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SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES  
ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**EPS UB1 PROGRESS TEST SPECIMEN**

**Time allowed: 100 minutes**

**Student No:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exam room number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOOKLET A**

**PLEASE COUNT  
THE PAGES  
IN YOUR  
TEST BOOKLET  
(10 pages)**

**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE.**

1. Leave your ID card on the desk at all times.
2. Turn off and hand-in your mobile phone(s) to the invigilator(s).
3. Write your student number, your name, your group number and the exam room number on the optic answer sheet.
4. Blacken the booklet type (A / B) and your student number in pencil.
5. Blacken your answers on the optic answer sheet in pencil. **ANY ANSWERS ON THE TEST BOOKLET WILL NOT BE SCORED.**
6. For the listening section Part 1, write your answers on the question booklet.
7. Use an eraser (rubber) to change your answers on the optic answer sheet.
8. Do not tear or separate the pages of the Test Booklet.
9. Do not use a dictionary or any other material.
10. Do not ask the invigilator(s) any questions about the content of the test.
11. You are not allowed to leave the examination room during the first 30 minutes.
12. On your way out, give all the test materials back to the invigilator(s).
13. Do not talk in the corridors while leaving the building.

**SECTION 1- LISTENING (5 points) (ABOUT 12 MINUTES)**

- **2 tasks (10 questions; 0.5 point each)**  
Part 1 gap fill ; 5 questions  
Part 2 multiple choice; 5 questions

**Part 1**

**Instructions:**

- **You will hear a conversation about travelling.**
  - **Listen and complete questions 1-5 with one or two words or a number only.**
  - **You will hear the information twice.**
  - **Now, you have one minute to look at Part 1**
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- Sarah doesn't want to walk up the mountain because she doesn't have **E.g., good shoes**.
  - The mountain is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ meters high.
  - She can go to the station by (2) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The round trip on the train is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ long.
  - There is a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at the top of the mountain.
  - She doesn't want to go on this trip because it is (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part 2

### Instructions:

- You will hear a conversation between Peter and Liz about holidays.
- You will hear the information twice.
- For questions 1 – 5, listen and choose the correct answers; a, b, or c.
- Now, you have one minute to look at Part II.

E.g., Before Peter and Liz met, Liz went to a\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) library.
- b) travel agent.
- c) book shop.
- d) newsagent.

1. It's difficult for Liz to choose a holiday because\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) there is such a big choice
- b) she's never been with her friends before
- c) her friends all like different activities
- d) she's worried her friends might get bored

2. Where does Liz like going on holiday?

- a) The mountains
- b) Cities
- c) The seaside
- d) The lakes

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## **SECTION 2 - READING (5 points) (ABOUT 25 MINUTES)**

- **2 texts ; multiple choice; 10 questions; 0.5 point each)**

**Instructions: Read Text 1 and do the task on the next page.**

### **Text 1**

#### **Tourism in the Czech Republic**

**I.** The Czech Republic is enjoying a tourist increase that has become important to the country's economy. In 1994, tourism brought £1.5 billion to the country and is expected to soon rise by 10%. "Tourism, one of our top money earners, is very important to the country," says Jiri Cech, director of the Tourism Department.

**II.** More than 17 million tourists came to explore the different sites of Prague, known as the "Golden City", in 1994, and the increase continues. Private business people have improved the Czech capital with new shops, restaurants and cafes.

**III.** Although people were against the idea to build a luxury hotel, the capital has attracted many of the world's **leading** hotel groups – including Hyatt, Hilton International and Holiday Inn. These hotels bid for sites in the Czech capital. "We are optimistic about what we can achieve in Prague, especially for future conventions and meetings," says Daniel Durand, manager of the Prague Hilton Atrium.

**IV.** What makes Prague special; however, are small friendly hotels like the Villa Voyta. This quiet and architecturally beautiful hotel, built in 1921, has become the first in the country to be accepted into the exclusive Small Luxury Hotels of the World Association.

