

LEVEL B (B1 & B2)

2018 B

MODULE 1 Reading comprehension and language awareness

PART A - CHOICE ITEMS

ACTIVITY 1

Read the text and choose the best answers (A, B, or C) for items 1a-7a.

Ranking the Best Men's Tennis

https://bleacherreport.com/articles/2357016-ranking-the-best-mens-tennis-players-under-25-years-old

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MEN'S TENNIS

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Rising stars: Male Tennis Players Under 25

While Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic have held a near monopoly on Grand Slam titles since 2005, a number of rising talents have shown enormous potential over the last few seasons.

Young top-quality players from European countries



One of the rising stars is a young Greek by the name of Stefanos Tsitsipas and he is the youngest player in the top 50 tennis players in the world. In June 2018, he got to the 4th round at Wimbledon in the UK. During the same year, he became the 15th highest ranking player in the world, and in October 2018 he became the first Greek tennis player to win an ATP World Tour title when he beat Ernest Gulbis 6-4 in the final of the Stockholm Open.

Stefanos was born in Athens, Greece on 12 August 1998. He comes from a 'tennis' family as both his parents are also experienced tennis players. He began playing tennis when he was just three years old. When he was growing up, both his parents worked as tennis coaches at a hotel in the beach resort area of Vouliagmeni. His two brothers and sister are also tennis players. His father has always been involved in coaching him, he said during an interview, and he is close to him and the rest of his family. On Twitter he said, 'If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older'.

In an interview with his father, he told us that he admires Stefanos, that he likes the way he plays and he's really proud of him doing so well. He also told us that he likes Stephanos for the person he has become. He's travelled quite a bit around the world, he really cares about others and he is positive about life. On Twitter Stefanos often posts messages like 'Stay positive, work hard and make it happen' and 'With no failure there is no achievement'.

Stefanos wants to encourage more people in Greece to play tennis. He thinks it's a great way to stay fit and healthy even if you don't become a professional player.

ATTENTION

- Try to answer all the questions.
- Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 1 [ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1].
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **85 minutes** to complete this part of the exam.

- 1a. The aim of this text about Stefanos Tsitsipas is to
 - A. present him.
 - B. encourage him.
 - C. advise him.
- 2a. The article emphasizes that Tsitsipas is
 - A. troubled.
 - B. skillful.
 - C. good looking.
- 3a. The text suggests that Tsitsipas is
 - A. the best tennis player in the world.
 - B. one of the top players in the world.
 - C. the youngest tennis player ever.
- 4a. The writer suggests that Tsitsipas
 - A. enjoys coaching.
 - B. rarely travels.
 - C. is caring.
- 5a. The writer suggests that Tsitsipas' family
 - A. travels with him to every game.
 - B. is quite wealthy.
 - C. is very important to him.
- 6a. The writer suggests that Tsitsipas
 - A. plays other sports too.
 - B. uses social media.
 - C. travels all over Greece.
- 7a. Tsitsipas' father thinks his son is
 - A. too competitive.
 - B. a good person.
 - C. very clever.

ACTIVITY 2

Read the short texts below and choose the best word (A-H) to fill in items 8a-13a. Use each word only once. There are two words you do not need.

A. work	B. eat	C. make	D. have
E. are	F. protect	G. stay	H. live

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Turtles of the world

Loggerhead turtles

'Wildlife Sense' is an organisation on the beautiful island of Kefalonia, Greece, and they have a research and conservation project. They want to (8a) _____ sea turtles and collaborate with people in the local community.

Loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) are the only marine turtles in Greece – and the whole Mediterranean – that lay their eggs on beaches. This happens every year in the summer. You can (9a) _____ as a volunteer on this project if you are interested.



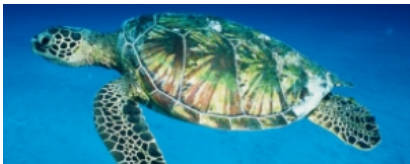
Hawksbill turtles

Hawksbill turtles (10a) _____ found in many places around the world, including Madagascar, Africa. The turtles (11a) _____ on or near coral reefs and help to keep the coral reefs clean. There are not many hawksbill turtles living in our seas any more. Many organisations around the world try to protect them. Hawksbill turtles eat squid and shrimps.

Green turtles

You can find green turtles in seas all over the world. They are one of the largest types of turtle in the world and can live for up to 80 years.

Green turtles are vegetarians and only (12a) _____ seaweed and seagrass. Their shells are green and yellow and black. Green turtles can (13a) _____ under water for up to five hours.

