

TEST 1

1. Sarah and Mike have just bought a new house. They are walking around the garden, discussing what to plant. Sarah says:
- A) I do all the housework, so you can do the gardening.
 B) I can't wait until I can sunbathe out here in the summer.
 C) I think some apple trees would look lovely in this corner.
 D) There's plenty of room for the children to play.
 E) I think we should invite some friends round to see the garden.
2. Cathy is doing a crossword puzzle. She is having a problem with one of the clues. So she says to Mary:
- A) How do you spell "building"?
 B) You're much better at crosswords than me.
 C) I don't think this crossword is very difficult
 D) Can I borrow your pen, please?
 E) Can you have a look at this and try and help me?
3. Just as you are about to leave work, your boss asks you to stay a little longer to do some urgent work. You had planned to go to the cinema, but you are also hoping to get a promotion soon. So you say:
- A) I think you can do the work yourself, if it's so urgent.
 B) Yes, of course I'll stay. My plans for this evening can easily be changed.
 C) Would you like to come to the cinema with me this evening?
 D) I expect I'll be promoted if I stay and help, won't I?
 E) Why don't I take the work to the cinema and do it there?
4. Your father has his own company and has always wanted you to join it when you've finished university. You have decided that you would rather do something different. You tell him. He is disappointed and says:
- A) I want to live my own life and besides, I'm not interested in business.
 B) I had always dreamt of your taking over the business when I retire.
 C) Your university education is very important for your future career.
 D) Your mother and I wish you every success in your new appointment.
 E) Perhaps if you'd studied harder you might have got a more suitable position.
5. You are in a shop and are paying for your purchase. It costs 180 liras and you give the shop-assistant a 250 lira note. She only gives you 50 liras change. You say to her:
- A) I'm afraid I'm no good at figures.
 B) This is a really expensive shop, I won't come here again.
 C) Could you change this for me? It's the wrong size.
 D) Excuse me, but you haven't given me enough change.
 E) Sorry to bother you, but could you give me change for a 250, note?
6. You've had some problems with your car recently so you take it to the local garage. The mechanic looks at it and tells you the car needs quite a lot of work. You ask him for an estimate of the cost of the repairs. You say:
- A) Can you give me an idea how much all of this will cost?
 B) It probably isn't quite as serious as it looks.
 C) I think I'll go to a few other garages and see what they say.
 D) How much do you think I could get for a car of this age and condition?
 E) That's far too expensive! I'm sure I can fix it myself.
7. Your friend is telling you about a new restaurant he has been to recently. He speaks favourably about it. You realise that you have also been there, however, your opinion was not so good and you say:
- A) Oh, I know the place. There are lots of pictures on the wall, aren't there?
 B) Did you try any of the delicious desserts? They were unbelievable!
 C) It was terribly good value for money considering the quality.
 D) I'd like to try it one day as you speak so highly about it.
 E) Well, admittedly the food wasn't too bad, but the service was dreadful.

8. **You take your dress to the dry-cleaners. You particularly want to wear it to a party on Saturday evening. So you say to the assistant:**
- Please be careful with it as it's my party dress.
 - I wore it to a party on Saturday and spilt red wine on it.
 - Will it definitely be ready by the weekend?
 - Would it be possible for you to alter the length a little, too?
 - Saturdays are always busy because everyone goes to parties.
9. **Your manager comes into your office because he wants to speak to everybody about some changes. He tells you all that he is leaving and a new manager will be appointed. You are keen to be promoted, but you don't want to seem too pushy, so you say:**
- What's the new manager's name and what's he or she like?
 - Are current employees eligible to apply for the position?
 - Congratulations on your new job. When are you leaving?
 - The only person suitable for the position is me.
 - That'll be the third new manager we've had in a year.
10. **Your friend and you have been arguing about a historical fact. You are certain you are right. You decide to look the information, up in the encyclopedia and discover that it is your friend's claim which is right. So feeling somewhat embarrassed, you say to her:**
- Well, of course I knew you were right because you know more about history than me.
 - Look, I told you I was correct; it's right here in the encyclopedia.
 - You should check your facts before you start arguing about them.
 - Oh dear, I must have been thinking of a different event.
 - This encyclopedia probably won't have the information we're looking for.
11. **It is pouring with rain and you have a lot of heavy shopping. You have been trying to get a taxi for about ten minutes. Finally-'a taxi comes and you are just picking up your bags when a man pushes past you and starts to get into it. You say furiously to him:**
- Excuse me, could you help me with my bags please?
 - It's really difficult to find a taxi in such awful weather.
 - You'll have to wait for a few minutes while I put my bags in the car.
 - Why don't we share the taxi? It'd be much cheaper.
 - How dare you be so rude! This is my taxi.
12. **You have been unemployed for several months now, even though you are highly qualified. Your father finds you a job in his friend's factory. You know the work will be extremely boring, but you are also very short of money, so you say to your father:**
- Do you think your friend can find me some temporary work at his factory?
 - As I have such good qualifications, I'll soon be able to find a job.
 - O.K. I'll take the job, but only until I find something better.
 - I probably don't have the necessary experience for such skilled work.
 - Thanks for the offer, but I'll be able to manage on my savings.
13. **You wake up one morning and see that everything is covered in thick snow. You adore playing in the snow, so you wake up your brother and say:**
- Come on lazy. Let's go and build a snowman!
 - It's far too cold to go outside. Let's watch a video.
 - Do you remember when we were little and used to throw snowballs?
 - Snow is always much nicer when it has just fallen and is still clean.
 - If I were you, I'd go back to bed and sleep.

