

## Gateway B1+ Russian Tests

### Units 1 and 2 Part 1 Listening

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#### Speaker 1

I love spending my time planning journeys. I'm a student, so I can get a cheap rail pass and use it to travel around Europe. I also usually try to read a bit about the places we are aiming to visit. The friends I go with are a bit of a mixture: one is sociable and talkative, the other is a bit impatient and bossy and the third is shy, but somehow we manage to have some fun AND catch the right trains and ferries.

#### Speaker 2

My hobby is reading about star signs and horoscopes because I'm fascinated by people's personalities. Not so much about meeting a tall dark stranger and things like that but more about how far our character matches our star sign. For example, I was born in February and I'm an Aquarian. Well, Aquarians love music and the arts, and we are funny and sociable. If you want to check what your star sign says about you, there are loads of magazines and books you can find on the subject.

#### Speaker 3

I focus all my energies on France and everything French because I really love the art and culture of that country. I went to stay with my French pen friend last summer near Nice. We stayed at his grandmother's house in a small village, and I spoke French for two weeks! His family were all very friendly, and they were also very patient with me when I didn't understand a word they were saying! My aim now is to get top grades in French and to study it at university.

#### Speaker 4

I go ballooning with my father and some friends every weekend. I used to be afraid of heights, but Dad helped me get over that fear by taking me up in a hot air balloon! I was terrified when I got into the basket for the first time, but up in the air, as we were flying over fields and lakes, I opened my eyes and looked down. It looked just like a pretty picture with little houses and trees. Then I looked up at my dad and smiled.

#### Speaker 5

I go to painting classes every Saturday. I find it relaxes me because we put music on at the same time, and I also get to meet new people. This year, they're teaching us how to paint portraits. The last time I'd tried this, it'd been a disaster. However, I'm

improving now after a few weeks of lessons. We paint all sorts of people: overweight, thin, tall, short, blonde or dark, elderly or young. We don't mind as long as they can sit still for three hours!

**Speaker 6**

I don't have a lot of spare time to go out because I always help my parents in our hotel at weekends. However, since I really enjoy keeping fit, I've got everything I need at the hotel: an indoor heated pool, a table tennis room, a gym and tennis courts. I rarely go to my friends' houses because they all want to come and visit me at the hotel! Of course, I have to say that I'm the best table-tennis player in the school!

## Units 3 and 4

### Part 2 Listening

Вы услышите разговор двух подруг. Определите какие из приведенных утверждений A1–A7 соответствуют содержанию текста (True), какие не соответствуют (False) и о чем в тексте не сказано, то есть на основании текста нельзя дать ни положительного ни отрицательного ответа (Not stated).

- Sophie:** Hi Becki! We haven't been in touch for ages, so I thought I'd give you a ring. How are things with you?
- Becki:** Oh, hi Sophie, good to hear from you. I'm fine, thanks. How about you?
- Sophie:** Great! Hey Becki, are you going to start up a new restaurant? People have been talking about it.
- Becki:** Actually, yes, we're opening next month, and I'm really excited!
- Sophie:** Wow! So tell me all about it. Where's the restaurant? Is it in the city centre or in the suburbs, near where you live?
- Becki:** Well, you know where the town hall is in the centre? Well, it's just two minutes from there, down a side street. It's quite a busy area, so we're hoping to get lots of customers. The only disadvantage is that there are several other restaurants in the area, but we can't do much about that.
- Sophie:** It sounds really good, Becki. And what sort of food will be on the menu?
- Becki:** Well, quite a mixture really. I prefer raw vegetables and salads – healthy stuff, you know – and Ben wants to cook his special chicken pies and seafood risottos, so we'll be catering for all tastes. Oh, and there'll be some great desserts too: hot chocolate pudding, strawberry cream pie and lots more.
- Sophie:** I love chicken pie and hot chocolate pudding! I'll definitely be booking a table once you open.
- Becki:** Look, why don't you come along to the opening party? We haven't set the exact date yet, but it'll be either December 1<sup>st</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup>. We're going to have a jazz band and dancing, together with a variety of tasty snacks, of course.
- Sophie:** Oh, that would be fantastic, thanks very much! Would it be OK if I brought my sister along too? She'll have come back from university by then.
- Becki:** Of course! The more the merrier! Now, I'm going to see Mum and Dad this evening. Why don't you come along? They'd love to see you again. They've moved from their flat to a little bungalow down by the river. It's really nice ...

