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Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

2 present and future verbs

- 1 A. *stays* F. *pulls*
B. *replies* G. *catches*
C. *pushes* H. *enjoys*
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- 8 All three are wrong. See 463.3 and 471.
- 9 A. See 463.5.
- 10 A. See 465.3.
- 11 It's wrong. Should be: *How long have you known her? ~ I've known her since 1980*. See 463.6 and 460.1.
- 12 C. See 217.2.
- 13 B. See 216.2. ▶

- 14 They are all possible but we would normally use B and C (the simple present) here for 'timetabled' events in the future. See 463.4 and 215.1.
- 15 A. See 580.2.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

3 past and perfect verbs

- 1 A. *started* E. *cared* H. *stunned*
 B. *stopped* F. *hurried* I. *panicked*
 C. *planned* G. *offered* J. *regretted*
 D. *developed*
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- 2 A. Wrong. Should be *paid*.
 B. Right.
 C. Right.
 D. Right.
 E. Wrong. Should be *ridden*.
 F. Right.
 G. Wrong. Should be *began*.
 H. Wrong. Should be *forgotten*.
 I. Wrong. Should be *gone*.
 J. Wrong. Should be *fallen*.
 K. Right.
 L. Wrong. Should be *lay*.
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- 3 A. Wrong. Should be *hoping*. See 560.1.
 B. Right.
 C. Right.
 D. Wrong. Should be *dyeing*. See 561.5.
 E. Wrong. Should be *offering*. See 562.5.
 F. Right.
 G. Wrong. Should be *galloping*. See 562.5.
- 4 A. *passed* (the others end in /d/).
 B. *cried* (the others end in /t/).
 C. *finished* (the others end in /id/).
 See 421.2.
- 5 A, B and C are correct. See 480.6.

- 6 All of them are right except D, which is wrong because we don't use contractions for double subjects. See 143.1.
- 7 A and D. See 422.2.
- 8 A. Right.
 B. Wrong, because *rung* is the past participle, not the simple past. See 304.
 C. Wrong, because we don't normally use the past progressive to talk about a repeated past action. See 422.4.
- 9 A. Right.
 B. Right.
 C. Wrong, because the verb *to realise* is not used in the progressive form. See 471.
- 10 It's correct. Although the travel was completed in the past, the speaker is thinking about the present and telling the questioner that she knows Africa. See 455.3.
- 11 Both A and B are possible. After announcing news in the present perfect, we often use the simple past to give more details. See 455.4.
- 12 B. See 522.1.
- 13 C. See 208.1.
- 14 A. See 208.2.
- 15 Both of them are right. See 457.3.
- 16 B and C. See 368.1.
- 17 Both of them are right. See 459.3.
- 18 A and B. We don't use *know* in the progressive form; see 471.
- 19 Wrong. Should be: ... *a beautiful young girl lived in a forest* ... We don't use the present perfect in story-telling. See 456.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

4 auxiliary verbs

- 1 All of them are right. See 239.1.
- 2 A, B and C are correct. We use *are to* to give instructions (see 91.4), not invitations.
- 3 It's wrong. Should be: *I never believed*. See 367.5.
It could also be: *I never **did** believe her* (where *did* is used for emphasis: see 367.5).
- 4 Add *do*: *She thinks I don't love her, but I **do** love her*. See 159.3.
- 5 B and D. See 159.5. If you thought C was right, see 541.1.
- 6 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Wrong. See 237.1 and 237.2. If you thought A was wrong, see 236.1 and 236.2.
- 7 Only C is possible. See 237.6.
- 8 A. Right. B. Wrong.
If you thought B was right, see 237.6.
- 9 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong. See 238.2.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

5 modal verbs (1): *can, could, may, might*

- 1 B is more polite. See 124.1.
- 2 A. *Can* B. Both. See 124.5 and 125.6.
- 3 Both are possible. See 122.6.
- 4 B and C. See 339.4.
- 5 It's wrong. Should be: *could have borrowed*, not *could borrow*. See 124.4.
- 6 A and C. (C is more common in British English.) See 125.1.
- 7 A. See 339.2.

- 8 A. See 345.2.
- 9 *could*. See 345.2.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

6 modal verbs (2): *will, would, used to, must, should, ought*

- 1 Both are right. See 629.5 and 360.1.
- 2 C. See 359.1.
- 3 B. See 359.6.
- 4 B. See 360.4.
- 5 Both are right. See 519.1 and 520.1.
- 6 All three are wrong. The correct forms are:
A. *He ought to understand*.
B. *Ought we to go now?*
C. *She ought to see a dentist*. See 403.1.
- 7 Wrong. It should be: *I ought to have called ...* See 403.5.
- 8 Only B is possible. See 230.1 and 230.2.
- 9 B. See 230.2.
- 10 A. Wrong. Should be: *I smoke ...* See 604.2.
B. Right.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

7 structures with infinitives

- 1 A. *to be working* B. *be working*
See 280.1.
- 2 A. *to have come* B. *have told*
See 280.2.
- 3 A. Unusual. B. Normal. C. Wrong.
See 280.5.
- 4 A. *carry* B. Both. C. *carry*
See 281.2.
- 5 A. See 281.3.
- 6 A, B, D, E, I, J, L. See 282.
- 7 A. Wrong. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 283.
- 8 Both are right. See 284.3.
- 9 All four are right. If you thought B or D
were wrong, see 285.3.
- 10 All three are right. See 286.1.
- 11 A and C. See 286.2 and 286.3.
- 12 *to speak*. See 289.1.
- 13 B. See 290.1.
- 14 A, B and D. In C, *they* should be *them*.
See 291.1.
- 15 It's right. See 291.6.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

8 -ing forms and past participles

- 1 Wrong. It should begin: *Not knowing ...*.
See 293.2.
- 2 A, B and D are right. See 295.3.
- 3 *them* (informal) and *their*. See 295.3
and 295.4.
- 4 Both. See 295.5.
- 5 A, C, D, H, I. See 296.1 and, for verbs
followed by infinitive, 283.

- 6 *smoking*. See 299.12.
- 7 A. *reading* D. *speaking, to speak*
B. *smoking* E. *to see*
C. *learning*
See 296.1.
- 8 Only B is possible. See 297.1.
- 9 A. *starting* B. *finding* C. *insuring*
See 298.1.
- 10 A. *to walk* B. Both.
See 299.9.
- 11 They are both right. See 409.1.
- 12 *interested; confused*. See 409.2.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

9 passives

- 1 A and B. See 413 and 414.1.
- 2 B and D. See 413 and 414.1.
- 3 A, B, C and E. In D, it should be: *having
been spoken to*. See 412.2.
- 4 Only B is right. See 412.3.
- 5 Only C is right. See 412.3.
- 6 A. Wrong. Should be: *We were
questioned ...*.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be: *... we were released*.
See 412.5.
- 7 A. *I was sent a new chequebook (by the
bank)*.
B. *They are paid a lot of money (by us)
for doing very little*.
C. *We will never be told the real truth
(by them)*.
See 415.
- 8 All four are right. See 418.5.
- 9 C. See 416.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

10 verbs: some special structures

- 1 A. *good* C. *dangerous*
B. *well* D. *carefully*
See 328.2 and 328.3.
- 2 They are all possible except C (*change*), which isn't a link verb. See 328.4.
- 3 B and D. See 610.4.
- 4 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *I explained the problem to Laura*.
C. Right.
D. Right.
E. Wrong. Should be: *Can you describe the man who attacked you to me?*
See 610.1 and 610.6.
- 5 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 599.4.
- 6 B. See 610.1.
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 610.1 and 610.2.
- 8 A. See 600.3.
- 9 A. Right. C. Wrong. E. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right. F. Right.
See 600.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

11 nouns

- 1 A. Right.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be *lives*.
D. Wrong. Should be *sandwiches*.
E. Wrong. Should be *roofs*.
F. Wrong. Should be *scarves*.
See 524.1.
- 2 A. 1 B. 2 C. 1 D. 2
See 525.1-3.
- 3 A. -s C. -iz E. -z G. -z
B. -z D. -iz F. -s H. -iz
See 525.1-4.
- 4 A. *hostess* E. *hero*
B. *bride* F. *monk*
C. *waitress* G. *widower*
D. *policewoman*
See 222.4.
- 5 A. Wrong. Should be *are caused*.
B. Right.
C. Right.
See 526.2.
- 6 A. *information* E. *progress*
B. *furniture* F. *equipment*
C. *slang* G. *hair*
D. *tools* H. *spaghetti*
Tools is the only countable noun.
See 148.3.
- 7 A, C, and D. See 532.1 and 148.3.
- 8 They are all possible. See 430.3.
- 9 A. See 598.1.
- 10 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be *men's*.
C. Right.
D. Right.
E. Wrong. Should be: *the people next door's dog*.
F. Right.
See 439.1.
- 11 A, C and D. See 439.3.
- 12 B. See 385.1.
- 13 B, D and H. See 531.1.
- 14 No. *A coffee cup* is always the container while *a cup of coffee* is the actual drink.
See 386.2.
- 15 C, E, F and G. See 386.2 and 386.3. ►

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

15 All of them are right except G. See 395.5.

16 C. See 396.6.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

12 pronouns

- 1 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 428.3.
- 2 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *because they reminded him* ...
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *and put them in my pocket*.
C. Wrong. Should be: ... *I don't like them*.
See 428.4.
- 3 A and C. See 428.9.
- 4 All four are possible. See 429.2.
- 5 A. *Dad* B. *This lady* C. *you*
See 429.10.
- 6 B, D and E. See 493.2.
- 7 All the statements are true. See 493.4.
- 8 A. *by myself* B. Both.
See 493.4 and 493.6.
- 9 It's wrong. Should be: ... *they talk to each other* ... See 493.7 and 171.4.
- 10 Only A is right. See 493.8.
- 11 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *There are some people* ...
See 548.3.
- 12 A. *somebody nice*
B. *something else*
C. *something sweet*
See 548.5.
- 13 B. See 395.1, 395.3 and 395.5.
- 14 A. Wrong. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 395.4.

13 determiners (1):
articles, possessives and demonstratives

- 1 Yes. See 64.1.
- 2 A. Right. See 65.3b.
B. Wrong.
C. Right.
D. Wrong. See 68.1.
- 3 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *It's very hot* ...
C. Right.
D. Wrong. Should be: ... *as my friend*.
E. Wrong. Because *money* is uncountable; should be: *I haven't got money* ... See 65.2.
F. Right.
See 65.5.
- 4 A. *She's an engineer* ...
B. ... *without a hat*.
C. No changes needed because *energy* is uncountable. See 65.2.
D. ... *as an ashtray*.
See 65.4.
- 5 A. *students* B. *some students*
See 67.2.
- 6 A. Should be: *Life has been hard* ...
B. No changes needed.
C. No changes needed.
D. Should be: *I love nature*. (... *living in the city* is correct).
See 68.1.

