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Preliminary Level Plus – Paper A

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Time allowed – One and a half hours.

**Candidates should answer ALL questions.
Write your answers in PEN in the spaces provided.
You may use correcting fluid if necessary.**

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Section A (20 marks)

Read Ben Gregory's letter to his friend Sam. Choose the right words from the box and write them on the lines. There is one example.

Dear Sam,

This week I am on a camping holiday with my family. We _____(1) a lovely time. We are in a field next to a river and _____(2) tent is very big. It's got three bedrooms! There _____(3) a big one for my Mum and Dad, and a smaller one for my sisters. The _____(4) one of all is _____(5). Have you _____(6) been camping? It's great! Every evening we cook on a fire. We go to bed _____(7) 10.30. I can _____(8) all the stars through the door of the tent. There aren't _____(9) street lights near so it is very dark. I go fishing every day. I have _____(10) six big fish so far!

e.g. in	on	at	to
1. has	have	are having	to have
2. ours	we	us	our
3. are	be	am	is
4. small	smaller	smaller than	smallest
5. I	me	mine	my
6. still	ever	yet	since
7. on	at	in	to
8. see	saw	seen	seeing
9. much	some	lots	any
10. catch	catching	catches	caught

Section B (20 marks)

Read and complete the conversation. Write the question on the correct line.

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Ben Gregory is now at school. He's talking to Sam about Saturday afternoon.

Ben: (e.g.) Have you got any plans for Saturday afternoon, Sam?

Sam: Yes. I want to go to the cinema.

Ben: (1) _____?

Sam: I want to see a film about the Amazon rain forest.

Ben: (2) _____?

Sam: No, I haven't, but I want to go there!

Ben: (3) _____?

Sam: Yes I did. I really liked it.

Ben: (4) _____?

Sam: It's about two hours.

Ben: (5) _____?

Sam: Of course you can!

- A. Have you been to the Amazon?
- B. Which film do you want to see?
- C. What time does the film start?
- D. How often do you go to the cinema?
- E. Did you read that book about the Amazon?
- F. Have you got any plans for Saturday afternoon, Sam?
- G. Where do you want to see it?
- H. Can I come with you?
- I. How long is the film?
- J. When are you going?

Section C (10 marks)

Read some more about Ben's camping trip and put the verbs in brackets into the best tense and form. There is one example.

Yesterday we (example) went down the river on a boat. We
(1) _____ (buy) a small rubber boat last month, before we
(2) _____ (come) on our camping holiday. We have had a lot of fun on the river
this holiday and my dad says next year he (3) _____ (find) a bigger boat for us.
It (4) _____ (rain) today but it doesn't matter. I like
(5) _____ (listen) to the rain on the roof of the tent.
Tomorrow we (6) _____ (go) to visit a castle near here. It
(7) _____ (be) very old. Hundreds of years ago, kings and queens
(8) _____ (stay) there. It's empty now and no-one
(9) _____ (live) there for a long time. I (10) _____ (take) lots of
pictures of it to show my friends at home.

Section D (10 marks)

Read this text and answer the questions.

This is an e-mail that Ben wrote to his Aunty Rosie last month.

Dear Aunty Rosie,

Thank you for the birthday presents you sent me. The book about the sky at night looks very interesting and I will take it with me when I go camping next month. I also liked the chocolates. They are my favourite kind! My mum says she can't believe I am 11 years old now. After the holidays I am going to start at the High School with my sisters!

I got a pet rabbit for my birthday from Mum and Dad. It is black and white. Its name is Thumper like the rabbit in the film *Bambi*.

How is Uncle John? I hope his back is better now. Dad had a bad back last year and he had to stay in bed for three weeks. He is OK now.

Bye for now

Love from

Ben

Tick the correct box.

	True	False	It Doesn't Say
example: Ben is 11 years old.	√		
1. Aunty Rosie gave Ben a book and some chocolates for his birthday.			
2. At the moment, Ben goes to the same school as his sisters.			
3. Ben has got a lot of pets.			
4. Ben's rabbit is called Bambi.			
5. Ben's uncle has had a bad back.			

Section E (10 marks)

Find the opposite word and write it in the box.

There is one example.

Example:	happy	sad	
1	cold		beginning
2	slow		left
3	cheap		dirty
4	clean		thin
5	right		sad
6	bottom		below
7	end		quick
8	short		hot
9	fat		expensive
10	above		top
			long

Section F (10 marks)

Write a postcard

You are one of Ben's friends. You are on holiday by the sea.

Write a postcard to Ben, saying what you are doing. Write about 30 – 40 words.

<p><i>Dear Ben</i></p> 	<p>Ben Gregory 15 South Road Kingston KN23 6BF England</p>
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Section G (10 marks)

Write these sentences in the plural.

Example: The book is on the table

The books are on the tables .

1 The postman brings a big box every day.

The _____ bring big _____ every day.

2 This butterfly comes from a hot country.

_____ come from hot _____.

3 The girl is a fairy in the school play.

The girls are _____ in the school play.

4 The child put the new shoe on his foot.

The _____ put the new _____ on their _____ .

5 The scarf is in the cupboard,

The _____ are in the cupboard .

Section H (10 marks)

Answer these questions. Use full sentences.

Example: What is your best subject at school?

My best subject at school is geography.

1 What time did you start school today?

2 When is your birthday?

3 What is your favourite food?

4 What did you do last weekend?

5 How old are you?

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