

EGZAMIN Z JĘZYKA ANGIELSKIEGO POZIOM B2

PAPER I. LISTENING (12 points) see: Answer Sheet

PAPER II. READING (28 points)

PART 1

Read the following text and decide whether the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

13. Astronomers are sure that there are intelligent species outside Earth.
14. Stephen Hawking claims that aliens' visit on Earth would be beneficial to humans.
15. He believes that we might not be alone in the universe because of the number of stars and planets.
16. According to Seth Shostak, TV and radio stations and radars could let aliens know we are here.
17. The biggest problem in contacting aliens is the lack of technology.
18. Aliens that are 1,000 light years away would see the Earth as it was 1,000 years ago.
19. In the early days of research, astronomers focused on finding planets like the Earth.
20. On a gas planet, life could exist high in the atmosphere.

IS STEPHEN HAWKING RIGHT ABOUT ALIENS ?

The hunt for intelligent species outside Earth may be a staple of literature and film — but it is happening in real life, too. Space probes are searching for planets outside our solar system, and astronomers are carefully listening for any messages coming to us through space. How incredible it would be to get confirmation that we are not alone in the universe, to finally speak to an alien race. Wouldn't it?

Well, no, according to the **eminent** physicist Stephen Hawking. "If aliens visited us, the **outcome** would be the same as when Columbus landed in America, which didn't turn out well for the Native Americans," Hawking says. He argues that, instead of trying to find and communicate with life in the cosmos, humans would be better off doing everything they can to avoid contact.

Hawking believes that, based on the huge number of planets that scientists know must exist, we are not the only life form in the universe. There are, after all, billions and billions of stars in our galaxy alone, with, it is reasonable to expect, an even greater number of planets orbiting them. And it is not unreasonable to expect some of that alien life to be intelligent, and capable of interstellar communication. So, when someone with Hawking's knowledge of the universe advises against contact, it's worth listening, isn't it?

Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in California, the world's leading organization searching for signs of alien existence, is not so sure. "This is an unwarranted fear," Shostak says. "If their interest in our planet is for something valuable that our planet has to offer, there's no particular reason to worry about them now. If they're interested in resources, they have ways of finding rocky planets that don't depend on whether we broadcast or not. They could have found us a billion years ago."

If we were really worried about letting aliens know we were here, Shostak says, the first thing to do would be to shut down the BBC, NBC, CBS and the radars at all airports. Those broadcasts have been sending messages into space for years — the oldest is already more than 80 light years from Earth — so it is already too late to stop aliens watching our TV programmes.

There are lots of practical problems involved in hunting for aliens, of course, chief among them being distance. If our nearest neighbours were life forms on the (fictional) moon of Endor, 1,000 light years away, it would take a millennium for us to receive any message they might send. If the Endorians were watching us, the light reaching them from Earth at this very moment would show them our planet as it was 1,000 years ago; in Europe that means lots of fighting between knights around castles and, in north America, small bands of natives living on the great plains. It is not a timescale that allows for a quick conversation — and, anyway, they might not be communicating in our direction.

The lack of a signal from ET has not, however, **prevented** astronomers and biologists (not to mention film-makers) from coming up with a whole range of ideas about what aliens might be like. In the early days of SETI, astronomers focused on the search for planets like ours — the idea being that, since the only biology we know about is our own, we might as well assume aliens are going to be something like us. But there's no reason why that should be true. You don't even need to step off the Earth to find life that is radically different from our common experience of it.

Extremophiles are species that can survive in places that would quickly kill humans and other normal life-forms. These single-celled creatures have been found in boiling hot jets of water that come through the ocean floor, or at temperatures well below the freezing point of water. The front ends of some creatures that live near deep-sea jets are 200°C warmer than their back ends.

On Earth, life exists in water and on land but, on a giant gas planet, for example, it might exist high in the atmosphere, eating food from the air **swirling** around it. And, as aliens would be so different from us, guessing their motives and intentions if they ever got in touch seems to be something that even Hawking cannot explain.

