

## TEST ENGLISH

### Reading

#### Task 1

#### Time Is on Your Side

Ask any high school student what the biggest challenge is, and chances are it'll have something to do with time management. Here are some ways to help you build time management into your work habits:

**1**

Look ahead and set a schedule for yourself so that you always have time to be productive. Planners are the best things for any student. If you stay up-to-date with your homework, clubs, organizations, sports and jobs, there's no way you'll miss out an activity or forget an assignment. It's a good idea to update your planner after every class or meeting so you'll be 100% sure of deadlines, projects and meetings that are approaching in the future.

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For many students, checking social media favourites like Facebook and Twitter has become a reflexive habit. Just keep reminding yourself that you don't need to check these sites every time you use the computer for school or work. It may seem harmless to go through your networks quickly just to get that feeling of obligation out of the way, but it's easy to get sucked into a time warp this way. Remember Facebook isn't conducive to getting work done, as much as we all wish it were.

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You have to be really sure of what it is that you want to get done. If you have homework in several classes, various ongoing projects already assigned, and tests to study for, you're likely to stay more overwhelmed than focused. This is why it's important to know what thing you need to do right now. You can only really focus on one thing at a time, so decide on some realistic tasks before setting out to tackle any business.

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Make sure your schedule includes short periods to recharge and have some fun with friends. You might decide to gift yourself a tasty treat or to give yourself a break after making good progress. If you're a social media junkie, you could even allow yourself to explore Facebook guilt-free after getting some work done. You'll feel less overwhelmed if you have incentives to keep you going bit by bit.

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If you're having trouble keeping up, don't be afraid to discuss it with your parents or friends. If you feel yourself floundering in a sea of information, talk to your teachers. They will answer your questions and recommend resources available to you. Don't necessarily expect any special treatment, but if you show that you're making an effort, they might just be willing to help.

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## Task 2

### Britain's Dream Jobs That You Could Actually Do

Have you ever given a thought to who provides the gravelly-toned voice on movie trailers – or who creates the sound effects on computer games or talks on radio and TV ads? Voice-over artists are paid to bring a script to life with their voice. Some voice-over artists come from a drama background, but qualifications aren't necessary. Try approaching agencies who can help you put together a professional demo and offer coaching and courses. Once you've got your reel, the next step is to approach TV production companies and radio stations for ad work.

Do your friends always turn to you for help on matters of the heart? Become a professional agony aunt and you can share your wisdom with the world. The best known agony aunts write columns for newspapers and magazines and answer reader questions online. As a professional agony aunt, most publications would expect you to be "qualified" to give advice - which might mean having a degree in psychology, being a trained psychotherapist, or having a background as a counselor. Having writing experience may help you to find paid work in the future.

Being paid to eat chocolate for living rates pretty highly on the 'dream jobs list' for many. Nearly every company in the food industry employs tasters who check product quality and work on developing new products - testing everything from fish pie to fudge. If you're lucky enough to land a role as a food technologist at a company (a degree in food science and technology is generally required), you could find yourself working within the new product development team devising recipes, inputting on the design of the final decoration, and of course, tasting the new chocolate creations.

You might not be lucky enough to own a Ferrari - but what about a job test driving them? Test drivers work with the company's engineers to test the entire vehicle from front bumper to rear bumper, making sure everything works exactly as it should. Although not a prerequisite, a background in mechanics or mechanical engineering is likely to give you an advantage. You'll also need exceptional driving abilities - speeding round a race track at more than 200mph requires training and skill, not least nerve. As you might imagine, competition is fierce.

You may never be a star, but it's easier than you might think to become a film extra. Extras are required to appear on TV dramas, commercials and music videos, as well as blockbuster movies - who knows, you could find yourself stood next to Johnny Depp one day. You don't need supermodel looks - people of all ages and sizes are required - and acting experience isn't necessary, though you will need a professional attitude and be able to take direction.

#### **6 What is TRUE of voice-over artists according to paragraph 1?**

<b>A</b> They start their career on the radio.	<b>C</b> They work with famous actors.
<b>B</b> They require special training.	<b>D</b> They participate in commercials.

