

מבחן מעבר - אנגלית

כיתה י' - לכיתה י"א

3 יח"ל - 4 יח"ל

4 יח"ל - 5 יח"ל

Test for students wanting to move from 3 to 4 point classes:

- Unseen Module C
- Opinion Writing (70 - 90 words)
- Vocabulary Exercises - **LIST A**

Test for students wanting to move from 4 to 5 point classes:

- Unseen Module E
- Opinion Writing (120 - 140 words)
- Vocabulary Exercises - **LIST A and LIST B**

The following information that will help you prepare for the test:

Opinion Writing

In this task you will write **what** you think about a topic – and explain **why** you think so.

Understand the topic

First of all, you have to understand the writing task's topic. Make sure you understand **what** the **topic** is. If there are any words you are not sure of – look them up in a dictionary.

Planning

Taking time to plan your composition is very important. It saves time and it helps you get to better results:

- It helps you **calm down**.
- It helps you keep track of the **time**.
- It helps you **prepare** all the elements you want to include.
- It helps you **stay focused**.
- It helps you **organize** your writing.
- It helps you **enrich** your composition.

Think

- What is your opinion about the topic? Decide whether you agree or disagree
- What will your essay try to prove?
- Think of at least two or three reasons to support your opinion.
- Think of examples facts to support your reasons
- Think of how to express your conclusion

For example

Many people believe that good friendship is shown in hard times. Do you agree?

My opinion:

Yes.

Reasons why:

1. A good friend supports her friend in hard times.

For example: She listens when the friend talks about her struggle. She helps her friend with what she can.

2. A good friend keeps her friend's secrets.

For example: She doesn't gossip with others about the friend's problems.

How to write

Structure of a Paragraph

A paragraph is a group of sentences about one idea. Each paragraph should be at least three (3) sentences long. The sentences should be:

The topic sentence: States your opinion or argument.

Supporting sentences: Sentences that give supporting information and examples to your opinion. Each detail in a separate sentence. Use connectors to make it into one whole cohesive idea. (for connectors, see appendix)

Concluding sentence: Summarizes your opinion about the argument and ends neatly.

Structure of Your Composition

Paragraph 1 - Introduction

Firstly, introduce the topic you are going to write about.

- Topic sentence: This is a general statement about the topic, IN YOUR OWN WORDS. DON'T just copy the topic !!
- The reader should know from the beginning what you are going to discuss.
- Second sentence: Give your opinion

Paragraph 2 - Argument 1

You need 2 different points, opinion arguments in 2 different paragraphs

- State the first main argument in paragraph 2 with a topic sentence.
- Give at least two supporting details, such as:
 - the reason you think this way
 - explanations, examples or facts to support your argument

Paragraph 3 - Argument 2

- State the second main point with a topic sentence.
- Make sure your second argument/opinion is different from the first.
- Give at least two supporting details.
- Make sure that your arguments are related to the main idea you introduced to your reader in the beginning.

Paragraph 4 - Conclusion

- Restate your main idea.
- Restate your opinion
- Leave the reader with a good impression.
- Your readers should feel that you have presented your arguments:
 - Clearly
 - Persuasively
 - Grammatically correct

Your writing will be graded according to the following rubric:

Content and Organization:

- The composition is on topic.
- Information is relevant
- Content is understood
- Text is well organized

Vocabulary:

- Correct use of rich/varied words
- Appropriate use of instances of language chunks and phrases (such as phrasal verbs and collocations)
- Use of **connectors**

Language:

- Correct use of basic tenses and language structures
- Word order
- Pronouns
- Prepositions

Mechanics:

- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- No run-on sentences

Make sure you write:

- 70 - 90 words (4 points)
- 100 - 120 words (5 points)

Connectors

Connectors of Addition

- in addition
- and
- also
- moreover,
- furthermore

Connectors that Introduce Examples

- such as
- for example
- like

Connectors that Indicate Time Sequence

- since
- then
- when
- after
- afterwards
- before
- finally
- while
- as soon as
- meanwhile

Connectors that Order Ideas

- first / firstly / first of all
- second / secondly
- then

Connectors of Conclusion

- finally
- to sum up
- in conclusion

Connectors of Contrast/Opposition

- but
- on the one hand ... on the other hand
- yet
- however
- although
- even though
- despite

Connectors of Reason, Cause and Purpose

- because
- because of
- since

- due to
- in order to
- so / so that

Connectors of Opinion

- In my opinion ...
- I think \ believe \ feel ...

