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**TESA 7**

**Test of English Skills  
for Adults**

SAMPLE

## SECTION 1 LISTENING

### ACTIVITY 1

Listen to the interview and answer and choose the best option. True (T) False (F) or Doesn't Say (DS).

1. The best athletes are often genetically different from most other people. ....
2. Being a good athlete is mainly a question of luck. ....
3. There is a particular gene that makes you a good athlete. ....
4. Kenyans success in running is due to the fact that they start running at an early age. ....
5. They train for hours every day. ....

(10 marks)

### ACTIVITY 2

Listen to some interviews with university graduates and choose the correct answers.

1. What do we learn about Carl's summer?

- A He studied a lot during this period
- B He had to buy a lot of books
- C he was very busy at work

2. Why did Carl find his experience at university difficult?

- A He had to pay a lot for the course.
- B He has a young family to look after.
- C He had to work and study at the same time.

3. Why did Samantha mention the fact that she had three exams in two days?

A To show that this was really the only difficulty she had.

B Because she is unhappy with the university administration.

C To explain how little control you have over your timetable as a student.

4. Why didn't Luke get the final mark he wanted?

A He had a bad cold during the last two exams.

B His performance in his final two exams wasn't strong enough.

C He was seriously ill on the day of one exam.

5. Which of the following statements best matches something Jane says?

A You need to get a lot of sleep to succeed at university.

B It's harder to get a degree if you don't have friends or family who have studied at university.

C It's better to go to university before you are 40.

(10 marks)

**That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.**

## SECTION 2 WRITING

### ACTIVITY 1

You have just stayed at three-star hotel for a week because of a job seminar. The hotel has asked you to fill in this form about your experience during your stay. Please fill in the information required.

Surname:

Name:

Age:

Nationality:

Reasons for staying at the hotel: Business / Pleasure

From 1 to 5: How would you rate the hotel facilities including the room you stayed in? Please enlarge your answer (write about 50 words)

From 1 to 5: How would you rate our food quality including restaurant / buffet / and or room service? Please enlarge your answer (write about 50 words)

From 1 to 5: How would you rate our staff service? Please enlarge your answer (write about 50 words)

(10 marks)

### ACTIVITY 2

Write only 1 (one) of the writing tasks. Choose either A or B.

**A.** Write an email in 100-120 words to a friend telling him / her about an event that has had a big influence on your life.

**B.** How do people follow sport today?

Write an article in about 150 words.

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**SECTION 3 USE OF ENGLISH**

**ACTIVITY 1: GRAMMAR**

Read the sentences below. Put a cross (x) in the box next to the correct answer.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of those is most difficult? All of them

- A.  What
- B.  Which
- C.  Whose

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ we run out of pasta, I'll take some tins and rice.

- A.  Unless
- B.  If
- C.  In case

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3. Why is your shirt wet? I \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours .

- A.  ran
  - B.  have been running
  - C.  have run
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4. Are you feeling alright? No, I \_\_\_\_\_ get up at 5:00 this morning.

- A.  must
  - B.  had to
  - C.  might
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5. Passengers will \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport.

- A.  soon be arriving
  - B.  have arrived
  - C.  arrive
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6. We're trying \_\_\_\_\_ money for a new car.

- A.  save
  - B.  to save
  - C.  saving
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7. I am having my picture \_\_\_\_\_ by a professional photographer.

- A.  taking
  - B.  taken
  - C.  were taken
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8. I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ yourself before you go to the job interview.

- A.  you should prepare
  - B.  preparing
  - C.  you to prepare
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9. If she had contacted me, I \_\_\_\_\_ helped her.



- A.  had
  - B.  will have
  - C.  would have
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10. I moved into the room where you \_\_\_\_\_ live in.

- A.  were used to
- B.  used to
- C.  got used to

(10 marks)

### ACTIVITY 2: LEXIS

Read the sentences below. Put a cross (x) in the box next to the correct answer.

1. The cost of medicine is a problem in the \_\_\_\_\_ world.

- A.  develop
  - B.  developless
  - C.  developing
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2. It's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ a living as a professional dancer.

- A.  earn
  - B.  do
  - C.  make
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3. Prisons are basically \_\_\_\_\_ punish criminals.

- A.  because
  - B.  to
  - C.  for
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4. Sally's score in the test was really \_\_\_\_\_!

- A.  impressing
- B.  impresionant
- C.  impressive

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5. Don't complain anymore! Just \_\_\_\_\_ it once and for all!

- A.  get on with
- B.  give up
- C.  overcome

(10 marks)

### ACTIVITY 3: FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Read the sentences below. Choose the correct answer.

1. Well, how about entertainment? We could have live music, get locals to play at the weekend.

- A.  That's not a bad idea!
- B.  Ok, Thank you.
- C.  It's a big risk.

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2. So, when are you going to tell your parents about your promotion?

- A.  Anyway.
- B.  At the weekend, I think.
- C.  I don't think so.

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3. I don't know why people play golf. It's such a boring sport.

- A.  I don't agree. It's not boring at all.
- B.  I find it very difficult.
- C.  Maybe you're wrong.

