



Key skills communication Adult literacy ESOL Skills for Life Reading Unit Level 1 Test Paper

YOU NEED

- This test paper
- An answer sheet

You may NOT use a dictionary

Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor

THERE ARE 40 QUESTIONS IN THIS TEST

Total marks available: 40

Try to answer ALL the questions

YOU HAVE 1 HOUR TO FINISH THE TEST

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly on the answer sheet
 - Read each question carefully
 - Follow the instructions on how to complete the answer sheet
 - At the end of the test, hand the test paper, your answer sheet and all notes to the supervisor
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRES

- This paper must not be photocopied

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following document.

Snoring

What is snoring?

Snoring happens when a person's throat muscles relax during sleep. The person then tries to breathe through too small an opening in the back of the throat. This causes the soft mouth tissues to quiver and make a snoring noise.



Who snores?

One survey showed that fewer women snore than men. Only 28% of the women questioned were regular snorers compared with 44% of the men. 20% of children snored occasionally, whilst 10% snored every night.

Causes

The level of snoring can be made worse by excess weight, alcohol intake and smoking. The use of sleeping pills or sleeping on your back can also lead to snoring.

Solutions

Lifestyle changes such as losing weight, taking more exercise, stopping smoking and avoiding alcohol can help stop snoring. Raising your head with pillows may also help. If all else fails, try becoming an astronaut. Astronauts rarely snore while they are in space. This is because at zero gravity the throat muscles are less likely to collapse!

- 1 According to the document, what percentage of the children surveyed sometimes snored?
 - A 44%
 - B 28%
 - C 20%
 - D 10%

- 2 The document suggests that a person can help to stop snoring by
 - A losing surplus weight
 - B sleeping without a pillow
 - C taking sleeping tablets
 - D sleeping on one's back

- 3 The word 'rarely' used in the last paragraph could **best** be replaced by
 - A never
 - B always
 - C often
 - D seldom

- 4 According to the document, which of the following statements is true?
 - A Snoring is caused by the quivering of tissues in the nose
 - B Snoring happens when throat muscles tighten in sleep
 - C Men are more likely to snore than women
 - D Zero gravity causes the throat muscles to collapse

- 5 The information 'Older people snore more than young people' could be added to the paragraph headed
 - A What is snoring?
 - B Who snores?
 - C Causes
 - D Solutions

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following draft document.

12 High Road Enton TE22 6HH	
12 September 2007	
Dear Mr Norman	line 1
I am writing to ask if you will give me a chance as a singer in the new series of your television show “Startime!”	line 2 line 3
I would like to do an act as Elvis Presley, who has always been my pop idol. I have been told that I have looked like him and I can certainly sing many of his songs and move my hips like he did.	line 4 line 5 line 6
I am enclosing a Video of myself taken at a party to months ago. This shows me performing the songs “Blue Suede Shoes” and “Jailhouse Rock”. I hope it will help you to decide if I really do have star quality.	line 7 line 8 line 9
I look foreward to hearing from you.	line 10
Yours sincerely	line 11
<i>Kevin Dixon</i>	

- 6 Which of the following contains a spelling mistake?
- A 'I am writing' (line 2)
 - B 'I can certainly sing' (line 5)
 - C 'shows me performing' (line 8)
 - D 'have star quality' (line 9)
- 7 The words 'have looked' on line 5 are incorrect. They should be replaced by
- A looked
 - B look
 - C looks
 - D will look
- 8 A capital letter has been used incorrectly on
- A line 3
 - B line 4
 - C line 7
 - D line 8
- 9 Which of the following statements is true?
- A 'I am' should be replaced by 'I is' (line 2)
 - B The word 'decide' should be replaced by 'deside' (line 9)
 - C A question mark not a full stop is needed after 'you' (line 10)
 - D The word 'foreward' should be replaced by 'forward' (line 10)
- 10 The word 'to' has been used incorrectly on
- A line 2
 - B line 4
 - C line 7
 - D line 10

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following document.



BUZZ OFF!

