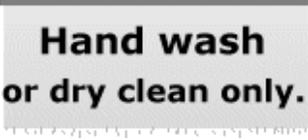
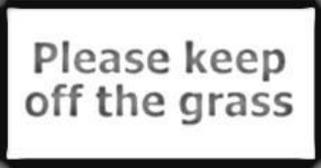


The English Language Proficiency test PSI: Reading B1 of the University of Cauca measures your ability to understand different types of written texts at an intermediate level (B1) according to the Common European Framework. It has four-five written texts.

TEXT 1

In this part you will see signs. You will need to decide what the signs say. For each sign, choose the answer and mark your answer on the answer sheet. Questions 1-6.

<p>1.</p> 	<p>a. If you start this book now you will finish at Christmas. b. It is too late now to buy a book for Christmas. c. Make your reservation for Christmas soon.</p>
<p>2.</p> 	<p>The library: a. closes later on Saturday. b. is open 5 days a week. c. is not open on Sunday.</p>
<p>3.</p> 	<p>a. Do not put this clothing in a washing machine. b. Wash your hands before cleaning this clothing. c. After cleaning make sure this clothing is dry.</p>
<p>4.</p> 	<p>a. You must walk on the grass. b. You can't walk on the grass. c. You must keep walking on the grass.</p>
<p>5.</p> 	<p>a. Park in front of the restaurant. b. Park behind the restaurant. c. Park next to the restaurant.</p>
<p>6.</p> 	<p>a. One Water Fitness Class is free to people who swim 10 times in a month. b. This month, you can go to Water Fitness Classes and use the swimming pool 10 times without paying. c. The swimming pool is free to people who go to the Water Fitness Classes.</p>

TEXT 2

In this part, you have to match six people to eight texts. The people below are all looking for a place to stay while they are on holiday in Torquay, a busy town in the south of England. Read the information about each person and the 8 types of accommodation. (A-H). Decide which accommodation would be most suitable for each person. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. Questions 7-12.

<p>7. Debbie is a teacher. She is married with three children. She would like to go somewhere where her children have plenty to do. She'd also like to go out to a restaurant one evening alone with her husband.</p> 	<p>8. Anna doesn't have anyone to go on holiday with, so she'd like to meet people while she's on holiday. She likes art and dislikes multitudes.</p> 	<p>9. Ben and his friends enjoy water sports. They want to find a place to stay near the beach. They don't have much money, so they'd prefer to cook for themselves to keep costs down.</p> 
<p>10. Dan is planning to spend his holiday with his wife, his parents and his sister's family. They would like to be near animals, but they don't want to be near lots of other noisy families.</p> 	<p>11. Mary is getting married soon, so she and her girlfriends want to spend a weekend by the sea. They plan to stay out late and get up late. They want a convenient location as they don't have their own transport.</p> 	<p>12. Mark loves art. He wants to go somewhere to relax and enjoy with his wife. He would like to stay near the beach.</p> 

<p>A. Peace Haven Located right on the sea front, our hostel is popular with surfers. Plenty of parking and storage for equipment. Drying room and laundry. Prepare your own meals in our large kitchen, or eat out at one of the many seafood restaurants nearby. Accommodation is in shared male and female dormitories.</p>	<p>B. Palm Court Just a five minute walk from the beach, Palm Court Caravan Park is perfect for families. Kids will love the adventure playground and heated pool with its slides and wave machine. Entertainers perform twice a week. For parents, there's a hot tub and bar. A babysitting service is also available in the evenings.</p>	<p>C. Diana and Arturo's Get creative in our quiet guest house in the hills. Enjoy sea views without the multitudes. Diana teaches courses in sculpture, and Arturo runs painting classes. Come for one night or stay for a month! Guests who stay here say they love meeting new people and enjoying our huge evening meals on the terrace. Over 16s only.</p>	<p>D. Dolphin Hotel Its central location makes Dolphin Hotel a great place to stay if you want to experience the best of Torquay. The harbor, where you can have an excellent view of the sea, with its bars, nightclubs and restaurants, is on our doorstep. The shops and train station are just around the corner. Our bar is open from 7pm and we serve breakfast until midday – perfect if you've had a late night!</p>
<p>E. Holly Tree Farm Experience country living at Holly Tree farm. We have five cottages to rent, each with between 3 and 5 beds. Rent one or two cottages, or rent all five if you have a large party (of up to 21 people). Children will enjoy feeding the lambs and chickens. Please note, this is a working farm, and entry to some areas is not allowed.</p>	<p>F. Surf World At Surf World, we have everything you need for a fun-packed holiday for all the family. You won't even have to leave our gates to try amazing new sports, like canoeing, archery and windsurfing. On wet days, come to the Fun Centre and enjoy indoor activities like art, music, drama and dance. Accommodation in woodland cabins of 2-8 people.</p>	<p>G. Green Cross <i>Green Cross</i> is a 400-year old cottage in the hills. The beautiful cottage has a large garden with a play area, barbecue and sea views. Accommodation includes one double bedroom and a twin room. Not for big families. There is a village pub and shop less than a mile away. Perfect for families who want a bit of peace and quiet.</p>	<p>H. The Art House The Art House is a bit different! All eight double rooms are furnished in the different artistic styles. The Art Deco room, for example, is decorated with theatrical glass furniture, mirrors and fur, while the 1960s room is fun and colorful, and has pop art on the walls. The Art House offers bed and breakfast accommodation on the edge of town, walking distance from the beach.</p>

