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English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

6 November 2025 / 6 novembre 2025 / 6 de noviembre de 2025

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Question and answer booklet – Instructions to candidates

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions. Each question is allocated **[1 mark]** unless otherwise stated.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- All answers must be based on the appropriate texts in the accompanying text booklet.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

Livret de questions et réponses – Instructions destinées aux candidats

- Écrivez votre numéro de session dans les cases ci-dessus.
- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Répondez à toutes les questions. Chaque question vaut **[1 point]**, sauf indication contraire.
- Rédigez vos réponses dans les cases prévues à cet effet.
- Toutes les réponses doivent s'appuyer sur les textes correspondants dans le livret de textes.
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est de **[40 points]**.

Cuadernillo de preguntas y respuestas – Instrucciones para los alumnos

- Escriba su número de convocatoria en las casillas de arriba.
- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste todas las preguntas. Cada pregunta vale **[1 punto]** salvo que se indique lo contrario.
- Escriba sus respuestas en las casillas provistas a tal efecto.
- Todas las respuestas deben basarse en los textos adecuados del cuadernillo de textos correspondiente.
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[40 puntos]**.



Text A — Postcards from Grandma

Choose the correct answer (lines 1–7).

1. Who are the postcards addressed to?

- A. Grandchildren
- B. Grandparents
- C. Other holidaymakers
- D. People living in Egypt

2. Why does Grandma wear her hat in Egypt in December?

- A. To protect her from the rain
- B. She did not bring sunscreen
- C. There is a lot of sun
- D. It is cold at this time of year

3. What does Grandma say about the plants in Egypt?

- A. They have lots of water inside them.
- B. They grow well in the dry climate.
- C. They have trouble living with little water.
- D. They can be cool at night.

4. Choose the **four** true statements (lines 8–22).

[4]

- A. Grandma visited Spain in summertime.
- B. In Spain, she was told to sleep for a while in the day.
- C. It is dry in Spain in the winter.
- D. Grandma saw snow in Spain.
- E. The temperature in Brazil changes a lot.
- F. The plants that Grandma saw in Brazil looked healthy.
- G. Grandma visited Brazil when it was dry.
- H. Grandma thought the monkeys were used to the rain.



What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate word(s) from the list.

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 5. grow (line 19) | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. get smaller |
| 6. swing (line 20) | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. like |
| 7. wear (line 20) | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. call out |
| 8. mind (line 21) | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. hang |
| | | E. put on |
| | | F. sing |
| | | G. dislike |
| | | H. get bigger |

Answer the following questions (lines 23-30).

9. What are the lakes like in Siberia in April?

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10. How do the people in Siberia feel about the arrival of summer?

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11. To which country did Grandma send her postcards?

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Text B — Email etiquette

Choose an appropriate ending from the list that completes each sentence (lines 1–16).

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| 12. Good email etiquette helps people... | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. to read more. |
| 13. At times, it can be acceptable for people... | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. to ignore some email rules. |
| 14. Telling a reader about your attached file lets them know... | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. to recommend large files. |
| 15. You should attach a file before you start... | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. to look for it in the email. |
| | | E. to communicate better. |
| | | F. to write your email. |
| | | G. to compress files. |
| | | H. to mention email rules. |

Find the word or phrase in **lines 17–22** which means the following:

16. very

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17. regular

.....

18. extra

.....

19. remember

.....



Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in lines 23-30.

20. When looking for work, it is best to use an email address that is not...

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21. It may look unprofessional to write emails in...

.....

22. You should not write anything rude about the place where you work or...

.....

23. Personal emails should not be sent from...

.....

Choose the correct answer.

24. What is the main purpose of this text?

- A. To persuade the reader to use emails more often at work
- B. To advise the reader to apply for a job by email
- C. To teach the reader how to add attachments to emails
- D. To help the reader communicate effectively in emails



Text C — Football changed my life; now I help other women play

Choose the correct answer (lines 1–7).

25. What stopped Zainab from talking about her football playing?

- A. Her teammates asked her to keep it a secret.
- B. She was a poor player and felt embarrassed.
- C. Her parents told her not to join the team.
- D. She thought her family would be upset.

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for **[1 mark]** (lines 8–20).

26. Playing football was enough for Zainab to keep in shape.

True

Justification:

False

.....

27. Zainab’s parents liked it that she loved football.

True

Justification:

False

.....

28. Zainab does not care about what she wears.

True

Justification:

False

.....

29. The football club Zainab started was not popular.

True

Justification:

False

.....



To whom or to what do the underlined words in the text refer? Answer using words as they appear in the text.

30. ...instantly loved it. (line 2)

.....

31. They don't matter... (line 3)

.....

32. ...these are the only things... (line 4)

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33. ...tell them the truth. (lines 10-11)

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34. ...if they can sign up too. (lines 19-20)

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Choose the appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text.

The text explains how Zainab started playing football at school. Zainab was [– 35 –] to tell her family about her hobby and made excuses about why she stayed late after school. In the end, Zainab’s parents were [– 36 –] about her playing. Zainab started a new all-girls football club which played when lessons were [– 37 –] for the day.

35. [– 35 –]

36. [– 36 –]

37. [– 37 –]

- A. excited
- B. pleased
- C. finished
- D. strict
- E. afraid
- F. cancelled

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