- 7 B and C. See 68.1 and 68.2.
- 8 A. *to school; by bus*
B. *by the school; to work*
C. *to prison*
D. *at the prison*
E. *by day; at night*
See 70.1.
- 9 A, C and E. See 70.3.
- 10 A is right; B is wrong. See 70.4.
- 11 All of them except D. See 70.5.
- 12 All of them are right except C. See 70.9.
- 13 A is right; B is wrong. See 70.12.
- 14 A. *What a* B. *What* C. *What*
See 70.13.
- 15 A, C, and F. See 70.17.
- 16 A. *the* B. *her* C. *her; her*
See 441.5.
- 17 A. *Whose; who's* B. *It's; its*
See 441.6.
- 18 All of them are right except D. See 589.1.
- 19 A. Wrong. Should be *that*. B. Right.
See 589.3.
- 20 A. *This; that* B. *this*
See 589.5.
- 3 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *all night*.
B. Right.
See 36.5.
- 4 A, B and D. See 38.1.
- 5 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 39.3.
- 6 A and D. See 39.4.
- 7 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 40.3 and 40.4.
- 8 B. See 55.5.
- 9 A and C. See 55.8. If you thought B was right, see 547.2. If you thought D was right, see 370.1.
- 10 A. See 547.3.
- 11 A. Right. D. Wrong.
B. Wrong. E. Right.
C. Right.
See 110.2 and 110.3.
- 12 A. Right. B. Right C. Wrong.
See 110.5.
- 13 *has*. See 169.2.
- 14 D. See 193.6.
- 15 A. *little* C. *a little* E. *A little*
B. *Few* D. *a few*
See 329.3.
- 16 Most keen; C; least keen. A. See 329.3.
- 17 A. Wrong. Should be: *Lots of patience is needed ...*
B. Wrong. Should be: *A lot of my friends want ...*
See 333.2.
- 18 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right (see 54.2).
See 355.4.
- 19 A. Right. C. Wrong. E. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 356.1.
- 20 A and C. See 372.1 and 372.2.
- 21 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 542.1.
- 22 A. *some* B. *any* C. *any*
See 547.4.
- 23 A and B. See 54.3 and 54.4. ►

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

14 determiners (2): other determiners

- 1 B and C are possible. A should be: *I'll take **both** shirts, please.* (See 35.1.) If you thought B or C were wrong, see 36.5.
- 2 A. *All, All of*
B. *All*
C. *of us*
D. *all of them, them all*
See 36.1–3.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

15 adjectives and adverbs

- 1 A. *older*
B. *alive*
See 12.2.
- 2 All of them except D and F. See 12.3.
- 3 All of them are right except C. See 13.4.
- 4 A. Yes. See 13.6.
B. No. See introduction to 17.
- 5 A and D. See 15.1 and 15.2.
- 6 B. See 16.1.
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 17.1.
- 8 A and C. See 17.2.
- 9 No. See 17.5.
- 10 A and B. See 22.2.
- 11 A and C. See 22.3.
- 12 A. Right.
B. Wrong.
C. Right.
D. Wrong.
See 22.5.
- 13 A. Right.
B. Wrong.
See 22.6.
- 14 A. Wrong.
B. Right.
See 21.1.
- 15 It's right. If you thought it was wrong, see 23.4.
- 16 A. Right. See 24.2.
B. Right. See 24.2.
C. Wrong. See 21.1.
- 17 B and E. See 24.4. 

16 comparison

- 1 A. *fatter; fattest* C. *larger; largest*
B. *thinner; thinnest* D. *smaller; smallest*
See 137.1.
E. *better; best* F. *worse; worst*
See 137.2.
G. *happier; happiest*
H. *simpler; simplest*
I. *quieter; quietest*
See 137.3.
J. *more intelligent; most intelligent*
See 137.4.
- 2 B. See 139.1.
- 3 B. See 139.2.
- 4 All of them are right except D. See 137.5 and 139.4.
- 5 Both are right. See 137.4.
- 6 The correct ones are: B and C (see 139.6) and E and F (see 136.4).
- 7 A, B and C are correct. See 137.5 and 138.
- 8 A and D. See 139.7.
- 9 All of them are possible except B. See 140.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

17 prepositions

- 1 A. *What are you looking at?* (NOT ~~*At what are you looking?*~~)
B. *Which flight is the general travelling on?* (NOT ~~*On which flight ...*~~)
C. *What kind of films are you interested in?* (NOT ~~*In what kind of films ...*~~)
See 452.2.
- 2 A. Wrong. C. Right. E. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 454.
- 3 A. *at* B. *on* C. *in* D. *for*
See 449.
- 4 All of them go with *to* (not *with*). See 449.
- 5 A. Right.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be: *I got out of ...*.
D. Right.
See 449.
- 6 A. *of* B. *of*
See 449.
- 7 A. *to* B. *to* C. X
See 449.
- 8 A. *in* B. *in* C. *on*
See 450.
- 9 Sally (*in time*); Jim (*on time*). See 450.
- 10 All of them. See 451.2.
- 11 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 451.4.
- 12 Both of them. See 451.5.
- 13 A. *in* B. *in* C. *on* D. *on* E. *in*
See 81.1–5.
- 14 A. *on*; *at*. See 82.1.
B. *in*; *at*. See 82.2.
C. *at*. See 82.4.
D. *on*. See 82.4.
- 15 *hitting*; *with*. See 119.1.
- 16 A. *for* B. *for*; *during*
See 167.
- 17 A. Both. B. *during* C. *during*
See 168.
- 18 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be *instead* (without *of*).
See 301.1 and 301.3.
- 19 A. *like* B. *like* C. *like* D. *as* E. Both.
See 326.1. For D, see 326.7 and for E, see 326.2 and 326.3.

- 20 A. *opposite* B. *in front of* C. *facing*
See 402.1 and 402.2.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

18 questions, negatives and exclamations

- 1 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 480.5.
- 2 C. See 480.6.
- 3 A and B. See 482.2.
- 4 A. Wrong. Should be: ... **not to worry**.
B. Wrong. Should be: ... **not to work**.
See 367.3.
- 5 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 367.5.
- 6 All of them are right except B. See 368.1.
- 7 B. See 368.2a.
- 8 A and D. See 368.4.
- 9 All three are right. See 268.4.
- 10 A and C. See 268.7.
- 11 A, C, D and G. See 195.1.
- 12 Wrong. Should be: *What a beautiful smile your sister has (got)!* See 195.2.
- 13 A. Wrong. Should be: *What a rude man!*
B. Right.
See 195.2.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

19 conjunctions

- 1 A. Necessary.
B. Unnecessary: The comma is possible here but is not normally used.
See 510.4.
- 2 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 510.5.
- 3 Both of them are right. See 510.6.
- 4 A and B. See 511.1.
- 5 A. *that, who* B. *when* C. *where*
See 511.3.
- 6 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *cup and saucer*.
C. Wrong. Should be: *knife and fork*.
See 52.2.
- 7 All of them except A. See 74.1 and 74.3.
- 8 A. *I*. See 75.1. B. *I*. See 97.2.
- 9 B. See 75.3.
- 10 Yes. See 78.1.
- 11 A. *because* C. *because of*
B. *because of* D. *because*
See 94.1.
- 12 A. Yes. See 94.2. B. No. See 97.1.
- 13 They are both right, but B is more formal. See 97.5.
- 14 Both of them are right. See 620.
- 15 A. *if* (less formal)
B. *whether* (more formal)
See 621.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

20 if

- 1 All of them are right except C. If you thought D or E was wrong, see 256.3 and 257.1. If you thought C was right, see 256.3 and 259.1.
- 2 A and C. See 257.2.
- 3 A. Wrong.
B. Right.
C. Wrong.
See 258.2.
- 4 B. See 259.1.
- 5 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 260.3.
- 6 It's right. See 258.4.
- 7 Speaker A. See 258.5.
- 8 B, D, and F sound most natural. See 261.7.
- 9 A. See 261.9.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

21 indirect speech

- 1 Wrong. There shouldn't be a question mark. See 276.2.
- 2 Both of them are right. See 274.6.
- 3 B. See 275.2.
- 4 C. See 275.2.
- 5 B. See 275.2.
- 6 B. See 274.4.
- 7 It's right. See 275.4.
- 8 C. If you thought A or B were correct, see 275.1 and 275.2. If you thought B or D were correct, see 276.1.
- 9 A. Wrong. B. Right.
If you thought A was right, see 276.3.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

22 relatives

- 1 A. Right. B. Wrong.
Only object pronouns can normally be left out. See 495.4.
- 2 A. *who* B. *which* C. *who*
See 494.2.
- 3 Both are right. If you thought B was wrong, see 498.10.
- 4 All of them are right. See 494.4.
- 5 Wrong. One subject is enough so it should not be there. See 494.7.
- 6 A. No punctuation needed.
B. Should read: *Fred, who cleans my windows, has hurt his back.* Two commas needed.
See 495.2.
- 7 A. *What* B. *that* C. *what* D. *that*
See 497.1 and 497.2.
- 8 A and B. If you thought C was right, see 497.2.
- 9 All of them are right. *Whom* is more formal than *who* (see 498.3). If you thought A was wrong, see 495.4.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

23 special sentence structures

- 1 B. See 446.1.
- 2 A. *going* B. *trying* C. *remembering*
See 446.3.
- 3 All of them are right. See 576.
- 4 A. See 446.6.
- 5 A, D and F. See 303.1.
- 6 A, B and C. See 303.2.
- 7 A, B and D. In C, some other words could be left out: *The food is ready and the drinks are ready.* See 178.1.
- 8 A. Wrong. Should be: *The person who influenced me ...*
B. Right.
See 130.1.
- 9 A. *place where*
B. *day when*
C. *reason why*
See 130.2.
- 10 All of them. See 130.5.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

24 spoken grammar

- 1 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 487.2.
- 2 A, B and D. See 487.2 and 487.3.
- 3 A. *can't they* D. *isn't he*
B. *don't they* E. *doesn't he*
C. *haven't you* F. *didn't you*
See 487.3.
- 4 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *do you?*
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *could he?*
See 487.4.
- 5 A. Formal. B. Wrong. C. Normal.
See 487.1.

- 6 A. *You know my sister, don't you?*
 B. *The office is on the first floor, isn't it?*
 C. *You like chocolate cake, don't you?*
 D. *You'd like some more tea, wouldn't you?*
 E. *You spoke to my boss at the meeting, didn't you?*
 F. *You can ride a bicycle, can't you?*
 G. *You'll come again next week, won't you?*

See 487.3.

- 7 A. *Yes, I do.* D. *No, I wouldn't.*
 B. *Yes, they are.* E. *No, I won't.*
 C. *No, I haven't.*

See 517.

- 8 A. *Yes, I can* OR *No, I can't.*
 B. *Yes, I do* OR *No, I don't.*
 C. *Yes, I would* OR *No, I wouldn't.*
 D. *Yes, I have* OR *No, I haven't.*
 E. *Yes, I did* OR *No, I didn't.*
 F. *Yes, I will* OR *No, I won't.*

See 517.

- 6 A. *Europe; a European; the Europeans*
 B. *Italian; an Italian; the Italians*
 C. *English; an Englishwoman/man; the English*
 D. *Portuguese; a Portuguese (person); the Portuguese*
 E. *French; a Frenchwoman/man; the French*
 F. *Chinese; a Chinese (person); the Chinese*
 G. *Spanish; a Spaniard; the Spanish*
 H. *British; a British person (see 364.2, Note b); the British*

See 364.

- 7 All of them are correct except A. See 578.3.
 8 A. *in* B. *leave* C. *take*
 D. All three are right (but *ring* isn't normally used in American English).
 E. *call me back; at/on*
 See 578.7.
 9 All of them are right except G. E is informal. See 579.1.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

25 topic-related language

- 1 All of them are right except B. See 32.1.
 2 A, C and D. See 32.2 and 32.3.
 3 A. **3rd** August C. **22nd** September
 B. **13th** June D. **21st** November
 See 152.1.
 4 A. 6 September 2005 (or 6th September 2005)
 B. June 9, 2005 (or June 9th, 2005)
 See 152.1.
 5 A, D and E. (D and E are unusual in Britain except when used by shop assistants and other people in service jobs.) See 363.2.