TEXT 3

Read about the illness **Norovirus**. Choose the correct question for each paragraph. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. Questions 13-25.

13. Norovirus is a common stomach bug. It is also called the Winter Vomiting Bug because it is more prevalent in winter. It is caused by a very small virus and it is easily passed on from one person to another.
14. If you recover from norovirus, there is no reason why you should not catch it again. The virus changes constantly, so your body cannot build up resistance.
15. Norovirus causes sickness and diarrhea. You may also feel headaches, abdominal pains, or you may have a high temperature.
16. Although unpleasant, norovirus is not dangerous. Most people make a full recovery within a couple of days. The biggest danger is from dehydration.
17. Drink plenty of water. You should drink more than usual to replace fluids lost in vomit and diarrhea. An adult should drink around 1.2 liters per day.
18. Obviously, you will feel thirsty and your mouth will be dry. You may get headaches or feel dizzy. Your urine will be dark and the quantity of urine small.
19. You can take Paracetamol or other pain-killers for any aches and pains, but there are no drugs that eradicate the virus.
20. No. Because it is highly contagious, you risk passing it on to other people who are already in a weak state. Stay at home and rest.
21. Take care to give them plenty of water or fruit juice. You can also use rehydration salts. Babies can drink milk as usual. If you are pregnant, don't worry, as there is no risk to the unborn child.
22. Only if your symptoms last longer than a few days, or if you are already suffering from a serious illness.
23. Yes, but stick to foods which are easy to digest such as soup, bread, rice and pasta. Avoid spicy foods.
24. Wash your hands frequently, and avoid putting your fingers in your mouth. Be aware that the virus can also spread via towels and flannels, so don't share them. Keep all surfaces clean and disinfected, not just in the bathroom but in other areas too.
25. You will be infectious for a few days after your symptoms have passed, so avoid direct contact with people for at least 48 hours after your symptoms pass. Stay away from work and keep young children out of school.

A. How can I avoid dehydration?
B. Should I go and see my doctor?
C. Why if my children are infected?
D. When should I see a doctor?
E. What are the signs that I'm dehydrated?
F. Should I take any medication?
G. What is Norovirus?

H. Should I eat anything?
I. How can I stop the disease spreading?
J. How long should I stay at home?
K. Can I get it again if I've already had it?
L. What are the symptoms?
M. What are the risks?

TEXT 4

Read through the text; answer the questions that follow as True or False. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

Madagascar – When to go

Madagascar has two seasons, a warm, wet season from November to April, and a cooler dry season between May and October. However, different parts of the country have very different weather.

The east coast is hotter and wetter, with up to 4000mm of rainfall per year. In the rainy season, there are strong winds, and these can cause a lot of damage. Avoid visiting eastern Madagascar between January and March because the weather can make road travel very difficult. The dry season is cooler and more pleasant.

The high, central part of the country is much drier and cooler. Not much rain falls in the rainy season, with some thunderstorms, but the summer is usually sunny and dry, but it can be cold, especially in the mornings, with freezing showers, and it may snow in mountain areas above 2,400m, and even stay there for several days.

The west coast is the driest part of the island. Here, the winter months are pleasant with little rain, cooler temperatures and blue skies. The summers can be extremely hot, especially in the southwest. This part of the country is semi-desert, and only gets around 300mm of rain per year.

True or False

26. Madagascar has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter.
27. There is more rain in January than in June.
28. The wet season is colder than the dry season.
29. It hardly ever rains in central Madagascar.
30. The wettest part of the island is the east.
31. January-March is a good time to visit eastern Madagascar.
32. The center of Madagascar is the coldest part.
33. Snow sometimes falls in Madagascar.
34. The west coast has the best weather in December.
35. The north-east is hotter than the south-east.

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST