

The English School

Diagnostic Examination 2022

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: **1hr**

General Instructions:

1. Answer all questions
2. Write neatly
4. Check your work carefully at the end

Time Guidance:

Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary (30 marks) – 20 mins

Section B: Usage (45 marks) – 20 mins

Section C: Writing Task (25 marks) – 20 mins

Good Luck!

Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary

(30 marks)

Read the following adapted article from *The Times*, ‘**Dog Owner in China Spends €13,650 on Drone Display for Pet’s Birthday**’, and answer the questions that follow.

Police threaten to shoot down unauthorised celebration.



The drone display went against a no-fly zone law

A dog owner rented 520 drones to spell out the words “Happy 10th Birthday to Doudou’ and then form **patterns** of a birthday cake and gift box **containing** a bone.

The unusual treat cost €13, 650 in China’s south-central Hunan **province** but **irritated** the local police because no permission had been given. Officers threatened to shoot down similar displays.

Videos showed the unnamed dog’s owner and her friends – wearing Christmas hats – also singing ‘happy birthday’ to the animal, which didn’t seem interested in what was going on.

The drones had been specially flown to form Chinese characters wishing the pet happy birthday above the Xiangjiang River in the city of Changsha.

However, the celebration was held close to several **multi-storey** apartment buildings in **violation** of the city’s strict drone no-fly zones. Changsha police said that people should

apply for approval before flying drones in the area, before warning that officers would shoot down unapproved devices.

The *South China Morning Post* explained that the Mandarin **pronunciation** of 520 – the number of drones used – sounds like ‘I love you’.

我爱你

‘I Love You’ in Chinese Characters

In Britain pet owners have been known for spoiling their dogs by paying for them to stay at resorts, **wolfing** down quails’ eggs and champagne.



Quail Eggs

Last year *The Times* reported on a special menu – although a cheaper one – on offer at an ultra dog-friendly pub *The Stables* in Krikintilloch, East Dunbartonshire, including chicken and sausages, as well as ‘Bottom Sniffer’, a gravy-flavoured dog beer.

Research by *Rover.com*, the dog walking service, in 2019 showed that Britons spent €148 million yearly to celebrate their dogs’ birthdays. In China the media said that it was ‘not unusual’ for owners to spend 1200 euros on pet birthday parties.

Answer the questions that follow, in complete sentences where necessary.

1. How many drones were used for Doudou's Birthday celebration?

_____ (1 mark)

2. List three things the drones did?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

(3 marks)

3. Why did the unusual treat upset the local police and what will they do if anyone else tries to do a similar thing?

(4 marks)

4. Name three things the British do to spoil their pets.

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

(3 marks)

5. How much do Britons spend on celebrating their dog's birthdays?

_____ (1 mark)

6. In your own words explain why you think some people spend so much money on their pets. Give four reasons.

(4 marks)

8. Tick if the following statements are true or false, according to the passage.

Statement	True	False
Doudou enjoyed his birthday celebrations		
Doudou's birthday was at Christmas time		
One reason why there is a no-fly zone around the city of Changsha is because there are several very high buildings		
The police shot down the drones at Doudou's birthday celebration		
People can fly drones if they get special permission from the police		
Dogs in Britain enjoy eating quail eggs and drinking champagne		

(6 marks)

10. Match the words/phrases on the left from the passage with words/phrases of similar meaning on the right, as they are used in the text by matching up the numbers of each word (as done in the example). The first one has been done for you and the words have been highlighted in the text.

1. patterns	1 – 2 (patterns – shapes)	1. area
2. containing		2. shapes
3. province		3. holding
4. multi-storey		4. tall
5. violation		5. annoyed
6. apply		6. disobedience
7. irritated		7. eating
8. wolfing		8. request
9. pronunciation		9. accent

(8 marks)

Section B: Usage

(45 marks)



1. Write 5 sentences describing what you see in the picture above.

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

(5 marks)

2. Write a paragraph (around 50 words) about your pet or a friend's pet.

You may write about the following:

- What your (or your friend's) pet does every day
- How you (or your friend) feel(s) towards the pet.

(8 marks)

3. Add the correct past simple form of the verbs below to complete the sentences:

Run Climb Stay go break love

- a) My cat _____ up the tree to escape the dog.
- b) I _____ to catch the bus.
- c) Yesterday, my friend _____ her arm.
- d) My brother _____ to a party last Friday night.
- e) I _____ at school until 5 o'clock the other day.
- f) They _____ spending time together at the weekend.

(6 marks)

4. Complete the following passage using the present simple or present continuous.

Mr Thomas _____ (be) a primary school teacher. He _____ (teach) English, Maths and Geography. At the moment, he _____ (teach) Maths. He _____ (live) in Nicosia and _____ (be) married to Helen, who is Cypriot. They _____ (have) four children. They all _____ (love) animals, but the _____ (not have) any pets because they _____ (live) in an apartment. Helen _____ (speak) Greek as well as English.

(10 marks)

5. Write the questions to the following answers like in the example:

e.g. They go dancing twice a week.

How often do they go dancing?

a) There were four chairs in the kitchen.

b) Her school is five kilometres away.

c) Pets have an important impact on our state of mind.

d) He stayed in Rome for 10 days.

e) The football? It's the children's.

f) She is wearing a yellow scarf.

(6 marks)

6. Replace the underlined words with the appropriate pronouns in the box. Use capital letters when necessary.

It	They	he	she
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a) Stavros went shopping and bought some books. The books were philosophy books.

b) The cat looked at me and then the cat started to meow.

c) I like the weather in England. The weather is often grey and rainy.

d) I gave the report to Mr Lambon. Mr Lambon read it.

e) My grandmother is retired and my grandmother lives in Paphos.

(5 marks)

7. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verb in brackets.

a) I _____ (pick) up my friend every day from school.

b) My grandfather _____ (bake) the best cookies.

c) My cousins _____ (come) to our house this evening.

d) He _____ (paint) the house at the weekend.

e) We _____ (serve) lunch at 12:30 today.

(5 marks)

Section C: Writing Task

(25 marks)



Write about a time when you went on holiday.

Write around 200 words.

- Explain how you spent your time there
- Describe what it was like
- Make sure you include your feelings about your experience.
