

# Politechnika Łódzka Dział Rekrutacji



# Przykładowy egzamin wstępny z języka angielskiego na poziomie B2 Sample English entrance exam at B2 level

# LISTENING

### LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 p.)

You will hear three recordings. For questions 1.1-1.5 circle the correct letter: A, B, C or D. You will hear the recordings twice.

### Elections

- 1.1 What was the voter turnout in the recent elections?
  - A) Less than half of the population
  - B) Just over half of the electorate
  - C) Almost three-quarters of voters
  - D) The vast majority of eligible citizens

## 1.2 What is one reason why youth voter turnout remains lower than older age groups?

- A) Younger generations are generally less engaged in civic matters
  - B) Voting locations have limited operating hours
  - C) Senior citizens are more active in elections
  - D) Authorities make it harder for young people to vote

# **Company Profits**

1.3 Why was there initial concern about ONK's financial performance?

- A) The business had to withdraw a flagship product
- B) The head of the company stepped down suddenly
- C) A rival firm introduced a superior device
- D) A major economic downturn affected the market
- **1.4.** What was ONK's quarterly revenue?
  - A) Under eleven billion dollars
  - B) Slightly above twelve billion dollars
  - C) Close to fifteen billion dollars
  - D) Over twenty billion dollars

# **Cashless Payments**

- 1.5 Why is the use of cashless payments increasing?
  - A) People prefer to carry as few belongings as possible
  - B) Financial institutions have prohibited physical money transactions
  - C) Digital devices are becoming less widespread
  - D) Stores favor handling coins over electronic payments

# LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 p.)

You will hear five people talking about monuments. Match the corresponding sentence (A-F) to each speaker (2.1-2.5). There is one extra sentence you do not need. You will hear the recording twice.

Speaker 2.1 \_

Speaker 2.2 \_

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Speaker 2.3

Speaker 2.4 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 2.5 \_\_\_\_\_

- A. talks about an unusual hero who supported others during difficult times.
- B. explains why a monument was moved to a different place.
- C. talks about a yearly event that brings people to a certain location.
- D. describes how parts of a statue are connected to a well-known person.
- E. announces a plan change to meet the community's wishes.
- F. says where the money for a statue of famous people came from.

#### LISTENING – MULTIPLE CHOICE (5 p.)

You will hear a digital detox podcast. Fill in each gap 3.1-3.5 with 1-2 words and/or numbers. You will hear the recording twice.

3.1 Amanda spends around \_\_\_\_\_ hours online every day.

3.2 Amanda read a book by Blake Snow. The main part of the title is "\_\_\_\_\_."

3.3 One of the steps in Amanda's digital detox was turning off \_\_\_\_\_

3.4 The weekend detox Amanda did involved no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

3.5 In the summer, Amanda and her partner plan to try a digital detox for a \_\_\_\_\_

### READING

#### **READING COMPREHENSION (5 p.)**

Read an article about applying for jobs. Match each statement (4.1-4.5) to the correct paragraph (A-D). Two statements will match one paragraph.

**Applying for Jobs** 

### Paragraph A \_\_

When applying for a job, it's important to first research the company and understand the job requirements. A well-prepared job application can help you stand out from other candidates. You should know what the employer is looking for and how your skills and experiences match the role.

#### Paragraph B\_

The CV or resume is the most crucial document in your job application. It should clearly highlight your qualifications, skills, and experience. Make sure your CV is tailored to each specific job by emphasizing the most relevant experiences and skills that match the job description.

#### Paragraph C \_\_\_

A cover letter should complement your CV and explain why you are the perfect fit for the job. In your cover letter, be specific about why you want to work for the company and how your background makes you an ideal candidate. A well-written cover letter can increase your chances of getting an interview.

### Paragraph D \_\_\_

Once you get invited for an interview, you need to be prepared to showcase your skills and personality. The interview is your opportunity to demonstrate why you would be a great addition to the company. Make sure you prepare for common interview questions and show your enthusiasm for the role. After the interview, it's essential to follow up with a thank-you email to express your appreciation for the opportunity and reinforce your interest in the job.

4.1 Following up after the interview with a message shows your interest and reinforces your candidacy for the job.

4.2 Demonstrating enthusiasm and confidence is crucial when meeting with potential employers.

4.3 The initial step in applying for a job involves learning about the organization and its expectations.

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4.4 A strong cover letter explains why you're suitable for the role and helps you connect with the hiring team.

4.5 Emphasizing the most relevant skills and qualifications is essential to ensure your application stands out.

#### **READING COMPREHENSION (5 p.)**

Read the text and match the missing sentences A-F to the gaps 5.1-5.5. Write the LETTER in the provided space. There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

#### **Celebrities and Social Media**

Nowadays, celebrities use social media not only to stay in touch with their fans but also to share their opinions, promote their work, and show their personal lives. Platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok have become essential tools for them.