26 spelling, contractions and punctuation

- 1 D, E and F. See 556.b.
 2 A and E. See 556.d.
 3 1. *really* 5. *fully*
 2. *completely* 6. *happily*
 3. *truly* 7. *idly*
 4. *wholly* 8. *ably*
 See 557.1–3.
 4 *My sister-in-law has agreed to baby-sit so that we can go to next week's Scotland-France rugby match.*
 See 559.2.

- 5 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be *shady*.
C. Right.
See 560.1.
D. Wrong. Should be *beginning*.
See 562.5.
E. Right. See 562.3.
- 6 A. The second: *excitement*.
B. The second: *definitely*.
C. The first: *argument*.
See 560.2.
- 7 A. Wrong. Should be *laid*.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be *paid*.
See 561.4.
- 8 A. See 564.
- 9 A. BUSINESS
B. CHOCOLATE
C. DIFFERENT
D. MARRIAGE
E. RESTAURANT
F. COMFORTABLE
G. INTERESTING
H. USUALLY
See 565.1 and 565.2.
- 10 A, C, E, G, H, I and J. See 565.3.
- 11 D, H and I. See 565.6 and 565.7.
- 12 A, D and G. See 565.9 and 565.10.
- 13 All of them are right. See 143.2.
- 14 A, B, E and F. See 143.4.
- 15 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *aren't I*?
B. Right.
C. Right.
See 143.4, note 2.
- 16 A. no comma . See 476.2.
B. comma ; comma . See 476.4.
C. no comma ; no comma .
See 476.6.
D. no comma . See 476.7.
E. no comma . See 476.10.
- 17 A. Wrong. Should be *yours*.
B. Wrong. *hasn't* should be *hasn't* (see 143) and *it's* should be *its*.
C. Wrong. Should be *Whose*.
See 479.2.

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Sections of PEU to study:

27 words (1): similar words

- 1 A. *First* B. *at first* C. *first* D. *At first*
See 84.
- 2 A. *Besides* B. *beside* C. *besides*
See 101.
- 3 A and B. See 127.1.
- 4 B. See 127.2.
- 5 A. *clothing* B. *cloth*
See 133.
- 6 A. *experiments* C. *experiences*
B. *experience* D. *experience*
See 197.
- 7 All of them are right except C. See 201.
- 8 A. *male* C. *masculine*
B. *masculine* D. *male*
See 203.
- 9 A. *funny* B. *fun* C. *funny* D. *fun*
See 210.
- 10 A. Both. B. *older*
See 176.
- 11 A. Wrong. Should be *It's*.
B. Right. (*It's* = *It has*)
C. Wrong. Should be *its*.
D. Wrong. Should be *its* (*its'* is never used).
See 305.
- 12 It's wrong. *Loosing* should be *losing*; *loose* is correct. See 332.
- 13 A and D. See 382.
- 14 Both. See 382.
- 15 C. If you answered A, see 468.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

28 words (2): other confusable words

- 1 A. Both.
B. Both, but *begin* is better here because it sounds more formal. See 99.1.
C. *start*
See 99.
- 2 *borrow*. See 109.
- 3 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 109.
- 4 A. *bring* B. *take*
See 112.
- 5 A. *wide* B. *wide* C. *wide* D. *broad*
See 115.
- 6 A. Both. C. *close* E. *closed*
B. Both D. *shut* F. *closed*
See 132.
- 7 A. Wrong. Should be *coming*.
B. Right.
C. Right.
See 134.
- 8 A. *do* C. *make* E. *do* G. *make*
B. *make* D. *do* F. *make* H. *do*
See 160.2 and 160.6.
- 9 A. *ended* C. *end*
B. *ends/ended* D. *finished*
See 185.
- 10 A. *fit* B. *suit* C. *suit*
See 206.
- 11 *leave*. See 209.

- 12 A. *heard*
B. *heard*
C. *listening to*
D. *heard; listening to*
See 241.
- 13 A. *here* B. *there; here*
See 245.
- 14 A. *tall* B. *tall* C. *high* D. *long*
See 246.
- 15 B, C and D are right. See 253.
- 16 *opportunity*. See 400.
- 17 A. *game* B. *play*
See 432.1.
- 18 A. *small* C. *small* E. *small*
B. *little* D. *little*
See 534.
- 19 A. *early* C. *early* E. *quickly*
B. *early* D. *quickly, soon*
See 550.
- 20 A. *voyage* C. *travel* E. *travels*
B. *journey* D. *trip*
See 597.
- 21 A. *a long way* B. *far* C. *a long way*
See 200.
- 22 A. Wrong. Should be *said to*.
B. Wrong. Should be *telling*.
C. Right.
D. Wrong. Should be *said*.
E. Wrong. Should be *tell*.
See 504.
- 23 A. *so* C. *such* E. *so*
B. *such* D. *such*
See 519.
- 24 *beat*. See 93.
- 25 C. See 114.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

29 words (3): other vocabulary problems

- 1 A. See 11.1.
- 2 C and D. See 104.1.
- 3 *rather*. See 104.2.
- 4 C. See 120.
- 5 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Could be: *checking or inspecting*.
C. Right.
D. Wrong. Could be: *check* or (informal) *have a look at*.
See 145.
- 6 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *live in nice country* ...
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *in the town or the country*.
C. Right.
See 150.
- 7 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *in evening dress*.
See 164.1.
- 8 A. *dress*
B. *Get dressed*
C. *put on; take it off*
See 164.2.
- 9 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *I enjoyed it very much*.
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *I don't enjoy looking after* ...
C. Wrong. Should be: *Enjoy yourselves!*
See 186.
- 10 A. *even*
B. *Even if*
C. *Even though*
D. *Both*.
E. *Even so*
See 189.3–5.
- 11 B. See 189.5.
- 12 A. See 190.
- 13 B (see 198) and D (see 570.2).
- 14 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 570.1.
- 15 A. Right. See 223.2.
B. Wrong. Should be: *Wayne's getting to be / becoming a lovely kid*. See 223.1 and 223.6.
- 16 A. *Get the dog out of the bedroom*.
B. *Get your papers off my desk*.
C. *Will this bus get us back to the airport?*
See 223.3.
- 17 A. Wrong. Should be: *I can't get the children to go to bed*.
B. Right.
See 224.1 and 224.2.
- 18 A. Right. See 224.3.
B. Right (but *had* is used more often with this meaning). See 224.4.
- 19 A, B and D. See 249.1.
- 20 A. Right.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be: ... *had a hard life*.
D. Right.
See 324.
- 21 A and F. See 335.1 and 335.3.
- 22 A and D. See 337.
- 23 A. Wrong. Should be *untie* or *undo*.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be *switch on* or *turn on*.
D. Wrong. Should be *on*.
See 399.2.
- 24 B and C. See 405.1 and 405.2.
- 25 B, C and E. See 503.1.
- 26 A. *such* C. *such* E. *so*
B. *so* D. *so* F. *such*
See 569.1 and 569.2.
- 27 B. See 569.2.
- 28 A. See 574.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

1 present and future verbs

- 1 A and D. See 463.1 and 463.2.
- 2 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 466.6.
- 3 A. We normally use *says* to quote instructions. See 466.5.
- 4 A. See 214.2.
- 5 B. See 470.3.
- 6 A. See 466.4. For the use of *promise* with infinitive, see 277.1.
- 7 B. See 214.2.
- 8 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 214.2.
- 9 Both of them are right. See 214.3 and 213.4.
- 10 Both. See 465.2.
- 11 Both. If you thought B was wrong, see 218.5.
- 12 C. See 220.1.
- 13 A and B. See 219.

Summary of results for this test

1

I got (almost) everything right. I could try the Expert-level test on this topic. ☐

Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐

Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

2 past and perfect verbs

- 1 All of them. See 143.2.
- 2 All of them are right. See 422.4.
- 3 A and B. In C, the situation is a temporary one, so the past progressive should be used. See 422.6.
- 4 A and B are correct. For A (*to be finished*), see 205. For B, see 566.7.
- 5 C.
How long are you here for? = 'Until when will you be staying?';
How long were you here for? = 'How long did you stay here in the past?';

How long have you been here for? = 'Since when have you been here?'.
See 208.1.

- 6 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 458.7 and 460.1.
- 7 B, C, D, E and F. For use of the present perfect with time words like *before*, *recently*, and *never* when they mean 'at some/any time up to now', see 455.5.
- 8 Both of them are right. A is a regular, planned event; B is unexpected. See 472.
- 9 It's wrong. The exam is over, so a past tense (*we studied* / *we'd studied enough to pass it*) is needed here. See 456.1.
- 10 A. Wrong. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 458.2.
- 11 A and C. If you thought C was wrong, see 458.3.
- 12 C. See 458.4.
- 13 C. See 459.2.
- 14 Both of them are right. See 458.8 and 459.2.
- 15 B. See 459.3.
- 16 Only D. See 460.2.
- 17 A, B, E and F. See 458.7 and 460.1.
- 18 Both of them are right. See 425.4.

Summary of results for this test

2

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Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐

Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

3 auxiliary verbs

- 1 Both of them are right. If you thought B was wrong, see 91.1.
- 2 B. See 91.1.
- 3 D. See 91.3.
- 4 A and C. If you thought C was wrong, see 91.5. If you thought B was right, see 287.1.
- 5 Only A. See 238.1. ▶

- 6 All of them are right except B. See 161.
- 7 A and D. See 238.1. If you thought B was correct, see 335.1.
- 8 It's right. See 238.3.
- 9 B. See 238.5.

Summary of results for this test**3**

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Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:

4 modal verbs (1): *can, could, may, might*

- 1 Only A is right. If you thought B was right, see 124.1.
- 2 A, C and D are right. B should be, for example, *I managed to ...* or *I was able to ...*. See 122.5.
- 3 A and C are right. B should be: *Peter was allowed to ...*. See 124.3.
- 4 All four are possible, but C and D are very formal. See 340.1.
- 5 All three are possible. See 122.7 and 339.8.
- 6 C. See 124.7.
- 7 A. *could tell*
B. *could tell*
If you answered *could know* for A or B, see 125.2.
- 8 A. *couldn't*
B. *wouldn't* (past refusal – see 629.4.)
- 9 It's wrong. Should be *might*, not *may*. See 339.5.
- 10 A, B and D are right. If you thought B or D were wrong, see 341.
- 11 Both are possible. See 344. (With meaning A, *MIGHT* would be stressed in speech; with meaning B, *TOLD* would be stressed.)
- 12 All four are right. See 345.4.
- 13 A and B. See 345.4. ►

Summary of results for this test**4**

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Sections of PEU to study:

5 modal verbs (2): *will, would, used to, must, should, ought*

- 1 B. See 629.3.
- 2 All four are right. See 629.5.
- 3 All three are right. See 629.5.
- 4 A and C. See 359.4.
- 5 Only C is right. See 359.2.
- 6 They are all possible. See 360.6.
- 7 B and C. If you thought A was right, see 519.3. If you thought B was wrong, see 519.4.
- 8 A. Should be: *It oughtn't to rain today*.
B. Right.
See 403.1.
- 9 B and C. See 520.1.
- 10 A. See 403.4.
- 11 *Should*. See 403.4.
- 12 A, B and C are right. A is less formal and more commonly used. See 403.6.
- 13 B. See 230.1.
- 14 B. See the Note at the end of 230.1.
- 15 Both are right. A is less formal and more commonly used. See 604.5.

