

BBZ/CFP Biel-Bienne

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BMS Entry Exam 2020

English

(45 minutes)

Parts of Exam	Points
Text Comprehension	_____ / 12 points
English in Use	_____ / 20 points
Writing	_____ / 18 points
Total Points	_____ / 50 points
Final Grade	

**No Auxiliary (dictionaries,
electronic devices) allowed!**

Good Luck!! 😊

Part 1: Text Comprehension

Exercise 1: Hotel reviews

Read the following hotel reviews. Match the statements (a-f) to the right hotel. Write your answer (A, B, or C) on the lines to the right of the statements.

A: "You get what you paid for" – funkyunicorn2

The hotel is exactly as described in the advertisement: it's simple, clean, basic. It's a bit further away from the city centre than expected and we had to take a taxi as they do not offer pick-up service from the airport. The room was small, but well-equipped with all the basic supplies like water kettle, mini fridge, coffee machine and toiletries.

B: "Best budget stay in Town" – RachelA

If you're looking for a cheap place to stay without any comfort, this hotel is definitely your place! We rented 3 rooms next to each other and were surprised by the noise level. We could understand every single word through the walls. Location is o.k and well within reach of public transportation. The rooms were clean, but we didn't even have a T.V. in every room.

C: "Don't go there!" – Sunshine91

This is the most disappointing hotel I've ever been to. It's too far away from everything, the room was spacious but poorly decorated. The bathroom hadn't been cleaned from the previous guests. Although we had a fridge and a T.V. in the room, the electricity didn't work properly so we couldn't really use it anyhow. A waste of money.

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| a) Who did not get his money's worth? | _____ |
| b) Who was satisfied with the location of the hotel? | _____ |
| c) Who thought the rooms were big? | _____ |
| d) Who found everything he needed in the hotel room? | _____ |
| e) Who thinks the hotel room was too loud? | _____ |
| f) Who found the descriptions from the advertisement accurate? | _____ |

_____ / 6 points

Exercise 2: Meat-Free Mexican Restaurants on the Rise in the US

Read the following text and then complete the chart below. For each statement, put an X in the correct box: 'right', 'wrong', or 'not in the text'.

Jose and Leticia Gamiz received many insults when they first opened their mobile Mexican food business four years ago. Their business, called Mi Vegana Madre, is entirely vegan, so they only serve food made from plants. "That's not real Mexican food," some people said. "My grandma would **slap** you" was another comment. " [...] 'They're probably not even Mexican,'" Jose Gamiz told the Associated Press. But even so, the couple's meat- and **dairy**-free business has built a following, and it is part of a growing vegan Mexican food industry in the USA. In cities like Las Vegas, Nevada, and Austin, Texas, at least a few eateries or food trucks sell entirely vegan Mexican meals. Across Southern California, there are many choices, including a place that sells traditional sweets without dairy. Mi Vegana Madre is based near Phoenix, Arizona. It offers vegan versions of carne asada, al pastor and nachos -- made with a nut-based sauce that tastes like cheese. [...]. Most American vegan restaurants offer a few basic Mexican-influenced foods. But the Gamiz family and the Aguilar family (who also have a vegan restaurant) are trying to include all kinds of the foods that they grew up eating. "We didn't want it to have a 'vegan taste' or be **bland**, so our **spices** are very important to making it Mexican," Keren Aguilar said.

Gustavo Arellano is a Los Angeles-based reporter. He wrote a book called "Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America." He says restaurants like Earth Plant Based Cuisine (in Phoenix) bring traditional methods to the increasingly popular plant-based diet. "What blew up the vegan Mexican movement was these pop-up vegan food fairs where you have not just Mexicans, but Central Americans," Arellano said. [...] "I'm **intrigued** by (vegan Mexican), but I think a part of me knows it won't taste the same," said Linda Sepulveda (who lives in New Mexico). "We are always trying to find where we can add [vegetables], but there always has to be a main meat and everything else **dresses it up**." However, Gustavo Arellano notes that Mexico's native peoples actually ate mostly plant-based foods in the past. Spanish colonizers greatly changed the food culture when they brought over cows and pigs. "They don't realize, if you're real Mexicans, you're not supposed to be eating this meat in the first place because colonizers brought it over," Arellano said. "I eat everything, but I'll eat vegan Mex if it's good."

