

B2 English Entry Test

Total time: 90 minutes

Maximum score: 70 points

Passing score: 45 points

Part 1: Grammar & Vocabulary (20 questions, 20 points)

Part 2: Reading (3 texts, 30 questions, 30 points)

Part 3: Writing (1 essay, 20 points)

Part 1:

Choose the correct answer. (1.5 points each)

General / Business Context

1. The conference ____ postponed due to unexpected travel restrictions.
a) was b) were c) has d) had
2. If employees ____ more training, productivity would increase.
a) received b) receive c) had received d) receiving
3. She is responsible ____ preparing the monthly budget.
a) to b) for c) at d) with
4. The company has invested heavily in marketing, ____ results are already visible.
a) and b) but c) so d) although
5. Hardly ____ the meeting started when the fire alarm rang.
a) has b) had c) did d) was
6. If we ____ the contract earlier, we could have avoided delays.
a) sign b) signed c) had signed d) have signed
7. The report must be ____ by Friday.
a) submit b) submitting c) submitted d) submits
8. Rarely ____ such enthusiasm among new students.
a) we saw b) do we see c) did we seen d) have we saw
9. The results of the survey ____ published tomorrow.
a) will b) will be c) are being d) have been
10. Managers should ____ responsibility for their team's performance.
a) do b) make c) take d) have
11. Continuous integration allows developers ____ code changes more frequently.
a) deploy b) deploying c) deployed d) to deploy

12. If the server ____ last night, the system outage could have been avoided.
a) was updated b) had been updated c) is updated d) updates
 13. It is essential that security patches ____ applied immediately.
a) are b) be c) will d) being
 14. By next month, the company ____ all services to the cloud.
a) will migrate b) will have migrated c) migrates d) migrated
 15. DevOps practices are designed ____ collaboration between teams.
a) improve b) improving c) to improve d) improves
 16. Only after the deployment ____ the errors discovered.
a) was b) had c) were d) did
 17. Engineers must ____ up with the latest automation tools.
a) keep b) keep in c) keep on d) keep up
 18. If the pipeline ____ correctly, downtime would not occur.
a) configures b) was configured c) had been configured d) configure
 19. A monitoring system should not be taken ____.
a) seriously b) lightly c) strongly d) heavily
 20. No sooner ____ the new feature released than users reported bugs.
a) has b) did c) had d) was
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◆ Part 2: Reading

Text 1

TechNova, a global software company, recently adopted DevOps practices to improve collaboration between development and operations teams. Previously, new product releases took months, often delayed by testing and deployment issues. With continuous integration and automated testing, releases now occur every two weeks. However, challenges remain: some employees are resistant to cultural change, and legacy systems are difficult to integrate. Management believes that over time, the shift will not only speed up delivery but also improve product quality. Analysts suggest that if TechNova successfully adapts, it could become a model for other organizations.

Questions:

1. What problem did TechNova face before adopting DevOps?
a) Lack of funding b) Delays in testing and deployment c) High employee turnover d) Security breaches
2. How often are releases now made?
a) Weekly b) Every two weeks c) Monthly d) Every six months

3. What challenge remains after adopting DevOps?
a) Lack of engineers b) Resistance to change and legacy systems c) Too much automation d) Lack of customers
 4. What improvement is expected in the long term?
a) Faster delivery and better quality b) Lower salaries c) Fewer employees d) Higher prices
 5. What can be inferred about other organizations?
a) They are not interested in DevOps
b) They may use TechNova as a model
c) They prefer to avoid automation
d) They have no testing problems
 6. The word “*legacy systems*” in the text means:
a) outdated systems b) secure systems c) new software d) employee training
 7. Which statement is correct?
a) TechNova releases products every six months
b) DevOps eliminated all problems immediately
c) DevOps adoption reduced release cycles
d) Testing is no longer necessary
 8. What practice helped TechNova speed up releases?
a) Outsourcing work
b) Continuous integration and automated testing
c) Hiring more employees
d) Reducing product features
 9. Why are legacy systems considered a challenge?
a) They are expensive to purchase
b) They are difficult to integrate with new processes
c) They are too modern for employees
d) They increase customer complaints
 10. What is management’s belief about the cultural shift?
a) It will reduce product quality
b) It will speed up delivery and improve quality
c) It will cause employee resignations
d) It will eliminate the need for DevOps
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Text 2

In modern workplaces, teamwork is considered essential for success. While individual skills are valuable, collaboration often leads to better problem-solving and innovation. A study of international companies showed that teams with diverse backgrounds performed better in generating creative solutions. However, teamwork also presents challenges: disagreements may slow progress, and poor communication can lead to mistakes. Effective leadership is often the key to managing these issues,

ensuring that all members contribute equally and that conflicts are resolved fairly. Experts agree that organizations investing in strong team culture are more likely to achieve sustainable growth.

