English placement test

LT2 · B2 • Upper intermediate

Name _____ Date _____

Language & reading

Choose A, B or C for each question. Circle one answer. If you are unsure, move on.

USE OF ENGLISH

1. If we'd checked the figures earlier, we ___ the error before sending the report.
A might spot · B had spotted · C might have spotted

2. The trial will go ahead ___ the venue confirms the booking by Friday.
A provided that · B even though · C as though

3. The report is worth ___ before we make a decision.
A to read · B reading · C read

4. Sales fell in April, ___ demand recovered in May.
A despite · B whereas · C unless

5. The team reached a decision, but several members ___ reservations about the cost.
A voiced · B performed · C delivered

6. The contract requires that deliveries ___ by a member of staff.
A sign · B will sign · C be signed for

READING / Read the text. Then answer the questions.

When a council tried a four-day opening week at its recycling centre, it extended the hours on those four days. A survey found that most respondents preferred the change. Yet the council had invited feedback only through a QR code displayed at the centre. Anyone who had stopped using the site after the change was less likely to respond. The trial also produced a small fall in running costs, although staff reported busier shifts. Before deciding, the council will compare usage patterns with those from similar sites and invite comments by post. The aim is to establish who benefited, as well as how many.

7. What weakness does the writer identify in the survey?
A Some affected users were less likely to see it.
B It was completed before the trial started.
C People were prevented from answering by post in future.

8. Which trade-off emerged during the trial?
A Higher costs and quieter shifts
B Slightly lower costs and busier shifts
C Longer shifts and more days of opening

9. Why will the council compare similar sites?
A To shift work to those sites
B To prove the trial was a success
C To gather more evidence before deciding

10. What does the final sentence emphasise?
A Which groups gained from the change
B How to replace the QR code
C How to maximise response numbers

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Listening, speaking & writing

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01 / Listen twice

Read the questions. Play the B2 recording (American English) on the test page.

1. Who struggled under the appointment system?

_____

2. What will the team measure?

_____

02 / Look and speak

One centre, two schedules



Compare the two scenes. The centre can extend its weekday evening hours or its weekend hours. Choose one option, explain who would benefit and respond to a different view.

03 / Write

Write a recommendation to a community centre on extending weekday evening or weekend opening hours. Weigh one advantage and one drawback, then recommend an option and a way to review it. Write about 120–150 words. Use a separate sheet.

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