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Preliminary Level Plus - Paper A (Adult Version)

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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 Mr Gregory's letter to his old 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 wife and children. 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 small one for the baby, and a slightly bigger one for the girls.

The _____ (4) one of all is _____ (5). Have you _____ (6)

been camping with the family? It's great! Every evening we cook on a fire. We all go

to bed _____ (7) 10.30 – even the baby. We 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 large fish so far!

e.g. in	on	at	to
1. has	have	are havin g	to have
2. ours	we	us	our
3. are	be	am	is
4. big	bigger	bigger than	biggest
5. ours	we	our	us
6. still	ever	yet	since
7. on	at	in	to
8. see	saw	seen	seeing
9. much	some	lots	any
10. catch	catchin g	catches	caught

Section B (20 marks)

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

Mr Gregory (Ben) is now at work. He's talking to Sam about Saturday afternoon.

Ben Gregory: (eg) Have you got any plans for Saturday evening, Sam?

Sam: Yes. My wife and I want to go to the cinema.

Ben: (1) _____?

Sam: We want to see the new 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! Let's have a meal together after the film.

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

Section C (10 marks)

Read some more about the Gregory family'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 next year I think I (3) _____ (find) a bigger boat for us. It
(4) _____ (rain) today but it doesn't matter. We all 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. We (10) _____ (take) lots of
pictures of it to show everyone back home.

Section D (10 marks)

Read this text and answer the questions.

This is an e-mail that Ben wrote to his cousin Sandra last month.

Dear Sandra,

Thank you very much for the birthday presents you sent me. The book about the sky at night looks very interesting and we will take it with us when we go on a family camping trip next month. I can't believe I am 40 now! On my birthday evening, Jenny and I had a very good Chinese meal in a restaurant in London and then went to the theatre. We had a very good time!

Jenny says thank you for the flowers you sent her. They were beautiful. Her leg is better now. She was in hospital for two days but she is out now and everything looks OK.

Bye for now

Love from

Ben

Tick the correct box.

	True	False	It Doesn't Say
example: Ben is 40 years old.	√		
1. Sandra gave Ben a book for his birthday.			
2. Ben and Jenny went to China on Ben's birthday.			
3. Jenny broke her left leg.			
4. Sandra sent Jenny some flowers.			
5. Jenny is in hospital.			

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		thin
4.	clean		dirty
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 and his family, saying what you are doing. Write about 30 – 40 words.

<p><i>Dear Ben</i></p> 	<p>Ben Gregory and Family 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 was your best subject at school?

My best subject at school was geography.

1 Where do you work?

2 What time did you get up this morning?

3 What is your favourite food?

4 What did you do last weekend?

5 How many rooms are there in your house?