14. You have been writing to a pen-friend in America for several years now and, though you have never met her, you feel you have become close friends. You suddenly receive a letter saying she is coming to Turkey and would love to meet you. You say to your mother:

- A) I wonder if she's changed much since the last trip.
- B) You can never really get to be good friends through letters.
- C) I hope I get to meet all the family and friends I've heard about,
- D) When I visit her, I hope she will be as nice as she seems in her letters.
- E) Mum, please can I invite her to stay with us during her visit?

15. You have had to visit the doctor regularly for the last few months so that he can monitor your condition. This is the last visit, where he will decide if you can be treated with drugs or if you need surgery. He has just finished examining you and looks quite serious, so you say to him:

- A) It's amazing what can be done with modern medicine these days.
- B) From the look on your face it would seem that I need an operation.
- C) I'm sorry to have to tell you. but you need to have an operation.
- D) Can you explain to me exactly what this medicine does?
- E) As the treatment obviously hasn't worked, I think I'll change the prescription.

16. Your aunt gives you a jumper for your birthday. You think the style is unsuitable for a girl of your age, but, not wanting to offend her, you say:

- A) You really have no idea of my taste do you?
- B) Thank you so much. How kind of you!
- C) It was a lovely thought, even if misplaced.
- D) You should've bought something more casual.
- E) Do you think this style is fashionable these days?

17. You hear that your grandmother is ill, so you decide to send her some flowers. You go to the florist's to arrange this. The florist asks you what sort of flowers you'd like to be included. Having noticed that you're short of time, you leave the choice to the florist. So you say:

- A) I hope you like these flowers. I know they're your favourite variety.
- B) Is there a special message you'd like to include?
- C) It doesn't matter. Anything that you think is appropriate.
- D) Sorry to hear you're not well. Hope you're soon feeling better.
- E) Weil, she loves roses, especially pink ones.

18. Some new people have moved into the house next to yours. You've seen them through the window and they look quite young and lively. You decide to go and introduce yourself. You say:

- A) What lovely furniture you've got!
- B) Hi. I'm Joanne, your new neighbour.
- C) This is a quiet, respectable neighbourhood.
- D) I've been watching you for days.
- E) I'm really going to miss my old neighbours.

19. You are travelling in the non-smoking section of a train. Another passenger gets on, sits down and lights up a cigarette. You are not happy, so you say:

- A) I'll move to another compartment shall I?
- B) You couldn't give me a cigarette could you?
- C) I'm afraid that smoking is not permitted here.
- D) Actually my friend was sitting in that place.
- E) I used to smoke but I gave up three months ago.

20. You are at an airport. Everywhere in the airport there are signs warning people not to leave baggage unattended for security reasons. You know that this is because of the threat of bombs. Suddenly a man asks if you will watch his bag while he goes to the toilet. Considering the signs, you say to him:

- A) That's no problem at all. Of course I will.
- B) You've probably got a bomb in your bag, haven't you?
- C) O.K. but please be quick as my flight leaves in a minute.
- D) Just leave it over there. I'm sure it will be all right.
- E) I'm sorry but you must be responsible for your own belongings.