Summary of results for this test**5**

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Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐

Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:

6 structures with infinitives

- 1 Both. See 280.3.
- 2 They are both right. See 281.4.
- 3 A is right; B is wrong. See 284.3.
- 4 A and C. See 285.1.
- 5 A. *to repair* B. *to repair it*
See 285.3.
- 6 All three are right. If you thought C was wrong, see 285.4.
- 7 B. See 285.6.
- 8 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 288.2.
- 9 They are all normal except D. See 289.2.
- 10 C. See 289.2.
- 11 *them not to keep*. See 291.5.
- 12 Both. See 291.4 and 446.1.
- 13 A and C. See 290.2. B is possible, but unusual (see 290.1).
- 14 A and B. See 291.4.
- 15 B. See 292.1.
- 16 B. See 292.2.

Summary of results for this test

6

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

7 -ing forms and past participles

- 1 Both are right. See 293.2.
- 2 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 295.3.
- 3 A. Both. B. *him*
See 295.4.
- 4 *asking*. See 295.5.
- 5 B. See 295.6.
- 6 A and B. See 298.3 and 295.6.
- 7 They are both right. See 296.2.

- 8 All three are possible. See 296.3.
- 9 A. See 297.3.
- 10 A. *to paying* B. *to seeing* C. *speaking*
In A and B, *to* is used as a preposition.
See 298.2.
- 11 C. See 299.1.
- 12 Wrong. *went on giving ...* should be:
went on to give See 299.2.
- 13 It's wrong: *informing* should be *to inform*. See 299.3.
- 14 A. Right. D. Wrong.
B. Wrong. E. Right.
C. Right.
See 299.4.
- 15 A. *passing* B. *to pass*
See 299.7.
- 16 B. See 299.9.
- 17 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 409.3. If you thought B was right,
see 410.2.

Summary of results for this test

7

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

8 passives

- 1 A. *He has been told to return the money by Friday*.
B. *They are being given another week to finish the job*.
C. *He had been employed (by them) for forty years before his retirement*.
See 415.
- 2 A. *The keys have been given to his sister*.
B. *His sister has been given the keys*.
C. *You were lent a laptop last year*.
D. *A laptop was lent to you last year*.
See 415.
- 3 B. See 415.
- 4 All three are right. See 415 and 416.3. ►

- 5 A. *at*, *by* B. *about*, *by* C. *by*
See 413.
- 6 B. See 414.4.
- 7 A and C are right. See 417.1.
- 8 Only E is wrong; all the others are right.
See 418.2.
- 9 *to tell*. See 418.3.
- 10 It's right. See 418.2.
- 11 *to be*. See 418.4.
- 12 A, B and D are right. See 420.

Summary of results for this test

8

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the Expert-level test on this topic. ☐

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐

Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to
try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

9 verbs: some special structures

- 1 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 599.4.
- 2 A. Right. D. Wrong
B. Wrong. E. Right.
C. Right.
See 328.5.
- 3 *CLEANLY* should be *CLEAN*. See 328.5.
- 4 A. *Jenny* B. *a new tie* C. *her husband*
See 610.1.
- 5 A. Right. C. Right. E. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 610.1 and 610.6.
- 6 They are both right. See 610.5.
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Wrong.
See 610.7.
- 8 It's wrong. Should be: *Which of these
children am I supposed to be looking
after?* See 600.2 and 600.3.
- 9 *Have you found the book you were
looking for?* See 600.3. ▶

Summary of results for this test

9

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the Expert-level test on this topic. ☐

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

10 nouns (1): singular and plural, countability and gender

- 1 A. *heroes*
B. *tornados* or *tornadoes*
C. *pianos*
D. *kilos*
E. *volcanos* or *volcanoes*
F. *echoes*
See 523.3.
- 2 A. *series*
B. *crossroads*
C. *headquarters*
D. *species*
See 524.3.
- 3 A and C. See 524.2.
- 4 They are all correct. See 524.3.
- 5 A. *want* B. *consists* C. *hopes*
See 526.1.
- 6 A, B and D are possible. See 526.1. In
C, *the theatre* refers to the building,
not the people who run it, so we would
normally use *it* and not *they* in the last
part of the sentence.
- 7 *have*. See 526.2.
- 8 A. *a piece, a bit, a stroke*
B. *a piece, an item*
C. *a piece, a loaf, a slice* (N.B. We can say
two rolls BUT NOT *two rolls of bread*.)
See 148.3.
- 9 B, E and F. See 148.6.
- 10 *it*. See 148.7.
- 11 A. *bar* C. *sheet* E. *drop*
B. *grain* D. *block* F. *slice*
See 430.1.
- 12 A, C, D and F. See 430.1. ▶

- 13 A. *birds* D. *people*
B. *tyres* E. *cards*
C. *flowers* F. *goats*
See 430.4.
- 14 *who*. See 222.1.
- 15 A. *It's, She's* B. *its* C. *its, her*
See 222.1.
- 16 A and B. In C, *firefighter* should normally be used. See 222.4 and 222.5.

Summary of results for this test**10**

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- Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:**11 nouns (2): other points**

- 1 A. *make, have* C. *have*
B. *go for* D. *does*
See 598.2.
- 2 B and C. See 598.2.
- 3 B. See 439.1.
- 4 B and C. See 440.1.
- 5 A. See 440.1.
- 6 A. See 440.3.
- 7 B. See 440.3.
- 8 A, D, F and G. See 440.1 and 440.2.
- 9 A, B and D. See 440.4.
- 10 All of them are right except B. See 386.5.
- 11 A. See 440.6.
- 12 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 440.5.
- 13 *debt relief campaign group*. See 385.4.
- 14 A. Wrong. Should be: *letters from home*.
B. Right.
C. Wrong. Should be: *feeling of disappointment*.
D. Wrong. Should be: *cow's milk*.
E. Right.
See 385.5.

- 15 A. *a gold ring*
B. *golden*
C. *a carpet of gold*
See 386.4.

Summary of results for this test**11**

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- Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:**12 pronouns**

- 1 A. Wrong. B. Very informal.
See 428.5.
- 2 A. *her* B. *her*
See 429.2.
- 3 A and C. See 429.7.
- 4 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 429.10.
- 5 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 493.2.
- 6 All four are right. See 171.1. For C and D, see also 171.3.
- 7 You can remove *each other*, which isn't needed in this sentence. See 171.5.
- 8 A. *any one* B. *everyone* C. *Every one*
See 548.7.
- 9 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 395.2.
- 10 A. See 395.5.
- 11 A and C. See 395.7.
- 12 C. See 396.6. (A is possible, but sounds rather formal.)
- 13 A. *however* C. *how*
B. *Whatever* D. *wherever*
See 625.1.
- 14 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *Whoever you meet ...*
C. Right.
See 625.2.

- 15 All four are right. See 625.2 and 625.3.
 16 B. See 625.5.
 17 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Impolite.
 See 625.7.
 18 All of them. See 625.8.

Summary of results for this test

12

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Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

13 determiners (1): articles, possessives and demonstratives

- 1 A. Wrong. Should be: *My cousin is ...* (See 64.5.)
 B. Right. (See 64.6.)
 C. Wrong. Should be: *George Clooney, the actor*. (See 64.4.)
 2 A and C. If you thought B was possible, see 67.2.
 3 Only B. See 68.1.
 4 B, C, E and F. See 68.2.
 5 A. *school* B. *the school*
 See 70.1.
 6 B, C and F. See 70.2.
 7 Only B is right. See 70.6.
 8 All of them. See 70.8.
 9 All of them are right. See 70.9.
 10 A. Wrong. Should be: *The violin ...*
 B. Right.
 C. Right.
 See 70.10.
 11 It's wrong. Should be: *... on the radio and on TV ...* See 70.11.
 12 A. Wrong. Should be: *They appointed her Defence Minister*.
 B. Right.
 See 70.12.
 13 A. *by the* B. *by* C. *by the*
 See 70.16.

- 14 A and D. See 70.17.
 15 They are both right. See 70.18.
 16 A. *Open the packet at the other end*.
 See 64.1c.
 B. See *the diagram on page 26* (NOT ... *on the page 26*. See 81.7.).
 C. *Take the car to the garage; pay the phone bill; call the dentist*. See 64.1c.
 D. *The man (who was) attacked at Waterloo Station was an off-duty policeman* (NOT ... *was off-duty policeman*. See 65.4.).
 For more on abbreviated styles, see 70.19.
 17 All of them are right. See 443.
 18 *that*. See 589.4.
 19 A. Normal. B. Wrong. C. Formal.
 See 589.6.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

14 determiners (2): other determiners

- 1 A, C, E, F and G. See 38.2.
 2 B. See 38.2.
 3 A and C. See 54.3 and 54.5.
 4 B. See 55.5. (For the use of *at all* in A, see 55.6.)
 5 Yes. (... *what he or she liked* would be a more formal alternative.) See 169.3.
 6 All of them. See 169.5.
 7 A. *Each* B *Every* C. *every*
 See 170.2.
 8 It's right. See 318.1.
 9 A (see 318.2) and C (see 318.7).
 10 A, D and E. See 329.6 and 329.7. ►

- 11 A. Right.
B. Wrong. (Not a continual increase, so should be: ... *a lot more* or ... *lots more*.) See 355.5.
- 12 Both. See 356.5.
- 13 B. See 356.7.
- 14 A. See 356.8.
- 15 Should be: *He's got a lot of men friends but he doesn't know many women*. See 357.5.
- 16 A. See 357.5. *A lot* and *plenty* are rather informal (see 333.2 and 333.3).
- 17 B. See 376.1.
- 18 Should be: *He's got no wife and no children*. See 376.1.
- 19 A and B. See 376.4.
- 20 A is normal. B would be better as: *The President appealed for food* ... See 546.5.
- 21 They are both right: *some* can refer to something negative or positive. See 546.8 and 546.9.
- 22 B. Would be better as: ... *far too many questions*. See 596.2.
- 5 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should normally be: ... *a big new red Italian sports car*. See 15.3. (The classification adjective *sports* goes immediately in front of *car*: see 15.1 and 15.5.)
- 6 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *second big shock* ... See 15.4.
- 7 B, C and E. See 17.1.
- 8 They are both right. See 17.5.
- 9 All of them are right except B. *Fortunately* is a comment adverb so it shouldn't go in end-position. See 22.2.
- 10 A, B and E. See 22.3 and 24.2.
- 11 All of them except B. See 22.6.
- 12 A, C and F. see 24.1.
- 13 B. See 24.1.
- 14 A and D. See 24.3.
- 15 Wrong. Should be: *I will have completely finished* ... (OR *I will have finished completely* ...). See 24.4.
- 16 A. See 24.6.
- 17 **Only** your mother needs a drink. *Everybody else has one*. See 307.1b.

Summary of results for this test**14**I got (almost) everything right. I could try the Expert-level test on this topic. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐**Sections of PEU to study:****15 adjectives and adverbs**

- 1 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 12.2.
- 2 A. *well* B. *ill* C. *fit*
See 12.3.
- 3 All of them are right except C. See 13.2.
- 4 A. Wrong. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 14.

Summary of results for this test**15**I got (almost) everything right. I could try the Expert-level test on this topic. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐**Sections of PEU to study:****16 comparison**

- 1 All of them are right. See 137.2 and 137.3.
- 2 A, C and D. See 136.1 and 136.2.
- 3 C. See 136.5.
- 4 All of them except D. If you thought any of the others were wrong, see 136.8.
- 5 B. See 136.11.
- 6 All of them are possible except D. If you thought B was wrong, see 136.12. ►

- 7 A, C and D are possible. See 137.4.
 8 Both are right. A is informal; B more formal. See 138.
 9 It's right. See 139.3.
 10 Both of them are wrong. Should be: *The more dangerous it is, the more I like it.* See 139.5.
 11 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right. See 139.5.
 12 A. See 139.8.
 13 All of them are right except B. If you thought D was wrong, see 140.1. If you thought E or F was wrong, see 140.3.
 14 All of them are possible except B. If you thought A was wrong, see 140.4. If you thought C was wrong, see 140.3.

