

Second Exam 101



**Philadelphia University
Language Center
English Skills (0130101)
First Semester -2016/2017**

Student's Name: _____

No _____

Instructor's Name: _____

Section: _____

Part One: Reading Comprehension and Writing (8 Points)

Have you ever been to a music festival? Well, if you live in the UK, the answer is probably yes. Hundreds of thousands of people attend music festivals every year. The number of festivals has grown enormously over the last few years and now there are around 200 every summer. So let's look at the history of four famous festivals: the Cambridge Folk Festival, Glastonbury, Reading, and Womad.

The Cambridge Folk Festival started in 1964 and now about 10,000 people attend every year on the Cherry Hinton Hall site. The best traditional folk artists from the UK and Ireland appear with more contemporary musicians, the finest American country, blues and roots artists, famous singer songwriters and even a few pop stars.

The Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts is a three-day festival held most years in Somerset, in the south-west of England. The entertainment consists of a rock and pop stage, an acoustic stage, a jazz stage, a cinema tent, a dance tent and a circus. The festival started in 1970 and about 120,000 people go to it every year.

The Reading Festival is truly world-class with rock and pop bands appearing from all over the globe, particularly the USA. About 80,000 music fans invade Reading every August Bank Holiday. The festival first came to its present site on the banks of River Thames in Reading in 1971, when it moved from Plumpton in Sussex. It is still on the same site over 30 years later!

Womad stands for World of Music, Arts and Dance and was the idea of rock musician Peter Gabriel to promote World Music. The Womad Festival started in 1982 and takes place in July at Charlton Park, near Malmesbury in Wiltshire, and you can see an incredible variety of bands and musicians from all over the world. The festival welcomes over 26,000 visitors each year.

So it doesn't matter what sort of music you like. If you come to the UK in the summer there is a fantastic choice of festivals you can go to!

Second Exam 101

A. Reading Comprehension (4 points)

1. What is the main idea of the text?

- a) The history of four famous festivals in the US.
- b) The variety of musical festivals the UK offers its visitors.
- c) The limited choices of musical festivals that are offered to tourists in Europe.
- d) Comparison between the Cambridge Musical Festival and the Reading Festival.

2. One of the following sentences is True:

- a) The oldest of the four festivals is the Reading Festival.
- b) The Cambridge Folk Festival is the biggest of the four.
- c) There are only four festivals in the UK.
- d) Before it moved to Reading, the Reading Festival was held in Plumpton.

3. Why is the Womad Festival different from other festivals?

- a) It is a two-day event.
- b) It welcomes bands and musicians from all over the world.
- c) It offers the visitors the chance to hear the best of hard rock and heavy metal.
- d) It is the only musical festival in the UK that offers the visitors the chance to hear contemporary jazz music.

4. What do the four festivals have in common?

- a) All the festivals offer the visitors the chance to watch movies and attend the circus.
- b) All the festivals are attended by at least 10,000 visitors every spring.
- c) All the festivals offer fabulous choices of entertainment to their visitors every summer.
- d) All the festivals present not only British bands but also American bands.

B. Writing (4 points)

1. Write two sentences to describe what people do to celebrate Independence Day in your country.

a. _____

b. _____

2. Write two sentences to describe what you would do to celebrate your mother's birthday.

a. _____

b. _____

Part Two: Vocabulary (4 points)

- **Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences:**

1. **How many ----- are there in Earth?**
 - a. players
 - b. lanterns
 - c. layers**
 - d. dryers
2. **Excuse me, can you -----a photograph of me and my sister?**
 - a. make
 - b. take**
 - c. do
 - d. play
3. **At the end of the festival, there was an amazing -----display.**
 - a. celebration
 - b. firework**
 - c. customs
 - d. anniversary
4. **On New Year's Eve, Chinese people sit down together for a ----- with their family.**
 - a. traditional dress
 - b. traditional date
 - c. traditional meal**
 - d. traditional costume

B. Complete the following sentences with words from the box.

hang - traditional - exchange - culture - gift
--

1. **You should -----hang-----your clothes in your wardrobe instead of throwing them on the floor.**
2. **In Jordan, it is -----traditional----- to invite the groom and his bride to their relatives' house.**
3. **How can you -----exchange----- information with a person who can't speak your language?**
4. **You should be familiar with your -----culture----- which consists of customs, habits, and beliefs of your country.**

Second Exam 101

Part Four: Structure (3 points)

Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences:

1. -----Do you-----, like listening to music?

- a. Does you
- b. Is he
- c. Do you
- d. Are you

2. People have parties -----at----- work with their colleagues.

- a. in
- b. on
- c. at
- d. of

3 . Circle the incorrect sentence.

- a. I always visit my parents on holidays.
- b. I never celebrate New Year.
- c. Ali is always on time.
- d. Ali sometimes is on time.

4. Flour _____ usually exported from different countries to meet the peoples' need of bread.

- a. was
- b. is
- c. are
- d. will

5. One of the following sentences has a correct order.

- a. People celebrate in India the Magh Bihu festival.
- b. People in Jordan on May celebrate Independence Day.
- c. People celebrate in spring Mother's Day.
- d. In the evening, people in Mexico eat a special meal.

6. _____ good at taking notes during lectures?

- a. Do you
- b. You do
- c. Are you
- d. You are

Good Luck!