What to expect in the Pre A1 Starters Test

Listening

There are 20 questions and 4 parts.
You will have 20 minutes.
You will hear each conversation twice.
You will need a pen or pencil and some coloured pencils or pens: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, black, brown and grey.

Part 1 – 5 questions
Listen to a conversation. Listen for the names of the people in the picture. Draw a line from each name to the correct person.

Part 2 – 5 questions
Listen to a conversation. Answer the questions with a name or a number.

Examples
What is the boy’s name?
Nick

How old is he?
8
Part 3 – 5 questions
Listen to five short conversations. Read the questions. Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, for each question.

Part 4 – 5 questions
Listen to a conversation. Colour each object correctly.
Reading and Writing

There are 25 questions and 5 parts.
You will have 20 minutes.
You will need a pen or pencil.

Part 1 – 5 questions
Read the sentences about the pictures. Are they true (✓) or not true (✗)?

Part 2 – 5 questions
Read the sentences about the pictures. Are they true (write yes) or not true (write no)?
Part 3 – 5 questions
Look at the pictures. Order the letters to make the word.

Part 4 – 5 questions
Read the text. Choose a word from the box for each number to complete the text.

Part 5 – 5 questions
Look at the pictures. Write one word to answer each question.
Part 1
Say hello to the examiner. Tell them your name. The examiner will ask you to point to items on a big picture. The examiner will then show you some smaller pictures and name three of the objects in the pictures. You have to point to the three objects. The examiner will then ask you to put the smaller pictures somewhere on the bigger picture. For example, ‘Put the giraffe next to the house’.

Part 2
The examiner will ask you some questions about the big picture. They will ask you to describe one of the objects in the picture.

Part 3
The examiner will ask you some questions about the small pictures.

Part 4
The examiner will ask you some questions about yourself. For example, ‘How old are you?’ ‘Have you got any brothers or sisters?’