

**Gjuhë Angleze (Niveli B1) – Sesioni II**

**SECTION 1  
READING COMPREHENSION**

*There are 4 tasks in the Reading Section, in which you can read a series of texts and paragraphs and answer questions that test your reading skills and abilities and show that you can read and understand different types of texts and question formats.*

**Reading Section Description**

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	3
<i>Number of Items</i>	30
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	30
<i>Types of Texts</i>	<i>Descriptive and informational texts, and info materials</i>
<i>Duration</i>	<i>70 minutes</i>

**Task One**

***Taking your information from the text below, circle the answer which you think fits best by circling one of the letters A, B, C or D for the answer you choose.***

***Hotel management***

- (1) Andreas Augustin, trained in hotel management by education, started a career as journalist, photographer, TV and radio presenter. In 1986 he worked as a historian in the field of global tourism. With his series of books THE MOST FAMOUS HOTELS IN THE WORLD he has created an unprecedented source of global hotel history and stories. To date Andreas has written over 50 books. He also travels around the world, stays in famous hotels and interviews the managers of these hotels. This is what he has written about Pinar Karal Timer, the General Manager of the historic Istanbul Pera Palace Hotel.
- (2) Pinar has accompanied the Istanbul Pera Palace Hotel through its renovation and restoration process (2006–2010). Pera Palace Hotel is the destination for everybody who visits Istanbul. The British novelist Agatha Christie, who is Pinar’s favourite writer, was one of the most important guests of the hotel and contributed a lot to its international fame. In order to pay tribute to her memory, Pinar has named one of the restaurants as Agatha Restaurant.

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- (3) For Pinar, the philosophy of managing a historic hotel and a modern one is the same. However, being keen on development without damaging tradition, she thinks that managers should be extremely careful with the furniture and the building itself. The maintenance is an ongoing activity. It is also sometimes difficult to find equipment reflecting the era. The responsibility feeling is high because she is operating in a museum hotel and she feels responsible for not destroying the nostalgic ambiance. All her team members should know the history of the hotel by heart so they can be able to answer the questions related to its history.
- (4) When Pinar started work, the hotel was under restoration and construction. Excluding the lobby area, everything has been changed since then. Concepts and service, corporate ID, PR and marketing have all been changed accordingly. In short she has changed whatever she can imagine to reach her objective which was to bring back Pera Palace Hotel to its famous days. She was very fortunate working with the academics who were really very experienced and expresses her gratitude to **them**.
- (5) When she was 15 years old Pinar dreamt of becoming a paediatrician. Later, **out of the blue**, she decided to be an executive in international trade sector. However, she studied Hotel Management at University. Being the host in Pera Palace Hotel was always in her heart as a lover of Istanbul. Pinar is a very courageous lady. She likes to take calculated risks in her life and business as well. For her, hotels are the perfect example of team work and the joy is bigger when people share. She doesn't think that she would be successful in a sector where people like to enjoy things alone. Pinar loves working with people who are experienced and enthusiastic.
- (6) The advice she gives to others is to be honest. To my biggest surprise she also accepts that there is one thing she doesn't approve much about herself. Pinar thinks that she works too hard and is a perfectionist, which sometimes makes her life and the ones around her difficult.

1. Why has the author written this text? **1 point**
- A) To provide information about the life and career of Andreas Augustin.  
B) To give information about Istanbul Pera Palace Hotel.  
C) To inform the reader about work experience and the opinions of a hotel manager.  
D) To support the idea of becoming a hotel manager.
2. According to the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, Andreas Augustin main achievement is \_\_\_\_ **1 point**
- A) creating a series of books about famous hotels  
B) training in hotel management through education

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- C) travelling around the world and staying in famous hotels  
D) working as a journalist, photographer and TV presenter
3. According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, one of the restaurants in Pera Hotel is named after Agatha Christie because \_\_\_\_\_. **1 point**  
A) Agatha Christie helped with renovation and restoration process  
B) Agatha Christie is Pinar's favourite British novelist  
C) Agatha Christie was one of the famous international guests  
D) Pinar wanted to respect the name of Agatha Christie
4. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, Pinar says that her staff should know the history of the hotel because \_\_\_\_\_. **1 point**  
A) it is difficult to find equipment reflecting the era  
B) she is operating in a museum hotel and should not damage tradition  
C) they can answer the questions of the guests about the history of the hotel  
D) they should be careful with the furniture and the building
5. According to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, one of the things that was NOT changed during the restoration period was \_\_\_\_\_. **1 point**  
A) concepts and service  
B) corporate ID  
C) PR and marketing  
D) the lobby area
6. What does "them" in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph refer to? **1 point**  
A) academics  
B) concepts  
C) days  
D) hotels
7. Which phrase is closest in meaning to the idiom "out of the blue" found in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph? **1 point**  
A) as a result of this  
B) hardly any time  
C) quite unexpectedly  
D) very soon
8. According to the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Pinar feels happier at work when \_\_\_\_\_. **1 point**  
A) people like to enjoy things alone  
B) she and her staff are successful