Summary of results for this test**16**

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Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Upper Intermediate test on this topic. ☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

17 prepositions

- 1 A. Wrong. B. Right. See 452.2.
 2 *She's the only woman who I've ever been in love with.* See 452.3.
 3 A. Normal. C. Wrong.
 B. Formal. D. Normal. See 452.3.
 4 A. Both. B. *to learn* See 454.
 5 A. *for* B. *in* C. *into* See 449.
 6 A. *about, at* B. *at, with; for* See 449.
 7 A. *at the end* B. *in the end* See 450.
 8 A. x B. *into* C. x D. *in* For A and C, see 451.1. For B and D, see 449.

- 9 All of them. See 451.6 and 451.7.
 10 C, D and F. See 8.
 11 A. British. B. Wrong. C. American. See 82.4.
 12 All of them are correct except B, which should be: ... *all through the journey home.* See 45.
 13 A. Wrong. ... *in work* should be: ... *at work.*
 B. Wrong. ... *at London* should be: ... *in London.*
 C. Right.
 D. Wrong. Should be: *Open your books at page 32 ... at the top of the page.* See 81.7.
 14 They are both right. See 117.1.
 15 A. Wrong. Should be: *by day* and *by night.*
 B. Right. See 117.2.
 16 B. For a sentence meaning the same as *A, killed with* would be *killed by.* See 119.2.
 17 A. For a sentence meaning the same as *B, As ...* would be *Like ...*. See 326.7.
 18 *In the front of.* See 402.3.

Summary of results for this test**17**

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

18 questions, imperatives and exclamations

- 1 A. *spoke*
 B. Both. (... *who did phone ...* ? could be used to insist on an answer here.)
 C. Both. (... *I never did like her* could be used for emphasis here.) See 480.6.
 2 All of them are possible except C. See 481.
 3 B, C and F. See 482.1. ►

- 4 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 367.4.
- 5 Speakers 2 and 3 definitely want to leave and Speaker 3 wants to leave the most. See 482.3.
- 6 All of them except B, which sounds aggressive. See 368.3.
- 7 B. See 368.3.
- 8 A and B. See 268.1.
- 9 Both of them are right. If you thought B was wrong, see 268.3.
- 10 A, B, E and F. (B and F are far more polite than A and E.) See 268.6.
- 11 A, B, D, E and G. (F is possible, but very formal.) See 323.1 and 323.2.
- 12 A. Wrong. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 323.3.
- 13 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: *He's **such** a nice boy!*
C. Wrong. Should be: *They talk **such** rubbish.*
D. Wrong. Should be: *They're **such** kind people.*
E. Wrong. Should be: *This is **such** a nice hotel.*
See 195.3.
- 14 Yes. See 195.1 and 195.4.

Summary of results for this test

18

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

19 conjunctions

- 1 A. *If **you are** in doubt, **you should** wait and see.*
B. *Prepare the meat, then cook **it** slowly until **it** is ready.*
C. *Once ~~I was~~ in bed, I read for twenty minutes, then I turned out the light.*
See 510.5.
- 2 A. Right.
B. Wrong. (The *but* should be removed.)
C. Right.
See 511.1.
- 3 A. Wrong. Should be: *hands and knees.*
B. Wrong. Should be: *thunder and lightning.*
C. Right.
See 52.2.
- 4 Both can be used in all of them. See 53.1.
- 5 B and D. See 74.2. Could also be: ... *Harry talks as if he **were** rich.* See 258.4.
- 6 All of them. See 75.2 and 263.
- 7 B. See 78.1.
- 8 A. Wrong. Should be: ... *as well as **making** ...*
B. Right.
C. Right.
See 78.2.
- 9 B. (A would be: *She sings **as well as** playing the piano.*) See 78.2.
- 10 All of them are right. See 97.3 and 97.4.
- 11 All of them except B. See 252.3.
- 12 B and C. See 306.1 and 306.2.
- 13 B and C. See 387 and 394.
- 14 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 306.2.
- 15 All of them except D. See 387 and 394.
- 16 All of them except C. See 620.
- 17 A. Both. C. *whether*
B. *Whether* D. *whether*
See 621.1–3.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

20 *if*

- 1 All of them are right. See 258.3.
- 2 You could change *Will* to *Would* and *bring* to *brought*. See 258.2.
- 3 A and C: *might* (meaning 'would perhaps').
B and D: *could* (meaning 'would be able to').
See 258.6.
- 4 All of them. C sounds the most polite. See 260.4.
- 5 All of them are possible except B. See 261.1.
- 6 All of them are right. If you thought B and/or D were wrong, see 261.6.
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right. See 261.10.
- 8 A. See 261.11.
- 9 All of them can replace *if* here, except D. See 263.

Summary of results for this test

20

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

21 indirect speech

- 1 Both. See 275.4.
- 2 A. *Says* is a present reporting verb, so the tense doesn't change. See 275.5.
- 3 B. If you thought A or C were right, see 275.1 and 275.2. If you thought C or D were right, see 276.1.
- 4 All of them are right except C, see 277.1. If you thought C was right, see 277.3.
- 5 A and B. If you thought B was wrong, see 277.2. If you thought C was right, see 275.3.
- 6 All of them are possible except B. See 277.3.
- 7 B and C. See 276.3. If you thought D, E or F was right, see 276.4.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

22 relatives

- 1 Both of them are right. If you thought B was wrong, see 498.10.
- 2 All of them are right except D. If you thought D was right, see 495.3.
- 3 A. The writer might have meant B, in which case he or she should not have used the comma. See 495.2.
- 4 Both of them are right. See 496.1.
- 5 Both of them are right. If you thought A was wrong, see 497.3.
- 6 *What*. See 497.3.
- 7 A (see 498.4) and D (see 498.7).
- 8 A, C and E (E sounds quite formal). If you thought B or D were right, see 498.13.
- 9 All of them are right except D. If you thought D was right, see 495.4.
- 10 B. See 494.5.

Summary of results for this test

22

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

23 special sentence structures

- 1 It's right. See 446.1.
- 2 B. See 446.2.
- 3 A. Wrong. Should be *as if* or *as though*.
B. Right. C. Right. D. Right.
See 446.5.
- 4 A and C. See 302.5.
- 5 A and C. See 302.7.
- 6 B. See 303.1.
- 7 They are both right. See 303.1.
- 8 They are both right. See 178.1.
- 9 A. *when she* B. Both. C. *why she*
See 178.3.
- 10 All of them are possible. See 178.4.
- 11 A. **My/The** car's running badly.
B. **I must dash.**
C. **Have you** seen Joe?
D. **You're** keeping well, I hope?
E. **There's** nobody at home.
F. **Be** careful what you say. **There are** children in the room.
See 179.1.
- 12 A. *did*
B. *himself*
C. *very*
D. *much*
E. *indeed*
For a review of these structures, see 184.4.
- 13 Both of them are possible. See 130.1.
- 14 A. is
B. Both. See 130.1.
C. *are*. See 131.1.
- 15 B. See 130.4. 

24 spoken grammar

- 1 A. **There's** nobody at home – **my** wife's on holiday.
B. **You're** keeping well, I hope.
Have you seen Joe?
C. **Did you** enjoy the film? – **I** couldn't understand a word of it.
D. **Be** careful what you say – **there are** children listening.
See 179.1.
- 2 A and C. (B might be possible in informal written English.) See 179.2.
- 3 A. *is* B. *has* C. *is*
See 487.4.
- 4 B. See 487.6.
- 5 All of them are right except B. B should be: *Yes, she really does*. See 517.
- 6 A. *Did you* C. *Does he* E. *wasn't it*
B. *have you* D. *Don't you*
See 484.
- 7 B. See 541.1.
- 8 A. *have* B. *were* C. *do* D. *did*
See 541.1.

Summary of results for this test

24

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

25 topic-related language

- 1 A. Right.
B. Right (but old fashioned).
C. Right.
D. Right.
See 152.1.
- 2 All of them except C. See 152.1.
- 3 A, B and D. In American English, F is normally used, and not D. See 152.2.
- 4 A. *sir*
B. *Walton*
C. *Jim Walton*
D. *Dear Sir*. See 146 (5).
E. *Jim*
F: *Mr Jim Walton*. See 146 (10).
The wrong form of address is: ~~Mr Jim~~
See 363.1 and 363.2.
- 5 A. *Norwegian; a Norwegian; the Norwegians*
B. *Swedish; a Swede; the Swedes*
C. *Iraqi; an Iraqi; the Iraqis*
D. *Thai; a Thai; the Thais*
E. *Polish; a Pole; the Polish*
F. *Turkish; a Turk; the Turks*
G. *Japanese; a Japanese; the Japanese*
See 364.
- 6 A, C, E and F. (B is normally used instead of A in American English.) See 578.4.
- 7 A. *dialling code* (In American English, it's *area code*.)
B. *outside*
C. *reverse charge*
D. *wrong*
E. *breaking up*
F. *cut off*
See 578.5, 578.6, 578.10, and 578.11.
- 8 A. Right.
B. Right. See 578.8.
C. Wrong. Too informal for a switchboard operator.
D. Right.
E. Wrong. Should be: *I'm putting you through now*.
F. Wrong. Should be: ... *the number is engaged*. (Or *busy* in American English.)
G. Wrong. Should be: ... *from his number* or ... *from his extension*.
See 578.9.

- 9 A, C, E and H. In American English, D, G, I and J are also possible. See 579.1.
- 10 A. See 579.2.
- 11 A. Both. B. the first C. Both.
See 579.3.

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

26 spelling, contractions and punctuation

- 1 B, C, E and F. See 556.b and 556.c.
- 2 A. *drily* OR *dryly* E. *tragically*
B. *shyly* F. *publicly*
C. *styly* G. *comically*
D. *nobly*
See 557.2–4.
- 3 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 559.2b.
- 4 A. the second: *replaceable*
B. the second: *courageous*
C. the first: *charging*
D. Both.
E. Both.
See 560.2.
F. Both. (but *likeable* is more common)
G. the second: *mileage*
See 560.1.
- 5 A. Right. B. Wrong. Should be *dryer*.
See 561.2.
- 6 A. Wrong. Should be *galloped*. (*Betting* is right.)
B. Wrong. Should be *upsetting*. (*Developing* is right.)
See 562.3.
- 7 Wrong: *beleive* should be *believe*. The other words are correct. See 564. ▶

- 8 Yes: *ou* is pronounced differently in E (SHOULD). See 565.11, 565.12 and 565.14.
- 9 Yes: *i* is pronounced differently in C (BITTERNESS). See 565.13 and 565.14.
- 10 A and C. See 143.1.
- 11 A. *we're* C. *hasn't*
B. *they're* D. *oughtn't*
See 143.4.
- 12 It's wrong. It's an indirect question, so it should end with a full stop and not a question mark. See 473.3.
- 13 A. colon ; . See 474.2.
B. comma , . See 476.2.
C. no punctuation . See 476.2.
D. colon ; . See 474.1.
E. comma , . See 476.4.
F. comma , ; comma , . See 476.4.
G. colon ; . See 474.6.
- 14 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Either the first comma should be a semi-colon (;) or there should be a new sentence: *The blue dress was warmer. On the other hand, ...* . See 476.3.
C. Wrong. The first semi-colon should be a colon (:). See 474. The second and third semi-colons are correct. See 475.2.
- 15 Both of them are right. See 476.1.
- 16 You can use either a colon (see 474.2) or a dash (see 477).
- 17 A or C. See 478.1.
- 18 A. Right. C. Unusual. E. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Unusual.
See 479.3.