#### **7 Which is one of the requirements for becoming an agony aunt?**

<b>A</b> knowing how to make friends	<b>C</b> having special education
<b>B</b> being able to treat heart diseases	<b>D</b> having literary experience

#### **8 What is NOT mentioned about tasters?**

<b>A</b> They work with various foods.	<b>C</b> They take part in improving recipes.
<b>B</b> They earn money by trying food.	<b>D</b> They get a rather high salary.

#### **9 What does the text say about test drivers?**

<b>A</b> Engineering training is required.	<b>C</b> Lots of people want to get the job.
<b>B</b> Test drivers are former sportsmen.	<b>D</b> The job offers lots of advantages.

#### **10 What is the main requirement for those who want to work as film extras?**

<b>A</b> to be disciplined to follow instructions	<b>C</b> to stand in for film stars if necessary
<b>B</b> to have an attractive appearance	<b>D</b> to have a professional background

### Task 3

#### Top Things to Do in Chicago The Field Museum

Every trip to Chicago should include a date with Sue. Holding court in The Field Museum's grand Stanley Field Hall, the remarkable Sue is the world's largest, most complete, and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus rex. Beyond The Field's extensive rock and fossil collections, visitors can journey through 4 billion years of life on Earth in the Evolving Planet exhibit and admire precious stones — from their rough beginnings to sparkling jewellery.

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#### John Hancock Observatory

Located in the heart of the Windy City's tourist district, the John Hancock Observatory — with its one-of-a-kind open-air Skywalk — is open until 11 p.m. daily. The fastest elevators in North America zoom to the 94th floor — 305 meters up — in only 40 seconds. The real fun is spotting Chicago landmarks, such as Wrigley Field, Navy Pier, and glamorous marinas. Guests enjoy a multimedia Sky Tour and can contemplate Chicago's history on the 24-meter history wall.

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#### Museum of Science and Industry

The largest science centre in the Western Hemisphere, the Museum of Science and Industry was the first museum in North America to offer visitors the chance to touch and interplay with exhibits. That tradition continues to this day with exhibits that encourage people to do more than watch: you can make a giant heart beat in time to your own, open a Chicago River drawbridge for a model train, and practice your moves with the help of a virtual instructor.

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#### Navy Pier

Encompassing more than 20 hectares of prime Chicago lakefront territory, Navy Pier is truly a city within the city. With shopping, restaurants, parks and gardens, museums and attractions galore, this Chicago landmark attracts millions every year. Fireworks light up the Chicago skyline twice a week during the summer months, and the 150-foot (45.7 meters) Ferris wheel operates year-round, weather permitting. It's no wonder that Navy Pier is often considered one of the top things to do in Chicago.

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#### Millennium Park

It may be one of Chicago's newest places to visit, but Millennium Park has quickly become a destination of choice for travellers and locals alike. With hundreds of free concerts offered throughout the year at the dramatic Jay Pritzker Pavilion; an immense, walk-up-and-touch sculpture known affectionately as "The Bean"; and a 2.2-hectare garden to explore, Millennium Park lives up to the Chicago's official Latin motto: Urbs in Horto — City in a Garden.

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#### Chicago Food Planet Food Tours

Rated Best Chicago Tour by Lonely Planet, Chicago Food Planet Food Tours offer unique 3-hour food tasting and cultural walking tours focused exclusively in Chicago's off-the-beaten-path neighbourhoods. Suitable for all age groups and fitness levels, they provide a local experience so you feel like a native Chicagoan. Their guided, narrated food tours include mouth-watering food tastings, enough for a hearty lunch. It is a fantastic way for visitors and locals alike to discover the hidden gems of Chicago!

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## Task 4

### Whale Watch Trips

For 24 years, 7 Seas Whale Watch has set the standard for how whale watching should be done. We provide our passengers with the cleanest and most seaworthy boats in the industry, the friendliest and most enthusiastic crews, and the most knowledgeable and experienced naturalists. All this has made us (17)\_\_\_\_\_ on the North Shore of Massachusetts.

One of the most important aspects of all our whale watch trips is the education of our passengers. Being able to consistently find a large number of endangered whales feeding so close to a populated coastline (18)\_\_\_\_\_ some of the most mysterious animals in the world.