21. You work in a shop. You serve a customer, who pays and then leaves the shop. Ten minutes later she returns and says that you gave her the wrong change. You are positive that this isn't the case, so you politely say to her:

- A) I'm afraid you are mistaken.
- B) Don't be so stupid.
- C) We never change goods.
- D) Why didn't you check before leaving?
- E) I'm so sorry. Here's your money.

22. You are waiting at a bus-stop when a foreigner asks another person for directions to the station. The person helps and you overhear his words. You are absolutely certain that the directions are wrong, so you say:

- A) Excuse me. I wonder if you could tell me the way to the station please.
- B) Excuse me. Don't you think it's a bit rude to deliberately mislead tourists?
- C) Excuse me. I think I was in front of you in this queue.
- D) Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt but I think you've made a mistake.
- E) Excuse me. You don't happen to know what time the next train to Manchester is, do you?

23. You are going away for a month and you ask your friend to look after your plants. She agrees, so you explaining to her what needs to be done. You say;

- A) Do you mind taking care of my plants for a month?
- B) Here are some keys for my flat so you can let yourself in.
- C) Don't overwater them, but don't let the soil become dry.
- D) They'll probably die after a week, so just throw them away.
- E) They should have been taken out twice a week as they enjoy the fresh air.

24. You went to a party last night, but during the evening you became ill and went home. You are phoning your friend to apologize for your early departure. You say:

- A) Thank you so much for the lovely party. I'm sorry we were late.
- B) Are you feeling better? You looked dreadful when you left.
- C) I must apologize for my awful behaviour. It was unforgivable.
- D) I'm so sorry but I'm feeling very unwell and I should stay at home.
- E) I'm sorry to have left like that, but I really didn't feel well at all

25. You have been staying at a hotel. You return home and discover that your glasses are missing. You telephone the hotel to enquire and say:

- A) I wonder if anybody has found a pair of glasses.
- B) I won't be able to see a thing if I don't find them.
- C) I left my glasses in the bathroom room 106.
- D) We found some glasses after you left. Are they yours?
- E) Is it common for things to go missing your hotel?

26. You bought a washing-machine a month ago and it has now broken down. You phone the shop to complain, but the assistant is very unhelpful so you demand to speak to the manager, saying:

- A) Please send someone to my house to repair it as soon as possible.
- B) I bought a washing-machine a month ago, but this morning it stopped working.
- C) Would it be possible for the manager to call me in the next day or so?
- D) The machine is still, under guarantee, so I expect you to replace it.
- E) I'd like to speak directly to the manager — immediately

27. You have been trying to phone your brother all day, but whenever you try you get the engaged signal. You call the operator and ask her to check the line for you. You say:

- A) I wonder why my brother has had so many phone calls today,
- B) Would you check that I am dialing the correct number, please?
- C) I'd like to make a direct call to a number in London.
- D) Could you try this number for me because I think there may be a fault on it?
- E) There seems to be a problem with my phone and I need someone to look at it

28. You're in a queue in a supermarket and the person behind you has only one item. You have a trolley full of shopping, and you want to invite the person behind to go ahead. You say:

- A) Wait your turn. I've been in this queue longer than you have.
- B) Would you like me to pay for that for you? It would be quicker.
- C) Do you know how much this will cost?
- D) Would you like to go first? I'll probably be a long time.
- E) There's somebody waiting behind you in the queue

29. You're in a swimming pool and the attendant says you must leave as they want to clean the pool. You have only been in for 10 minutes so you want a refund, and say politely:

- A) What time is it? I have only been here for 10 minutes.
- B) Could you possibly let me know your opening and closing times in future?
- C) Excuse me, but would you mind if I came back later this evening?
- D) Give me a refund or I will complain to the manager.
- E) I wonder if you could give me my-money back, as I haven't been here long.

30. You're in a library. Everybody, including yourself, is trying to work. A man in the corner is shouting and laughing, even though there is a "Quiet Please" sign on the wall. You want to warn firmly, without being rude, so you say:

- A) Excuse me, would you mind being quiet? We are all trying to concentrate.
- B) Shut up! Can't you read the sign?
- C) Why don't you come and sit with me? I'd like to hear some of your Jokes.
- D) Aren't you aware of where you are? People are trying to work.
- E) Excuse me, could you tell me what books are over there?

