

2019 TAL LEVEL 1 PROTOTYPE

GRAMMAR/READING/LISTENING TEST

**Part A.** Decida quale insegna (A - H) rispecchia meglio il contenuto dei commenti (1 - 6). Scelga la lettera dell'insegna che meglio si abbina a ciascun commento.

<p><b>A.</b> <i>Computer room. No drinks or food allowed</i></p>	<p><b>B.</b> <b>CINEMA 2: THE LIVING DEAD – NOT FOR ANYONE UNDER 18</b></p>
<p><b>C.</b> <b>CAUTION! THERE ARE SNAKES IN THIS AREA</b></p>	<p><b>D.</b> Hi Mary, Have you seen my English textbook? I think I forgot it at your house. Bob</p>
<p><b>E.</b> <i>Please have your ID ready when buying duty-free goods</i></p>	<p><b>F.</b> <b>PLEASE KEEP OFF THE GRASS</b></p>
<p><b>G.</b> <b>NEXT MONDAY OUR GRAND OPENING</b></p>	<p><b>H.</b> <b>NO SWIMMING AFTER DARK</b></p>

1. If you can't prove who you are, you could have a problem.
2. It may look nice, but you can't walk or sit on it.
3. You can go swimming during the day.
4. Children are not permitted to enter here.
5. They still have to open for business.
6. This is not the place for you if you are afraid of reptiles.

**Part B.** Scelga l'opzione corretta (A, B, C, o D) per completare le frasi (7-12).

**Example:** Marina decided to \_\_\_\_ her house a spring clean. A) have B) get C) give D) wash  
Risposta = C

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| 7. She _____ in a small house near the sea.         | A) hopes    | B) lives | C) change  | D) owns   |
| 8. She likes to clean her house ____ April.         | A) all      | B) with  | C) every   | D) any    |
| 9. First she put all her clothes away in the _____. | A) wardrobe | B) oven  | C) kitchen | D) toilet |
| 10. She then tidied _____ her books and papers.     | A) out      | B) away  | C) down    | D) in     |

11. She \_\_\_\_\_ some fresh flowers for the living room.      A) put      B) sold      C) bought      D) threw  
 12. Finally, she opened the \_\_\_\_\_ to let in some fresh air.      A) windows      B) sheets      C) plants      D) carpets

**Part C.**      **Completa la seguente conversazione, scegliendo una tra le 10 opzioni (A – J) date. Per le domande 13-17 indica la lettera che si riferisce all’opzione più adatta. Ogni opzione può essere utilizzata soltanto una volta.**

**Example:** Matt: Hi, Josh, it’s Matt      Josh: **(0)** \_\_\_\_\_

Risposta = **C**      **(Hi. You’re calling early! It’s only 8 a.m.)**

<p>Matt: Hi, Josh, it’s Matt          Josh: <b>(0)</b> _____          Matt: Oh, sorry. I’m phoning about the video game competition this afternoon.          Josh: <b>(13)</b> _____          Matt: Really? There was some information about it in our club magazine.          Josh: <b>(14)</b> _____          Matt: Just from 2.00 till 5 pm. They give out the prizes at 6 pm.          Josh: <b>(15)</b> _____          Matt: The prizes are better this time. The top prize is the latest PlayStation game console.          Josh: <b>(16)</b> _____          Matt: You’re much better than you were last year!          Josh: <b>(17)</b> _____          Matt: Great! See you later.</p>	<p><b>A.</b> I’d like a to win one, but I don’t think I’m good enough.  <b>B.</b> It’s not raining at the moment.  <b>C. Hi. You’re calling early! It’s only 8 a.m.</b>  <b>D.</b> I’m definitely not going.  <b>E.</b> I wasn’t very good then.  <b>F.</b> Ah! Thanks for phoning me. I didn’t know that it was today.  <b>G.</b> I haven’t got one of those.  <b>H.</b> Oh, OK then. Shall we meet in the town centre at 1.30?  <b>I.</b> Do the winners get DVDs like last year?  <b>J.</b> I didn’t see it. Is the competition on all afternoon?</p>
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**Part D.**      **Legga l’articolo che parla di un animale che ha salvato molte vite. Scelga una delle quattro opzioni (A, B, C o D) per rispondere alle domande 18-24.**

One of the most famous life-savers in history saved thousands of lives and many ships. This swimmer and navigator first appeared at the end of the nineteenth century. For more than twenty years he guided ships through dangerous waters. The incredible hero could not read or write, had no training and worked for nothing. The sailors called him Jack, and he was a dolphin.

Near the coast of New Zealand, there is a very dangerous passage through the D’Urville Islands called French Pass. Before Jack arrived, it had a very bad reputation. Then for over twenty years, it was safe: for all those years, twenty-four hours a day, Jack met passing ships. He swam along at the side of a ship for miles, playing and jumping into the air, then going under the ship and appearing on the other side. But when the ship reached the entrance to French Pass, Jack went to swim in front of *it* and stayed

there, indicating the only safe channel through the pass. The ship then followed him until it was on the other side and out of danger.

In 1903, a passenger on board *The Penguin* drank too much and fired a gun at Jack. The sailors were angry and wanted to throw him into the sea, but the captain stopped them. Nobody saw Jack for two weeks and everybody thought he was dead. Then, one morning, he appeared again. After he was shot at by the passenger on *The Penguin*, Jack never went to meet that ship again – the only ship he refused to **accompany**. With only a human to guide it, *The Penguin* hit some rocks under the water in the Pass a few years later and was lost. Jack probably died of old age in 1912, but he wasn't forgotten. The story of his life-saving ability is recorded on a statue erected to his memory on the beach of Wellington.

