answer the questions. Use a maximum of three words for each answer.

Superman

Superman is a fictional character with amazing powers. Many people consider Superman the greatest superhero ever. He is certainly the best known. The 1978 Hollywood *Superman* movie made more money than any other film of its time and gave Superman a worldwide audience.

You have to look before 1978 for Superman's appearance in comics. The character was created in the early 1930s and in June 1938, the familiar figure was first seen by the public in *Action Comics*. Since then, he has been on radio and TV and even in a 1960s Broadway musical called *Is it a bird*?

Superman was created by American writer Jerry Siegel, and a Canadian artist colleague drew the character and designed his costume. Superman's powers included great strength, incredible speed and the ability to fly. This last power was added only in the 1940s for new cartoons.

Superman was raised by a farmer and his wife, who gave him the name Clark Kent to protect his superhero identity. The couple found Superman as a baby after his father, a scientist on the distant planet Krypton, sent him into space before the planet exploded.

Superman believed that only he escaped from Krypton. Later, he discovered that his cousin, Kara, also got away. Several super animals joined the story, but Kara was the only other person to survive the planet's destruction.

Superman was called *Man of Steel* because nothing on earth could harm him. Only kryptonite, which was rock from his home planet, could kill Superman. The one thing which protected him from its deadly rays was the common metal, lead. Superman had enemies who tried to kill him. His most famous enemy, Lex Luthor, was actually a childhood friend.

As Clark Kent, he worked as a journalist in Metropolis after his upbringing and education in his home town, Smallville. Whenever there was a crisis, he would swiftly change into his famous Superman costume which was entirely blue and red apart from the distinctive yellow letter S on his chest.

1. In which year did Superman first appear in comics?

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2. What nationality was the person who created comic book pictures of Superman?

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3. What could Superman not do before 1940?

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4. What was the occupation of Superman's father?

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5. How many people does the text say escaped from Krypton?

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6. What could protect Superman from kryptonite rays?

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7. What was the relationship between Superman and Lex Luthor when they were young?

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8. Where did Superman go to school?

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Writing Part 1

Read the headteacher's email below about changes to the canteen menu. Write an email to the headteacher. Say:

- what you think about the food the canteen serves now
- what changes or new dishes you would suggest
- how the changes will benefit students.

Write between 70 and 100 words.

Dear Students,
We would like to improve the food available in our school canteen. We want to make sure that students enjoy their meals and have healthy options to choose from.
We would be happy to hear your opinions and suggestions. Please email me with your ideas.
Kind regards,
Mrs Wilson

Writing Part 2

Write a letter to a friend about your favourite day in the year and suggest what you could do together on this day.

Write between 100 and 120 words.