

FFH-Study Qualification Examination Model Test English

Topic 1: Pronouns and determiners

Which alternative is correct?

- 1.) I like Peter, but I wish he wouldn't spend so much time talking about *himself*
himself
him

- 2.) Most of the teachers *who* work in this school are very nice
who
which

- 3.) He thinks he knows *everything*
everything
all

- 4.) I asked two people the way to the train station, but *neither of them* could help me.
neither of them
none of them

- 5.) It cost *a lot* to repair our house.
a lot
much

Topic 2: Prepositions

Complete each sentence with a preposition where necessary. If no preposition is necessary leave the space empty.

- 1.) His brother insists *on* watching this TV show every day.
- 2.) You are talking *about* the football match they saw last Sunday?
- 3.) You have to find a solution *to* that problem.
- 4.) What's the disadvantage *of* living alone?

5.) I met my teacher on my way~~.....~~.....home.

Topic 3: Tenses

Put the verb in the correct form.

- 1.) We (wait)are waiting.....for the new Stars Wars movie. In fact, we (wait)have been waiting.....here for more than five hours.
- 2.) I can't believe I (get)am getting..... that appartement next month!
- 3.) When I (arrive).....arrived..... home last night, I discovered that Jane (prepare)had prepared.....a beautiful candlelight dinner.
- 4.) When Jack (enter)entered.....the room, I (recognize, not)did not recognize.....him because he (lose).....had lost.....so much weight and (grow)had grown.....a beard. He looked totally different!
- 5.) I (visit)have visited.....so many beautiful places since I (come)came.....to Utah.

Topic 4: Active or Passive?

Put the verb in the correct form, active or passive.

- 1.) He (remember)remembers.....the girl's name now.
- 2.) A prize (give)is given.....to whoever solves that problem.
- 3.) I haven't received the letter, it might (send)have been sent.....to the wrong address.
- 4.) Sam gets a higher salary now, he (promote).....has been promoted.....
- 5.) Two separate people (give)were given.....rides in the new model by the car designer.

Topic 5: Modal verbs

Which alternative is correct?

- 1.) He should be exhausted after such a long flight, he **might** prefer to stay in tonight and get some rest.
- might
must
- 2.) **Can** you hold your breath for more than a minute? No, I can't!
- could
can
- 3.) Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It **must** have cost a fortune.
- must
should
- 4.) It is the last train, we **must not** miss it!
- need not
must not
- 5.) Susan **couldn't** hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.
- couldn't
can't

Topic 6: Phrasal verbs and expressions

Which alternative is correct?

- 1.) Mrs. Jones's husband **passed away** last Friday. We are going to attend his funeral next week.
- went off
passed away
came down
left through
- 2.) I am **looking for** an apartment near the beach. I would like to rent a studio or a one bedroom with a view of the ocean.
- searching at
looking up
looking for
seeing after

3.) If you don't understand the word "superstitious," look it up..... in the dictionary.

- see it into
- check it after
- look it up
- search it down

4.) This is the most intensive language course I have ever taken. I have to study four hours per night just to keep up.....with the pace of the class.

- keep up
- hold on
- stay up
- come through

5.) Our book club is getting together.....next week to talk about a really unique mystery novel called "Illusion".

- meeting up
- getting together
- crowding in
- setting out

Topic 7: Reading and comprehension

Read the text and answer the questions

The Digital Divide

A recent survey has shown that the number of people in the United Kingdom who do not intend to get internet access has risen. These people, who are known as 'net refuseniks', make up 44% of UK households, or 11.2 million people in total.

The research also showed that more than 70 percent of these people said that they were not interested in getting connected to the internet. This number has risen from just over 50% in 2005, with most giving lack of computer skills as a reason for not getting internet access, though some also said it was because of the cost.

More and more people are getting broadband and high speed net is available almost everywhere in the UK, but there are still a significant number of people who refuse to take the first step.

The cost of getting online is going down and internet speeds are increasing, so many see the main challenge to be explaining the relevance of the internet to this group. This would encourage them to get connected before they are left too far behind. The gap between those who have access to and use the internet and those who don't is the digital divide, and if the gap continues to widen, those without access will get left behind and miss out on many opportunities, especially in their careers.

More people in the UK do not intend to get internet access than before.

True

False

The majority of people in the UK are 'net refuseniks'.

True

False

The main reason for not getting internet access is the cost.

True

False

Both costs and speeds are increasing.

True

False

The digital divide is the gap between those with and without internet access.

True

False

Not having access to the internet will only affect people's careers.

True

False

Topic 8: Reading and comprehension

Read the text and answer the questions

Working in the United States

Let's be blunt: If you like to take lots of vacation, the United States is not the place to work. Besides a handful of national holidays, the typical American worker gets two or three precious weeks off out of a whole year to relax and see the world - much less than what people in many other countries receive.

Only 57% of U.S. workers use up all of the days they're entitled to, compared with 89% of workers in France, a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll found....

So what's going on here?

A big reason for the difference is that paid time off is mandated by law in many parts of the world. Germany is among more than two dozen industrialized countries - from Australia to Slovenia to Japan - that require employers to offer four weeks or more of paid vacation to their workers, according to a 2009 study by the human resources consulting company Mercer.

Finland, Brazil and France are the champs, guaranteeing six weeks of time off.

But employers in the United States are not obligated under federal law to offer any paid vacation, so about a quarter of all American workers don't have access to it, government figures show.

That makes the U.S. the only advanced nation in the world that doesn't guarantee its workers annual leave, according to a report titled "No-Vacation Nation" by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a liberal policy group.

Most U.S. companies, of course, do provide vacation as a way to attract and retain workers.

But the fear of layoffs and the ever-faster pace of work mean many Americans are reluctant to be absent from the office - anxious that they might look like they're not committed to their job. Or they worry they won't be able to cope with the backlog of work waiting for them after a vacation.

Then, there's the way we work.

Working more makes Americans happier than Europeans, according to a study published recently in the Journal of Happiness Studies. That may be because Americans believe more than Europeans do that hard work is associated with success, wrote Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn, the study's author and an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Dallas.

"Americans maximize their... [happiness] by working, and Europeans maximize their [happiness] through leisure," he found.

So despite research documenting the health and productivity benefits of taking time off, a long vacation can be undesirable, scary, unrealistic or just plain impossible for many U.S. workers.

- Do all American workers have the right to go on vacation?

No, American workers are not guaranteed vacation time by federal law.

- Which countries are legally providing the longest vacation time for their workers per year?

Finland, Brazil and France

- Why do some US companies still offer vacations to their employees, even though they wouldn't have to do so?

To attract and retain workers

- Are the American workers happy and satisfied when they can take some time off from work?

Many are reluctant to take time off due to fear of layoffs or falling behind in their work.

- How do American workers maximize their happiness, as compared to European workers?

Americans maximize their happiness by working, while Europeans maximize theirs through leisure.