

Level 6 Eng 140 Sample Questions (Mid-term Exam)

A. Writing Section

Describe what you believe are your generation's favorite leisure activities.

You should say:

- what these leisure activities are (at least 2)
- why you think your generation enjoys doing them
- whether or not you feel that these leisure activities are a good way to relax

You should write 150 words.

B. Reading Section

There are 2 reading passages in this section, each with 8 questions. Below is a sample.

1. Banana smoothies first appeared in the 1930s. Since then, they have become very popular across the world. Not only is the banana smoothie delicious, but it has many of the nutrients our bodies need to **function**, or work properly.
2. Banana smoothies are made from fresh bananas using an electric blender. The fresh fruit gives it that chunky but creamy look. The ice keeps it cool in the hot summer heat. Bananas have a lot of healthy carbohydrates which make them a perfect food for athletes and people with active lifestyles. Smoothies help to give energy after a difficult workout.
3. Doctors recommend bananas to patients who have heart problems and high blood pressure, as they lower the risk of stroke and heart attacks. Another good thing about this wonderful fruit is that **it** protects against depression and keeps you in a good mood.
4. Banana smoothies, when mixed with yogurt and other fruits like apples or mangos, protect you from stomach ulcers and help your digestive system. Bananas are a low-calorie food; there are about 100 calories in a medium sized banana. They make you feel full so, if you eat a banana, you will avoid snacking between meals. This is **beneficial**, or good for you, because it helps you to reach your weight loss goals. But make sure you don't put sugar in your smoothie. Bananas are sweet enough!

1. What happened in the 1930s?

- A. Banana smoothies were first made.
- B. Banana smoothies became very popular.
- C. Banana smoothies were made all over the world.
- D. Banana smoothies were found to have nutrients.

2. How many calories does a banana have?

- A. 100 calories in a large banana
- B. 100 calories in a small banana
- C. 100 calories in a medium banana
- D. Bananas don't have calories

3. Which of the following is NOT true of bananas?

- A. They are good for your heart.
- B. They are good for your digestive system.
- C. They can help you lose weight.
- D. They can cause depression.

4. Banana smoothies should NOT be mixed with _____.

- A. apples
- B. sugar
- C. mangos
- D. yogurt

5. In paragraph 1, what does the word 'function' mean?

- A. To work properly
- B. To play
- C. To be popular
- D. To appear

6. In paragraph 4, what does the word 'beneficial' mean?

- A. Low-calorie
- B. Sweet
- C. Good for you
- D. Full

7. What does the underlined word 'it' in paragraph 3 refer to?

- A. A good thing
- B. The banana
- C. A good mood
- D. Depression

8. Which of these titles is best for this passage?

- A. Smoothies: An Alternative to Food
- B. How To Prepare Apple Smoothies
- C. Have a Banana Smoothie
- D. 101 Banana Recipes

C. Grammar Section

There are 7 questions in this section. The questions test the grammar presented in the quarter 3 syllabus. The grammar is taken from both course books (Reading and Writing; Listening and Speaking). Below are 7 sample questions.

**How can the following sentence be re-written WITHOUT changing its meaning?
Shops that sell different types of accessories are very popular.**

- A Shops selling different types of accessories are very popular.
- B Shops that sell different types of accessories are becoming very popular.
- C Shopping for different accessories is popular.
- D Shopping for different types of accessories is becoming popular.

I had a very _____ time on my vacation to Abu Dhabi.

- A relax
- B relaxed
- C relaxing
- D relaxation

She is a very _____ writer; she has already had three of her books published.

- A accomplish
- B accomplishing
- C accomplishment
- D accomplished

_____ some people still enjoy reading newspapers, the majority prefer to keep up with the latest news by going on-line.

- A But
- B However
- C On the other hand
- D Although

Herbivores can only eat plants, _____ omnivores can eat both plants and meat.

- A while
- B although
- C though
- D yet

Sarah picked up the letter. It _____ in red ink; she wondered why.

- A had written
- B written
- C has written
- D had been written

Ahmed's bike is faster than _____.

- A Ali walks
- B Ali is
- C Ali's
- D to walk

D. Vocabulary Section

There are 7 questions in this section. The questions test the vocabulary skills learned in quarter 3 as well as the key vocabulary in the Reading and Writing course book. Below are 4 sample questions.

The Olympic games will be given a lot of media _____.

- A blanketing
- B obstruction
- C coverage
- D playing

Which of the following words has a distancing effect in the sentence below?

The eyewitness _____ described the scene of the crime.

- A unflinching
- B persuasively
- C convincingly
- D unconvincingly

If you _____ brown bread for white bread, your diet will be much healthier.

- A jeopardize
- B assimilate
- C substitute
- D include

Attending lectures is an _____ part of university life.

- A integral
- B incomplete
- C indigenous
- D anonymous

E. Listening Section

There are 2 recordings in this section, each with 5 questions. Below is a sample.

1. The man is calling the hotel _____.

- A. to make a reservation
- B. to cancel a reservation
- C. to speak to a guest
- D. to make a complaint

2. The hotel is located in _____.

- A. Riyadh
- B. Jeddah
- C. Taif
- D. Abha

3. How long will the man stay in the hotel?

- A. One night
- B. Two nights
- C. Three nights
- D. Four nights

4. When will the man check out of the hotel?

- A. January 10th
- B. January 12th
- C. January 13th
- D. January 30th

5. Why is the man travelling?

- A. He is visiting his family.
- B. He is meeting friends.
- C. He is a tourist.
- D. He is doing business.

	[sound of phone ringing]
Hotel Clerk	Good afternoon, Grand Palace Hotel. How may I help you?
Mr. Ali	Hello, I'd like to book a room.
Hotel Clerk	Certainly sir... what dates did you have in mind?
Mr. Ali	Well, my flight from Riyadh arrives in Jeddah on January 10 th and I will be staying for two... no wait... three... yes, I'll be in Jeddah for three nights before leaving for meetings in Taif and Abha...
Hotel Clerk	So you'd like to book a room from January 10 th through January 13 th ...
Mr. Ali	No, not the 13 th , the 12 th ... I said I'd be there for three nights... not four...
Hotel Clerk	Yes, of course sir, but you will be checking out of the hotel on January 13 th , correct?
Mr. Ali	Ah, yes, of course... you're right. The check-out date will be January 13 th .
Hotel Clerk	Let me just check the computer to see if we have rooms available... mmmm, let's see... we have a double room on January 10 th and 11 th , but there's nothing on the 12 th ... no wait... I'm sorry, my mistake... we do have a junior suite available on the 12 th .
Mr. Ali	No that won't work... I don't want to change rooms.
Hotel Clerk	Let me see then... hmmm... you could book the junior suite for your entire stay...
Mr. Ali	Can you tell me how much the junior suite is?
Hotel Clerk	Of course sir... it's one thousand two hundred and fifty Riyals per night.
Mr. Ali	And what about a double room?
Hotel Clerk	Our standard rate for the double room is seven hundred and fifty Riyals... so the junior suite is only five hundred Riyals more per night than the double.
Mr. Ali	Hmmm, that's a bit more than I wanted to spend...
Hotel Clerk	If you are travelling on business, I can apply our corporate discount of twenty percent to your booking sir...
Mr. Ali	Yes, I will be in Jeddah to meet with some clients. So with the discount, that would make the rate... let me think, twenty percent of twelve fifty is...
Hotel Clerk	It would be a discount of two hundred and fifty Riyals per night, sir...
Mr. Ali	Great! Let's book it then...