1. **Questions:**

8. What is the main idea of the text?
 - a) Teamwork contributes to success but has challenges
 - b) Individual work is always better
 - c) Leadership is unnecessary in teamwork
 - d) Teams are less creative than individuals
2. What did the study of international companies show?
 - a) Diversity reduces performance
 - b) Diverse teams generate better solutions
 - c) Similar teams work faster
 - d) Teams always fail
3. What problem can disagreements cause in teamwork?
 - a) Faster progress b) Slower progress c) Better leadership d) Higher salaries
4. What role does leadership play in teams?
 - a) It prevents diversity
 - b) It manages conflicts and contributions
 - c) It reduces innovation
 - d) It stops communication
5. According to experts, what helps achieve sustainable growth?
 - a) Reducing communication
 - b) Investing in team culture
 - c) Avoiding leadership
 - d) Working individually
6. The word "*sustainable*" in the text is closest in meaning to:
 - a) long-term b) short-term c) expensive d) risky
7. Which statement is correct?
 - a) Teams never face communication issues
 - b) Leadership is unnecessary in teams
 - c) Effective teamwork supports innovation
 - d) Individual skills are more important than teamwork
8. What can be inferred about teamwork?
 - a) It only works in small companies
 - b) It is valuable but requires good management
 - c) It is not suitable for global firms
 - d) It is more important than innovation
9. What problem can poor communication cause in teamwork?
 - a) Increased salaries

- b) More mistakes
- c) Faster decision-making
- d) Stronger motivation

10. The word “*contribute*” in the text is closest in meaning to:

- a) participate
- b) ignore
- c) compete
- d) remove

Text 3

Cloud migration has become a priority for many organizations that want to increase flexibility and reduce costs. Moving applications and data to the cloud allows companies to scale quickly and respond to customer needs more effectively. DevOps plays a critical role in this process by automating deployment, monitoring performance, and ensuring that updates are delivered smoothly. However, migration is not without challenges. Security risks, compliance with regulations, and the integration of legacy systems can slow progress. Experts emphasize that successful migration requires not only advanced tools but also strong collaboration between development and operations teams. Companies that manage both the technical and cultural aspects of change are more likely to achieve long-term benefits from cloud adoption.

Questions

1. What is one reason companies migrate to the cloud?

- a) To increase flexibility and reduce costs
- b) To reduce customer needs
- c) To avoid teamwork
- d) To limit scalability

2. What advantage does cloud migration offer?

- a) More employees
- b) Faster scaling and customer response
- c) Guaranteed security
- d) Lower product quality

3. What role does DevOps play in cloud migration?

- a) Automating deployment and monitoring performance
- b) Hiring more staff
- c) Designing hardware systems

d) Reducing customer support

4. What ensures updates are delivered smoothly?

a) DevOps practices

b) Manual installation

c) Customer feedback

d) Additional hardware

5. What challenges are mentioned in the migration process?

a) Security, compliance, legacy systems

b) Lack of employees, salaries, offices

c) Too much automation

d) Competition from small companies

6. What can slow progress during migration?

a) Legacy systems and regulations

b) Employee motivation

c) New customer demands

d) Hardware upgrades

7. What is required for successful migration according to experts?

a) Advanced tools and team collaboration

b) More funding and bigger offices

c) Expensive advertising

d) Strong leadership only

8. What two aspects must companies manage for success?

a) Technical and cultural aspects

b) Marketing and finance

c) Politics and law

d) Salaries and bonuses

9. The word “legacy systems” in the text refers to:

a) outdated systems

b) modern tools

- c) cloud servers
- d) new databases

10. What can be inferred about companies that manage both technical and cultural change?

- a) They are less successful in the long term
- b) They achieve long-term benefits from cloud adoption
- c) They will avoid cloud migration
- d) They reduce security

◆ **Part 3: Writing (1 essay, 30 points, ~35 min)**

Essay (200–250 words):

“Some argue that automation and DevOps practices improve efficiency more than human decision-making. Others believe human skills remain essential. Discuss both views and give your opinion.”

Writing Assessment Criteria – 20 points

◆ **1. Content & Task Response – 6 points**

- **6:** Fully addresses the question; well-developed arguments with clear, relevant examples.
- **4–5:** Generally addresses the question; arguments mostly clear but may lack depth or examples.
- **2–3:** Partially addresses the task; some arguments underdeveloped or off-topic.
- **0–1:** Does not address the task; very limited or irrelevant response.

◆ **2. Organization & Coherence – 4 points**

- **4:** Clear structure (introduction, body, conclusion); logical flow; effective use of linking words.
- **3:** Adequate structure; some lapses in cohesion or transitions.
- **1–2:** Weak structure; ideas fragmented or illogical; limited connectors.
- **0:** No recognizable structure.

◆ **3. Vocabulary – 5 points**

- **5:** Wide and accurate range of vocabulary.
- **3–4:** Adequate vocabulary; occasional errors; some repetition.
- **1–2:** Limited vocabulary; frequent repetition; vague or inaccurate usage.
- **0:** Very limited; inappropriate or incomprehensible vocabulary.

◆ **4. Grammar & Accuracy – 5 points**

- **5:** Accurate use of a range of structures (complex sentences, conditionals, passives); very few errors.
- **3–4:** Mostly accurate grammar; some errors but meaning clear.
- **1–2:** Frequent errors; limited sentence variety; meaning sometimes unclear.
- **0:** Very frequent errors; text hard to understand.