Whale watching boats have long since provided a platform for scientists to study the lives of these whales in detail and in a way that simply was not possible before whale watching became popular. As the result, the population of whales (19)\_\_\_\_\_ is among the most thoroughly researched and well-understood populations of whales anywhere in the world. Your participation on a 7 Seas Whale Watch supports the continuation of this important research.

Every 7 Seas Whale Watch is conducted by a naturalist (20)\_\_\_\_\_. These areas such as Alaska, Newfoundland, and Hawaii are all areas where humpback whales travel to in order to feed, mate, or give birth to a calf. Additionally, our naturalists, researchers and interns use our vessel as a platform to collect important data which has been submitted to such whale information collection centres as the Whale Centre of New England in Gloucester, the Marine Centre of New England, and Whalenet, (21)\_\_\_\_\_, researchers and educators from around the world.

You will receive expert analysis of (22)\_\_\_\_\_. We hope this gives you a greater insight and a deeper appreciation for this unique New England adventure.

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**Use of English**  
**Task 5**

**Harry Potter Film Takes \$168m to Break Ticket Records**

The (23)\_\_\_\_\_ Harry Potter movie shattered box office records in the US and Canada, taking \$168m over its opening weekend.

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* made \$92.1m on its opening day. The (24)\_\_\_\_\_ opening weekend record was held by Batman film *The Dark Knight*, which took \$10m.

The Potter film is the eighth movie in the hugely (25)\_\_\_\_\_ franchise. Fans around the world (26)\_\_\_\_\_ for hours to be among the first to see the film, which was based on the second part of JK Rowling’s seventh and final book in the series.

Most cinemas were showing the film in 3D, which slightly increased the ticket (27)\_\_\_\_\_. The (28)\_\_\_\_\_ Potter film series has so far earned more than £4bn worldwide, not including the final film’s (29)\_\_\_\_\_ so far. Internationally, the film had taken \$157.5m by the first Friday. “A billion dollars was (30)\_\_\_\_\_ going to happen,” said Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution at Warner Bros. It has been 16 years the first movie in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone*, was (31)\_\_\_\_\_. It made stars of its young (32)\_\_\_\_\_, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.

23	24	25	26	27
A past B definite C final D finished	A preceded B previous C complete D eventual	A popular B modern C contemporary D affordable	A hoped B imagined C held D queued	A interest B need C price D importance
28	29	30	31	32
A proper B all C absolute D entire	A sums B takings C incomes D benefits	A extremely B definitely C strictly D strongly	A released B done C prepared D delivered	A cast B party C crew D band

**Task 6**

**The Smartest Rat in the World**

Hobbie-J is no ordinary rat. In fact, thanks to the modification of a single gene, he’s probably (33)\_\_\_\_\_ intelligent rat in the world. The rodent, named after a Chinese cartoon character, (34)\_\_\_\_\_ as an embryo with genetic material. As a result, Hobbie-J can remember objects for three times as long as his contemporaries, and is far (35)\_\_\_\_\_ than other rats at negotiating mazes. Since the technique (36)\_\_\_\_\_ previously to work on mice, the researchers are optimistic that it could be successfully applied to a wide variety of other species — possibly (37)\_\_\_\_\_ humans.

33	34	35	36	37
A most B much more C the most D more	A injected B was injected C injecting D is injected	A best B good C the best D better	A had been shown B had shown C has shown D shown	A include B included C includes D including

**Tesla and SpaceX founder’s Schedule**

Elon Musk rises at about 7 a.m. He usually skips breakfast. (38)\_\_\_\_\_ he’s up, Musk launches into a blistering schedule that breaks his time into a series of five-minute slots, 80% of which is spent on (39)\_\_\_\_\_ and design.

To keep his work day on track, Musk gives up (40)\_\_\_\_\_ phone calls. He usually takes his lunch during a meeting. He ends up getting his calories later in the day. (41)\_\_\_\_\_ his busy life, he also carves out enough time to read.

Late bedtime isn’t too surprising for a man who’s busy (42)\_\_\_\_\_ to do things like revolutionize the way we drive and send humans to Mars.

38	39	40	41	42
A Although B Once C Unless D Till	A engine B engineer C engineered D engineering	A the most B more C most D most of	A Despite B Except C Through D Though	A try B to try C tried D trying