**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM**

**LEVEL A2/B1**

**Nom i cognoms:**

**Telèfon:**

**Resultat:**

**READING**

1. **Read the text below. Answer questions 1 to 8 with a short sentence. (8 points)**

When I was at school, I played some football and rugby. I hated rugby because I couldn’t catch the ball, but I enjoyed football. I started out being a terrible player and nobody wanted me to be on their team. But I started to improve slowly and, after a few years, the other kids in the school accepted me as a player, not a fantastic one, but one who wouldn’t

do anything stupid.

When I was at university, I stopped playing sports altogether. I was working too hard, started eating too much, and, worst of all, I started smoking. By the time I was thirty, I was overweight and unfit.

Then one day, I was sitting in the park, smoking a cigarette. I was watching these guys running. They looked slim, fit and healthy, and some of them were much older than me. When I got home, I looked in the bathroom mirror and, well, I suppose I just didn’t like what I saw. At that moment, I decided to stop smoking and change my life. I went to a sports shop, bought myself a pair of running shoes, shorts and a sweatshirt. That evening I went running around the park – for ten minutes! Physically, I felt terrible. Everything was hurting: my legs, my chest. But inside, I did feel good about it.

The next evening, I went again. I still only did ten minutes, but I didn’t feel as I bad as I did the day before. Within a week, I was running for fifteen minutes, then twenty, and after three weeks I ran for thirty minutes without stopping. Quite soon, I was running longer distances and my speed and strength were improving all the time. After six months, I was a runner!

That was five years ago. I now run eight kilometres six times a week and love it. My proudest moment was last year, when I ran my first marathon and finished in under three hours. I’m fitter now than I’ve ever been, and am so glad that I went to sit in the park that day five years ago.

1. Which sport did he like best at school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did nobody want to play with him at first? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. When did he stop playing football? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was he when he decided to change his life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. How long did he run for the first time? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. How did he feel psychologically? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. How often does he run now? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did he do last year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**WRITING**

**II. “On-line shopping.” (15 points)**

- What is your opinion about on-line shopping?

- Is it fashionable nowadays?

- Do you do your shopping on-line? Why/Why not?

- What are the products you would never buy on-line? Why?

**Write about 150 words.**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**III. Choose and circle the correct answer. There is an example at the beginning. (15 points)**

0) Do you mind \_c\_ a few minutes?

a) waits b) to wait c) waiting

1) Your brother's or your sister's daughter is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
 a) niece b) nephew c) cousin

2) Cristiano Ronaldo is the most popular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ football player.
 a) Portugal b) Portuguese c) Portugalian

3) Nowadays many young couples decide to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before they get married.
 a) move up together b) move in together c) move on together

4) The film we watched yesterday was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I'm still very sad.
 a) depressful b) depressed c) depressing

5) “Unfortunately, we can't afford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such an expensive car! “
 a) buy b) buying c) to buy

6) According \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Associated Press, the visit will last three days.
 a) to b) with c) at

7) I'm not going to buy this sweater. Green and orange don't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me.
 a) suit b) fit c) look

8) “How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is it from your house to the nearest bank?” “I think about two miles.”
 a) often b) much c) far

9)Greg usually avoids\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his car in winter. He is not a very good driver.
 a) drive b) to drive c) driving

10) “What can I do to relax?” “That's easy! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your mobile phone, sit down and close your eyes.”
 a) Switch out b) Switch off c) Switch away

11) Tracy had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_jobs as a student. She couldn't spend much time working.
 a) part-time b) party-time c) partnership

12) Managing directors who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ big companies shouldn't earn such large salaries.

 a) ride b) run c) rise

13) When you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a demonstration, you participate in it and agree with its slogans.

 a) take time b) take part c) take tone

14) People who care about the environment try to use to minimise the pollution of the

air.

1. public communication b) mass communication c) public transport

15) I've always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my parents. They're my best friends.

 a) got on well b) got too well c) got on good

**IV. Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first one. Use the word in brackets. You can't change its form. Use between 2 and 5 words. There is an example at the beginning**. **(20 points)**

0) She played table tennis a lot when she was younger. (used)

She \_\_\_**used to play table tennis** \_\_\_\_\_\_when she was younger.

1) Uncle Paul bought his car last November**. (had)**

Uncle Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_since last November.

2) Professor Edwards teaches my friends. **(are)**

My friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_professor Edwards.”

3) Were politicians more honest in the past? **(be)**

Did politicians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_honest?

4) They might not come to the party so we aren't going to order a lot of food**. (don't)**

If they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , we won't order a lot of food.

5) Mark's parents didn't give him a lot of pocket money when he was a teenager**. (use)**

Mark's parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of pocket money.

6) The last time I saw Fernando was seven years ago. **(for)**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seven years.

7) Henry may have more money next week and he will buy a warmer jacket. **(If)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_next week , he'll buy a warmer jacket.

8) Steven was a good swimmer when he was a student**. (swim)**

Steven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9) I'm not an animal but I'd love to be an eagle. **(would)**

If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be an eagle.

10) Somebody made this mobile phone in Japan. **(was)**

This mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**V. For questions 1 to 10, read the text and decide which answer (a, b, c or d) fills the blank. (10 points)**

Although doctors have been warning about the dangers of cigarettes (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over fifty

years, the number of people who smoke is still very high. These people are not (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ;

they do worry (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their health; they know the risks they are (4) with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their

lives. They also realise how much money they are (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on cigarettes, yet they still find it almost impossible to give them (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Smoking is also much more socially unacceptable now. A lot of people are (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoking in public places – I personally can’t (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant, and I just don’t go into (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bars any more because I know what the air will be like. But we have to remember that most smokers do want to stop. Instead of criticising them, perhaps we should give them a (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1) a) from b) for c) since d) during

2) a) funny b) silly c) sensitive d) ambitious

3) a) about b) over c) with d) around

4) a) doing b) making c) having d) taking

5) a) earning b) making c) wasting d) saving

6) a) in b) up c) out d) to

7) a) again b) a gain c) against d) above

8) a) mind b) stand c) say d) like

9) a) crowded b) blocked c) filled d) packed

10) a) help b) ham c) hold d) hand

**VI. Choose the best word or phrase (a, b or c) to complete sentences 1 to 10. (10 points)**

1) Who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jurassic Park?

a) did write b) wrote c) did he write

2) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the glass when I was pouring the wine.

a) was dropping b) have dropped c) dropped

3) I don't have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money after the weekend .

a) much b) lots c) many

4) You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drive when you are feeling tired.

a) shouldn't b) don't have to c) haven't to

5) When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Argentina last?

a) will you visit b) have you visited c) did you

6) When I went into my office, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for me.

a) had waited b) waited c) was waiting

7) My flatmate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at home when I call him.

a) never is b) is never c) never he is

8) He hopes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us soon.

a) to see b) seeing c) to seeing

9) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ staying home tonight.

a) am going to b) will c) am

10) James \_\_\_\_\_\_ Cathy over the last few days.

a) hasn't seen b) isn't seeing c) didn't see

**VII. Write the opposites of the adjectives (one word). There are some examples at the**

**beginning. (12 points)**

 0) rich – poor

old – young

bright – dark

1) quiet - 7) sociable -

2) slim - 8) strange -

3) interesting - 9) early -

4) dangerous - 10) spacious –

5) dirty - 11) full –

6) generous – 12) beautiful