Connectors of comparison

- compared to
- in comparison to
- both
- like
- the same as
- neither of
- neither...nor,

Useful phrases for Introduction paragraph

- Many people believe that...
- When discussing the issue of...
- It is true / the opposite is true for a few reasons.
- In my opinion,
- I firmly believe that...
- In my point of view...
- Personally...
- As I see it...

Useful Phrases for Opinion paragraphs

- To begin with,
- Firstly / Secondly
- Another point that should be taken into consideration is (that).....

Useful Phrases for Conclusion Paragraph

- In conclusion,
- To sum up, as I have mentioned above, I am totally convinced that...
- In conclusion, never have I been more convinced that...
- To conclude, it is necessary to remember that...
- I strongly believe that....
- To sum up, I tend to agree with...

Practice

Below are some opinion writing topics for practice in writing. Make sure you understand the topic and plan the composition before you start!

Write **70-90 words (4 point)**
100-120 words (5 point).

- Some schools are very large and others are very small. Which school do you prefer?
- Everyone wants to do something to help the environment. What can you or your school do?
- Most schools require that pupils go on a yearly trip. Do you think pupils must participate?
- Do you think it is a good idea for teenagers to have a job after school hours?
- Do you think it is important to study English?

Vocabulary

Below are **LIST A and LIST B** vocabulary words

- Students taking **מבחן מעבר** from **4 to 5 point** must review the words in **BOTH LIST A AND LIST B**. You must know the meaning of the words and how to use them in a sentence.
- Students who want to move up from **3 to 4 point** need to review the words in **LIST A ONLY !!** You must know the meaning of the words and how to use them in a sentence.

Examples of exercises:

Match three of the items 1-6 to the definitions on the right.

Write the number of the item next to its definition, as shown in the example.

Example

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. a calendar | |
| 2. a season | |
| 3. an island | <u>4</u> cars, buses, and trucks moving along a road |
| 4. traffic | <u>1</u> shows days, weeks, and months in a year |
| 5. a prize | <u>5</u> something you are given when you win a race |
| 6. a label | |

Practice

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. treatment | |
| 2. wealth | stop working by choice |
| 3. retire | having a plentiful supply of material goods and money |
| 4. reason | care provided to improve a situation |
| 5. issue | |
| 6. nature | |

Complete the sentences by adding the missing word from the word bank below.

make up * function * support * indicate * relevant * conditions

1. I always try tomy friends when they need me.
2. The extreme weather made it difficult for the hikers to reach the top of the mountain.
3. The machine can onlyif all the parts are working together..

LIST A Vocabulary

Entry	PoS	Meaning
addition	n	
advance	n	progress
advanced	adj	modern, high level
advertising	n	
among other things		
analysis	n	
appear	v	seem
approach	v, n	deal with, method
as	conj	while, when
at least		
average	adj	ordinary, usual
be responsible for sth/doing sth		
before	prep	in order
besides	prep, adv	
can	v	modal , sometimes happening
challenge	v	express disagreement
chance	n	risk
change	v	exchange in shop; money; new experience; climate change
characteristic	n	
claim	v	statement
come after/first/last, etc		
common	adj	shared
complicated	adj	
concern	v	
conditions	n	
conduct	v	carry out
consequence	n	
considerable	adj	
cope	v	
critic	n	not approve
current	adj	
decrease	v, n	
delayed	adj	

deliberately	adv	
demonstrate	v	march
design	n	decoration
destruction	n	
development	n	event, process
disagreement	n	
disaster	n	
discovery	n	
dislike	n, v	
do	aux v	for emphasis
doubt	v	
drop	v,n	move lower
educate	v	
efficient	adj	
emphasis	n	
enjoyable	adj	
essay	n	
essentially	adv	
even if		
even though		
event	n	
exactly	adv	emphasis, agreement
except that		
exist	v	
extraordinary	adj	
feature	n	important part of something
feedback	n	
figure	n	body shape, figure out a problem
financial	adj	
finding/findings	n	
flexible	adj	
flood	v, n	
flu	n	
focus on/upon sb/sth		
focus	n	
frequent	adj	
fresh	adj	recent
frighten	v	
from	prep	position, starting point
gain	v, n	increase
generate	v	create
guidance	n	