31. You're in a doctor's waiting room. Somebody without an appointment rushes in before you, so you tell him abruptly that this is not acceptable. You say:

- A) Excuse me, would you mind awfully if I went first?
- B) I was here before you make an appointment and wait your turn!
- C) Could you possibly tell me the time of your appointment?
- D) I'd like to see a doctor please. I'm very ill.
- E) Which doctor should I see? There are so many, and I'm confused!

32. You're in a cafe with a friend. Every time you go there, the waiter gets your order wrong. This time you have ordered an orange juice and a cup of tea. He brings over a cake and two coffees. You complain about this and say:
- A) Thank you very much for your help. It looks lovely.
 B) Excuse me, I wonder if you'd mind bringing us something to eat?
 C) This is ridiculous. You've brought the wrong thing again!
 D) Thank you, but we didn't order a cake.
 E) An orange juice and a cup of tea please, as usual.
33. You're at the cinema and you can't see the film because the person in front of you is extremely tall. There are spare seats in his row but not in yours, so you politely ask him to move along, saying:
- A) Someone of your height should be sitting in the back row.
 B) Excuse me, would you mind moving to another seat, as I can't see properly?
 C) Excuse me, could you please ask the usher when there will be an interval?
 D) Move to another seat if you want to see the film.
 E) Excuse me, where did you buy your popcorn?
34. In a library a woman, being unable to find it on the relevant shelf, asks for a book called "Practical Matters". The librarian needs more than just the title to trace it, so she says:
- A) You should look in the section where books on that subject are kept.
 B) Have you got a book called Practical Matters?
 C) I'm afraid we haven't got it in at the moment.
 D) Could you tell me the author's or publisher's name, please?
 E) Do you know who it's by and what it's called please?
35. You are a secretary for a boss who blames everyone but himself for any errors. He gives you a hand-written letter to type and you notice something you know is incorrect. You don't want to alter it without his permission, so you say:
- A) Excuse me, but I think this paragraph isn't quite right.
 B) Certainly. I'll do it right away.
 C) I suppose I'll have to correct your mistake
 D) I'm sorry, I've made a mistake. I'll have to type it again.
 E) It's not my fault that this letter is wrong.
36. You are at a party when a woman accidentally spills red wine down your new white dress. You know the stain probably won't come out. The woman is so apologetic and embarrassed that you feel a little sorry for her. You say to her:
- A) You're so clumsy. Look what you've done!
 B) Don't worry! It really doesn't matter at all.
 C) This dress was new and now you've ruined it.
 D) You know you'll have to pay for the cleaning!
 E) Oh, I'm so sorry! How careless of me.
37. You are at the cinema with a friend and it's full. A woman is sitting in front of you wearing a huge hat which blocks your view of the screen. You don't want to cause an argument but you really can't see anything, so you say:
- A) Take that hat off immediately! You should be more considerate.
 B) Let's go and sit in one of those free seats over there.
 C) You ought to sit somewhere else if you want to wear that hat.
 D) This is an excellent film. I'm so glad we came to see it.
 E) I'm terribly sorry but could you possibly take your hat take off, please?

38. An estate agent is showing you and your partner round a house you're thinking of buying. The house is beautiful, but there are some large cracks on the ceilings. When the estate agent leaves the room, you say to your partner:

- A) The price is right, the location is ideal. Isn't it beautiful? We must buy it.
- B) It's lovely, but it's a bit far from work, isn't it?
- C) There's no way we are going to be able to afford it!
- D) We should check the cost of any repairs before deciding.
- E) We wouldn't have to redecorate if we bought it.

39. Your teacher hands you back some homework. You look at it and are fairly certain that the teacher has made a mistake in the marking and that you were right. So you say:

- A) I really didn't expect to get such a good grade for this.
- B) That homework was a lot easier than I expected.
- C) You couldn't have another look at this, could you?
- D) Excuse me, but I think you've missed one of my mistakes.
- E) Why do you always make such ridiculous mistakes?

40. Your old neighbour is in a nostalgic mood, but you have to leave for work. You want to escape inoffensively from the next story, so you say:

- A) I've had enough of your old stories.
- B) I will visit you as soon as I return from work to discuss this.
- C) This is all very interesting but it was before my time.
- D) Oh yes, I remember that. I used to work near there.
- E) I'm terribly sorry but I must go or I shall be late for work.

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