

Certificate in Advanced English Online Practice Test Free Sample

How to complete the CAE Online Practice Test Free Sample: Reading

Welcome to the Certificate in Advanced English Online Practice Test Free Sample. This is the Reading Test tutorial. The following instructions will show you how to complete the free sample test.

Mode Screen

You can sit this free sample test in either Test Mode or Learner Mode. To sit the test under exam conditions, click YES against the Test Mode option.

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Mode Menu
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Test Mode
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Learner Mode Options

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DICTIONARY - You can look up any words in the test using the dictionary. YES NO

CHECK ANSWERS - You can check if your answers are correct or incorrect. YES NO

CLOCK - A clock will count down the test time. It will also tell you when the test time has finished. YES NO

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Within the Learner Mode there are several options:

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CLOCK: This option allows you to see a clock that will count down the test time.

If you do not want all of these options you can select which ones you want by clicking the YES and NO buttons on the screen.

Once you are ready to take the free sample Online Practice Test, click START TEST to begin.

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There are four parts to the test.

The instructions for each part of the test are in the box at the top of the screen.

In the full test you will be asked to answer all questions in each part of the test. For this free sample test you will answer only the highlighted questions in each part.

Part 1, Part 3 and Part 4

To answer a question in Parts 1, 3 and 4, choose one of the answers, for example A, B, C or D.

Click on the button next to the answer that you have chosen.

If you want to change your answer, click on another button.

If you want to leave the question unanswered, click on the button again.

Use the scroll bar to move through longer texts.

The screenshot shows a test interface with several components and annotations:

- Instructions:** A box at the top left containing text: "This part contains three extracts. Read the extract below which is concerned in some way with communication. For each question (1-6), click on the correct answer (A, B, C or D)." An arrow points from the "Instructions" label to this box.
- Scroll bar:** A vertical scroll bar on the right side of the text area. An arrow points from the "Scroll bar" label to it.
- Highlighted questions to answer:** A box at the bottom left containing the text "Highlighted questions to answer". An arrow points from this box to the question number "1" in the question list.
- Answer:** A box on the right side containing the text "Answer". Four arrows point from this box to the four answer options (A, B, C, D) for question 1.

The interface itself includes a top bar with "CHECK ANSWERS", "DICTIONARY", "HELP", and "time left: 75 mins". The main content area displays "Extract One" with a question: "What's it like being a reporter on a student newspaper? Student reporter Darren Benton tells us". The text of the extract follows, with line numbers 7, 10, 12, and 13. At the bottom, there is a "READING" section with a progress bar and question numbers for Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, and Part 4. A "MENU" button is located at the bottom right.

You can use the navigation at the bottom of the screen, or click on the NEXT button to move from one question to the next question. The NEXT button appears every time you have answered a question. You can answer the questions in any order.

The navigation shows which questions you have answered. A line appears under the question number if you have answered the question.

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Navigation bar

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If you want to change your answer, move another paragraph into the space.

If you want to leave the question unanswered, move the paragraph back.

For each question, there is some text for you to read.

In Part 2, the NEXT button will only appear once you have completed the whole section.

You can review and change your answers at any time until the end of the test.

Learner Mode Functions

If you want to check your answers during the test, click on the CHECK ANSWERS button.

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If your answer is incorrect a cross will appear next to your answer and a tick will appear next to the correct answer.