Paul Davies, an astrophysicist at Arizona State University argues that alien brains, with their different architecture, would interpret information very differently from ours. "Lots of people think that because they would be so wise and **knowledgeable**, they would be peaceful," adds Stewart. "I don't think you can say that. I don't think you can put human views onto them; that's a dangerous way of thinking. Aliens are alien. If they exist at all, we cannot simply believe they're the same as us."

Match the words to their meanings in the text; there are more meanings than you need.

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 21. eminent | A knowing a lot about different things |
| 22. outcome | B stop someone from doing something |
| 23. prevent | C allow somebody to do something |
| 24. swirl | D move quickly in circles |
| 25. knowledgeable | E reason |
| | F result |
| | G important, respected and admired |

PART 2

You are going to read a magazine article about five celebrities' reading preferences. For questions 26 - 35, choose from the celebrities A-E. Some of the celebrities may be used more than once.

A = Lilian Daniels B = Moira Wilkins C = Daniel Long D = Dr Thomas Harley E = Susan Dickson

Which statement refers to which celebrity?

I learnt a lot from this book.	26
I am difficult to please.	27
I believe people in power should also read this book.	28
The book I chose seemed to give me physical sensations.	29
The writer's style is very important for me.	30
I suspect that people will ignore the message this book tries to communicate.	31
I like books about exciting experiences.	32
I would like to have written a similar book if I had its author's skill.	33
I was surprised to find some amusing bits in this book.	34
The book I chose could change our lives.	35.....

GOOD READING

Want to know what's worth reading this month? Five celebrities make their recommendations to Diana Philips.

A With the winter upon us, long evenings spent by the fire with a good book start sounding more and more attractive. The trouble is, with books being sold at prices you'd expect to pay for bottles of fine wine, how do you decide which ones are worth buying? I asked five well-known celebrities to tell me what they think. Actress **Lilian Daniels** did not **hesitate** at all. "*The Pumpkin Field* is the best novel I've read in ages. I found it absolutely convincing, especially the characters, who are 19th century rural people, so I felt as if I was expanding my knowledge of life and my understanding of people's feelings."

B We don't often picture glamorous TV presenters as literary types, but **Moira Wilkins** knocks that stereotype on the head. "I read every day," she says, "and I have very high standards. There aren't many books that actually **live up to** all my expectations. Emily Chalmers' book, *The White Door*, is a rare exception. Every word in this book is carefully chosen - in fact it's the ultimate example of what I consider good writing to be. The plot is excellent as well, and it has an element of humour that you don't normally expect to find in this type of book."

C Another unexpected reader is former footballer and successful TV personality, **Daniel Long**. Daniel is a man who loves adventure - both in real life and in his reading - and he chose his book on that basis. "I like good writing," he says, "but it's what a book can bring to life for me that I really pay attention to. *Every Mountain* is a brilliant piece of work. As Darryl Smith, the writer, describes his experiences on some of the world's most **challenging** mountains, you feel you're there with him. I'd look up from the page and feel ice on my face and see the sharp, cold sun reflecting off the snow. It brought back memories for me, since I've done some climbing myself, but I think almost any attentive reader will get the same feeling from it."

D Renowned scientist and writer, **Dr Thomas Harley**, has also stayed on the side of fact - or at least of fact-based speculation. "*Only One Future*, by Peter Weston, is a book I firmly believe everyone ought to read," he says. "It is a

visionary book - it shows us what our future has in store for us if we go on the same way we are at present, and it presents an alternative future as well - the "one future" of the title - which is the only path that holds any hope for us. I do believe that if this book were taken seriously, by governments as well as individuals, the future could truly be bright for coming generations. But, of course, many people consider scientific speculation to be mere fantasy, so I'm afraid this book may not do what it could."

E Last of all, I spoke to stage actress, **Susan Dickson**. She was adamant about her choice. "I like books that say something to me personally, that reflect the realities of my own life. When I read Danielle Thomas' marvelous book, *Passing Through Pimlico*, I thought, 'Yes! This is it!' I wish I had the gift to create a book like that. The people in it are so well described that by the end of the book you feel as though you really know them. I believe that anyone with a spark of imagination will enjoy this book as much as I did."

If you were in any doubt as to which books to spend your hard-earned pounds on, take the celebrities' advice and go for these obviously excellent choices.

