

English Proficiency Exam (EPE)

(*Sample/Örnek*)

EPE consists of 6 sections and basically covers 4 skills-Listening, Speaking, reading and writing. You may find some randomly chosen questions below. These items are only sample and any one of the sections may not be included in one of the EPEs. The testing section of the department may change some sections of the EPE as well.

SECTION I. STRUCTURE & VOCABULARY

SECTION II. COMPREHENSION

SECTION III. LISTENING

SECTION IV. READING

SECTION V. WRITING

SECTION VI. SPEAKING

I. STRUCTURE & VOCABULARY (25*0,5=12,5 POINTS)

PART A. Choose the correct option for questions 1 – 20.

Normally, my father _____ work at 8 o'clock, but he _____ today. He's on holiday.

- A) is starting / isn't working
- B) starts / doesn't work
- C) is starting / doesn't work
- D) starts / isn't working

As Liz _____ onions, she _____ her finger.

- A) chopped / was cutting
- B) had chopped / cut
- C) chopped / had cut
- D) was chopping / cut

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PART B. Choose the alternative that is closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) for 21-25.

When he discovered how much evidence the police had against him, he thought the best thing to do was to make a confession.

- A) proof
- B) crime
- C) guilt
- D) policy

There were a lot of students who enrolled for the classes last year, so they hired new teachers.

- A) signed up
- B) made up
- C) caught up
- D) set up

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II. COMPREHENSION (15*0,5=7,5 POINTS)

PART A. Choose the best sentence that completes the given paragraph meaningfully for 26-29.

1. The Dolmabahçe Palace in İstanbul is the best example of late Ottoman architecture. The leading architect of the time was Garabet Balyan. He was commissioned by the Sultan to complete the palace. He was advised to make it as beautiful as Versailles. _____ It would be fair to say, in fact, that by the 1850s it was one of the weakest empires in Europe. However, the Sultan provided anything he needed to get the Dolmabahçe Palace completed and he was able to finish the job in nine years.

- A) Although Dolmabahçe is much smaller than Versailles, it is a fantastic work by Garabet Balyan.
- B) Dolmabahçe has the largest collection of Bohemian and Baccarat crystal chandeliers in the world.
- C) Doing this may have seemed an impossible task for him, seeing as the Ottoman Empire was in a period of decline.
- D) Making it possibly the most expensive ceiling in the world, the palace cost the equivalent of 35 tons of gold to build.

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PART B. Choose the best item to complete the missing part of the sentences for 30-32.

It is typical that _____ do I have the car washed, _____ it starts to rain.

- A) no sooner / than
- B) neither / nor
- C) the more / the less
- D) not only / but also

I made a clear note of the route _____ they could find their way to my house easily.

- A) in order to
- B) so that
- C) unless
- D) provided that

PART C. Choose the best answer to give for the situations described below for 33-36.

You're staying in a small hotel at the seaside. You want to eat seafood for dinner, but you are not sure whether they serve it in the restaurant. You call the receptionist and say:

- A) Do you mind if I had seafood for dinner tonight?
- B) I'd like to know whether you suggest sea food or meat.
- C) I wonder if you have any seafood on the menu.
- D) Could you tell me if you'd like to have seafood for dinner tonight?

PART D. Choose the best option that completes the given sentence meaningfully for 37-40.

People in India thought this symbol had potential powers, so _____

- A) during the war they were used.
- B) they wore it as a good luck charm.
- C) the importance of it wasn't understood.
- D) they don't want to risk anything.

III. LISTENING (10*2=20 POINTS)

Listen to conversation 1 and choose the correct answers according to Listening 1 (41-45).

Five years ago ... students had mental health problems.

- A) twice as many
- B) half as many
- C) 20% of

D) 40% of

Listen to conversation 2 and choose the correct answers according to Listening 2 (46-50).

How does Jenny know this story?

- A) She knows Jake.
- B) She read about it.
- C) She heard about it from a friend.
- D) She watched a TV program about it.

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IV. READING (20*1=20 POINTS)

Answer questions 51-60 according to Text 1.

Text 1:

1 Sea ice is found in **remote** polar oceans. On average, sea ice covers about 25 million square kilometers of the earth, or about two-and-a-half times the area of Canada. Because most of us do not live in the polar regions, we may live for several decades and never see sea ice. Although it may not directly affect us, it is a critical component of our planet because it influences climate, wildlife, and people who live in the Arctic.

2 Sea ice is simply frozen ocean water. It forms, grows, and melts in the ocean. In contrast, icebergs, glaciers, ice sheets, and ice shelves all originate on land. Sea ice occurs in both the Arctic and Antarctic. In the Northern Hemisphere, it can currently **exist** as far south as Bohai Bay, China, which is actually about 700 kilometers closer to the Equator than it is to the North Pole. In the Southern Hemisphere, sea ice only develops around Antarctica, occurring as far north as 55 degrees south latitude. Sea ice grows during the winter months and melts during the summer months, but some sea ice remains all year in certain regions. About 15 percent of the world's oceans are covered by sea ice during the year.

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Which option is closest in meaning to “remote” in paragraph 1?

- A) distant
- B) included
- C) isolated
- D) central

Which option is closest in meaning to “exist” in paragraph 2?

- A) live
- B) travel
- C) happen
- D) keep

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Answer questions 61-70 according to Text 2.

Text 2:

1 British Director Danny Boyle’s film Slumdog Millionaire is an acclaimed feelgood movie set in the slums of Mumbai, India. Slumdog Millionaire tells the **rags-to-riches** story of an 18-year-old orphan called Jamal who works as a tea boy in a call centre.

2 Jamal Malik is a contestant on the Indian version of the popular TV show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire”. He is one question away from winning a twenty million rupee fortune, but the jealous game show host suspects him of cheating and calls in the police. The police find it hard to believe that a poor, uneducated boy from the slums could know the answers to such difficult questions. Jamal is arrested and taken to the police station to be interrogated.

Jamal was arrested because _____.

- A) he cheated in the contest
- B) he didn’t know the answer to the questions
- C) he was poor
- D) of Latika

In which paragraphs is the movie’s plot mentioned?

- A) 1 – 2 – 3
- B) 2 – 3 – 4
- C) 1 – 3 – 4
- D) 3 – 4 – 5

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V. WRITING (20 POINTS)

Choose ONE of the topics below and write a 250 – 300-word opinion essay. Follow the instructions to achieve a coherent text. Do not forget to sign the topic you have chosen.

SAMPLE TOPIC A: In the past, when cities weren’t as big as they are now, most people were born in the countryside and grew up there. Today however, the population in the cities are rising everyday and people are growing up without being in the nature. Some people say that this is harmful for the development of children and argue that more people should move to the countryside. What is your opinion?

SAMPLE TOPIC B: When I was young, most of my elders told me that to become successful in life, I would have to work very hard. Now that I am older, I realize hard work isn’t enough to become very successful, a person also needs to be lucky. Some people disagree however and say, “People make their own luck”. Which one is more important, hard work, luck, or a combination of both.

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