



Centre for Preparatory Studies

English Language Unit

English Level 1 (FPE 101A)

Final Mock Reading & Writing Exams

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- Read the task instructions carefully.
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READING EXAM		
Text (1-15)		15
Vocabulary (16-20)		5
Total		20

WRITING EXAM		
Grammar (1-5)		5
Writing Task		15
Total		20

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READING EXAM TEXT (Questions 1-15)

Buzkashi

1 Buzkashi is an ancient sport from the mountains of Central Asia. People play it from the village of Ulupamir in Turkey to the cold, dry steppes of China where the Uighur people live. The word buzkashi means 'goat-pulling' in Farsi. It is a winter-spring sport, played from November to April.

2 Buzkashi is played on horseback with two teams of five riders. The riders try to pick up a dead goat, carry it around a flag, and drop it in a circle called the Circle of Justice. (If that doesn't sound nice, don't forget that most sports use balls made of leather.) A successful drop is one point. The teams play two halves of forty-five minutes each, like football. It is fast and dangerous. The riders carry whips for hitting their horses—and other riders. Because of this, they wear heavy clothes to protect themselves. In Afghanistan, where buzkashi is the most popular, they wear old Russian army helmets, too.

3 Buzkashi began among the Turkic people of Central Asia. The cultures, traditions, and languages in this part of the world are quite similar. If you can speak Kazakh, for example, you can understand about 60% of Uzbek. The Turkic people moved across Central Asia in the 10th century, bringing buzkashi with them. However, the sport is probably much older than that.

4 Buzkashi is very, very difficult to play. The best riders are more than forty years old, and they have played all of their lives. The horse is also very important. People say, 'A bad rider on a good horse is better than a good rider on a bad horse.' The best horses for buzkashi are from northern Afghanistan. There, it is a way of life. Afghans play buzkashi every Friday, and thousands of fans come to watch the competition.

5 In 2017, the first World Championship of buzkashi took place in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan. Eleven teams, including the home country, Mongolia, and the United States, took part. (The twelfth, Azerbaijan, pulled out at the last minute.) The competition lasted for a week. In the end, Kazakhstan was the winner, downing neighbouring Kyrgyzstan 4-1 in a **thrilling** final.

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Read the text. Match the headings (A-E) to the paragraphs (1-5).

1. Paragraph 1	_____	A) Man and animal
2. Paragraph 2	_____	B) Turkic tradition
3. Paragraph 3	_____	C) World champion
4. Paragraph 4	_____	D) How to play
5. Paragraph 5	_____	E) Ancient sport

Read the text. Based on the text, choose the best answer.

6. The text is about ____.

- A) a traditional sport
- B) a country's history
- C) a kind of animal

7. In Paragraph 2, we can infer that buzkashi is NOT _____.
buzkashi is NOT _____.

- A) popular in Russia
- B) very safe
- C) worse than other sports

8. Buzkashi is _____.
Buzkashi is _____.

- A) similar to rugby
- B) older than the 10th century
- C) easy to play

9. In Paragraph 5, the word **thrilling** means _____.
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- A) exciting
- B) expensive
- C) extra

10. The **purpose** of the passage is to _____.
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- A) give opinion
- B) give information
- C) advertise a product

Read the text. Write short answers.

11. Name a season in which buzkashi is played. _____

12. What does buzkashi mean? _____

13. Where is buzkashi the most popular? _____

14. How old are the best riders? _____

15. Should animals be used in sport competitions? Give reasons.

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VOCABULARY (Questions 16-20)

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You do NOT need all the words.

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competition

fit

occupation

neat

introduce

partner

16. Triathlons make you _____ and healthy.
17. Ali is trying to decide on a/an _____. He studied medicine.
18. The students were asked to work with a _____ while doing the project.
19. We have a football _____ next week. We are working hard to win the match.
20. Her house is _____ and clean.

GRAMMAR (Questions 1-5)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

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ଓଡ଼ିଆ WRITING EXAM ଓଡ଼ିଆ

1. Tom is very honest. He always _____ the truth. (tell)
2. Omantel is one of the _____ companies in Oman. (successful)
3. Camel racing _____ a popular sport in my country. (be)
4. The students are _____ about the holiday. (excite)
5. If you heat ice, it _____. (melt)

WRITING TASK

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WRITING TASK 1 (15 points)

○ Describe the process of a sporting event.



Write notes about your topic.

Information	Stages

Write a paragraph of at least 120 words about the topic.