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ACTIVITY 3

Read the text and fill in gaps 14a-20a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There is one option you do not need.

A. after	B. for	C. as	D. over
E. by	F. of	G. back	H. to

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To... Victoria Kalantzis

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Subject: From Grandad

Hi Vicky

I was thrilled to get your email telling me all your news. It sounds like you are working very hard to fit into your new school but also finding time to have fun (14a) ____ well. I'm very glad to hear that, and so is your grandma! Of course, we miss living with you in Melbourne, but I think moving (15a) ____ Brisbane must be very exciting too. I imagine there are some similarities. Do you still have koalas and kangaroos in the garden? You'll be pleased to know your grandma and I are coming (16a) ____ to stay next month for a couple of weeks.


I'm emailing as I've found some things that may be useful (17a) ____ your school project. I love the idea (18a) ____ your sharing some cultural experiences of Greece with your classmates. Everyone likes food and so I've attached Grandmas' recipe for "uvetsi". Hers is so good!! I'm really pleased you want to focus on Greek music too. I've attached some photos of my father, your great grandfather, playing bouzouki in a bar in Athens in the 1940s. He emigrated to Australia (19a) ____ in the 1950s and I was born some years after that!

I've still got my father's bouzouki and will try to bring it with me when we come. Maybe you could take it to school. You'll need to look (20a) ____ it though!


Anyway, love to you and the whole family. Let's Skype, so we can talk some more about your project.

Lots of love

Grandad xxx



Greek Traditional Pasta Beef Casserole (uvetsi)



Ingredients

- 1 kg (2 lb) minced beef (minced)
- 2 medium red onions, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced in one third
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups tomato paste
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 glass of red wine
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 100 g (4 oz) hard cheese, grated
- 200 g (8 oz) pasta (orzo)

Instructions

- Wipe the meat with paper towels. Heat 1/2 of a cup of olive oil in a pan, add the chopped onions and carrots and sauté for 5 minutes in medium-low heat. Turn up the heat and add the meat; brown the meat on all sides until crusty.
- Stir in the tomato paste and pour in the red wine; wait for the wine to evaporate. Add the tinned tomatoes, a glass of water, the sugar, the cinnamon stick and a good pinch of salt and pepper.
- Turn the heat down and simmer with the lid on for about 45 minutes.
- In the meantime, heat another pan, add 3 tbsps of olive oil and the orzo pasta and sauté, until golden.
- Place the orzo pasta in an oven tray along with the meat and sauce (remove the cinnamon stick) and mix. Cover the tray with some aluminum foil and bake in preheated oven at 180C for 30 minutes. Remove the aluminum foil, add a glass of water if needed, and put back in the oven for another 15 minutes. Sprinkle with some grated kefalotyri or any hard yellow cheese and enjoy!

ACTIVITY 4

Read the text below and decide if statements 21a-25a are True (A), False (B) or Not stated (C).

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
According to the text				
21a.	denim jackets are not as popular as denim jeans.			
22a.	denim jeans have been worn as a fashion item since 1873.			
23a.	the inventors started selling jeans straight away very successfully.			
24a.	denim jeans are only made in Asia.			
25a.	we should take care of our jeans.			

The story of denim jeans

Take a look in your bedroom cupboard or chest of drawers. You will probably see a pair of denim jeans. You may even be wearing a pair now. You may also own a denim jacket or a denim shirt or a denim skirt. Most of us do. But have you ever asked yourself when they were invented, by whom and why?



Denim jeans were invented by a European: a German man called Levi Strauss and an American, Jacob Davies, in 1873. That is more than one hundred and forty years ago. How many other fashion items have survived that long?

In 1873, jeans were not a fashion item at all. Workers in gold mines, people working on trains and railroads, cowboys on ranches all needed trousers and jackets that would last a long time. They needed trousers made out of heavy material. Denim is the material that Levi Strauss and Jacob Davies invented and used to make jeans. They became very popular with workers immediately. Business was very good!

Nowadays, over half the denim in the world is made in Asia. The indigo dye that is used to make jeans blue is grown in India. Countries all over the world buy indigo from India so they can make jeans in their countries too. In 1873, denim trousers were only worn by working men doing manual labour. Over the years, denim jeans have become very popular with people of all ages all over the world.

So, next time you throw your jeans on the floor, pick them up and put them in the cupboard. Treat them with a bit of respect. They're quite old!

ACTIVITY 5

Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for items 26a-31a (on the next page).