Adapted from: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/meat-free-mexican-restaurants-on-the-rise-in-the-us/5136716.html> **October 28, 2019**

Word help for this text:

slap – v. to hit someone or something with the front or back of your open hand

dairy – n. milk or food made from milk, such as ice cream, cheese, or yogurt

bland – adj. lacking strong taste or flavor

spice(s) – n. a substance, such as pepper or nutmeg, that is used in cooking to add special tastes to food and that comes from a dried plant and is usually a powder or seed

intrigue(d) – v. to cause someone to become interested

dress(es) (it) up – v. to make something more appealing, impressive, or fancy

	right	wrong	not in the text
"Mi Vegana Madre" is the only vegan Mexican restaurant in the United States.			
They use nuts for their nacho sauce.			
Mexican vegan food is more expensive than "normal" Mexican food.			
Mexican vegan food has nothing to do with the traditions of food in Mexico.			
Cows and pigs were brought by the Spanish.			
Tom Arellano doesn't want to try Mexican vegan food.			

_____ / 6 points

Part 2: English in Use

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with the best answer (a, b, c, or d).

- 1) Can I have this magazine or ____ it now?
a) do you reading b) do you read c) are you reading d) are reading you

- 2) My mother is a ____ cook than my brother.
a) good b) better c) gooder d) badder

- 3) If the FC Thun loses the next football match, I ____ very sad.
a) would be b) should be c) will be d) am

- 4) What were you doing when I phoned you?
a) I ate some bread. b) I had eaten some bread. c) I would eat some bread. d) I was eating some bread.

- 5) Last year, my grandparents ____ to Seattle.
a) didn't go b) didn't went c) didn't gone d) haven't gone

- 6) ____ you ever ____ a famous person?
a) did /seen b) did/saw c) have/saw d) have/seen

- 7) How many friends do you have? ____.
a) just a few b) just few c) just much d) just a little

- 8) My company has decided ____ more young people to find a job.
a) helping b) help c) to help d) helped

- 9) Coffee ____ in Ethiopia.
a) first drinks b) first drank c) was first drunk d) was first drunken

- 10) My grandfather asked ____ I wanted more cake.
a) whose b) if c) who d) what

_____ / 10 points

Exercise 2: The Great Wall of China

Fill the gaps with one word. Write the word on the line to the right of the text. An example (0) is given.

The Great Wall of China is (0) ____ extremely old wall in the north of China. The Great Wall is over 2,000 years (1) ____ was built to protect China from attacks (2) ____ enemies in the north. Soldiers guarded the Great Wall and looked for enemies – and (3) ____ had a lot of wall to guard! The Great Wall is actually a series of walls built separately and later connected. The total (4) ____ of the wall is over 21'000 kilometers. It's the longest structure ever built. Naturally, (5) ____ of people want to visit something as special as that, so today the it is both a symbol of China and a very popular (6) ____ attraction. Over 10 million people visit the Great Wall of China (7) ____ year. Most of them visit the sections of the wall near Beijing, such as Badaling. This is supposed to be the most complete section (8) ____ the Great Wall. There is a myth that the Great Wall can be (9) ____ from outer space – just by simply looking and (10) ____ using a telescope. This is, however, just a myth!

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Part 3: Writing

Choose one of the following tasks and write ca. 50 words.

1. You are on a 4-week holiday in Canada. Write a postcard to your parents telling them about your adventures.

Or

2. Give a review of your favorite restaurant.

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WRITING EVALUATION

CRITERIA:

Logical organization; communicative quality

Grammar structures; spelling

Vocabulary; fluency

POINTS:

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Each criteria counts for 1/3 of the final essay grade.

FINAL WRITING GRADE

_____/18