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4. I thought this could be a separate living area by the window.

- A.  Hey, what about me?
- B.  I needed a change.

- C.  We could have a kind of reading corner, too.
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5. I'm off to the movies now.

- A.  I thought it was free!
- B.  Wow!
- C.  Can I come, too?

(10 marks)

## SECTION 4: READING

### ACTIVITY 1

#### Train journeys and unwritten rules

Well, I've just arrived home furious! Why? Something quite silly, really, but very annoying. As most of you reading probably know, I commute to work every day by train. Today, I was standing with a few other people by the train doors as the train pulled into the station, ready to get off. Now, what's supposed to happen is that people get off the train first, and then the people who are on the platform get on. It works better that way. It's the logical way to do it. But today, as soon as the doors opened, everyone on the platform started to get on and we had to kind of fight our way off. There was no advantage for the people on the platform to get on the train first – they still had to wait for everyone else to get off and it just created confusion, although, although I suppose they were worried about finding a seat on the train. While it was all happening, I got angry and ended up having an argument with someone getting on. Anyway, it got me thinking. There's no rule anywhere that says that the people on the platform are supposed to wait and let the people on the train get off first. That's just what people do. It's an unwritten rule. So, what other unwritten

rules can you think of? Do you ever see people breaking them? And if so, what do you do?  
(posted by Paul, yesterday at 7:14pm)

Exactly the same problem on the bus recently. Everyone tries to get on without letting anyone off first! It doesn't make sense – what's the hurry? (Sam, yesterday, 7:43pm)

Another unwritten rule? Waiting in a queue! There are some places, like clothes stores, where there are actually barriers that make you queue, but generally we just do it without thinking. And if someone jumps the queue? Generally, I say nothing – at most I tend to give them a dirty look, but that's a waste of time because they're already in front of me in the queue and can't see my face! (Irene, yesterday, 11:11pm)

I suppose politely holding a door open for someone is another unwritten rule. It's funny because I think sometimes it would be easier for everyone not to – if the other person isn't directly behind you, you have to wait for them, and also they have to hurry so you're not waiting too long! But I always do it. If someone doesn't hold the door open, then I think they're rude. (Sara, today 9:11am)

Read the blog and comment: Are the sentences True (T), False (F) or Doesn't say (DS).

- 1 The original writer, Paul, was involved in a violent situation.
- 2 Paul believes there needs to be a written rule to tell people to wait before getting on the train.
- 3 Paul apologized for his behaviour when he got off the train.
- 4 Irene doesn't normally argue with queue jumpers.
- 5 Sara doesn't expect taxi drivers to open the taxi door for her.

(10 marks)

## ACTIVITY 2

### Michael Johnson, the man in the golden shoes

Michael Johnson is one of the most successful professional athletes of all time. He won four Olympic gold medals and eight World Championship golds. People used to think that it was impossible for the same person to win the 200 metres as well as the 400 metres, but Johnson won both at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, setting a new world record for both -19,32 seconds and 43,49 seconds. He then went on to win the 400 metres again in Sydney in 2000 – the first time anyone had ever won the race in two Olympic Games in a row.

Anyone who saw Johnson perform in a race -even on TV -will remember him. He was an outstanding athlete, of course, but he also had a very unusual running style

– short steps and a very straight back. When he was a child, his friends used to laugh at him because of how he ran. They said it was “funny”. Johnson said he’d found it funny too, but for another reason - the style was helping him to win all the races.

Many people think that with better luck, Johnson might have won even more medals

– he was expected to be part of the team which went to the 1988 Olympic Games, but had an injury and wasn’t selected. Then in 1992, he got ill after eating in a restaurant two weeks before the start of the Barcelona Olympics. As a result, he didn’t get as far as the final that he had been expected to win. In 1996, he avoided bad luck and the success story began.

Johnson’s success made him rich and famous, and he was one of athletics’ first superstars – well known to the general public round the world, not just to athletics fans. But he didn’t always seem to enjoy the fame – he sometimes sounded bad tempered in interviews and, with the golden shoes that he started to wear when racing, some called him arrogant. After retiring, he explained that he’d found the press attention annoying. Johnson, of course, had a natural talent for running, but many people say that it was his ability to focus and his dedication to training that made him so exceptional. The big running star of today – Usain Bolt – is famously relaxed almost the opposite of Johnson. Whether Johnson could have run faster if he’d taken Bolt’s more relaxed approach is up for debate.

Read the article and choose the best answer.

1 The fact that Michael Johnson’s friends laughed at his running style made him want to run even faster

A true

B doesn’t say

C false

2 It was considered surprising that Johnson was able to win both the 200 and 400 metres at one Olympic Games and then follow win it again in the following Olympic Games

A true

B doesn’t say

C false

3 Johnson was the first person to win the 400 metres at one Olympic Games and then win it again in the following Olympic Games

A true

B doesn’t say

C false

4 Johnson was injured during the 1988 Olympic Games

A true

B doesn't say

C false

5 Johnson didn't race in the 200 metres final at the Barcelona Olympics

A true

B doesn't say

C false

(10 marks)

**THAT IS THE END OF THE TEST**