Bees and wasps usually sting only if they are upset, so you are more likely to be stung if you scream and try to swat them. They are attracted by perfume or body lotion, hairsprays, dark colours and vivid patterns.

Only female bees can sting. They sting only once because they leave their sting behind in the skin. Wasps do not do this and so all wasps can sting a number of times.

Ice can be used to relieve the pain of wasp and bee stings. If you are stung by a bee, flick away the sting but be careful not to squeeze as this will cause the poison to spread under the skin. Instead, gently scrape it out with your fingernail or a credit card. A paste of baking soda can be used to relieve the itching from a bee sting.

If you are stung in the mouth or nose you need to seek medical help because any swelling may block the airways and cause breathing problems. It is also advisable to seek help if you feel faint or vomit as these symptoms could indicate an allergic reaction to the sting and avoid any kind of heat, such as a hot bath, as this could make the reaction worse.

- 11 What advice could be given to avoid attracting the attention of wasps?
- A Wear white clothing
 - B Dress in vivid patterns
 - C Apply a body lotion
 - D Use a scented soap
- 12 To ease the pain of any wasp sting a person should
- A squeeze the sting to eject the poison
 - B cover the affected area with ice
 - C relax in a hot bath
 - D seek medical attention straight away
- 13 According to the document, the **best** course of action to prevent being stung by a wasp is to
- A spray it with hair spray
 - B attempt to wave it away
 - C keep still and try to ignore it
 - D frighten it away by screaming
- 14 The information 'Wasp stings can be relieved using vinegar' could **best** be added after
- A 'vivid patterns' (paragraph 1)
 - B 'of times' (paragraph 2)
 - C 'bee sting' (paragraph 3)
 - D 'reaction worse' (paragraph 4)
- 15 According to the document, which of the following statements about wasps is true?
- A Male wasps cannot sting
 - B Wasps leave their sting behind in the skin
 - C A paste of baking powder relieves wasp stings
 - D Wasps can sting more than once

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT APPLICATION		
<p>This driving permit is valid for 12 months but does not replace your driving licence. It will be sent only to the address on the driving licence. It is not required in Europe if you are a citizen of the European Union. It can be dated up to 3 months in advance so you can use it from the date of your departure. It must be obtained before you leave. You cannot apply for one when you are on your travels or get anyone else to apply for one for you.</p>		
Personal Details (as shown on driving licence)		
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms <i>(delete as applicable)</i>	Surname	Permanent address <i>(as shown on your driving licence)</i>
Forenames		
Date of birth	Sex	Postcode
Town and country of birth		Telephone Number
Date of departure		
Travel Details		
Specify countries to be visited		
Licence Details		
Driving Licence Number	Please ensure you enclose the following items with your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cheque/postal order for £5.50 • passport sized photo (name printed and signed on the back) • photocopy of driving licence • photocopy of page from your passport showing photograph and ID information 	
Expiry date		
Declaration: I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and that I am over 18 years of age. I further declare that I am a resident of Great Britain at the above address.		
Name..... Date		
If you have any difficulties completing this form please call 0870 024 0258 Monday–Friday 8 am–8 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9 am–6 pm.		

- 16 Which of the following **must** be sent with an application for an International Driving Permit?
- A A copy of any page from your passport
 - B Cash to the value of £5.50
 - C A signed passport type photo
 - D Your driving licence
- 17 Which statement about an International Driving Permit is true?
- A It is not required by countries outside the European Union
 - B It is always compulsory to have one when travelling abroad
 - C It can act as a substitute for your driving licence
 - D It can be dated to start after the date issued
- 18 A person needing an International Driving Permit when already abroad will find that
- A it will not be possible to obtain one
 - B a friend at home can apply for one on his behalf
 - C it can be applied for from the country of his destination
 - D it can be sent to any address abroad that he specifies
- 19 In order to obtain an International Driving Permit a person must
- A telephone 0870 024 0258 for advice
 - B be resident in any European country
 - C have been a driver for more than 12 months
 - D be at least 18 years of age
- 20 At which time could a call to the telephone helpline be successful?
- A Saturday at 9 pm
 - B Monday at 6 pm
 - C Sunday at 8 pm
 - D Wednesday at 6 am

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following draft document.