Summary of results for this test

26

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

27 words (1): similar words

- 1 A. *alternatively* C. *alternative*
B. *alternately* D. *alternate*
See 48.
- 2 A. *altogether* C. *All together*
B. *altogether*
See 50.
- 3 A. *born* C. *bore* E. *born*
B. *bore* D. *borne*
See 108.1 and 108.2.
- 4 C. See 127.2.
- 5 C. See 127.3.
- 6 A and D. See 127.1.
- 7 A. *continuously* C. *continual*
B. *continually*
See 142.
- 8 A. *economical* C. *economical*
B. *economic*
See 254.3c.
- 9 A. *efficient* B. *efficient* C. *effective*
See 173.
- 10 A. *laid* B. *lie* C. *Lay* D. *lay*
See 316.1 and 316.2.
- 11 A. *loud* OR *loudly*. See 27.2.
B. *aloud*. See 334.
C. *loud* OR *loudly*. See 27.2.
- 12 *Shade*. If you thought it was *shadow*, see 516.
- 13 A. *some time*
B. *sometime* OR *some time*
C. *Sometimes*
D. *some times*
See 549.
- 14 A. *who's* B. *Whose* C. *whose*
See 627.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

28 words (2): other confusable words

- 1 *agreed*. See 7.
- 2 A. All three.
B. *nearly*
C. *almost, practically*
D. *almost, practically*
E. *almost, practically*
See 43.
- 3 A. *again* B. *back* C. *back*
See 87.
- 4 All of them. See 87.4.
- 5 A. *big, large*
B. *great*
C. *great*
D. *big, great* (*big* is less formal here)
E. *great*
See 106.
- 6 *brought up*. See 113.
- 7 All of them are right. See 160.5 and 160.6.
- 8 A. *finally* (*at last* is also possible, but less common in mid-position)
B. *at last* (*finally* is also possible, but less common in mid-position)
C. *At last*
D. *Finally*
E. *at the end*
F. *in the end, finally*
See 204.
- 9 A. Right. C. Wrong. E. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong. F. Wrong.
See 247.
- 10 A. *sick* B. Both. C. *sick*
See 266.
- 11 *Saturday*. (Fred is coming on Wednesday and Sue is arriving three days after that.) See 315.
- 12 A. *last week*. See 314.1.
B. *the last week*. See 314.1.
C. *the last week*. See 314.3.
- 13 A. See 375.1.
- 14 *Perhaps* normally sounds better in a formal context like this one. See 346.
- 15 All of them are right except D. See 502.
- 16 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 550.2.

- 17 A. *talk* D. *talk*
B. *speak* E. *speak* (more formal)
C. *speak* F. *talk* (less formal)
See 553.
- 18 *thankful*. See 582.

Summary of results for this test

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

29 words (3): other vocabulary problems

- 1 *afterwards*. See 29.2.
- 2 It's wrong. *After all* should be *finally, at last* or *in the end*. See 31.2.
- 3 A. Wrong. *Alike* should be *like*.
B. Wrong. *Alike* should be *similar-looking*.
C. Right.
See 34.
- 4 A. Wrong. Should be: *Don't ask me for money*.
B. Right. C. Right.
See 79.1.
- 5 A. See 79.2.
- 6 B. See 83.
- 7 A. *On the contrary*. See 144.1.
B. *opposite*. See 144.2.
- 8 B. See 191.4.
- 9 A. *always* B. *ever*
See 191.5.
- 10 All four are right. See 205.
- 11 All of them. See 226.1 and 226.2.
- 12 A, B, C, D and G. See 227.
- 13 B. If you thought any of the others could be replaced by *know*, see 313.5.
- 14 Wrong. Should be: *I know*. See 313.6.
- 15 A, B and C. See 322.1. If you thought D and/or E were correct, see 322.2. ►

- 16 All of them are correct except C.
See 327.1-3.
- 17 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 388.
- 18 C. If you thought either A or B could be replaced by *once*, see 393.
- 19 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 401.
- 20 They are both right. See 407.
- 21 Both A and B (though B is less common). See 467.
- 22 A. *remains*
B. *leftovers*
C. *rest*
D. *remainder*
Rests is an incorrect word.
See 501.
- 23 A. *already* B. *yet* C. *still*
See 566.1-4.
- 24 Student A. See 566.5.
- 25 Both (though *still* is more common).
See 566.9.
- 26 Passenger B. See 572.
- 27 Both are right. See 572.
- 28 A, C, D and F. See 612.
- 29 Both. See 615.3.
- 30 A. Right.
B. Wrong. Should be: ... *means of transport*.
See 615.4.

Summary of results for this test

29

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Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐

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Sections of *PEU* to study:

1 present and future verbs

- 1 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 466.1.
- 2 All of them are right. See 466.2.
- 3 All of them are right. See 466.3.
- 4 A is more formal than B. See 466.8.
- 5 A, B and D ask for information; C is a request to do the shopping. See 218.4 and 220.3.
- 6 C is possible: see 220.3. A and B are wrong: see 471.2.
- 7 Both are right. If you thought A was wrong, see 243 and 466.5.
- 8 A. Right. C. Wrong. See 214.2.
B. Right. D. Right.
- 9 B. See 218.6.
- 10 A. See 220.4.
- 11 A. See 218.5.

Summary of results for this test

1

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- 10 B. See 457.3.
- 11 B. See 457.5.
- 12 *already, before, ever, just* and *yet*.
See 457.7.
- 13 D is wrong. For the others, see 522.
- 14 B and E are the good ones. See 455 and 457.8-10.
- 15 We use a past tense to refer to a belief that has just been shown to be true or false. See 457.2.
- 16 The simple present perfect is normally used for longer or permanent situations, but the progressive is used to talk about continuous change, even if this is permanent. See 459.2.
- 17 A. See 423.3.
- 18 To indicate a separation between the two actions. See 424.1.

Summary of results for this test

2

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2 past and perfect verbs

- 1 All of them. See 422.4 and 422.7.
- 2 Only C is right. See 426.1 and 491.3.
- 3 Only B is right. See 426.1 and 306.2.
- 4 Only B is right. See 426.1 and 630.4.
- 5 It's a matter of politeness, not time. 'Distancing' by using past and progressive forms makes the invitations less direct and so more polite. See 426.2, 436.1 and 436.2.
- 6 A. See 426.4.
- 7 Only C is right. See 426.1.
- 8 Yes. See 74.2.
- 9 Both are right. For B, see 457.1.

3 auxiliary verbs

- 1 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 89.
- 2 A. Right.
B. Right.
C. Possible in an informal style.
See 90.
- 3 All three are right. See 91.2 and 221.
- 4 Only A is natural. See 162.2.
- 5 Both are right. See 237.6.
- 6 B is wrong. See 237.7.
- 7 A. *happen* B. *come* C. *dripping*
See 238.3.
- 8 C. See 238.4.
- 9 Both are right. See 239.2.

- 10 A is formal, B is wrong, C is normal.
See 302.7.

Summary of results for this test**3**

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐
- Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
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Sections of PEU to study:

4 modal verbs (1): *can, could, may, might, must / have to, should*

- 1 A and B. See 340.
- 2 B, C and D. See 122.8, 339.1 and 345.3.
- 3 A, B and D. See 122.8, 339.1 and 345.3.
- 4 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 339.3 and 345.3.
- 5 Only A is right. See 123.1.
- 6 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 122.5 and 123.2.
- 7 A. See 123.3.
- 8 C. See 123.4.
- 9 Both are right. See 123.5.
- 10 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 124.2 and 340.3.
- 11 *You might have killed yourself* is the
traditionally correct form, but more and
more people are now using *may have*
with this meaning. See 339.3.
- 12 All four sentences are right. See 339.12.
If you thought B or D were wrong, see
122.2 and 122.4.
- 13 A. See 342.
- 14 All three sentences are right. See 339.8.
- 15 C is less natural than the others. See
361.1.
- 16 Both are right. See 361.2.
- 17 A. The first refers to necessity; the second
expresses certainty. See 361.3.
- 18 B is wrong. See 361.4.

- 19 A, B and C are all possible. See 521.1.
- 20 A and B. See 521.2.
- 21 B and C. See 520.1 and 520.2.

Summary of results for this test**4**

- I got (almost) everything right. ☐
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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐
- Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:

5 modal verbs (2): other modals and semi-modals

- 1 A. See 629.7.
- 2 A. See 629.7.
- 3 C. See 633.7.
- 4 A. Both. B. *used to* C. *used to*
See 633.8.
- 5 A. Right. C. Right (but very unusual)
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 604.3.
- 6 A, B and C are right. See 366.1 and 366.2.
- 7 The sentence is correct in British
English. See 151.2.
- 8 A. See 151.3.

Summary of results for this test**5**

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐
- Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐

Sections of PEU to study:

6 structures with infinitives

- 1 Both are right. See 280.7.
- 2 Both are right. See 281.5.
- 3 Only A and B are right. See 284.4. ►

- 4 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 284.4.
- 5 B and E are right. See 284.4.
- 6 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 284.4.
- 7 A. Right. C. Wrong. See 285.3.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 285.5.
- 8 They are all possible except D. See 286.1.
- 9 A. Right. D. Right. G. Wrong.
B. Right. E. Right. H. Right.
C. Wrong. F. Wrong.
See 287.1.
- 10 Only C is right. See 287.2.
- 11 B. See 287.3.
- 12 Both are right. See 288.2.
- 13 A and C are normal in British English.
B, D and E are possible in informal
American English. See 291.7.
- 14 A. The second is perhaps a little more
formal. See 291.10 and 291.11.
- 15 C. See 292.1.

Summary of results for this test**6**

I got (almost) everything right.

☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections
of *Practical English Usage*.☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic.☐Sections of *PEU* to study:

- 7 A. *coming* B. *play*
See 299.5.
- 8 C, E and H are not normal. See 409.3.
- 9 All three are right. See 409.4.
- 10 All of them. See 409.4.
- 11 A. See 410.1.
- 12 A. Wrong. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 410.2.
- 13 *Concerned* and *involved*. See 410.3.
- 14 A. *much* OR *very much*
B. *very*
C. *much* OR *very much*
D. *very*
E. *much* OR *very much*
See 410.4.
- 15 A and B are right. See 411.2.
- 16 Many people would consider A to be
wrong (because it seems to say that
the mountains were looking out of the
window). The others are quite normal.
See 411.4.
- 17 Both are right. See 411.5.
- 18 All of them are right except C. See 411.6.

Summary of results for this test**7**

I got (almost) everything right.

☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections
of *Practical English Usage*.☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic.☐Sections of *PEU* to study:**7 -ing forms and past participles**

- 1 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 298.2.
- 2 Only B is possible. See 299.6.
- 3 All of them are right. See 299.11.
- 4 B. See 299.13.
- 5 B and C are right. See 299.15.
- 6 A. *to read* B. *in working*
See 299.16.

8 passives

- 1 B and C. See 412.4.
- 2 A. *at* D. *about, at* G. *to*
B. *of* E. *with* H. *with*
C. *about* F. *at* I. *with, in*
See 410 and 413.
- 3 All of them are right. See 414.5.
- 4 A. We prefer to start sentences
with points that have already been
mentioned, putting new information at
the end. See 414.2. ▶

- 5 This makes it possible to keep the same topic (the hospital patient) as subject. See 414.3.
- 6 B. We prefer to put heavy subjects at the end. See 414.4.
- 7 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 416.1 and 416.2.
- 8 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 417.2.
- 9 A. Right. C. Wrong. E. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 418.1 and 418.6.
- 10 All of them are right. See 419.
- 11 A, B and E. See 414.5.

