# Entrance test PRE-MYP (2014/15)

**This test consists of three parts:**

**Part 1 – Vocabulary**

**Part 2 - Grammar**

## Part 3 – Reading comprehension

## Part 1 – Vocabulary

1. Complete the text with the word from the box

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| contract club single contest producer make get go end come |

While some singers seem to find fame easily if they enter a talent 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and manage to 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through to the final, others work hard for years to get that sought-after recording 3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They play in small or unpleasant clubs and halls, hoping that one day a record 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will come and see them and they will get a chance to 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a record. Only a very few of them manage to succeed and get a best-selling 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But if you really want to make music and sing then you should 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for it and if you see an opportunity 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ along you should make the most of it and you may 9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up at the top of the charts with a huge fan 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and lots of money!

2. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

A Fashion Obsession

Where will the current obsession with designer 1) \_\_\_\_ all end? Over the last ten years or so 2) \_\_\_\_ names have become the sure way to sell anything. Now everybody seems to have become a fashion 3) \_\_\_\_ so that people are always commenting on whether something is 4) \_\_\_\_ of fashion or not. People are prepared to pay extraordinary prices, even for jeans and trainers, just because they are a status 5) \_\_\_\_. However, you can get copies of top designs as these are starting to become available on the 6) \_\_\_\_ market. Now anybody can get the latest 7) must-\_\_\_\_ and all the copies are so good that their friends need not know that it costs so little. So my advice is to check out these cheaper stores if you want to see what is coming 8) \_\_\_\_ fashion next!

1. A) tokens B) badges C) labels D) stamps

2. A) mark B) brand C) logo D) sign
3. A) survivor B) criminal C) casualty D) victim
4. A) on B) out C) off D) over
5. A) symbol B) figure C) logo D) image
6. A) crowd B) group C) mass D) common
7. A) buy B) take C) get D) have
8. A) inside B) into C) at D) along
**Part 2 – Grammar**

1. Choose the correct alternative

1. The noise of the campers *had disturbed / was disturbing* the snake and he moved away.
2. As I *was turning / had been turning* into the drive, I saw a strange man by my door.
3. Apparently hunters *had shot / shot* over 300 cheetahs last year.
4. I cut myself while I *had been preparing / was preparing* dinner.
5. As soon as I *had finished / was finishing* my exam, I threw all my books away!
6. I *have read / was reading* 6 of his novels. I can’t wait for the next one.
7. I didn’t realize he *had left / left* his wallet at home before he came here.
8. We *have never been / were never* in Paris.
9. I was angry that he *had made / has made* such a mess.
10. Where were you? I *had been waiting / was waiting* for ages!

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/visit) art galleries in your free time?
2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) all my money on CDs so I’ve got none left.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always/change) his mind. It’s really annoying!
4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never/play) basketball. Is it fun?
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/take part) in a film?
6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/phone) since last week.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV at the moment.
8. The train \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 4pm.

3. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap.

Would you like a job 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you could eat chocolate all day? Well, such a job does exist! Did you know that the most chocolate factories employ chocolate tasters? Their job is to taste the chocolate and say if it is too sweet 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too bitter. You have to be very good 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tasting different flavors and you have to comment on how the chocolate feels. Is it smooth or crunchy? However, most chocolate tasters have a degree in food technology and you will not be able to work 4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you have had lots of training. If you get a job like this, you will not 5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ well paid but most tasters enjoy 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ job so much that pay is not important.

**Part 3 – Reading Comprehension**

TWINS

What do the singer Alanis Morissette, the supermodel Gisele Bundchen and the head of the United Nations Kofi Annan all have in common? The answer is that they all have a brother or sister who was born on the same day as them – a twin. And what links actresses Julia Roberts,

Geena Davis and Holly Hunter? They all have twin children.

You probably either have some twins in your family or you know some at school – there are more of them about these days. This is because women are older when they have their first child and because more women are having fertility treatment. Both of these things increase the probabilities of two babies developing from the same egg.

The USA seems like a particularly good place to have a similar sibling. At the University of

Minnesota they have been studying 8,000 pairs of twins since they were born. In the state of

Ohio, there is a festival for twins every year in a place called... Twinsburg. And in New York there is even a restaurant which employs 37 sets of identical twins!

Scientists love twins. Because they share the same genes, any differences between them must

be because of environmental factors. Science now understands more about heart disease,

cancer, and getting old from studying twins. Sometimes twins are separated at birth and only

meet again when they are grown up. Even so, they sometimes make choices in life which are

strangely similar. One pair only met each other after 40 years apart and found that their wives had the same name. And so did their children and their pets!

Is there a difference between being physically identical and only being born on the same day? I

knew a pair of non-identical twins when I was a boy. They were proud to be completely different from each other. One was very short-sighted from an early age and wore glasses. He picked up the local accent and was obsessed with trains. His brother spoke with a posh accent and was very musical. The first became a train driver and moved to Scotland. His brother went to a music college in London and became a concert pianist.

I have recently been the teacher of two pairs of identical twins - I often have difficulty telling which is which. Luckily they don’t seem to mind. One day, I gave them a list of questions to see how they felt about being so close. Each twin answered the questions in a separate room. Both pairs said they did many everyday activities together – studying, shopping, watching TV, or just spending time together. Both pairs had similar tastes in music and food, and even thought their voices sounded the same sometimes. Both pairs also commented that they would like more time to themselves... When I asked them what they were good at in school, one pair wrote the same five subjects almost in the same order. The other pair only had three subjects in common - one was interested in the Arts and the other more in science subjects.

I also asked them if they ever had the same thoughts as their twin. The first pair said yes – for example, one of them often started talking about what the other one was thinking. Strangely, the other pair disagreed about whether this was true. One of the twins said that her sister would take the words out of her mouth, while the other said this never happened to her.

The most interesting thing for me was studying the results of the psychological part of the test. I asked them to describe their personality using twelve different pairs of sentences. I found that each twin gave almost identical answers to her sister!

*1. Here are 7 facts from the article, but they are not in the order that they appear in the text. Decide which is the correct order.*

A Non-identical twins often have very different lifestyles

B Studying twins can help us know if illness is related to genetics or upbringing

C Identical twins say they sometimes read each other’s thoughts

D There were fewer twins in the past because women didn’t use fertility treatments

E Some twins take similar decisions in life even when they live completely separate lives

F Identical twins sometimes have very similar personalities

G An American university is studying thousands of twins from the moment of their birth

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_

 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_

 *2. Answer the questions about the text.*

1. Why are there more twins nowadays?

2. How many people, who are twins, work in the New York restaurant?

3. How many twins did the author interview?