

BME Test

You have three hours to complete the test.

Writing part 1-2.

Complete the text below by writing a suitable word from the list in each space provided. There are 20 gaps but 25 words are given. Use each word once only. The first one is done for you as an example. Write the correct words in the chart on your separate answer sheet.

Every 0. ...summer..., hundreds of thousands of students travel to other countries ...1.... work and ...2... . Most of the opportunities are in ...3... mainly ...4... tourism and agriculture. The ...5... is usually poor, but most people work ...6.... for the thrill of travel. You can pick ...7... in France, work on a family campsite, entertain kids on American ...8...., and of course there are always ...9... in hotels and restaurants.

But it is not as easy as it ...10... be to find work. ...11... you speak the language of the country well, there will be very ...12... openings. If you work ...13.... a nanny with a family in Italy, then of course you will ...14.... speak Italian.

Don't ...15... to have an easy time abroad. You ...16.... have to work hard and you won't ...17... much. ...18.... the holiday season finishes, they will ...19... you. If you don't work hard, or if your ...20... doesn't like you, you will get the sack.

abroad, as, pay, expect, spend, looking for, employee, grapes, adventure, really, earn, summer camps, used to, get used to, employer, connected with, summer , jobs, have to, few, get rid of, little, as soon as, unless, seasonal work, which
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Mark the correct answer on the answer sheet. Only one answer is correct.

21. Can you the noise in the street?
a, used to
b, get used to
c, use to
d, get use to
22. Did you come taxi?
a, with a
b, with
c, by a
d, by
23. Nobody can drink as much
a, like he
b, like he does
c, as he uses
d, as he does
24. He jump off the wall.
a, didn't dare to
b, dares not to
c, not dares to
d, dared not to
25. The roof is not very strong. It might
a, collapse
b, fall over
c, explode
d, blow up
26. I work with my hands. I am car mechanic.
a, a
b, any
c, -
d, young
27. Have you read any interesting books?
a, recently
b, yesterday
c, the other day
d, last week
28. The policeman was suspicious Mr Johnson.
a, to
b, at
c, of
d, for
29. By next June, he his exams.
a, will have passed
b, would pass
c, will pass
d, will be passing
30. They've been in love
a, ever since they went to school together
b, since they left school
c, since many years
d, for four years ago
31. Did you remember the butter?
a, her to buy
b, buy her
c, to buy
d, buying
32. Will you be able to do it by Monday?
a, I hope it
b, I do not think
c, I'm sorry that not
d, I'm afraid not

49. You'll be able to do it, if you

- a, try hard
- b, tried hard

- c, should try hardly
- d, would try hardly

50. I in a single engine plane.

- a, have ever flew
- b, have never flown

- c, have flown ever
- d, have ever flown

Writing – Part 3.

Choose one of the topics and write 17-20 lines about it in English. Include and elaborate each of the four pieces of information given. Create a coherent letter, make sure you connect one idea to the next. Use appropriate language. Remember to use the relevant English letter format (address, date, greetings, signature)

I.

You have recently discovered the address of a friend whom you haven't seen for five years. Write a letter to him.

- Tell him /her how you found his/her address
- Mention what happened to you in the past years
- Ask him / her about the changes in his /her life
- Suggest a meeting

II.

After living in a village all your life, you have moved to a city to work. Write a letter to a good friend in the village.

- Tell him / her why you moved to the city.
- Describe your new life.
- Write about the differences between living in the city and in the country.
- Tell him / her how you feel about the change.

Reading Part 1.

Write the letter of the most suitable sentence (A-E) in the text below. There is one extra sentence, which you do not need.

Merkel's popularity ratings fall

Chancellor Angela Merkel's reform agenda has come unstuck, with a new opinion poll revealing that only 22% of Germans are satisfied that her coalition government has done a good job.

The World Cup is long over, and any hopes politicians may have had that the euphoria would lead to renewed faith in the government have been dashed. 1.

The government has been grappling with its reform agenda, including a controversial plan to change Germany's healthcare system. But disagreements over how to finance the system have revealed tensions in the government, and the plans have been criticised by unions and consumer groups. 2..... . Business leaders and economists have also attacked the government's plans to raise value added tax next year, claiming the tax increases will drag down growth.

3.While Chancellor Merkel has transformed the country's foreign policy, by mending relations with President Bush and playing a key role in the European Union, back home, critics have attacked her domestic policy agenda. Chancellor Merkel's own popularity ratings have taken a battering. 4.

(BBC News)

- A. The survey shows Angela Merkel has lost her position as Germany's most popular politician, and her approval rating is down to 56% - the worst record since she was elected last autumn.
- B. According to a new opinion poll, only one in five Germans think Chancellor Merkel's grand coalition has done a good job.
- C. The authorities are still trying to work out what happened and how many people have been killed or injured.
- D. Since last November's election, Chancellor Merkel has presided over an awkward alliance between the Conservatives and Social Democrats, who in the past were traditional political rivals.
- E. The latest poll, carried out by the Infratest Dimap Institute, showed a majority of Germans are against the proposed health reforms.

Reading Part 2.

Read the text and answer the following questions in English. Apart from technical terms, you should use your own words and only include information from the text. Write your answers in the chart below.

Maori new king

Indigenous Maori elders in New Zealand have named a new king. Fifty-one-year-old Tuheitia Pahi is the eldest son of the previous monarch, Dame Te Atairangikaahu, who died last week at the age of seventy-five, after a reign of forty years.

The Maori King movement, known as kingitanga, began in 1858, partially in response to the colonisation of New Zealand by the imperial forces of Britain's Queen Victoria. A treaty signed by a number of Maori chiefs at Waitangi in the North Island ceded New Zealand to the British Crown.

Some North Island Maori sought to reach a common position on the use of their land. To help this goal, the first Maori King was created – he was Potatau Te Wherowhero of the Tainui tribe in the central North Island region of Waikato. Governing members of the modern-day Tainui tribe have been saying other Maori tribes would have a say on who would become the new sovereign after the death of Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu.

In recent years what's been described as a Maori renaissance has flourished in New Zealand, promoting the use of the Maori language and a greater awareness of tribal ancestry. In recent years many Maori have united against the New Zealand government, in protest at its efforts to clarify ownership of the country's extensive foreshore. The row led in part to the formation of a small but powerful new Maori party.

(BBC News)

1. How old is the new king?
2. How old was the previous king?
3. How long did the first king reign?
4. What was the Maori King movement called?
5. When did the Maori King Movement start?
6. Who signed the treaty?
7. Who was Potatau Te Wherowhero?
8. Where was the first Maori King from?
9. Why have many Maori united against the New Zealand government?
10. Is the strength of Maori culture in New Zealand declining?

Reading Part 3 - Translation

Ancient book

Fragments of an ancient manuscript found in an Irish bog are being hailed as one of the most significant discoveries in archaeology for decades.

Archaeologists are amazed that such a **fragile** ancient document could have **survived** for so long and that it was then discovered as it could so easily have been **overlooked** or destroyed.

It was **spotted** by a construction worker who was using a shovel to dig into **a peat bog**. Crucially, after it was uncovered, the landowner placed damp soil over it to protect the book, which was written on **vellum**.

Initial checks suggest that the book of psalms was written around 800 AD at a time of Viking attacks on Ireland. A **fragment** of Psalm 83 is **legible** but it will take much longer to analyse the whole manuscript.

Pat Wallace, the director of the National Museum of Ireland, called the first discovery of an early medieval document in two centuries “a **miracle** find.”