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PARTY GAMES
PUZZLES
CARD GAMES
PERFORMING ARTS
BOARD GAMES
COLLECTING

Cool hobbies and interests!

Why are hobbies important

Hobbies provide many mental and physical health benefits, including increased optimism, confidence, increased creativity and a better ability to deal with stress.

What hobbies say about you

Read what the hobbies below say about the people involved with them. Then, think about your own hobby and what it says about you.

- Endurance sports, that require good fitness and regular training (like swimming and running), show that you have perseverance and drive.
- Creative hobbies, such as painting, drawing, jewellery-making or writing suggest you have a creative mind and can solve complicated problems.
- Yoga is for those who want serenity in their lives and control over their actions.
- Gardening is for those who care about the environment and nature.
- Team sports like football, basketball, volleyball, etc. suggest that you are good at working together with others to achieve a common goal. They develop teamwork skills.
- Some board games and especially chess show that you can think strategically.
- Volunteering to help in your community (the library, a local park, or a retirement home) shows that you have a caring nature.

Interviews with young people

Tim Littlecott, 17 years old

I love photography and have taught myself to use Photoshop, with the help of courses offered online. Now I spend my free time making art with my photos. Using graphics to edit photos is fascinating.

You can turn a realistic photograph into something more abstract, using your imagination and graphics of course. Here's a photo I created using Photoshop. Learning about graphic design has fascinated me because it's so creative.

Milly Singlestone, 16 years old

I joined the robotics club at my new school, because I'm interested in making things and because I wanted to meet others with similar interests. I'm also good at maths and computer science and started learning how to code a few years ago.

There are eight of us in the club at school and we are working on a group project to enter a competition later this year. I can't reveal to you what we are trying to create but I think we have a good chance of achieving our goal and I'm really excited!

What's on near me?
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- 26a. What is the main purpose of the text?
A to present a survey. **B** to present a disagreement. **C** to present a point of view.
- 27a. According to the text, hobbies
A can be stressful. **B** are good for you. **C** are recommended by doctors.
- 28a. According to the text, hobbies reveal
A what you think. **B** what you are like. **C** what you will become.
- 29a. The text suggests to readers that
A all hobbies are positive. **B** some hobbies are harmful. **C** you should focus on one hobby.
- 30a. In his interview, Tim says that he
A reworks his photos creatively. **B** corrects his photos so they have no flaws. **C** uses his photography to become an artist.
- 31a. In her interview, Milly claims that she joined a robotics club because
A she liked computer science. **B** she wanted to meet other people like her. **C** she wanted to be able to enter a competition.

ACTIVITY 6


Read the text and fill in gaps 32a-37a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There are two options you do not need.

A. elected	B. place	C. together	D. character
E. theme	F. bought	G. survivor	H. recommended

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This summer I had my 15th birthday and my parents gave me the coolest present. They (32a) _____ me an e-book reader and it's great. I carry it around with me everywhere. I even took it to the beach!

One of the books I read this summer was *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. We're studying it at school this term and our teacher (33a) _____ we read it ahead of time. Before starting I wasn't enthusiastic, but once I got into it, I couldn't put it down.

The book was written in 1954 which is obviously a long time ago, but what happened then could have taken (34a) _____ today! It talks about a group of schoolboys, aged 8-15, from England, that were in a plane crash and ended up on a desert island. There were no adult survivors.



At first, the boys all behaved as they would at school and made up rules to abide by. They (35a) _____ a leader and the older boys looked after the younger boys. They built shelters and agreed about the need to find food and to all learn how to do things like lighting a fire. Teamwork was important, and they worked (36a) _____ but, as time passed, the boys became less civilised and some boys started breaking the rules. A couple of boys became bullies, hurt the weaker ones, and wouldn't listen to anyone else.

I'm not going to tell you what happens in the end, but I'll say this: It's one of the best books I've read. I guess the main (37a) _____ of this novel is how a group of young people manage to live together when all the boundaries they were familiar with disappeared and they could do what they wanted.

ACTIVITY 7

Match texts 38a-43a with options A-H. There are two options you do not need.

A. Cruise	B. Winter sports	C. Cycling	D. City break
E. Camping	F. Trekking	G. Beach holiday	H. Sea safari



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Perfect Holiday ideas

38a

Here, you can enjoy seeing lots of wildlife up close on a holiday of this type. If you're lucky you may see dolphins, whales and many different sea birds. We recommend you bring binoculars and cameras. There will be lectures about the wildlife every evening. You'll live on board the boat for four days. Great for adventurous people!



