

Practice Exam

Answer KEY for Students

Scenario

Your sister city is experiencing a crisis. The city is now seeing a rise in homelessness, as more people are now living on the streets. Some people are demonstrating, demanding solutions. You are a member of the sister city committee and you would like to help. You read the article " Rethinking the Problem of Homelessness" that presents some ways to deal with it.

Are you ready to help?

- A) Read and map out the text to understand more about the topic (30 points).
- B) Write a summary of the text (40 points).
- C) Write your recommendations (30 points).

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A) Mapping and Integrating: Main ideas of sections (30%)

Read the text and take notes.

Write the main idea for each section below.

1. Main idea of section 1 (Introduction, paragraphs 1-2):

Here are some options:

- Homelessness is a growing problem which we must deal with.
- Experts are looking for ways to fight homelessness in creative ways.
- In order to solve the problem of homelessness, we need to combine different kinds of solutions.

Tip: Paragraphs 1 is an introduction to the topic of homelessness. It uses the story of David Tovey to help us understand the problem.

Paragraph 2 mentions the main idea of the text more directly.

2. Main idea of section 2 (Difficult Circumstances, paragraphs 3-4):

Here are some options:

- There are many causes of homelessness (like economic hardship / affordable housing / family breakout / domestic violence

Tip: It is ok (but not necessary) to include 1 or 2 examples to this very short main idea, as long as you do not add a long list of examples.

Tip: Notice how the main idea of paragraphs 3 and 4 are written in their first sentences, along with an example of each.

3. Main idea of section 3 (Making a Difference, paragraphs 5-8)

Here are some options:

- There are several methods that we can implement to fight homelessness.
- There are innovative as well as traditional ways for dealing with homelessness.

4. Main idea of section 4 (Promoting New Skills, paragraphs 9-10)

Here are some options:

- One new approach is teaching the homeless how to become independent.
- Cities around the world are trying to give the homeless the tools that they need to get out of and to stay out of homelessness.

Tip: *This is the main idea of the section as well as the main idea of each paragraph in this section. You can see it in the first sentences of each paragraph.*

5. Main idea of section 5 (Win-Win for All, paragraphs 11-12)

Here are some options:

- There are several methods for helping the homeless which societies and governments must deal with.
- Solving the problem of homelessness helps the individuals in need as well as society as a whole.
- Everyone benefits when homelessness is solved.

Tip: *Notice that these concluding paragraphs see the problem of homelessness as something that affects society as a whole and not just individual people.*

B) Writing a Summary (40%)

Write a one paragraph summary of the text, in English in your own words.

Your paragraph should include:

- **Introduction** (first 1-2 sentences): source, topic, and main idea of the text.
- **Body** (next 2-4 sentences): TWO ideas from the text that support the main idea of the text.
- **Conclusion** (last 1-2 sentences): the main idea of the text restated, or the writer's conclusions.

Summary:

Introduction: (source + topic + main idea of the text, 1-2 sentences)

The source (title and writer's name)
<i>Rethinking the Problem of Homelessness</i> by Carrie Goodall
The topic
Homelessness/ solving homelessness/ rethinking homelessness / the problem of homelessness
The main idea of the text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness is a growing problem, but there are several solutions. • There are many ways to fight homelessness, and society / governments must find ways to deal with it. <p>Tip: Usually, you can find the main idea of the text in 2 places:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In the first section (the introduction), many times in the last paragraph of the introduction. 2) In the last paragraph or last few paragraphs of the text. <p>Tip: Always include the <u>topic</u> in the main idea.</p>

Body (TWO supporting ideas, 2-4 sentences).

How to write supporting ideas:

- Supporting ideas need to support the main idea of the text.
- Supporting ideas should be more specific than the main idea of the text, but not too specific.
- Sometimes you may include examples to explain a point.
- Sometimes you can write the main idea of a section as a supporting idea.

Here are some options:

- a. Many countries have developed creative and innovative ways to deal with the problem of homelessness, like providing homes first/ mobile apps for homeless people.
- b. There are some traditional methods that are effective as well, like adding more social workers.
- c. Some countries provide homeless people self-help programs, so they could help themselves (like education for homeless children).

Tip: If the supporting idea is too general, add an explanation. In this case- *"There are innovative methods" and "There are traditional methods" - both ideas need some explanation*).

Conclusion (restating the main idea, 1-2 sentences)

Restate the main idea

- There are several innovative ways to solve the problem of homelessness.
- Homelessness is a problem, and we need to deal with it to benefit everyone.

Tip: Read what you wrote for the main idea. You need to restate it, and not bring new information.

Tip: Read your notes on the last paragraph (or last few paragraphs).

C) Writing Your Recommendations (30%)

Write one paragraph in your own words in English, in which you recommend how to implement (ליישם, יִטָּבֵץ) any of the methods for fighting homelessness that were mentioned in the text in your city.

Your paragraph should include:

- **Introduction:** In the first sentence, state your main purpose.
- **Body:** In the next 2-3 sentences, present TWO recommendations. The recommendations should be based on the text or inferred from the text. For each recommendation, explain how could help, or why it is good.
- **Conclusion:** In the last sentence, write a general conclusion about the benefits of your recommendations.

Tip: You should have looked back at the scenario to help you.
Remember! The scenario directed you to make recommendations to the city's committee based on what you have read in the article.

Introduction:

I would like to present recommendations on how to implement programs for fighting homelessness in our city. / Here are some suggestions on how to deal with the problem of homelessness in our city.

Body (2-3 sentences, Recommendations + Explanations):

Here are some options:

1. I **recommend** giving housing to the homeless with no preconditions **so that** they can first feel safe and then later help themselves.
2. I **would advise** using mobile apps **to** help connect the homeless with local services.
3. **Our city can** set up technologies/mobile apps which inform authorities about people sleeping in the street **in order to** give help to the homeless.
4. I **suggest that** we add more support workers to the programs that we already have **because then** we can reach more people.
5. **We should** provide job training programs to the homeless. **In this way**, they can earn their own money instead of receiving aid.
6. **It is a good idea** to provide education programs for children who live on the street, **so that** they will be able to escape homelessness.
7. **The city can** offer financial aid and loans to the homeless for specific purposes, **in order to** help them get back on their feet.

Conclusions (1 sentence):

In conclusion, there are many ways to help the homeless .../ To sum up, we can implement many different kinds of programs to fight homelessness...