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- C) she and her staff work together
- D) she takes risks in her business

9. According to the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Andreas is mostly surprised by the fact that Pinar \_\_\_\_\_. **1 point**

- A) is objective about herself
- B) is a perfectionist
- C) makes the life of others difficult
- D) works very hard in her job

10. What do Pinar and Andrew have in common? **1 point**

- A) They both like Agatha Christie.
- B) They both like travelling.
- C) They both manage Pera Hotel.
- D) They have both studied hotel management.

### Task Two

**Read the text below and answer the questions using the information from the text. You may use words from the text or your own words.**

#### Alanis hypnotizes crowd

I like music and one of my favourite activities is going to music festivals and concerts. What I really appreciate is the real magic that the music and the lyrics of the songs transmit.

Last Friday night, hundreds of fans and followers went to the Corn Exchange Art Venue in Cambridge, known for hosting some of the worlds' best known artists, to see Canadian singer, Alanis Morissette. Alanis is an alternative rock singer, songwriter, musician, multi-instrumentalist, record producer, and actress. She is also known for her powerful and emotive mezzo-soprano voice.

There was not even an empty seat anywhere in the auditorium, although it was an incredibly cold night. "Sure it is cold outside, but I hope we warm it up in here for you," Morissette said to the enthusiastic crowd before she started to play.

Morissette used a lot of material from her first album Conflict. She also played a few songs from her new album, such as "Everything But..." ,which tells the story of someone desperately looking for love in the wrong places. Morissette's singing was full of feeling and emotion; some songs with anger and others with love.

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Although the auditorium was cold and the sound was sometimes poor, it was obvious that the audience really loved the concert. Morissette hypnotized everybody with her outstanding performance. Many people in the crowd were obviously real fans and they knew the words and they sang along to nearly every song.

At the end of the concert, Morissette showed that she was a true performer, with a brilliant version of 'Heartache'. She finished with her latest single 'Ironic' which is a pop rock song about someone being a star and was nominated for two Grammy Awards. The lyrics present several situations that are described as "ironic." That was one of those nights that will **stay with me** for a very long time.

11. What does the author mostly value in a music festival or concert? **1 point**
12. What is the Corn Exchange Arts Venue famous for? **1 point**
13. What other qualities does her voice have, despite singing rock songs? **1 point**
14. How does the author describe Alanis Morissette's singing? **1 point**
15. What was the song "Everything but..." about? **1 point**
16. According to the writer, what were the disadvantages of the concert? **1 point**
17. How did the author know that many of the people present were fans of Alanis Morissette? **1 point**
18. What made the author realize that Alanis Morissette was a real performer? **1 point**
19. What was the last song Alanis Morissette sang in the concert? **1 point**
20. What does the expression "**stay with me**" in the last paragraph mean? **1 point**

**Task 3**

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Read the passage and complete the text with the proper words given in the box below. There are two extra words you DO NOT need to use. 10 points

**celebrated / provide / important / fortress / member / crowd /  
reputation / hotel / protect originally / symbolized /  
order**

The Bastille was a medieval (21) \_\_\_\_\_ that was used as a prison in Paris. It was (22) \_\_\_\_\_ built as gate during the Hundred Years' War but was later expanded in order to (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the city. The Bastille had eight towers and walls that were 25 meters high. Many of the prisoners that were kept there were (24) \_\_\_\_\_ people and not just common criminals. The king could (25) \_\_\_\_\_ people to be sent there and even families could ask for a (26) \_\_\_\_\_ to be kept there for various reasons. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1789, at the beginning of the French revolution, an angry (27) \_\_\_\_\_ of people attacked and took over the Bastille. This legendary attack (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the old system of government. July 14<sup>th</sup>, or Bastille Day, is now (29) \_\_\_\_\_ as a national holiday in France. The prison no longer stands because it was destroyed during French Revolution, but its (30) \_\_\_\_\_ has lived on and it has become the subject of many stories and films.