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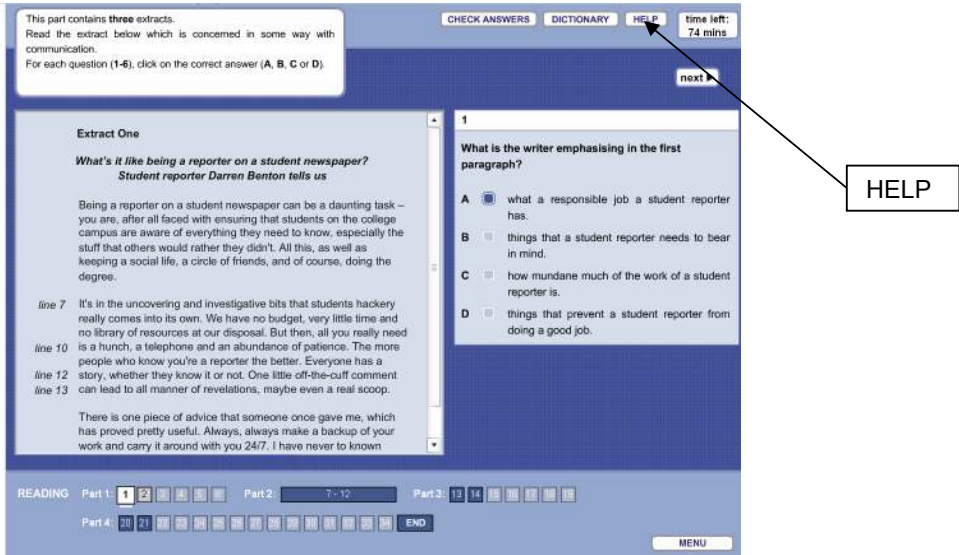
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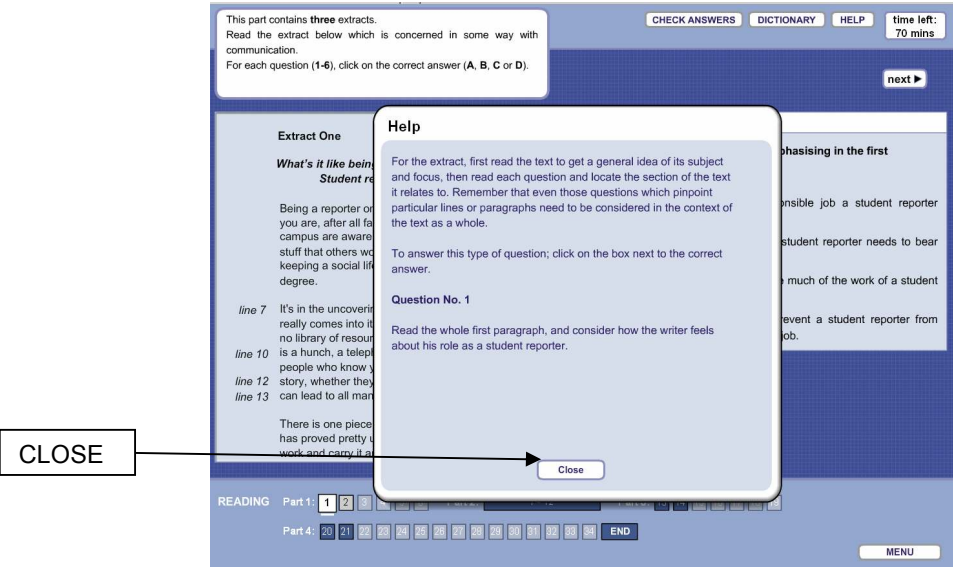
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Read the article containing reviews of science books.
For each question (20-34), choose from the accounts (A-G).
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year's crop. The first is Oliver Sacks's poignant memoir, *Uncle Tungsten*. It is a story of a strange childhood bound up with the history of chemistry. Sacks, a neurologist who has written eloquent accounts (*Awakenings*, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat*) of how strange the human mind can be, dreams that elements in the Periodic Table are his friends. It is, admittedly, a slightly bizarre book, but written with elegance and compassion.

F The Northern Lights

My second suggestion is *The Northern Lights*, Lucy Jago's fictionalized account of the life of Kristian Birkeland. He was a Norwegian scientist who tried to understand the Aurora Borealis, the dancing coloured lights that streak across polar skies. Birkeland, born in the middle of the 19th century, was a textbook eccentric: obsessive, absent-minded and disorganized. As Jago explains, his theory – that the dancing lights arose from the interplay between Earth's magnetic field and charged particles streaming from the sun – was largely disregarded. It is a perfect winter tale of ice and light. However, some may find the blurring of fact and fiction, and the excitable speculation about Birkeland's final years a little trying.

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About which of these books is the following stated?
It centres on an individual who displays the negative characteristics of a particular stereotype.

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C ☐ Rivals
D ☐ The Seven Daughters of Eve
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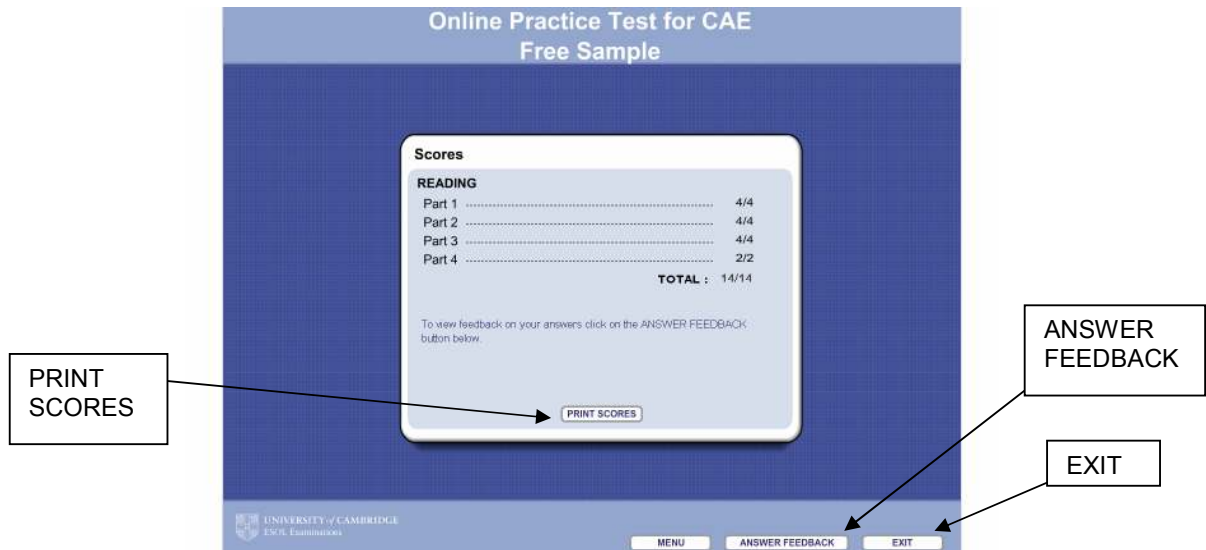
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