**5.1**\_\_\_\_\_ This helps fans feel more connected to them, as if they know them personally.

Some celebrities use their social media accounts to talk about serious issues such as mental health, climate change, or racism. **5.2**\_\_\_\_\_ They want to use their fame to bring attention to causes that matter.

However, not everything they post is well received. Sometimes, their words or photos cause controversy and lead to criticism. **5.3**\_\_\_\_\_ It can even damage their reputation if people strongly disagree with their views.

On the other hand, social media can help celebrities improve their image. **5.4**\_\_\_\_\_ Fans appreciate honesty and openness, which often makes celebrities seem more real and relatable. Of course, there are also celebrities who pay specialists to manage their accounts. **5.5**\_\_\_\_\_ This allows them to focus on their careers while still staying active online.

#### **Missing sentences:**

A. In some cases, they even lose followers.

B. They sometimes post behind-the-scenes photos or videos from their daily routines.

C. That's why many young people want to become famous too.

D. These professionals create posts, reply to comments, and plan online campaigns.

E. Many of them believe that being silent is not an option.

F. Sharing personal stories or difficult moments can help build trust with the public.

#### **READING COMPREHENSION (5 p.)**

#### Read the text and for statements 6.1-6.5 circle the correct option A, B, C or D.

#### **The Generation Gap**

The generation gap refers to the differences in opinions, values, and behaviors between younger and older people. It often leads to misunderstandings and conflicts, especially between teenagers and their parents. One of the main reasons for the generation gap is the rapid development of technology.

Young people grow up surrounded by smartphones, the internet, and social media, while older generations had very different experiences during their youth. As a result, they often have different views on communication, privacy, and even work-life balance.

Another reason for the gap is social change. Attitudes towards topics such as gender roles, education, and career choices have evolved. Many young people today want to follow their passions and live differently from their parents, who may have had more traditional goals.

However, the generation gap is not always negative. It can lead to valuable conversations where both sides learn from each other. Older people can share their life experience, while younger people can introduce new ideas and perspectives.

The most important thing is for both generations to listen and try to understand each other. With respect and open-mindedness, the generation gap can actually bring people closer instead of driving them apart.

6.1 What is one reason the text gives for the generation gap?

A. People watch different TV shows

B. Families are getting smaller

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- C. Rapid development of technology
- D. Young people move to other countries

6.2 According to the text, what difference does social media create between generations?

A. Older people use social media more than the young

B. Both generations use the same platforms the same way

- C. It changes how generations view privacy and communication
- D. Young people don't care about privacy

**6.3** What example does the text give to show how young people's career goals differ from their parents'?

A. Young people want to work abroad

B. They prefer traditional careers like law or medicine

C. They want to follow their passions

D. They want to retire early

6.4 How does the text suggest that the generation gap can be positive?

A. By helping young people ignore old traditions

B. Through sharing life experiences and new ideas

C. By allowing families to live separately

D. Through online communication only

6.5 Which of these attitudes does the text recommend to reduce generational conflict?

- A. Being critical of each other's opinions
- B. Spending less time together

C. Avoiding serious conversations

D. Showing respect and being open-minded

# **USE OF ENGLISH**

#### USE OF ENGLISH (8 p.)

### Read the text and for each gap 7.1-7.8 circle the correct option.

#### A New Way of Working

In recent years, the idea of working from home has become much more popular. It started as a temporary solution during the pandemic, but many companies have now decided to **7.1**\_ this model more permanently.

There are many advantages to remote work. Employees often feel more comfortable and save time because they don't have to **7.2**\_ to the office every day. It also gives people more flexibility to **7.3**\_ their day in a way that suits them best.

However, there are also some challenges. For example, some workers find it harder to stay **7.4**\_\_\_ without a manager nearby. Others miss the social aspect of working with colleagues in person, which can lead to feelings of **7.5**\_\_ or isolation.

To make remote work successful, it's important to have good communication tools and clear expectations. Managers should also try to **7.6** regular video meetings to keep the team connected.

Experts believe that hybrid models, which combine office and remote work, may become the most **7.7**\_\_ solution in the future. This way, employees can enjoy the benefits of both styles and stay both productive and satisfied.

It's clear that the traditional office is **7.8**— and the way we work will never be quite the same again.

7.1.

- A. achieve
- B. support
- C. reach

D. accept

7.2.

A. go B. ride

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C. travel D. commute 7.3. A. plan B. build C. divide D. develop 7.4. A. creative B. motivated C. educated D. calm 7.5. A. loneliness **B.** tiredness C. rejection D. sadness 7.6. A. hold B. do C. make D. take 7.7. A. perfect **B.** interesting C. popular D. practical 7.8. A. withdrawing B. disappearing C. ceasing

D. fading

#### USE OF ENGLISH (5 p.)

Read the text below and for each gap (8.1-8.5) create a word derived from the word in brackets following it. Write your answers in the provided space.

