

English Practice Test

ABOUT THIS PRACTICE TEST

This *Practice Test* has 17 questions. It has been designed to give you an idea of the main IBT assessment. The questions have been divided into the following five categories:

- 1. Reading Comprehension
- 2. Grammar
- 3. Spelling
- 4. Punctuation
- 5. Vocabulary

ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Each question has four options. Choose the BEST answer from the four options **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

You will find the key to the answers on the last page of this booklet.

EQUIPMENT ALLOWED IN THIS PRACTICE TEST

You may use a pencil for this *Practice Test*. You may **NOT** use a dictionary.

ESTIMATED TIME FOR THIS PRACTICE TEST

You should be able to complete this *Practice Test* in approximately 30 minutes.



Reading

Chinese Zodiac

The Chinese Zodiac is a twelve-year cycle. It started from Buddhism. According to the story, Buddha called all the animals of China to his bedside, but only twelve animals came. Because he wanted to honour the animals for their devotion, he created a year for each animal. The twelve animals that appeared were the rat, ox, tiger, hare (rabbit), dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and the boar. Each animal has its own special characteristics. Many people believe that these characteristics affect events that happen during the year. In addition, some people believe that people born in a certain year will have qualities of that year's animal.

Animal		Dates	Characteristics
Rat		1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008	Charming, bright, creative, thrifty
Ox	(A)	1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009	Steadfast, dependable, methodical
Tiger		1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010	Dynamic, warm, sincere, a leader
Hare/Rabbit		1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011	Humble, artistic, clear-sighted
Dragon	W.	1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012	Flamboyant, lucky, imaginative
Snake		1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013	Discreet, refined, intelligent
Horse	4	1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014	Social, competitive, stubborn
Sheep		1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015	Artistic, fastidious, indecisive
Monkey		1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016	Witty, popular, good- humoured, versatile
Rooster	ن	1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017	Aggressive, alert, perfectionist
Dog	C	1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018	Honest, conservative, sympathetic, loyal
Boar		1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019	Caring, industrious, home-loving

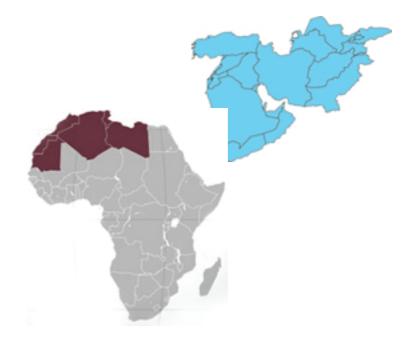
- 1 How long is the Chinese zodiac cycle? 50 years Α 24 years 12 years D 10 years According to the stroy, why did Buddha name a year after each animal? to affect events that happen during each B to recognise the animal's special devotion C to give the year the qualities of that animal to recognise their special characteristics In which year would a person who is popular, good-humoured, witty and versalite be born? 1972 Α В 1980 C 1978 D 1982 4 Which characteristic is likely to be shared by people born in 1999 and 2003? Α artistic humble В C charming D indecisive According to the calendar, which animal is considered hardworking?
 - Ox
 - В Dog
 - C Boar
 - Horse

Grammar

Choose the best word for each blank space.

Arabic is __(6)__ most important modern languages. It __(7)__ mainly in the Arab states of West Asia and North Africa. It's history __(8)__ be traced all the way back to the 6th century A.D.

6	A. B. C. D.	all of the one of the any of the some of the
7	A. B. C. D.	is spoken has spoken is speaking has speaking
8		can will would should



Spelling

Choose the correctly spelt word for each blank space.

My mother wanted me to put the pens in __(9)__ boxes. Each pen had a _(10)__ box . One of the pens was a __(11)__ golden colour. It was very beautiful.

9	A. B. C. D.	seperat seperate separate sepparate
10	В. С.	diferent different diffirent differrent
11		briliant brillant brilyant brilliant



Punctuation

12 After which word should a comma (,) be inserted in the following sentence?

I have been to China England and France.

- A been
- **B** to
- C China
- **D** and
- After which word should a colon (:) be inserted in the following sentence?

I like different types of food Chinese, Indian, Italian and Lebanese.

- **A** different
- **B** types
- C food
- **D** Italian
- 14 Identify which sentence uses capital letters correctly.
 - A I learnt many Languages like French and German.
 - **B** A Tale of two cities was written by Charles Dickens.
 - **C** Ali went to the United States of America last Winter.
 - **D** Every year we spend the last Sunday of June in India.

Vocabulary

Choose the best word to replace each **bold** word. The meaning of the sentence should stay the same.

The players' performance was **lacklustre**. This led to a **comprehensive** review by the board. They **concluded** that the coaches should be sacked.

15	The best word to replace <i>lacklustre</i> is A. awesome B. amusing C. repetitive D. unimpressive
16	The best word to replace <i>comprehensive</i> is A. expensive B. intelligent C. honest D. full
17	The best word to replace <i>concluded</i> is A. decided B. rejected C. imagined D. assumed

Answer Key

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