Match the underlined words and phrases in the article to their meanings in the context.

- 36. hesitate
 - A pause before you do or say something, often because you are uncertain about it
 - B refuse to comment on something
 - C express one's opinion
- 37. live up to
 - A live longer
 - B try to change
 - C fulfil
- 38. challenging
 - A difficult, in a way that tests your ability or determination
 - B hostile
 - C breathtaking
- 39. in store
 - A in a safe place
 - B coming in the future; about to happen
 - C available for customers to use or buy inside a large shop
- 40. gift
 - A present
 - B natural ability
 - C luck

PAPER III. USE OF ENGLISH (28 points)

PART 1

Choose the correct form.

- 41. Jane was in tears this morning. She her exam.
 - A) had to fail
 - B) must have failed
 - C) should have failed
- 42. I'm going to next month.
 - A) have redecorated my flat
 - B) have my flat redecorated
 - C) must redecorate my flat
- 43. Are you hungry? I you a sandwich.
 - A) will make
 - B) will have made
 - C) must have made
- 44. The teacher told the students during the exam.
 - A) to not talk
 - B) not to talk
 - C) didn't talk

45. Julie wants to know if you the car tomorrow night.
A) had let her borrow **B)** will let her borrow **C)** let her to borrow
46. John lives quite so we visit each other every weekend.
A) nearly **B)** near **C)** nearer
47. The longer I know him,
A) I like him the less **B)** less I like him **C)** the less I like him
48. Life more difficult than it is today.
A) used to be **B)** was used to being **C)** is getting used to being
49. John says he can clearly remember the newspaper, but now he can't find it.
A) to buy **B)** buying **C)** buy

PART 2

Put the words in brackets (50-58) into the correct form.

Ann : At two o'clock last night I **(50) (wake)**... up by my neighbour playing loud music. What would you have done in my position ?

Bob: I **(51) (go)**... round to his house and asked him **(52) (turn)**... it down explaining that it **(53) (be)**... the middle of the night.

Nick was alone at home. Outside it was dark and stormy. He **(54) (watch)**... TV when he heard something **(55) (move)**... in the upstairs room. He listened carefully and, yes, there was something up there. He wished his parents **(56) (not, go)**... to the cinema.

Carl decided to move to London because he hoped to find a job there. He looked forward to **(57) (live)**... in the city and imagined **(58) (oneself)**... working as a successful businessman.

PART 3

Complete the following text; there are more words than you need.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| A) activity | B) tactless | C) will | D) across | E) improvement |
| F) should | G) sheltered | H) storms | J) had | K) fell |
| L) entertainment | M) felt | N) better | O) have | |

A camping holiday in Canada

I **(59)**..... never been camping before, so I was rather nervous when some friends suggested we **(60)**..... go canoeing and camping in Canada. We eventually agreed that it might be an exciting thing to do. So one morning, after a satisfying breakfast of coffee and pancakes, six of us happily set off in three aluminium canoes **(61)**..... one of the lakes in the National Park. Canoeing was not a sporting **(62)**..... I knew much about, but after half an hour or so, I began to see some **(63)**..... in my canoeing skills. Everything went well until we suddenly noticed some black clouds on the horizon. Within ten minutes we were in the middle of one of the worst electric **(64)**..... I had ever seen. There was nothing for it but to beach the canoes and try and find a **(65)**..... spot to camp for the night. Unfortunately, when we started to unpack our camping gear, we realised that everything we had packed so carefully was soaking wet. 'This is not my idea of **(66)**.....', I thought to myself ! We dried what we could around a rather pathetic camp fire and tried to get some sleep. I might have succeeded if someone hadn't been **(67)**..... enough to say: 'Shout if you hear any unfamiliar noises in the night. There are black bears in the area!' I suddenly **(68)**..... less than enthusiastic about the trip and decided that I wanted to go home!

PAPER 4. WRITING (12 points)

Choose ONE of the tasks below and write a formal letter (120-160 words).

TASK 1

You have seen the following advertisement online. Write a **letter of application** to reply to it.

