

The English School

Diagnostic Examination 2023

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 Guardian*, 'A Day in the Life of a Street Art Agent' and answer the questions that follow.



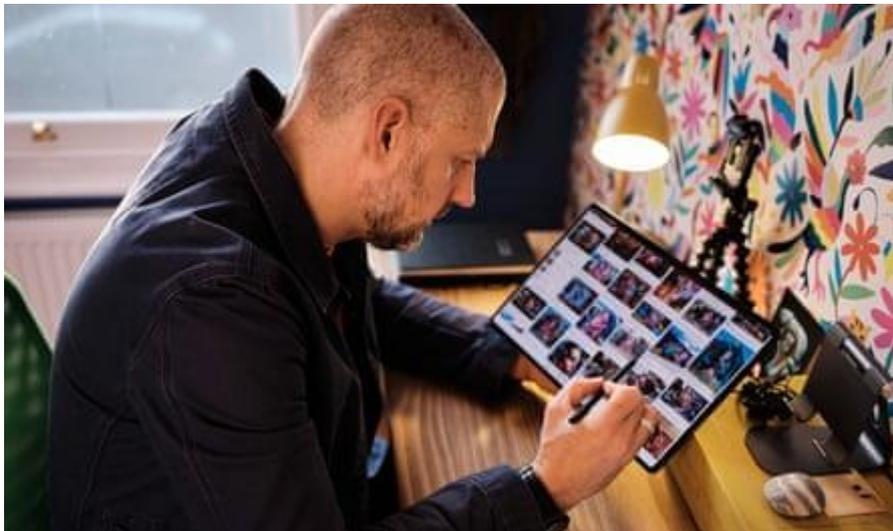
Street art agent Chris Pensa in front of a work

A day in the life of a street art agent

Whether it's running street art tours, ordering paintings or organising corporate events, Chris Pensa is always on the go. Here, he talks us through a typical day and explains how street art has shaped his world

My day usually starts at around 6.30am, when my three children (aged three, six and seven) get up with a bang. Family chaos follows – breakfast discussions, school uniforms, trying to check my Gmail while answering questions about the capital of Germany and how to spell “triangle”. It's hectic but it's the pace I'm most comfortable with given my career, which on any given day can see me rushing in and out of bus lanes on rollerblades to make street art films, leading graffiti tours through Barcelona and Lisbon, or working directly with collectors to buy works by street artists such as Perspicere and David Shillinglaw.

This morning, I chatted to the fashion brand Champion about a project via Google Meet. Champion was the first to make the hooded sweatshirt widely available in the 1930s, and it was then adopted by basketball players, skateboarders, graffiti artists and hip-hop artists. We're collaborating with a team of street artists to produce a line of custom hoodies for the 50th anniversary of hip-hop, so using Meet makes sense as no matter where anyone is they can join on any device without having to sign in. On another day, I might be writing the introduction to the new book by the British graffiti artist Mr Cenz, or speaking with interior designers such as Clare Gaskin, introducing her to the right artist to create bespoke street art murals inside clients' homes or commercial spaces.



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

1. How many children does Pensa have and how old are they?

a) Number of children _____

b) Ages of children _____

(4 marks)

2. List **three** things that make Pensa's morning routine busy.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

(3 marks)

3. Does Pensa like his morning routine? Explain **why** or **why not**.

(2 marks)

4. In your own words, list **three** things that Pensa might do on a typical day at work.

(3 marks)

5. When did the hooded sweatshirt first become easily available?

(1 mark)

6. What is the name of the company which brought the hooded sweatshirt to the market?

(1 mark)

7. **In your own words** explain why Pensa likes using *Google Meet* for his meetings with other people. Give **two** reasons.

(2 marks)

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

Statement	True	False
Pensa has a quiet routine.		
Street art has not had much impact on Pensa's world.		
Pensa's day starts very early.		
Pensa goes from one meeting to another by bus.		
Pensa's working day is always the same.		
The hoody is not worn by basketball players, skateboarders or graffiti artists.		

(6 marks)

9. **Using your own words**, explain what the writer means by each of the words below. They have also been underlined in the passage for your easy reference:

i. Corporate:

_____ (1 mark)

ii. Chaos:

_____ (1 mark)

iii. Pace:

_____ (1 mark)

iv. Leading:

_____ (1 mark)

v. Custom:

_____ (1 mark)

vi. Murals:

_____ (1 mark)

11. Find a **word or phrase** from the last paragraph of the passage which suggests the same idea as the words

Below.

i. We're working closely with: _____

ii. Personalised art: _____ (2 marks)

Section B: Usage

(45 marks)



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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

(5 marks)

2. Write a paragraph (around 50 words) about a time when you met with friends online.

You may write about the following:

- What the meeting was about;
- How it was different to meeting them in person.

(8 marks)

3. John is travelling around England and sends an email to a friend in Canada. Put the verbs into the most suitable form:

Hi,

I've just arrived **(I/just/arrive)** in London. _____ **(I/travel)** for more
that a month now, and _____ **(I/begin)** to think about coming home.
Everything _____ **(I/see)** so far _____ **(be)** really interesting,
and _____ **(I/meet)** some really kind people.

_____ **(I/leave)** Manchester a few days ago, _____

(I/stay) with Anna, the aunt of a friend from college. She was really helpful and

hospitable and although _____ (*/plan*) to stay only a couple of days,
_____ (*/end up*) staying more than a week.

_____ (*/enjoy*) the journey from Manchester to here.

_____ (*/take*) the bus and _____ (*/meet*) some really
interesting people – everybody was really friendly.

So, now I'm here, and _____ (*/stay*) here for a few days
before _____ (*/continue*) down to Cornwall.

Anyway, that's all for now. _____ (*/be*) in touch again
soon,

John.

(15 marks)

4. Yesterday was a typical day for Pensa. Write what he did or didn't do.

1. He _____ up at 6:30.

2. He _____ breakfast.

3. He _____ the children get ready for school.

4. He _____ to one of his meetings with his rollerblades.

(4 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) The wall is full of graffiti.

b) There is a lot of traffic on my way to work in the mornings, so I have to leave at 6:30.

c) My working day includes meeting lots of different people.

d) I have a very good understanding of the English language.

e) There are twelve of them.

f) The brand Champion, made the sweatshirt popular.

(6 marks)

6. Which of the alternatives are correct? Circle the correct answer. There may be more than one available. The first one has been done for you as an example.

e.g. Excuse me, _____ a pen I could borrow?

i) Have you got **ii. Are you having** iii. Do you have

a) _____ a lot of sports when you were a child?

i. Did you play ii. Were you playing iii. Have you played

b) What does Mark do? _____ a job?

i. is he having ii. Has he got iii. Does he have

c) I need some money for this. _____ any?

i. Do you have ii. Have you got iii. Were you having

d) When you worked in your last job, _____ your own office?

i. had you ii. Did you have iii. Have you got

e) _____ time to go to the shops yesterday?

i. Had you got ii. Did you have iii. Had you

f) How much money _____?

i. do you have ii. Are you having iii. Have you got

(7 marks)

Section C: Writing Task

(25 marks)



Write about a time when you visited a place you had never been to before.

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.