Summary of results for this test**8**I got (almost) everything right. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:

- 5 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 607.1.
- 6 B. The first is more formal. See 607.3.
- 7 A. See 607.4.
- 8 A. Wrong. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 607.5.
- 9 A. See 608.
- 10 All of them are right. See 609.1 and 609.2.
- 11 A. Formal. B. Formal. C. Wrong.
See 567.2.
- 12 A. Formal. B. Normal. C. Normal.
See 567.3 and 576.5.
- 13 A. Normal.
B. Normal (but perhaps a little more formal).
See 567.3.

Summary of results for this test**9**I got (almost) everything right. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:**9 verbs: some special structures**

- 1 A. Right. D. Right (in British English).
B. Wrong. E. Wrong
C. Wrong.
See 610.3.
- 2 *Bring* and *throw*. See 610.6.
- 3 A. Prepositional verb.
B. Phrasal verb.
C. Phrasal verb.
D. Prepositional verb.
E. Phrasal verb.
F. Prepositional verb.
G. Phrasal verb.
See 599 and 600.
- 4 A. Informal. C. Informal.
B. Unusual. D. Formal.
See 452.3.

10 nouns

- 1 All of them are right except D. See 524.3.
- 2 A. *bacteria* C. *criteria* E. *Stimuli*
B. *crises* D. *phenomena*
See 524.2.
- 3 A. Right. C. Wrong. E. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 524.5.
- 4 A. The second. C. The second.
B. Both. D. Both.
See 524.6.
- 5 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 527.1.
- 6 Both are right. See 527.2.
- 7 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 527.3 and 527.4.
- 8 A is right if the marmalade is on the toast.
B is right if they are separate. See 527.5. ►

- 9 Both are normal. See 528.
- 10 Both are possible. See 529.1.
- 11 A. Right. D. Right.
B. Wrong. E. Right
C. Right. F. Wrong.
See 529.2 and 529.3.
- 12 B See 530.1.
- 13 All of them are right. See 530.2 and 530.3.
- 14 A. Right. D. Right. F. Right.
B. Right. E. Wrong. G. Right.
C. Wrong.
See 531.1 and 531.2.
- 15 Both are right. See 532.3.
- 16 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 532.4.
- 17 D. An old prescriptive rule has led to a preference for singular structures after *none*, particularly in a formal style. See 532.5.
- 18 All of them are right. See 532.6.
- 19 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 149.1 and 149.2.
- 20 *Travel and weather*. See 149.3.
- 21 *Education, experience and knowledge*.
See 149.4.
- 22 A. Both. D. The first.
B. The second. E. Both.
C. The second.
See 440.1 and 440.2.
- 23 All three are wrong. See 386.1.
- 24 A. Wrong. D. Right. F. Wrong.
B. Wrong. E. Right. G. Right.
C. Right.
See 386.6–8.

Summary of results for this test**10**I got (almost) everything right. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:**11 pronouns**

- 1 All three sentences are informal (and therefore not wrong in casual conversation). See 429.1.
- 2 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Wrong.
D. Right (but very informal and considered wrong in formal usage).
See 428.10 and 429.1.
- 3 A. Informal. B. Very formal.
See 429.3.
- 4 A. Wrong.
B. Informal (and considered wrong in formal usage).
C. Wrong.
See 429.4.
- 5 Very formal: unusual in modern English. See 429.9.
- 6 *One* is only used for generalisations that could include the speaker/hearer. See 396.3 and 396.4.
- 7 *One* is used to generalise about the behaviour of individuals; it doesn't refer to the collective behaviour of whole groups. See 396.3.
- 8 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 493.3.
- 9 A. Optional. B. Wrong. C. Necessary.
See 493.5.
- 10 C is necessary; all the others are wrong. See 493.9.
- 11 A. (B is possible in very informal speech.) See 171.2.
- 12 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 625.6.
- 13 Both are right. See 625.6.

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12 determiners (1): articles, possessives and demonstratives

- 1 A and D. See 69.1.
- 2 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 69.2.
- 3 Both are right. See 69.3.
- 4 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 69.4.
- 5 Only D is right. See 69.6.
- 6 A. American English. C. Both.
B. American English. D. Both.
See 70.1.
- 7 Both without *the*. See 70.7.
- 8 All three are right. But A is more
common with no article in British
English, and C is also common without
the. See 70.14.
- 9 A is more natural. See 70.15.
- 10 Only B is right. See 70.17.
- 11 Only C is right. See 70.17.
- 12 Wrong. *Its* isn't used without a following
noun in British English. See 442.
- 13 All of them are right except C, which
is not normal in standard English. See
589.7 and 589.8.
- 14 All of them are possible. For the
differences, see 590.1.
- 15 A. See 590.2.
- 16 A. Wrong. B. Right.
See 590.4.

Summary of results for this test

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of *Practical English Usage*.
☐
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☐

Sections of *PEU* to study:

13 determiners (2): other determiners

- 1 A. Right. D. Right. F. Right.
B. Wrong. E. Wrong. G. Right.
C. Wrong.
See 36.3 (*all*), 110.4 (*both*) and 169.4
(*each*).
- 2 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 36.4.
- 3 Very unusual in modern English. See 38.3.
- 4 B (see 193.4) and D (see 36.6).
- 5 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 40.5.
- 6 All six are right. The ones with a plural
verb are more informal. See 174.2
(*either*), 372.2 (*neither*) and 376.2 (*none*).
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right. D. Right.
See 187.7.
- 8 A and B are right. See 231.1.
- 9 A is right. See 231.1.
- 10 B and C are right. See 231.1, 231.4 and
231.5.
- 11 C is unusual. See 333.4.
- 12 A. *are* B. *are*
See 333.4 and 333.5.
- 13 Wrong. See 333.6.
- 14 A (see 357.3), C (see 355.1) and D (see
546.6).
For B (*A lot of nurses ... NOT
A lot nurses ...*) see 333.1.
- 15 Both are right. See 356.4.
- 16 A. Both (but some people consider *less*
to be incorrect here).
B. *less*
See 320.1.
- 17 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 357.7.
- 18 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 376.3.
- 19 Both are right. See 542.4.
- 20 C. See 546.10.



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14 adjectives and adverbs

- 1 *Chairman-Deputy* and *Professor-Senior*. See 13.1.
- 2 *Present* and *proper*. See 13.3.
- 3 A. *a different life from this one* (more normal than *a life different from this one*)
B. *a difficult problem to solve*
C. *some people skilled in design*
See 13.5.
- 4 B, but not A. See 15.6.
- 5 A. Possible. C. Wrong.
B. Necessary. D. Necessary.
See 16.2.
- 6 All of them are right except B. See 17.3.
- 7 A and C. (Both with one syllable.) See 18.
- 8 A. Unusual (in British English).
B. Normal. F. Wrong.
C. Normal. G. Normal.
D. Wrong. H. Wrong.
E. Normal.
See 24.8.
- 9 A. Normal. C. Normal.
B. Emphatic. D. Emphatic.
See 24.9.
- 10 B and D would be normal rather than emphatic in American English. See 24.11.
- 11 Both are natural. See 24.10.
- 12 For other examples, see 27.2.
- 13 For other examples, see 27.2.
- 14 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 27.2.
- 15 A is right; B is wrong. See 27.2.
- 16 *Away*, *back* and *out*. See 20.
- 17 *At*, *during*, *from* and *into*. See 20. ▶

15 comparison

- 1 B. See 136.6.
- 2 Both are right. See 136.9.
- 3 Both are right. See 136.10.
- 4 B is wrong. For the others, see 137.5.
- 5 B, C, D, F and G are right. E is possible but unusual. See 140.1 and 140.2. If you thought that *less* was wrong with a plural noun, see 320.1 and 312.9.
- 6 Right. See 141.1.
- 7 A (see 141.2) and D (see 57).
- 8 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 141.3.
- 9 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 141.4.
- 10 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Right.
See 141.5.
- 11 D is wrong. All the others are right. See 141.6.

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16 prepositions

- 1 A. *above* B. *above*
See 6.2 and 6.4.
- 2 *Around* is more typically American;
round is more typically British. See 60.2.
- 3 A. *between* C. *between*
B. *between* D. *among*
See 105.2.
- 4 A. *at* D. *x* G. *of* I. *in*
B. *into* E. *into* H. *to* J. *in*
C. *on* F. *in*
See 449, 450 and 451.1.
- 5 A. Informal. See 451.3.
B. Informal. See 451.11.
C. Informal. See 451.12.
- 6 A. Right. See 452.4.
B. Right. See 452.5.
C. Wrong. See 452.6.
D. Wrong. See 452.6.
- 7 All three are wrong. See 452.7.
- 8 It should be: *The judge paid a lot of attention to the fact that the child was unhappy at home.* See 453.3.
- 9 All of them are right except E. See 453.4.

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:

- 4 A. *I hope Alice isn't coming.* See 369.2.
B. *I don't think you've met my wife.*
See 369.1.
C. *I don't believe Henry's at home.*
See 369.1.
- 5 They are all natural except H, though E
is rather formal. See 369.3.
- 6 A. Rather formal. C. Right.
B. Wrong.
See 369.4.
- 7 B and D are correct. See 370. On
dialects and correctness, see 308 and
309.
- 8 A. Emphatic. C. Wrong.
B. Normal. D. Emphatic.
See 370.2.
- 9 A. Right. B. Right. C. Wrong.
See 370.5.
- 10 A. Right. See 370.6.
B. Right. See 370.7.
- 11 All three are right.
See 268.5.
- 12 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 268.5.

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:

17 questions, negatives and imperatives

- 1 A, B and E are correct. See 483.1–483.3.
- 2 All four are right. See 485.2.
- 3 A. Right.
B. Wrong.
C. Right in an informal style.
D. Right.
See 486.

18 linking words; verbs in subordinate clauses

- 1 A. Right. C. Right. E. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right. F. Right.
See 53.
- 2 Yes, because *but* is a conjunction but
however is an adverb. See 49.
- 3 Both are right. See 94.3.



- 4 Something in between. Both are common in standard usage, but they regarded by many people as clumsy or not quite grammatical. See 111 and 175.
- 5 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 373.
- 6 All of them except E are right. See 252.6 and 252.7.
- 7 All three are right. See 267.
- 8 C. See 491.2.
- 9 C and F are possible. See 491.2 and 491.3.
- 10 D. See 321.
- 11 A, C and E. See 584.
- 12 Wrong. *Unless* only means 'if not' in the sense of 'except if'. See 601.2.
- 13 A. Right B. Wrong.
See 621.4 and 621.5.
- 14 (These are the most probable discourse markers in each sentence. Usually more than one is possible, depending on the exact function of the sentence in context.)
A. *Actually, I mean, In fact, You know*
B. *After all, Anyway, I mean*
C. *At least, Anyway*
D. *Actually, I mean, In fact*
E. *Mind you, Of course*
F. *Certainly, It's true that, Of course, You know*
G. *sort of, you know*
H. *Anyway*
See 157.
- 15 A. Both. See 543.2.
B. Both. See 580.2.
C. Both. See 580.2.
D. *will be*. See 580.2.
E. Both. See 580.4.
F. Both. See 580.5.
G. Both. See 580.5.
H. *won't*. See 580.8.
I. *finds*. See 580.8.
J. *will look*. See 580.8.
- 16 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 580.6.