**18.** Jack is famous because...

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| a) he died in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century. | b) he saved so many lives. | c) he was unpaid. | d) he didn't have any training. |
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**19.** Which of the following statements is **correct**...?

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| a) The dolphin only guided ships during the day. | b) Ships couldn't get through French Pass without Jack. | c) With Jack, French Pass was safer. | d) New Zealand is dangerous. |
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**20.** The word **it** in paragraph 2 (line 4) refers to ...

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| a) the dolphin | b) French Pass | c) a ship | d) the entrance to the passage |
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**21.** The sailors on *The Penguin* ...

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| a) asked a passenger to guide them through the Pass. | b) were furious with the passenger who shot at Jack. | c) were drunk when the ship hit rocks. | d) threw a passenger into the sea. |
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**22.** Which of these alternatives is a synonym for **accompany** (Paragraph 3, line 4 )?

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| a) follow | b) go against | c) come back to | d) escort |
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**23.** Which of the following statements is **false** ...?

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| a) Jack died two weeks after he was shot. | b) After the shot the dolphin didn't guide <i>The Penguin</i> again. | c) <i>The Penguin</i> went down even though it had a human guide. | d) There is a statue in Wellington to remind people of what Jack did. |
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**24.** The best title for this text is ...

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| a) Jack Sparrow | b) Jack the Penguin. | c) The Missing Penguin | d) The Dolphin Guide. |
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**Part E.** Scelga l'opzione corretta (A, B, C, o D) per riempire gli spazi (25 – 32) e completare il testo.

Example: (0) A on B in C at D to Risposta = B

**ROBOTS**

Most robots you see **(0)** films look a bit like people. They can walk and talk and, like people, can think about **(25)** to do things in the best possible way. For example, some of the robots from the *Star Wars* films can speak **(26)** languages. In real life, most robots work in factories **(27)** cars, but they don't look like **(28)** at all. The most common type of robot **(29)** one arm and **(30)** legs at all, and does just one job. Robots that are used in industry are controlled **(31)** computers. They can do the same work all day, every day. These robots never get bored. Let's hope that soon scientists **(32)** build robots to do all the housework!

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| 25. | A what   | B how  | C which | D) if        |
| 26. | A much   | B many | C lot   | D) lots      |
| 27. | A making | B made | C make  | D) construct |
| 28. | A we     | B ours | C us    | D) him       |
| 29. | A took   | B has  | C have  | D) give      |
| 30. | A no     | B any  | C some  | D) neither   |
| 31. | A by     | B for  | C over  | D) from      |
| 32. | A have   | B must | C will  | D) are       |

**Part F.** Quale parola corrisponde ad ogni descrizione? Per le domande 33–38 scriva la parola completa. (Ogni lineetta rappresenta una lettera della parola)

Example: 0 You take your car here if it needs repairing g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Risposta = garage

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| 33. This is where you stand when you are waiting for a train.     | p _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 34. The quickest way to travel from Europe to America is in this. | p _ _ _ _     |
| 35. You can catch a train from here.                              | s _ _ _ _ _   |
| 36. It is necessary to buy one of these to travel by bus.         | t _ _ _ _ _   |
| 37. You can find the departure time here.                         | s _ _ _ _ _   |
| 38. You use them to find your destination.                        | m _ _ s       |

**Part G.** Per le domande 39 – 48 scriva UNA parola per riempire ogni spazio.

Example: (0) My name \_\_\_\_ Elisa Valdes Answer = is

My name **(0)** \_\_\_\_ Elisa Valdez. I'm eighteen and I live in a town near Mexico City. I **(39)** \_\_\_\_ got two brothers, Emilio and Miguel. Both of **(40)** \_\_\_\_ are a few years older **(41)** \_\_\_\_ me. My sister, Maria, is **(42)** \_\_\_\_ youngest in my family and it was her thirteenth birthday **(43)** \_\_\_\_ week.

I love spending time **(44)** \_\_\_\_ my friends. We often **(45)** \_\_\_\_ shopping or play volleyball together. I really enjoy dancing too. I joined a dance school five years **(46)** \_\_\_\_ and I go there twice **(47)** \_\_\_\_ week to practice. I've also learned some very interesting **(48)** \_\_\_\_ about my country's music and dancing.

**Part H.** Coniughi i verbi dati tra parentesi per completare il testo.

Per le domande 49 – 54 scriva le forme corrette.

49. Peter is a good student. He \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) for at least three hours every day.  
50. I \_\_\_\_\_ (**read**) an exciting detective story at the moment.  
51. Oh no! I \_\_\_\_\_ (**lose**) my keys. I can't get in now!  
52. Freddie Mercury, the charismatic lead singer of *Queen*, \_\_\_\_\_ (**die**) on 24 November 1991.  
53. Richard's friends \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) a big party if they pass their exam next week.  
54. John and I \_\_\_\_\_ (**plan**) a surprise party for Mary.

**Part I.** Riordini le espressioni e/o parole per formare frasi grammaticalmente corrette. Per le domande 55-60 scriva ogni frase nell'ordine corretto.

55. to them / Their teacher / give / much homework / doesn't  
56. since August / He / her / last year / hasn't seen  
57. doing / she / they called / What / when / was / ?  
58. leaves / I / very happy / if she / won't be / Palermo  
59. that / buy / Where / jacket / he / horrible / did / ?  
60. live in / is / apartment / This / us to / for / too small