**SECTION 2  
USE OF LANGUAGE**

**Use of Language Description**

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	2
<i>Number of Items</i>	2
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	15
<i>Types and focus of the questions</i>	10 multiple-choice/gap-fill questions to test vocabulary and grammar Items 31(a-j) 5 word-formation items to test grammar and vocabulary Items 32(a-e)
<i>Duration</i>	20 minutes

**Task 1**

31. **Read the text carefully. From the words and word groups listed below the text, choose the ones which best fit the spaces. There is only one correct answer for each question.** **10 points**

My last birthday was one that I will never forget. The more I think of that, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ I appreciate my friend. If he (b) \_\_\_\_\_ that wonderful surprise for me, I wouldn't have even thought about my birthday. I was not planning to celebrate it because it was on a weekday and I had been (c) \_\_\_\_\_ organize anything. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ I entered home, I got a call from my colleague, Mark, who (e) \_\_\_\_\_ that something urgent (f) \_\_\_\_\_ at the office. He wanted me to go to the office quickly and he would explain the problem. When I was entering the office, the lights suddenly went out. I heard some strange noises, but I couldn't make out where they were coming from. I was trying to find the light switch when I (g) \_\_\_\_\_ something and that made the alarm system (h) \_\_\_\_\_. Then, I heard people shouting, " Surprise! Happy Birthday and the lights came on again. Of course, the police soon appeared (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the alarm. At first, they were quite angry, but when we explained what (j) \_\_\_\_\_ and treated them to some birthday cake, they wished me a happy birthday and said they would forget the incident.

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|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| a. A) the more          | B) the most          | C) the same         | D) more than        |
| b. A) didn't organize   | B) wasn't organizing | C) hadn't organized | D) hasn't organized |
| c. A) so busy to        | B) too busy to       | C) such busy to     | D) that busy to     |
| d. A) sooner that       | B) as sooner as      | C) soonest that     | D) as soon as       |
| e. A) told me           | B) said me           | C) asked me         | D) required me      |
| f. A) were coming up    | B) had come up       | C) came up          | D) has come up      |
| g. A) was tripping over | B) have tripped over | C) tripped over     | D) had tripped over |
| h. A) to go off         | B) going off         | C) went off         | D) go off           |
| i. A) because of        | B) because from      | C) because by       | D) because for      |
| j. A) were happening    | B) happened          | C) had happened     | D) has happened     |

**Task 2**

32. **Complete the sentences by putting the word in capital letters into the correct grammatical form. You must use the correct spelling. 5 points**

- a) She asked her brother to help with the math homework, but he wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_.  
**HELP**
- b) The schools in Albania are trying to increase \_\_\_\_\_ about environmental issues.  
**AWARE**
- c) Most \_\_\_\_\_ agree that Earth's temperature is affected by human activities.  
**SCIENCE**
- d) The government wants \_\_\_\_\_ to be developed in a way that local people benefit the most.  
**TOURIST**
- e) I went to watch the new movie at the cinema on the \_\_\_\_\_ of my sister.  
**RECOMMEND**

**SECTION 3  
WRITING**

**Writing Section Description**

<i>Number of Tasks</i>	2
<i>Number of Total Points</i>	15
<i>Types and focus of the tasks</i>	<p><i>Task 1: (10 points)</i>  <i>Description of experiences, impressions, plans, ambitions, intentions, etc.</i>  <i>Description of a favourite book or film;</i>  <i>Writing your opinion on a familiar topic;</i></p> <p><i>Task 2: (5 points)</i>  <i>Personal or informal letters, personal or informal emails, notes that request info on everyday events;</i>  <i>An email or letter to a friend or relative on a certain problem a situation.</i></p>
<i>Time in Disposition</i>	60 minutes

Write the **TWO** tasks below.

33. **Task 1** will be marked for: **10 points**

- ✓ task completion 2 points
- ✓ organization 2 points
- ✓ grammar 2 points
- ✓ vocabulary 2 points
- ✓ mechanics 2 points

*Each of the five criteria carries two points to give a total of ten points.*

**Topic:** You are in the first year of the university and your English teacher has asked you to write a description of the high school you went to.

In your description you should use 120-150 words and include the following information:

- A brief introduction: the type of school, size, location, your age when you went there, number of students in the class
- Homework, uniform, discipline, teachers
- Subjects- best/worst
- Your general opinion of the school - good/bad - why?

34. **Task 2** will be marked for: **5 points**

- ✓ task completion 1 point
- ✓ organization 1 point
- ✓ grammar 1 point
- ✓ vocabulary 1 point
- ✓ mechanics 1 point

*Each of the five criteria carries one point to give a total of five points. You should write your task in no more than **60-80 words**.*

**Topic:** Your cousin, Simon, who lives in England, has sent you a present for your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Write an email to Simon. In your email, you should:

- thank him for the present
- say why you like it
- tell him what you did on your birthday

*Dearest Simon,*