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See 260.1.2 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 260.2.

3 C. See 260.5.

4 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 261.2.5 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 261.3.

6 B. See 261.4.

7 B. See 261.5.

8 A. See 261.8.

9 C. See 261.13.

10 The structures are all quite common and correct in informal speech, but they are very rare in writing. See 262.

11 B. See 256.3.

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20 indirect speech

- 1 Both are right. See 278.1.
- 2 B, C and D are normal and correct. See 278.2.
- 3 *could see*. See 278.3.
- 4 *will*. See 278.4.
- 5 *should*. See 278.4.
- 6 Both are right. See 278.5.
- 7 A is the most natural; B is also possible. See 278.6.
- 8 Both are right. See 278.7.
- 9 Both are right. See 278.8.

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21 relatives

- 1 A, B, C and D are right. See 496.2.
- 2 A is quite formal; B is more natural in an informal style. See 496.4.
- 3 Only A is right. See 498.5.
- 4 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 498.6.
- 5 A. Right in an informal style. B. Wrong.
See 498.7.
- 6 All four sentences are right. See 498.9.
- 7 Wrong. See 498.11.
- 8 B and C are right. See 498.12.
- 9 A and C are right. See 498.13.
- 10 Both are right. See 498.14.
- 11 A is right. See 498.15.
- 12 Right. See 498.15.
- 13 Right (but only found in speech, not normally in writing). See 498.16.
- 14 A. Wrong. B. Right. See 498.17. ►

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22 special sentence structures

- 1 B is right. A and C are wrong, except perhaps in very informal speech. See 446.7.
- 2 All the sentences need *it* except B. See 447.
- 3 Right. See 302.1.
- 4 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 302.7.
- 5 All except B are correct. See 302.7.
- 6 All three are possible. A would be unusual in American English; C would be less usual in British English. See 71.
- 7 Right. See 71.
- 8 A. See 512.3.
- 9 A. *The person who kept a goldfish in the bath was Mary.*
B. *(The place) where Mary kept a goldfish was the bath.*
C. *What Mary did was to keep a goldfish in the bath.*
See 130.1 and 130.2.
- 10 Right. See 130.2.
- 11 All three are right. See 130.3.
- 12 Both are right. See 130.5.
- 13 A. Very formal. B. Very informal.
See 131.2.
- 14 Both are right. See 181.1 and 181.4.
- 15 All three are right. See 181.5.
- 16 Both are right in British English; B is not right in American English. See 181.6.
- 17 A. Wrong. D. Wrong.
B. Right. E. Right.
C. Wrong.
See 182.1 and 182.3. ►

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Summary of results for this test

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23 spoken grammar

- 1 A. Right. See 488.1.
B. Right. See 488.4.
C. Right. See 488.5.
D. Right. See 488.7.
E. Right. See 488.7.
F. Right. See 488.8.
- 2 A. *won't* (polite British English), *will*, *would*
B. *can*, *could*, *will* or *would*; also *won't* to express annoyance.
C. *will*
D. *shall*
See 488.2 and 488.3.
- 3 A and C. See 179.2.
- 4 A. Natural. D. Not natural.
B. Natural. E. Natural.
C. Not natural.
See 179.3.
- 5 All of them are natural. See 513.1 and 513.2.
- 6 Normal. See 514.1.
- 7 A. Normal. F. Normal.
B. Normal. G. Normal.
C. Normal. H. Normal.
D. Strange. I. Impossible.
E. Normal.
See 514.1–514.3.

24 special kinds of English

- 1 *p dot watkins at k mail dot co dot u k*.
See 147.3.
- 2 *Thanks for a great party. See you at the barbecue at 9.00*. See 147.4.
- 3 For example: *FURNITURE FACTORY PAY CUT ROW*. See 240.2b.
- 4 *Will troops be sent to Glasgow?* (Or something similar.) See 240.2f.
- 5 C. It means 'Ministers were warned ...'
See 240.2g.
- 6 A. Right. C. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Right.
See 2.2.
- 7 A. Right. B. Wrong. C. Right.
See 2.3.
- 8 For example: *Pour mixture into large saucepan, heat until boiling, then add three pounds sugar and leave on low heat for 45 minutes*. See 1.1.

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25 social aspects of English; variation and change

- 1 A. NP. C. NP. E. NP. G. P.
B. NP. D. VP. F. VP. H. P.
See 435.
- 2 A, B and E. See 436.1 and 436.2.
- 3 B, C, D and E. See 436.1 and 436.3.
- 4 B. See 437.1.
- 5 A. Wrong. See 545.1.
B. Wrong. Should be:
Congratulations See 545.4.
C. Right. See 545.7.
D. Right. See 545.7.
E. Right. See 545.8.
F. Right. See 545.9.
G. Wrong. See 545.9.
H. Wrong. See 545.11.
I. Right. See 545.18.
J. Right. See 545.20.
- 6 All of them except C. See 545.2.
- 7 A, C, D, E and G. See 545.19.
- 8 A. *catalogue* E. *road surface*
B. *trousers* F. *pavement*
C. *lift* G. *trainers*
D. *rubbish* H. *tap*
See 51.
- 9 A. W. See 309.1 and 305.
B. I. See 309.3 and 429.1.
C. NS. See 309.2 and 370.3.
D. N. See 309.3 and 320.1.
E. NS. See 309.2.
F. W. See 309.1.
G. N. See 309.3 and 528.2.
H. I. See 312.6.
I. I. See 311.2.
- 10 A. *repair* B. *commence* C. *alight*
See 311.3.
- 11 A, B, D and E. See 312.9.
- 12 B, D, F and G. See 392. ►

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26 pronunciation

- 1 A. On the first syllable.
B. On the second syllable.
C. On the third syllable.
See 554.2.
- 2 *Mashed, fried* and perhaps *not*. See 554.5.
- 3 *Sure, back, car* and *damaged*. See 554.6.
- 4 All of them except *on* and *off*. See 616.3.
- 5 A. Strong. D. Strong. G. Weak.
B. Weak. E. Weak. H. Strong.
C. Weak. F. Weak.
See 616.2.
- 6 A (see 213.5), B (see 239.4), D (see 308.4) and E (see 239.4).

Summary of results for this test

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27 numbers

- 1 A. *Three-sevenths* or *three over seven*.
B. *Three hundred and seventeen over five hundred and twenty-four*.
C. *Nought* (or *zero*) *point three seven five*.
D. *Seven-tenths of a litre*.
E. *Nought* (or *zero*) *point six centimetres*. (NOT ... *centimetre*.)
See 389.1 and 389.2. ►

- 2 B. See 389.2.
- 3 A. Wrong. B. Right. C. Right.
See 389.3.
- 4 A. *nil* C. *zero*
B. *love* D. *oh* OR *zero*
See 389.4.
- 5 A. Right. C. Wrong.
B. Right. D. Wrong.
See 389.7.
- 6 A. *the first floor* B. *the second floor*
See 389.9.
- 7 American English doesn't usually have
and after the hundreds.
A. BrE: *three hundred and ten*; AmE:
three hundred (and) ten.
B. BrE: *five thousand, six hundred*
and forty-two; AmE: *five thousand, six*
hundred (and) forty-two.
See 389.10.
- 8 In A, B and D. See 389.11.
- 9 A. Right. C. Right. E. Right.
B. Wrong. D. Wrong.
See 389.15.
- 10 A. 2.2kg. C. 1.6km.
B. 30cm. D. 0.4 hectares.
See 389.18.
- 11 A. Right. B. Wrong.
See 389.21.
- 12 All of them are right. See 389.22.
- 13 *Three fours are twelve / Three times*
four is twelve / Three multiplied by four
equals twelve. See 389.22.
- 14 None of them: $17 \times 35 = 595$! But A, B and
C are grammatical; D is not. See 389.22.

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:**28 words (1): similar words**

- 1 C. See 41.
- 2 A. *lonely* C. *lone*
B. *alone* D. *lonesome*
See 44.
- 3 A. *classical* C. *classical*
B. *classic* D. *classic*
See 254.3a.
- 4 A. *southern* C. *South* E. *south*
B. *south* D. *southern*
See 172.
- 5 A. *electrical* C. *electric*
B. *electric*
See 254.3d.
- 6 A. Both. C. *specially*
B. *especially*
See 188.
- 7 A. *historical* C. *historic*
B. *historic* D. *historical*
See 254.3e.
- 8 A. *magic* B. *magic* C. *magical*
See 254.3f.
- 9 A. *policy* B. *politics* C. *policy*
See 438.
- 10 A is wrong; the others are right. See 86.

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of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better
to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:**29 words (2): other confusable words**

- 1 C, D and E are right. See 42.
- 2 A. *Besides*, *Apart from*
B. *except*, *apart from*
C. All three.
See 102.

- 3 A. *get* E. *gone*
 B. *becoming, getting* F. *come*
 C. *get* G. *get, grow*
 D. *becoming* H. *goes, turns*
 See 128.
- 4 A. *get* B. *go* C. *get*
 See 225.
- 5 A. *also* C. *as well, too*
 B. *as well, too* D. *too*
 See 46.
- 6 A and B. *However* is an adverb, not a conjunction, so the two clauses need to be separated by a semi-colon or full stop. See 49.3 and 475.1.
- 7 At the end of a sentence to mean 'however'. See 49.4.
- 8 A. See 72.
- 9 A, B and C are right. See 73. If you thought A was wrong, see 73.1. If you thought D was right, see 73.2.
- 10 All are right except D. See 195c and 195e.
- 11 Film B is the best. Film C is the least good. See 199.
- 12 A and B are right. See 199.
- 13 *If* is right; *in case* is not. See 271.
- 14 B, C and D are right. See 379.
- 15 D is wrong. *Then* (meaning 'in that case') is used in replies, but not usually when the same speaker connects two ideas. See 537.
- 16 A and B are wrong. See 112.
- 17 A is wrong. See 134.
- 18 A. Wrong. B. Right.
 See 605.

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- 1 All of them are right except D. See 11.
- 2 All of them are right. See 57.
- 3 A. Wrong. C. Wrong.
 B. Right. D. Right.
 See 96.
- 4 All of them are right. See 163.
- 5 A. Wrong. B. Wrong. C. Right.
 See 273.
- 6 A, B and D. See 307.1.
- 7 A, C and D. See 307.3.
- 8 B, C and D. See 352.
- 9 Only B is correct. See 378.
- 10 It could suggest, rather unpleasantly, that the person who said 'It's cold' was remarking on something too obvious to be worth mentioning. See 390.
- 11 A, B, C and E are right. D is 'in between': it's a common structure, but some people consider it wrong. See 492.
- 12 No. It should be *So-so*. See 544.
- 13 A. See 573.
- 14 Both are correct. See 585.
- 15 A. The other two suggest that Ann didn't phone. See 588.7 and 588.8.
- 16 A. Wrong (but right in some dialects).
 B. Right. C. Right.
 See 613.3.
- 17 All except E are correct.
 See 630.3–630.5.
- 18 A. Right. C. Wrong.
 B. Right. D. Wrong.
 See 632.

Summary of results for this test**30**I got (almost) everything right. ☐Not bad, but I need to study some sections of *Practical English Usage*. ☐Quite a lot of problems. I might do better to try the Advanced test on this topic. ☐Sections of *PEU* to study:

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- A. ... I'm afraid to crash. ☐
B. ... I'm afraid of crashing. ☐

ANSWER KEY →

4 B. See PEU 299.13.

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13 afraid

To talk about fear of things that happen accidentally, we prefer *afraid of* + *-ing* ...

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