- Please include the following :**
1. where the job was advertised
 2. what you are doing now
 3. details about your personality and skills
 4. the date you can start

Temporary hotel receptionist

Pleasant medium-size hotel in the heart of Cambridge seeks self-confident young person with pleasant personality to assist in reception office.

- *Previous experience an advantage but not essential*
- *Good level of English and one other language required*

If you feel you have the right qualities for this position, send your letter of application to **j.smith@oyster.com**

TASK 2

You have seen the following advertisement in a magazine and written the notes. Write a **letter of enquiry** asking for the information you need.

NOTES :

- accommodation nearby?
- which bands?
- a discount for students?
- how far in advance to book?

Springfield Rock Festival
Stanley Park
19th-20th July

Two days (& nights) of continuous music from top bands.
Tickets £40

Tickets and more information from
AGM Entertainment
PO Box 1987
Springfield

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ANSWER SHEET

PAPER I. LISTENING (12 points)

Listening składa się z dwóch ćwiczeń wybranych przez autorów egzaminu spośród następujących typów:

1. PRAWDA / FAŁSZ (5-8 zdań)

np.

Listen to part of a radio programme called 'Crimebusters'. Mark the sentences **T** for true or **F** for false.

- Matt's car was stolen while he was at dinner with friends. T / F
- The car was found quite a long time after being stolen. T / F
- The police were not very confident of catching the thief. T / F

etc.

2. TEST WIELOKROTNEGO WYBORU (5-8 zdań)

np.

You will hear an interview with an expert on different senses. Choose the correct option. Put a tick (✓) next to **A**, **B** or **C**. Only ONE answer is correct.

- Jane studied the sense of smell because

	A	she had always been interested in it.
	B	it was part of her course.
	C	she found it easy to understand.

- The sense of smell used to be important for

	A	identifying danger.
	B	finding food.
	C	encouraging eating.

- Jane thinks that people react to smells

	A	sensibly.
	B	logically.
	C	emotionally.

etc.

3. TEST WIELOKROTNEGO DOPASOWANIA (5 speakerów, 6 elementów do wyboru)

np.

You will hear five people talking about rescues. Match the speakers **1-5** to the questions **A-F**. Use the letters only ONCE. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

Which speaker (1-5):

- A** nearly drowned?
- B** had given up hope?
- C** had the right equipment?
- D** called someone for help?
- E** acted without thinking?
- F** heard what sounded like an animal?

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

UWAGA: Listening trwa około 20 minut. Każde nagranie słuchane jest dwukrotnie. Przed pierwszym słuchaniem każdego z nagrań jest około 1 minuty ciszy przeznaczonej na zapoznanie się z ćwiczeniem, a przed powtórny słuchaniem poszczególnych nagrań - około 30-40 sekund ciszy na weryfikację odpowiedzi.

PAPER II. READING (28 points)

PART 1

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PAPER III. USE OF ENGLISH (28 points)

PART 1

Choose the correct form.

41..... 42..... 43..... 44..... 45..... 46..... 47..... 48..... 49.....

PART 2

Put the words in brackets (50-58) into the correct form.

50.....	55.....
51.....	56.....
52.....	57.....
53.....	58.....
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PART 3

Complete the following text; there are more words than you need.

59..... 60..... 61..... 62..... 63..... 64..... 65..... 66..... 67..... 68.....

PAPER 4. WRITING (12 points)

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PAPER II. READING (28 points)

PART 1

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21.G 22.F 23.B 24.D 25.A

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36.A 37.C 38.A 39.B 40.B

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PART 1

Choose the correct form.

41.B 42.B 43.A 44.B 45.B 46.B 47.C 48.A 49.B

PART 2

Put the words in brackets (50-58) into the correct form.

50.was woken

51.would have gone / 'd have gone

52.to turn

53.was

54 was watching

55.move / moving

56.had not gone / hadn't gone

57.living

58.himself

PART 3

Complete the following text; there are more words than you need.

59.J 60.F 61.D 62.A 63.E 64.H 65.G 66.L 67.B 68.M

PAPER 4. WRITING (12 points)

Content – 2 / Layout – 2 / Accuracy – 4 / Coherence – 4 points

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