39a

Ancient wonders on your doorstep from Sounio and the Temple of Poseidon to local museums full of history. Why not just sit back and enjoy a holiday in the sun making the most of the local beaches and watersports? We can offer everything for people of all ages. Stay in one resort for two weeks or enjoy a week in a mainland resort and a week in a hotel on an island. The beach is within walking distance. Ferry fare included in the price.

40a

If you are fit and enjoy the great outdoors, this could be the perfect holiday for you. Every day you'll set off after breakfast and walk up to 15km enjoying fresh air and fantastic mountain views. You'll stay in a different hotel each night. We'll arrange for your luggage to be taken to each hotel, so you don't have to carry it.

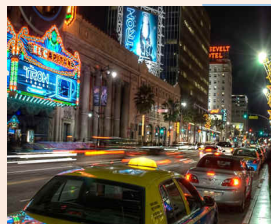


41a

If you enjoy travelling by sea and want a relaxing holiday enjoying time sitting in the sun near a pool, occasionally stopping at places of interest such as ancient sites, nearby famous cities with art galleries and museums this could be just the holiday for you. Book a week or two weeks and enjoy all the benefits the Mediterranean offers and a taste of the cultures around it.

42a

Not everyone wants to holiday in the heat of summer. Why not do something completely different and still enjoy the sun but at a different time of the year. Visit the Dolomites. Skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding. Exercise and fresh air with a great night life. We can provide it all.



43a

Enjoy a three-to-five-day break in a destination of your choice. We can offer varied stays in urban environments all over Europe. Whether it's top restaurants and a lively night life, or an interest in music events and theatre productions we can provide you with accommodation and venues in some of the trendiest places. From small towns to capitals we have something to offer everyone.

False (B) or Not stated (C).



Discover EU!

An exciting initiative was announced by the European Union on 4th May 2018 to enable young people to discover Europe by rail.

Facts

Length of rail tracks in the EU 218,181km

Number of people turning 18 in the EU in 2018: 5,435,340

Thanks to backing by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), between 20,000 and 30,000 18-year-olds will have the chance to travel for free in the EU by rail this year. In the future, more young people will benefit from the Discover EU initiative, which was first proposed during Parliament's European Youth Event (EYE) in 2014.

How it will work

About 15,000 people will enjoy the chance to travel in Europe by rail between 9 July and 30 September. Any European citizen who will be 18 on 1 July can apply for tickets online in the first round of applications from noon Central European Time on 12 June until noon Central European Time on 26 June. A second call for applications will be launched later this year.

Participants will be able to travel for up to 30 days to as many as four different EU countries. Travel will be mainly by rail, but also by bus and ferry if necessary to ensure wide access.

Flights will be allowed in exceptional cases where no other form of transport is available. This could be for example for people coming from remote areas or outermost regions of Europe.

Participants with reduced mobility or special needs may be eligible for extra help, for example, support with the costs for an accompanying person, or a dog for those with a visual impairment.

More information on the initiative is available on the European Youth Portal.

Parliament support

The Parliament has been a strong advocate of the idea of free rail tickets for 18-year-old Europeans, adopting three resolutions backing the initiative.

MEPs believe the initiative will allow young people to experience Europe's diversity, better understand each other and learn more about Europe. They expect by encouraging young EU citizens to travel in the EU it will foster European identity and reinforce common EU values.

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
44a.	The text is announcing a unique travel initiative for 18-year-old EU citizens.			
45a.	The chance to take up this opportunity has been advertised in all schools and universities of each member state.			
46a.	Participants can travel by rail but not by any other means of transport.			
47a.	The EU believes more young people will choose to study in different countries if they get a place.			

8.2. Read what young people say about this EU initiative and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 48a-50a.

- 48a.** All four interviewees believe that this initiative is
A worthwhile. **B** expensive. **C** questionable.
- 49a.** None of the interviewees
A will definitely go if offered a place. **B** have discussed the initiative with their parents. **C** are concerned about any costs they may have to meet.
- 50a.** One of the interviewees is particularly interested in
A the cultural aspects of the trip. **B** studying at a university in a different country. **C** applying for a place next year.

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Interviews with young people



Marta (Valencia, Spain)

This is so exciting. I was 18 in April this year and I will definitely be applying. This is an opportunity where I can travel on my own and for free. I'd like to try and visit France, UK and Denmark. I start university in October and so would like to travel in August if I can. If I don't get in the first time I don't think I'll get another opportunity.