hopefully	adv	
ideal	adj	
illness	n	
illustrate	v	picture
image	n	picture, especially on film or television
in	prep	in a state, emotion
in ... terms / in terms of sth		
in actual fact		
in connection with sth		
in that case		
in the meantime		
initial	adj	first
instruction	n	teach
intelligence	n	
interest	n, v	activity
introduce	v	something new
invest	v	
investigate	v	
just about		
just about		
keep on doing sth		
kind of		
knowledge	n	awareness
lack	v	
landscape	n	
likely	adj, adv	
limited	adj	
little	adj	
look at sth		
low	adv	to a small amount or level
material	n	documents, information
mean	v	have significance, purpose
means	n	method
measure	n	method
mention	v, n	
miss	v	fail to do
misunderstand	v	
more or less		
must	v	modal likely
naturally	adv	as expected, normally

nature	n	character, type
necessarily	adv	
nevertheless	adv	
not at all		
not only		
notice	n	advanced warning
objective	n	aim, purpose
occasional	adj	
official	adj	
on the one hand ... on the other hand		
once	conj	as soon as
others	pron	people in general
otherwise	conj,adv	
out of date		
participate	v	
particular	adj	
past	adj	before now
perform	v	carry out action
personality	n	
personally	adv	own opinion, not someone else
planet	n	
planning	n	
plant	v	
point of view		
policy	n	
pollution	n	
popular	adj	general, widespread
population	n	
prevent	v	
priority	n	
private	adj	controlled or paid for by a person or company and not the government
probable	adj	
produce	v	make film/TV program
profession	n	work; skilled
professor	n	
proof	n	
proposed	adj	suggested
protest	n, v	demonstrate about/against/at something
provided (that)		
psychology	n	

public	adj	belonging to government
purpose	n	intention
quality	n	characteristic
question	v	ask, interrogate
question	n	problem, issue
questionnaire	n	
react	v	respond, response
reasonable	adj	price
recommend	v	
recycle	v	
regard	v, n	consider
region	n	
regular	adj	normal
relevant	adj	
reliable	adj	
rely on/upon sb/sth		
request	n, v	
research	v, n	
result	n	scientific, sport
review	v, n	give opinion
revise	v	
risk	n, v	
run out of		
rural	adj	
salary	n	
sample	n	
seldom	adv	
sense	n	reason, good judgement
set up sth or set sth up		
significant	adj	
skilled	adj	
slight	adj	
specialist	n	
specific	adj	
still	adv	despite
structure	n	
study	v, n	examine, look at; learning
supposed	adj	
surface	n	
take advantage of sth		

thanks to sb/sth		
theory	n	
throw away/out sth or throw sth away/out		
transport	n, v	
trash	n	
treatment	n	dealing with
unfortunately	adv	
unhealthy	adj	
unique	adj	
united	adj	
universe	n	
unknown	adj	
unlike	prep	
unlikely	adj	
urban	adj	
vary	v	
view	n	
visible	adj	
vision	n	dream, hope, idea
volume	n	amount
whom	pron	
wildlife	n	
within	adv, prep	time; distance; limit
worthwhile	adj	
would	v	used as the past form of 'will' to talk about what someone said or thought

LIST B Vocabulary

Entry	PoS	Meaning
above	adj	
account	n	report
acquire	v	
age	n	period of history
agriculture	n	
all of a sudden		
altogether	adv	
anxious	adj	
apparent	adj	
appropriate	adj	
atmosphere	n	
automatically	adv	
bad	adj	rotting
be in charge		
be situated in/on/by, etc		
behind	behind	slower
believe in sth		
blame	n	
block	v	obstruct
brilliant	adj	very intelligent
bring up sb or bring sb up		
calculate	v	
clothing	n	
competitive	adj	
contemporary	adj	
contest	n	
continent	n	
copy	n	single one (book, paper)
criterion	n	
cut down sth or cut sth down		
decade	n	
declare	v	
degree	n	qualification
deliver	v, n	
demanding	adj	
detect	v	
determine	v	

