Duolingo English Test Practice Paper 1

Questions with Answers – Original Practice Set

1. Read and Select

Decide whether each word is a real English word (Yes) or not (No).

- beautiful
- happyness
- library
- goverment
- knowledge
- enviroment
- successful
- accomodation

2. Fill in the Blanks

Type the missing word in each sentence.

1. She has been studying English _____ three years.
2. If it rains, we _____ stay indoors.
3. The book _____ on the table is mine.

3. Read and Complete

Complete the missing parts of the words.

Climate ch____ is causing more frequent extreme weather events around the world. Scientists are working on solu____ to reduce greenhouse gas emis____ and adapt to rising tempera____.

4. Listen and Type (Practice)

Type exactly what you hear. (Practice sentence provided below)

Audio practice sentence: “The university library closes at nine o'clock every evening during the examination period.”

5. Interactive Reading (Sample)

Many universities offer online courses that allow students to study from home. This flexibility helps people who work full-time or live far from campus. However, some students miss the social interaction of traditional classrooms.

Question

What is one advantage of online courses mentioned?

(A) Higher fees
(B) Flexibility for people who work or live far away
(C) More social interaction
(D) No need to study

6. Write About the Photo

Write a description of the image (at least 1 sentence, aim for detail).

Describe the image: A student sitting at a desk with a laptop, notebooks, and a cup of coffee, studying in a quiet room with a window showing daylight.

7. Writing Sample

Some people prefer to study alone. Others prefer to study in a group. Which do you prefer and why? Write 50–100 words.

8. Speaking Sample / Read Then Speak style

Talk about a place in your city that you enjoy visiting. Speak for 30–90 seconds.

ANSWERS & GUIDANCE

1. Read and Select

beautiful → Yes (real); happyness → No (not a real word); library → Yes (real); goverment → No (not a real word); knowledge → Yes (real); enviroment → No (not a real word); successful → Yes (real); accomodation → No (not a real word)

2. Fill in the Blanks

1. for

2. will

3. lying

3. Read and Complete

Correct completions: change; solutions; emissions; temperatures

Full text: Climate change is causing more frequent extreme weather events around the world. Scientists are working on solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to rising temperatures.

4. Listen and Type

Exact sentence: The university library closes at nine o'clock every evening during the examination period.

5. Interactive Reading

Correct Answer: (B)

6–8. Writing & Speaking

Write About the Photo: Describe key objects, people, setting, and any action. Use clear sentences.

Writing Sample: State your opinion clearly, give 1–2 reasons with brief examples, conclude. Aim for 50–100+ words, accurate grammar.

Speaking: Speak clearly for 30–90 seconds. State main point, give reasons/examples, finish naturally.

Practice under timed conditions. The real DET is adaptive and includes more interactive item types.