I think this is a fantastic opportunity. I will be 18 on 20 June 2018. I've spoken to my parents who are very supportive and plan to put in an application at the same time as some of my friends. If I get a place and they don't, I'll have to think about whether I'll do it. At the moment I'm not sure whether I will. I'd like to go to Italy, Austria and Czech Republic if I can. I've always wanted to visit Prague.



Malik (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)



Jolanda (Tallinn, Estonia)

What a wonderful prospect for those of us who are not wealthy enough to travel through Europe. I will be sure to apply – and then tell my family! Also, it's a perfect opportunity for young people to become acquainted with people from other cultures. There will be opportunities to exchange ideas and learn about how young people live in other countries. I don't think language will be a barrier, I'm sure we'll all find ways to communicate!

It's a great initiative I guess because it will give young people of limited means the chance to travel. And I am particularly impressed by the opportunity offered to young people with special needs! I myself won't apply this year, though I'd love to have this special experience to travel by rail. I'm studying for my entrance exams to Medical School next year, so I'll have time for nothing else. But I'll post the news item for my friends.



Lefteris (Lamia, Greece)

ACTIVITY 1

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Mo Salah sets an example to us all

Date of Birth (Age): June 15, 1992 (26)

Place of Birth: Basyoun, El Gharbia

Nationality: Egypt

Height: 1,75 m

Position: Right Winger

Mo Salah is a familiar name to anyone who is interested **(1b)** _____ football or watched the World Cup in Russia in 2018. He plays for Liverpool Football Club and last year was voted Footballer of the Year in the UK scoring 43 goals in 48 appearances in the 2018 season. He dedicated it to all the children in Africa and Egypt. He is loved **(2b)** _____ Liverpool fans and African football fans but he is respected by people all over the world.

Mo Salah has not forgotten the small village in the Nile Delta in Egypt, **(3b)** _____ he was born. In Egypt he is loved and has been seen to unite Egyptians in the country regardless of their background. He is described by everyone who meets him as being a modest, humble man who is very kind. Outside football, he is a quiet man **(4b)** _____ is married and has a young daughter.

He is respected **(5b)** _____ the charity work he has done since becoming famous. This includes building a school and buying equipment for a hospital in his local village in Egypt. He doesn't like to talk about the money he donates, but people in his village, particularly children, are very proud of him.

ACTIVITY 2

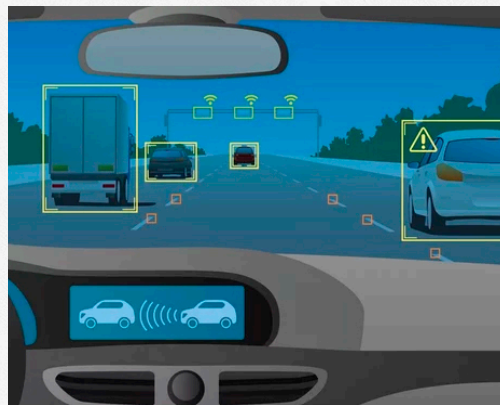
Fill in gaps 6b-10b with the most appropriate word, so that the text makes sense.

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Making roads safer in our cities with driverless cars

In August 2018, it was announced that the University of Nottingham in the UK is involved in a project with an innovation technology company to deliver safe driverless cars. It is predicted that the UK will see huge growth in driverless cars over the (6b) _____ ten years. The government is aiming for driverless cars to be on UK roads by 2021. Other countries, (7b) _____ as Sweden, are also working on delivering safe driverless cars. However, the success of this technology will rely on consumer support and trust.



Let's look at the technology itself. In a nutshell, self-driving cars have technology fitted that allows them to navigate and be aware of their environment without the need for a human driver. The technology can control the steering, the braking and acceleration of the car (8b) _____ human involvement. The majority of self-driving cars have technology installed which means the car is capable (9b) _____ making intelligent decisions, working out the best route to its destination. The car's computer system in the future will include the current and predicted locations of buildings, traffic lights and stop signs. Driverless cars will also be able to identify and avoid moving objects such as other cars and pedestrians.

It cannot be ignored that many people doubt that driverless cars will ever become a reality at all. There have been accidents in some countries where driverless cars have been tested on roads. One of the main issues that has caused problems are roadworks that the driverless car was not expecting to deal (10b) _____. Another source of problems is the weather. Bright sun and bad weather can cause all sorts of unexpected difficulties.

Time will tell.

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