## Units 5 and 6

### Part 3 Listening

Вы услышите рассказ студентки об обучении в университете. В заданиях A8–A14 обведите цифру 1, 2 или 3, соответствующую выбранному вами варианту ответа.

The most important thing you ought to remember when choosing what to study at university, is that you will be studying that subject for three or four years. You therefore must choose one that you like and that you are interested in. At this point, you might find yourself going in a different direction from your friends. They might want to study medicine or physics, for example, while you might want to study English or history. Basically, you have to make your own decisions.

If you are bored with the more mainstream subjects and you want to study something more practical, then you'll possibly like subjects such as ICT, media studies, engineering or business studies. These all lead to a fairly specific career. On the other hand, if you study French, English or geography, you'll have a lot more career choices open to you: teaching, translating, writing, travelling and so on.

It's also possible to study a combination of two or more subjects: a friend of mine studied geography and English at university, and he's now a travel journalist. He always wanted to travel the world! However, other people I know have gone on to do jobs that don't really use the knowledge they acquired at university at all!

Once you have decided on a subject you'd like to study, you then must decide which course suits you best. Each university will have different courses within your chosen subject area, and I would advise you to study each course outline carefully. You wouldn't be very happy if you got into university only to find that there were major parts of the course that you weren't very keen on! Of course, if you got to university and after a few months you found that you were really not enjoying the course and that you'd made a mistake, you could leave and come back in the following autumn term, having chosen a different course.

Another factor that might affect your decision is where you want to go to study. You may or may not wish to stay in your home town, depending on your particular circumstances. You may choose a particular university that has a good reputation in your field of study. Many students prefer universities that are by the sea!

You may even decide that you'd like to study abroad, although for various reasons that might not be financially possible. There's also the problem of studying in a language you may not be familiar with. Alternative forms of study also include online courses or distance learning, which might suit mature students who have family or work commitments.

## Units 7 and 8

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#### Speaker 1

When the orchestra is playing something major like a symphony, the performance is really special. I only play in the second violins, but it's so fantastic to feel part of this lovely sound. For me, it's the music that is inspiring rather than the place where we're performing. I always try to have a good night's sleep the night before a concert, because I know I'm going to have to concentrate very hard for three hours. Imagine the horror if you started playing when no one else was playing!

#### Speaker 2

If the orchestra and I have worked together well, then the performance will run smoothly. There have been times, however, when I've nearly had a disaster! Once I had to conduct in a concert when the conductor who should have been appearing was ill. Unfortunately, no one told me that they had decided to miss out one part of the concerto. Fortunately, the orchestra knew what to do, and I just followed them! At the end of the evening though, I needed to go home and have a rest!

#### Speaker 3

I'm a person who loves performing in small intimate clubs and places like that. If I'm playing in a small jazz club where all my friends and a few jazz lovers can come, then I am relaxed and play as if I was at home. That's when I produce my best music. I know that, because people have told me so. The saxophone, anyway, is a soulful instrument: it won't sound right if you play it in a huge, cold concert hall. It needs warmth, friendship and a good atmosphere!

#### Speaker 4

Acting on a stage means that you have to speak, and if you are nervous, this will usually show in your voice. How many of you have a fear of public speaking for that reason? I know I do! However, there is a difference between public speaking and acting, and the difference is that you are not yourself on the stage when you act, you are being someone else. It is this knowledge that enables me to overcome my fears, forget about the audience and give a good performance.

#### Speaker 5

I think really that I was born to perform! I just love getting out there in front of people and giving them a performance that they will never forget! I don't really have pre-performance nerves, just a funny feeling in my stomach that disappears the moment I walk onto that stage! A friend of mine said to me only recently that she

wished she had my self-confidence. But it's not only that, it's just a total love for all I do as a singer-songwriter and for the great life I have.