differ	v	disagree
differ	v	vary widely
disappointed	adj	
divide	v	calculate
domestic	n	country
done	adj	
double	v, adv	
economical	adj	
editor	n	
either way		
element	n	
emerge	v	
emotion	n	
exception	n	
exchange	v	
expected	adj	
expedition	n	
expense	n	
export	n, v	
expression	n	word or phrase
extend	v	make last
extreme	adj	
farther/further	adj, adv	
fed up		
fetch	v	
final	n	
fit	adj	healthy
generation	n	
genuine	adj	
get rid of sth		
get sth wrong		
get worse		
give away sth or give sth away		
go out		
hidden	adj	
highlight	v	
historian	n	
historic	adj	of great importance
identical	adj	
immigration	n	
import	v, n	
impress	v	
impression	n	

incredible	adj	
indoors	adv, adj	
infection	n	
input	n	
inside	adv	feeling
interaction	n	
interpret	v	from another language
interrupt	v	stop speaking
involvement	n	
issue	n	
it looks like/as if/as though		
jam	n	traffic
journalist	n	
judgment	n	good sense
just as bad / good / tall /clever, etc (as sb/sth)		
justice	n	
keen	adj	
keep	v	delay
kit	n	
learn	v	remember
lecture	n, v	
light	v	illuminate
living	n	
logical	adj	
look forward to sth/doing sth		
lower	v	height
make sense		
make up sth or make sth up		
make up your mind or make your mind up		
mend	v	
mixture	n	
monthly	adj	
mystery	n	
name	v	reveal names
native	adj	
neither ... nor		
nightmare	n	
nonsense	n	

not believe / understand / hear / say, etc. a word		
not until		
occupation	n	
occupy	v	fill or use a place or period of time
oil	n	fuel
on the whole		
open	v	start officially
operate	v	surgery
organ	n	
organization	n	arrangement
outstanding	adj	
part-time		
patient	adj	
peculiar	adj	
place	n	at university, in race or competition
point	n	particular time/place
point	v	to hold something so that it faces towards someone or something
position	n	situation, usually no plural, the situation someone is in
potential	n	
preference	n	
present	v	give formally
pressure	n	
prime	adj	
principal	adj, n	main; head of school
promote	v	job, increase rank
put up with sth/sb		
reach	v, n	stretch and touch
reason	n	fair and showing good judgement
record	v, n	store information
reflect	v	image, in mirror
register	n, v	
regret	v, n	
relate	v	connect
relax	v	
remark	v, n	comment
remote	adj	
replace	v	
rescue	v, n	
respect	v, n	

retire	v	end one's career
right	adj	morally acceptable
role	n	function, purpose
room	n	space
rough	adj	not exact; not exactly
rule	n	law, regulation
rule	v, n	reign, govern
run	v	to operate, manage a business
rush	v, n	
satisfy	v	
scale	n	size, ratio
scene	n	in play, film etc
schedule	n	
sensitive	adj	
service	n	the action of helping or doing work for someone.
set	v	fixed, predetermined
setting	n	book/film etc.; story; film/play
shortly	adv	
shut (sth) down or shut down (sth)		
similarity	n	
slow (sb/sth) down / up or slow down/up (sb/sth)		
so-called		
society	n	club, organization
sooner or later		
spectacular	adj	
speech	n	formal talk
spoil	v	
start (sth) off or start off (sth)		
style	n	individual way, method etc.; in art, literature, music, etc.
sum up (sth/sb) or sum (sth/sb) up		
summary	n	
support	v, n	encourage (e.g., sports fan); look after, especially financially
survive	v	
take into account sth		
take part		
take place		

take the/this opportunity to do sth		
take sb/sth seriously		
take/accept/claim responsibility for sth		
the headlines		
the heart of sth		
the main thing		
the reality/realities of sth		
theme	n	
to	prep	range
to start with		
treasure	n	
try	n	attempt
turn	n	chance, opportunity
uncomfortable	adj	
underneath	prep, adv	
understand	v	know feelings; sympathy; sympathetic
undo	v	
unemployed	adj	
unexpected	adj	
up-to-date		
urgent	adj	
use up sth or use sth up		
virtual reality		
vowel	n	
waste	v, adj	use too much
wealth	n	
welcome	v, adj	support, encourage; pleasing
wherever	adv	