**V.** Foreign tourists are also beginning to discover attractions out of the capital and pouring cash directly into the farthest corners of the country. This has helped the economy. "It is very important for us to increase the options available for visitors exploring the Czech countryside," observes Jiri Cech.

**VI.** There are many places to see in the Czech Republic, which is busy renovating pre-war greatness. Whether the country gets full advantage from the still growing arrival of tourists depends on how successful it is in offering more new facilities while protecting its old world atmosphere.

**Instructions: Choose the best alternative according to the information in Text 1.**

16. Which of the following is **false** according to the text?

- a) There are improvements in the capital made by business people.
- b) People wanted to destroy the luxury hotels in the capital.
- c) Daniel says he is positive about the future of Prague.
- d) There is a variety of places to visit in the Czech Republic.

17. **'leading'** in **paragraph III** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) loyal
- b) main
- c) realistic
- d) rotten

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**Instructions: Read Text 2 and do the tasks on the next page.**

**Text 2**

**If You Are Happy, The Robot Knows It**

Robots are gaining the ability to engage us emotionally, giving them a much broader range of uses.

RoCo, the world’s first expressive computer, has a monitor for a head and a simple LCD screen for a face. Inhabiting a back room in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s media lab, RoCo has a double-jointed neck which allows it to shift the monitor up and down, tilt it forward and back, and move it from side to side.

\_\_\_\_\_ **21** \_\_\_\_\_ When you hang your head and sink into your chair, RoCo tilts forward and drops low to almost touch the desk, mimicking your gloomy posture. When you perk up and straighten your back, it spots the change and cheerfully swings forward and upward.

RoCo was unveiled at a human-robot interaction conference in Washington DC in March 2007. Because it responds to a user’s changes in posture, its creators hope people might be more likely to build up a relationship with the computer that will make sitting at a desk all day a little more enjoyable. \_\_\_\_\_ **22** \_\_\_\_\_

The team is among a growing number of researchers who are investigating how far a robot’s physical presence can influence people. \_\_\_\_\_ **23** \_\_\_\_\_ Researchers at Stanford University in California have already proved that an in-car assistance system, for example, can make us drive more carefully if the voice matches our mood. But robots can have a greater impact. “If it can actually touch you, it’s a lot more meaningful,” says Cynthia Breazeal of the Media Lab, who created RoCo with her colleague Rosalind Picard.

Breazeal suggests that RoCo could be programmed to adopt the right posture to foster greater attention and persistence in children. \_\_\_\_\_ **24** \_\_\_\_\_ To find out, Aaron Powers at iRobot in Burlington, Massachusetts, and colleagues at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, invited volunteers to chat about health and happiness with a 1.3-metre-tall, talking humanoid robot called Pearl. They then compared their impressions with those of people who had only heard the robot and seen its projected image...

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**Instructions: Read Text 2 and complete spaces with the correct statement (a-g). There is one extra statement.**

21. _____	a) But does a physical robot really provoke a greater response in people than a much cheaper animated agent on a computer screen could?
22. _____	b) An attached camera can detect when the user changes position, allowing RoCo to adjust its posture accordingly.
23. _____	c) This does not mean that the robots of the future may be able to see things from our point of view.
24. _____	d) Using technology to manipulate someone or shape their mood is nothing new.
25. _____	e) They also believe that by turning into users' mood, the robot might help them to get their work done more effectively.
26.....	f) Because robots have no drive to protect themselves, they cannot protect the group.
	g) .....

**SECTION 3 – WRITING (5 points) (ABOUT 45 MINUTES)**

**Instructions: Choose ONE of the topics below and write a composition of about 250 words. Your composition will be graded according to content, communication, and use of grammar and vocabulary. Use linkers when necessary.**

**TOPICS**

- 1. Teachers always say that participating in class discussions is essential in order to learn better. However, some students prefer to keep silent. What do you think? Discuss.**

**OR**

- 2. Researchers are saying that keeping a blog improves your mood and helps you relax. However, some people think that it may not always have therapeutic value and it even can be risky. What do you think? Discuss.**