**Speaker 6**

I have performed all over the world but each time I perform a different role, it requires the same amount of energy, concentration and effort as the very first time. For a professional ballerina, any tiny little mistake is a disaster. Mistakes can result in injury, which can mean the end of your career. That's why we practise and exercise for so many hours. Our performance cannot be less than 100% perfect, and it must also appear effortless. That is the mark of a successful ballet dancer.

## Units 9 and 10

### Part 3 Listening

Вы услышите интервью. В заданиях A8–A14 обведите цифру 1, 2 или 3, соответствующую выбранному вами варианту ответа.

- Interviewer:** Today in the studio we are talking to Sophie Green, the novelist, about her shopping habits and how she handles money. Welcome, Sophie.
- Sophie:** Thank you.
- Interviewer:** So perhaps you could start by telling us a little about the local shops in your area and where you do most of your shopping.
- Sophie:** Yes, of course. Well, I'm lucky to have quite a few good local shops which are less than five minutes' walk away. There's the usual bakery, butcher's, greengrocer's, chemist's and a newsagent's but nothing like a music and DVD store, of course. It's such a help to have these shops nearby, so I can pop out if I've forgotten something from the supermarket, and I try to support them as much as I can. However, of course, I couldn't afford to buy everything from the local shops, so I have to do a weekly trip to the supermarket. When I go round the supermarket, I always keep an eye out for bargains and special offers, since you can save quite a lot of money that way.
- Interviewer:** Yes, you're absolutely right. How far do you have to travel, Sophie, to get to a bank or a post office?
- Sophie:** Well, I wish they hadn't closed down the local post office last year because I now have to take the car, which is rather annoying. It's just a five-minute trip, but it's too far to go on foot. It's such a pity for the elderly people, especially those who don't drive. The bank is in the nearest town, and I usually go there whenever I go to the supermarket so I don't have to make too many trips. All my other shopping has to be done in town too, although I must admit I do as little as possible of that! When you're working on a chapter of a novel, the last thing you want to do is waste time in the shops. My friends often complain, though, that they can't even meet me for a cup of coffee, since I'm always in a hurry!
- Interviewer:** Well, Sophie, I can see that you're hardly a shopaholic, are you? But perhaps you have had some bad shopping experiences that you could tell us about?
- Sophie:** Actually, yes, there are two occasions I remember when I felt particularly annoyed. One was last summer, when I realised at the last minute that I had nothing to wear to a friend's wedding and I only had two days left. So, on the day before the wedding, I raced into town where there was a big department store. I could have gone to my friend Gina's small clothes shop on the other side of town but I didn't really have time, and also, she might not have had anything in my size. She usually only has very small sizes and very high prices! Anyway, the department store was very busy, there was a queue for the changing

room, and I couldn't really find anything that I liked. In the end, I panicked and bought a blue silk trouser suit, which I thought would be OK but in fact I've never worn it again since. A bad buy and probably more expensive than what I could have got from Gina's shop! The other occasion was when I was in a shoe shop trying on some shoes. I really wanted something sensible for every day, but the shop assistant kept on bringing me shoes with heels. In the end, she persuaded me to buy a brown pair with heels in a five and a half instead of a six, which is the size I normally wear. She said they looked lovely on me, but of course they've always remained uncomfortable, and I simply can't wear them!

**Interviewer:** Hmm, well we've all made mistakes like that, Sophie, I'm sure! And finally, what's your relationship with money generally like? Good or bad?

**Sophie:** Well, apart from those couple of times I mentioned when I made silly decisions, I think it's quite good, really. I use my debit card rather than my credit card, because I want to know that I'm only spending what I've got in the bank. I try to save a little, which isn't easy and, as I said before, I do try not to waste money on expensive day-to-day shopping. I don't think anyone could say that I am careless with my money.

**Interviewer:** If only everyone had your sensible approach to money, Sophie! Anyway, many thanks and good luck with the writing!