

Lingua Inglese I
Mock-Test

a) Phonetics

1. Which is the correct transcription for the word “committee”?

- A. /ko'mɪtɪ/ B. /kə'mɪtɪ/ C. /kəmɪtɪ/ D. /'kəmɪtɪ/

2. Which is the correct transcription for the word “achieve”?

- A. /ə'tʃi:v/ B. /ə'ʃi:v/ C. /'əʃi:v/ D. /ə'tʃi:v/

3. Which is the correct transcription for the word “suffrage”?

- A. /'sæfrɪdʒ/ B. /'sʌfrɪdʒ/ C. /'sʌfrɪg/ D. /'sæfrɪdʒ/

4. Which is the correct transcription for “European Parliament”?

- A. /eʊərə'pi:ən 'pɑ:ləmənt/ B. /jʊərəpiən 'pɑ:ləmənt/ C. /jʊərə'pi:ən 'pɑ:ləmənt/
D. /jʊərəpi:ən pɑ:ləmənt/

5. Write /rɪ'kwaiəmənts fɔ: 'sɪtɪznʃɪp / _____

6. Write /kən'stɪtjʊənsɪ/ _____

7. Write /dɪs'klɒst prə'pəʊzl/ _____

8. Write /'baɪndɪŋ ə'gri:mənt/ _____

b) **CRITICAL THINKING**: What does lobbying mean? What cause would you lobby an MP of your Country for?

c) Give a definition of the following words:

1. policy

2. citizenship

3. common law

4. economics

d) Reading comprehension

Read the following text and answer the questions:

A demonstration organised by the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts, the Student Assembly Against Austerity, and the Young Greens will see large numbers of students march through London and rally outside the Palace of Westminster to protest tuition fees and education cuts. The action, which is also being supported by the National Union of Students, will take place on Wednesday 19 November as part of a wider free education campaign in the run up to next year's general election.

Aaron Kiely, the organiser of the Student Assembly, said: "We are constantly told by the Tories that there is no alternative to sky-high tuition fees and a lifetime of student debt. But just this month Germany scrapped tuition fees, proving once more that free education is possible and that's it is just a matter of the government's priorities. That is why the student movement in Britain will be turning up the heat on politicians between now and the General Election. Our national demonstration will see thousands of students march through the streets of London to Parliament, demanding an end to tuition fees, education cuts and student debt."

Beth Redmond, from the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts, said: "Four years on from the election of the Coalition, it is clear that fees have failed. Whole areas of higher and further education are now off limits to anyone without rich parents, and education workers are being squeezed, sacked and outsourced. We are calling this demonstration to take the fight to the Government and to demand a public education system that serves society and is free and accessible to everyone."

a) What does 'sky-high' in "sky-high tuition fees" mean?

b) Rephrase the following sentence using your own words: "the student movement in Britain will be turning up the heat on politicians."

c) Why is Germany mentioned by the organiser of the student assembly?

d) What do protesters demand?

d) Writing

Identify the main points and summarise the text using between 50 and 70 words (please write the word count in brackets at the end of your summary).

Public policy can be generally defined as a system of laws, regulatory measures, courses of action, and funding priorities concerning a given topic promulgated by a governmental entity or its representatives. Broadly, we might say that public policy is what government does or does not do about a problem that comes before them for consideration and possible action.

When courts and lawmakers consider whether to pass a law, they do so because of public policy and they simultaneously shape public policy. For example: when lawmakers pass legislation protecting workers, instituting wage-and-hour laws and providing enforcement for wage-and-hour laws, this is a public policy decision. The policy is to protect the rights of workers within the society.

Individuals and groups often attempt to shape public policy through education, advocacy, or mobilization of civil society. Shaping public policy is obviously different in Western-style democracies than in other forms of government. But it is reasonable to assume that the process always involves efforts by competing interest groups to influence policy makers in their favour.
