



ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL
Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras
CELEX – ESPOL
Basic A
Final Exam v3
(Face2Face Elementary Units 5C to 9D)



I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read about weddings in three different countries.

Olga: For us it's quite normal to have two weddings. I had two weddings. The first wedding is the civil ceremony which everyone has. Then, if you want, you can have a church wedding. In Germany we also have a special evening called *Polterabend*. People bring old cups and plates and they throw these on the floor! This is great fun, and we make a lot of noise! Then the new couple sweep up the broken pottery together.

Manuela: In Colombia we have a very beautiful candle ceremony. There are three candles, the bride lights the candle on her right and the groom lights the candle on his left. Then, together, the new husband and wife light the middle candle. Now there are three burning candles. Then the two candles on the left and right are blown out and the middle candle is left to burn alone. I was so happy doing this!

Meryem: There are many different kinds of wedding ceremonies in Turkey. Some brides have a separate celebration with their own family and can't see their future husband until the day of the wedding. We have a funny tradition with the bride's shoes. Her girlfriends write their names in her shoes. At the end of the day the bride looks into her shoes. If someone's name is missing that means they are the next person to get married. My sister was very happy because her name was no longer there.

Source: Reading Lessons: Weddings: worksheet 1 - elementary/Jackie McAvoy/www.onestopenglish.com

Vocabulary

sweep - barrer groom - novio light - encender
candle - vela bride - novia

Answer the following questions. (7 marks)

1. Where are Olga, Manuela and Meryem from?
2. Are they all married?
- 3-4. Name the two types of wedding that you can have in Germany. (2 marks)
5. What do people throw on the floor during the *Polterabend*?
6. Which candle do the husband and wife both light in the candle ceremony?
7. What did Meryem's friends write in her shoes?

Choose the best definition for the underlined words. (2 marks)

8. Then the new couple sweep up the broken pottery together.

a. clothes b. ceramics c. floor

9. If someone's name is missing that means they are the next person to get married.

a. not there b. writing c. sister

Read the news story and do the activities.

Please Bring Your Parents

LONDON Wed July 31 (Reuters) - British pensioner Joseph Dickinson, 103, had a shock when his local hospital phoned him to ask him to come in for an eye test, and told him to bring his parents.

"I must be getting younger, in fact much younger," he told his local paper, the Hartlepool Mail.

Joseph Dickinson was born in 1899, but because the hospital computer only read the last two numbers it **mistook** his age as just three years old.

"It was a mistake," a spokesman for City Hospitals Sunderland told Reuters by telephone from northern England on Tuesday.

"I think he was quite **amused** when he explained to the person at the hospital why he couldn't bring his mother and father with him."

Article © 2002 Reuters Limited. Lesson © 2002 www.english-to-go.com

Complete the following sentences about the text. (6 marks)

10. Joseph Dickinson is from _____.
11. A local hospital _____ him.
12. They asked him to come in for _____.
13. They _____ him to come with his parents.
14. Joseph Dickinson is _____ years old!
15. The hospital computer thought he was _____ years old.

II. Use of English Section (30 marks)

Write sentences to compare the following things. Use the comparative form of the adjective in brackets. (5 marks)

Example: Quito/ Guayaquil (cold)
Quito is colder than Guayaquil.

16. Albert Einstein/el Chavo (intelligent)
17. Ecuador / Argentina (small)
18. A library / a disco (quiet)
19. Spanish / English (easy)
20. Shakira / Paulina Rubia (good)

Write the *Wh-* questions (information questions) to ask about the words in bold. (6 marks)

Example: I got up at **7am** yesterday.
What time did you get up yesterday?

21. I was born in **1980**.
22. He went to **the cinema**.
23. My grandfather had **three** dogs.
24. Suzie met **her husband** at school.
25. I was **24 years old** when I bought my first car.
26. They lived in **Italy** for five years.

Choose the correct words. (2 marks)

Example: The dress was *quite/too* expensive so I didn't buy it.

27. The hotel was great and it was *really/too* cheap.

28. This burger is *too/quite* nice.

29. I loved that film. The actors were *too/very* good.

30. You're 14. You're *very/too* young to get married!

Source: *Face2Face Elementary Teacher's Book*/Chris Redston & Rachel Clark/CUP/2005/Progress Tests page 217

Write the past simple of these verbs. (4 marks)

Example: say said

31. fall 35. choose

32. climb 36. break

33. take 37. win

34. stay 38. study

Source: *Face2Face Elementary Teacher's Book*/Chris Redston & Rachel Clark/CUP/2005/Progress Tests page 218

Make these sentences negative. (4 marks)

Example: I went to the cinema last night.
I didn't go to the cinema last night.

39. He was late for class on Monday.

40. I bought a new car last week.

41. We were very happy to see him.

42. They had a great time.

Read the conversation. Choose the correct answers. (5 marks)

A What do you want *to do/do* tomorrow?
B I'd really like (43) *to go/go* for a walk in the mountains.

A Fine. And we can (44) *to have/have* lunch in a café.

B I'd rather (45) *to have/have* a picnic. I love (46) *have/having* picnics in the mountains.

A OK. And where shall we (47) *to go/go* on Thursday?

B I know. Let's (48) *to go/go* on a boat trip to the islands. Would you like (49) *to do/do* that?

A No, sorry. Can we (50) *do/to do* something else? I don't like boats because I can't (51) *to swim/swim*. I'd rather (52) *to sunbathe/sunbathe* on the beach.

Source: *Face2Face Elementary Teacher's Book*/Chris Redston & Rachel Clark/CUP/2005/Progress Tests page 219

Complete the words in these sentences. (4 marks)

Example: Did you write that report for me?

53. It's a good idea to take n_____ in class.

54. Did Mr Tamada s_____ the contract?

55. They don't a_____ the phone after 11pm.

56. I'm sorry. Sue isn't here. Can I take a m_____?

Source: *Face2Face Elementary Teacher's Book*/Chris Redston & Rachel Clark/CUP/2005/Progress Tests page 220

III. Listening practice (10 marks)

Listen to eight conversations in a shop. Choose the best answers.

One

57. The man is talking to ...

- a. a friend b. his brother c. a shop assistant d. his grandfather

Two

58. They are looking at ...

- a. a cooker b. a coffee table c. a fridge d. a table

59. The man thinks the price is ...

- a. cheap b. OK c. very expensive d. very good

Three

60. The dress costs ...

- a. \$105 b. \$85 c. \$45 d. \$25

Four

61. The shoes are size ...

- a. 5 b. 6 c. 7 d. 8

Five

62. They are looking at ...

- a. jeans b. a jumper c. a jacket d. a suit

Six

63. The girl thinks the scarf is ...

- a. very big b. very small c. very interesting d. the wrong colour

Seven

64. The sofa costs ...

- a. \$365 b. \$325 c. \$625 d. \$389

65. They decide ...

- a. to buy the sofa b. to visit a different shop
c. not to buy the sofa d. to call a shop assistant

Eight

66. The girls are looking at ...

- a. shorts b. earrings c. a dress d. trainers

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: What are you doing now? Where are you? Describe the place. What are you wearing? Write five sentences or more. (5 marks)

Question Two: What did you do last Saturday? Did you have a good time? Write about five or more activities. (5 marks)

V. Oral (15 marks)

VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)