#### **Making a Positive First Impression**

The first time you meet someone it can have a lasting impact, whether it's in a personal or professional setting. It's completely 8.1\_\_\_\_\_ (UNDERSTAND) to feel nervous but remember that most people feel the same way. What really matters is your attitude.

Try to appear confident, even if you're feeling unsure. Speak clearly and listen 8.2\_

(ATTENTION). People appreciate it when they feel heard and respected. Your body language is also an important part of your 8.3\_\_\_\_\_\_ (PRESENT), things like posture, gestures, and eye contact all contribute to how others see you.

Avoid being too formal or showing too much 8.4\_\_\_\_\_ (FAMILY), and adapt your tone to suit the situation. The goal is to come across as friendly yet 8.5\_\_\_\_\_ (PROFESSION), which will help build trust from the very beginning.

#### USE OF ENGLISH (5 p.)

Transform the sentences (9.1-9.5) using the words in **bold** so that the meaning stays the same. You must not change the given word. Use between 3 and 5 words in each space.

**9.1** I haven't seen such a beautiful sunset before.

EVER

That's the most beautiful sunset

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DENIED Lisa	lanton
<b>9.3</b> The last time we went skiing was in 2022.	тартор.
SINCE	2222
We 9.4 It's possible that he forgot about the meeting.	2022.
MIGHT He	about the meeting.
<b>9.5</b> They are repairing the road near my house. <b>BEING</b>	
The road near my house	now.
WRITTEN FC	DRMS
WRITTEN FORMS COMPREHENSION (10 p.)	
Read the formal email of invitation and for 10.1-1	10.10 choose the correct option.
Subject: Exclusive Invitation – Business Innovation 10.1,	on Evening
I hope this message finds you well. As one of our valu invitation to an exclusive networking event hosted by The event 10.2 on Thursday 18th May at 6:00 p.m The evening will include a keynote speech, live tech professionals in the field. We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Maya Singh a talk on innovation in digital strategy. Her insights a attendees. Please 10.5 your attendance by Monday 8th M arrangements. 10.6, do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any We very much 10.7 to seeing you at the event. 10.8,	y TechPoint Solutions. a. at the Grandview Hotel Conference Centra demos, and a chance to 10.3 with leadin a, a renowned expert in AI, has 10.4 to giv are expected to be extremely valuable for a lay. This will help us make the necessar
James Ormond Corporate Events Manager TechPoint Solutions	
10.1	
A. Hello B. Dear Sir/Madam	
C. Hi there	
10.2	
A. takes place	
B. happens C. is happening	
10.3	
A. chat	
B. engage	
C. network 10.4	
A. agreed	
B. suggested	
C. considered	
10.5	
A. inform	
B. respond C. confirm	
C as a firmer	

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## 10.6

- A. Nevertheless
- B. Otherwise
- C. Alternatively

# 10.7

- A. expect
- B. look forward
- C. aim

# 10.8

- A. Yours faithfully
- B. Warm greetings
- C. Best regards

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Answer key		
EX 1	EX2	EX3
1.1 B	2.1 D	3.1 12 hours
1.2 C	2.2 E	3.2 Log Off (How to Stay
1.3 A	2.3. C	Connected after Disconnecting.)
1.4 C	2.4. F	3.3 one of the following is
1.5 A	2.5 A	sufficient:
		alerts/buzzes/alarms/notifications
		(of any kind)
		3.4 screens
		3.5 week
EX 4	EX 5	EX 6
4.1: D	5.1 – B	6.1 – C
4.2: D	5.2 – E	6.2 – C
4.3: A	5.3 – A	6.3 – C
4.4: C	5.4 – F	6.4 – B
4.5: B	5.5 – D	6.5 – D
	Extra sentence (not used): C	
EX 7	EX 8	EX 9
7.1 B	8.1 understandable( <i>adjective</i> )	Suggested Answers:
7.2 D	8.2 attentively( <i>adverb</i> )	9.1 I have ever seen
7.3 A	8.3 presentation( <i>noun</i> )	9.2 denied taking/having taken
7.4 B 7.5 A	8.4 familiarity( <i>noun</i> )	my
7.5 A 7.6 A	8.5 professional(adjective)	9.3 haven't been/gone skiing since
7.6 A 7.7 D		9.4 might have forgotten
7.8 B		9.5 is being repaired
EX 10		
10.1 B		
10.2 A		
10.3 C.		
10.4 A		
10.5 C		
10.6 C		
		1
10.7 B		

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