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**EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR  
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**SAMPLE TEST**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Reading**

**Level B1**

**35 minutes**

**25 marks**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Complete the boxes on the top left-hand corner of this page.

Write all your answers in this test booklet, there is space for notes on the last page.

Try to solve all the questions.

Write clearly.

Write all your answers with a blue or black pen.

No dictionary may be used.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

This test contains two parts.

Do not make corrections in the grid.

The Consortium will not be responsible for any additional information given by the invigilator.

## Reading Part 1

*You are reading a report on summer programmes and weather in Britain. There are some places where one or two words are missing. Find the right missing parts. There are more parts given than you need. Give your answers in the boxes below.  
There is an example done for you.*

### Bring me sunshine

It's late, and it's at the end of storms and floods, but summer **0** \_\_\_\_\_ again for the bank holiday.

Millions of people went to Britain's parks and beaches this weekend to celebrate **1** \_\_\_\_\_ of dry, warm weather.

As the temperature **2** \_\_\_\_\_ 28°C in the south-east of England, there was a picnic concert at Battle Abbey, a kite competition in Portsmouth, a sailing show in Southend-on-Sea and a historic **3** \_\_\_\_\_ in Bristol. Final preparations were also made for carnivals in London, Leeds and Silloth - one of the few places to experience rain. In London, **4** \_\_\_\_\_ a week of rainy weather finally gave way to bright sunshine, drummers in Hyde Park started the annual Notting Hill Carnival. The spectacular costumes, massive sound-systems, hundreds of stalls and fashionable parties attracted more than two million people to west London today.

The sunshine, together with the three-day bank holiday weekend, **5** \_\_\_\_\_ traffic chaos. There were more than 18 million vehicles on the roads, each travelling an average of 77 miles. Brighton, Bournemouth and Blackpool were the most common searches on the online **6** \_\_\_\_\_ as families travelled to the coast to enjoy the weather.

The weather forecast showed yesterday that most of England and Wales had **7** \_\_\_\_\_ in August, while Scotland and Northern Ireland had a lot. There were **8** \_\_\_\_\_ clouds and regular, light showers. We did not really have a long period of calm weather in the summer.

That should **9** \_\_\_\_\_ this week as most of the country enjoys mainly dry weather, with a bit of sunshine. The weather is going to stay dry although it may cool, to a maximum of 24°C today and 21°C tomorrow. The only places that will be less calm are the north-east of England, where it is expected **10** \_\_\_\_\_, and Scotland, where more rain is forecast.

Possible missing parts:

- A. all change
- B. where
- C. the return
- D. festival
- E. will show
- F. caused
- G. to be cloudy
- H. reached
- I. is here
- J. little rain
- K. route planner
- L. never
- M. a lot of

**DO NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE BOXES!**

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## Reading Part 2

*You are going to read an interview with Sir David Attenborough. On the basis of the text answer the questions below with 3-5 words.*

*There is an example done for you.*

### **An afternoon with Sir David Attenborough**

He has lived more intensely with the natural world than many of us. He thinks in terms of evolution, orang-utans, sea creatures and population increase. On television he has taught generations the marvels and terrors of the natural world. He has infected us with his enthusiasm, surprised us with his views of nature's wide variety. The story of his life is the story of birds and long journeys to get to know the beautiful plants and animals of the earth. He is 83 years old and to see him walking down the stairs of his house could make you think he is a middle-aged man.

#### **Do you remember your understanding of the world as a child?**

Very much so. My father gave me a fire salamander when I was eight. It was glossy black with yellow spots on it. I remember now it has a body like rubber and it smells of vanilla.

#### **What happens to us when we grow up?**

We lose a great deal of pleasure for sure, because our sense of beauty comes from the natural world, in my view. And in a practical sense you stop understanding the world in which you live. You begin to think the only thing in the world is human beings, and that's catastrophic. One can see a world where there's almost nothing left in the natural world because the population is increasing. Three times as many people are alive today as when I made my first TV programme.

#### **Did you know that your first television programme was going to work?**

Goodness, no. Remember, in 1952 television was almost entirely live. I said I'd like to do a programme about animals, and when it was agreed I went to the zoo and asked for a cobra and some others, and they put them in a sack and I took them back to the studio. We simply had the most famous biologist of the day, sitting at a desk, reading my words and then we'd show different shots of animals.

#### **How did you discover such an intimate tone?**

Well, if you're standing here and there's a gorilla a few metres away, I am sure you would say in a low voice "There's a gorilla over there," rather than shout "IT'S A GORILLA!"

#### **You do it when it's not a gorilla.**

Animals should be respected, and if you're in the presence of even an ant colony, you should speak about it with respect.

**We do not accept answers with more than five words!**

	<b>Example:</b> What is in the centre of his life? <i>The natural world</i>			
1	How did he get information about nature?			
2	What does he look like?			
3	What was his first experience with nature?			
4	What does nature give us?			
5	What do adults focus on?			
6	Why is the natural world getting smaller?			
7	Who thought of doing a TV programme about animals?			
8	Why did he need a cobra?			
9	Who wrote the text for the biologist?			
10	How does he speak about an ant colony?			

**TURN OVER**

**NOTES**

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