MIKE'S MOBILE DISCO	line 1
Everything to make your event go with a bang!	line 2
Are you looking for music to make your party swing? The thing about parties is that they don't get going on there own. They need a little help.	line 3 line 4
I can provide the latest in the charts as well as dance, rock, oldies, folk and disco. There are hundreds of records and the choice is yours.	line 5 line 6
Do you have a favourite song? If I don't have what you have wanted, there is no need to worry. You name it and I'll get it. What do you want?	line 7 line 8
Just let me know what you want and when you want it? Then relax and enjoy the party experience.	line 9 line 10
There are other servises for hire on request including smoke, bubbles and overhead lighting.	line 11 line 12
Available Weekdays as well as Saturdays and Sundays. Ring me now on 9840 67554. You name the date and I'll be there.	line 13 line 14

- 21 Which of the following words has been spelt incorrectly?
- A parties (line 4)
 - B favourite (line 7)
 - C experience (line 10)
 - D servises (line 11)
- 22 The words 'have wanted' on line 7 are incorrect. They should be replaced by
- A wants
 - B want
 - C wanted
 - D is wanted
- 23 A question mark is used incorrectly on
- A line 3
 - B line 7
 - C line 8
 - D line 9
- 24 The word 'there' has been used incorrectly in
- A 'on there own' (line 4)
 - B 'There are hundreds' (line 6)
 - C 'there is no need' (line 8)
 - D 'I'll be there' (line 14)
- 25 Which of the following statements is true?
- A 'bang' needs a capital letter (line 2)
 - B 'is' should be replaced by 'are' (line 6)
 - C 'hire' should be replaced by 'higher' (line 11)
 - D 'Weekdays' should have a small letter (line 13)

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following document.

ARE YOU BEING BUGGED?

Computer viruses are programmes *deliberately* designed to interfere with the operation of a computer.

Some viruses damage computers by deleting information or preventing programmes from running. Others are not as harmful. All the Ping Pong virus did was to cause a ball to appear and start bouncing all over the screen.

So-called 'trigger' viruses can remain inactive on your computer until a specified time. For example, the Friday the 13th virus would operate only on that date.



Certain viruses actually persuade users to download them by appearing as a game or something free. These viruses are known as Trojans (after the Trojan horse used in the famous war between the Trojans and the Greeks). These can destroy files or capture private information from your hard disc.

Other viruses, called worms, can make copies of themselves. They then search the hard disc for e-mail addresses and send themselves to all of these.

A survey suggests that more than half of all computers in Britain have been infected with a virus. The survey said that one in twenty people did not know if they had any anti-virus protection on their computers.

- 26 A feature of a Trojan virus is that it
- A can send itself automatically to other computers
 - B was first used in a war against the Greeks
 - C can steal information from computers
 - D is less harmful than other types of virus
- 27 According to the document, which type of virus works through e-mail?
- A Trigger viruses
 - B Worms
 - C Trojan horses
 - D The Ping Pong virus
- 28 The word '*deliberately*' in the first line of the document could be replaced with
- A effectively
 - B intentionally
 - C expertly
 - D annoyingly
- 29 According to the document, which of the following statements is true?
- A Viruses can be unknowingly downloaded from the internet
 - B Any computer virus will result in files being lost or stolen
 - C Only one in twenty people in Britain uses anti-virus protection
 - D Computers are most at risk on Friday the thirteenth
- 30 The document could **best** be described as
- A a memo about computer bugs being detected
 - B notes on how to recognise different types of computer virus
 - C a magazine article about computer viruses
 - D a report on how to stop your computer being affected by viruses

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following draft document.

BIN IT!	line 1
NOTICE TO ALL USERS	line 2
Once again there have been complaints about the mess left in the hall. After	line 3
the drama practices on Friday evenings. Despite the provision of extra litter	line 4
bins, the problem seems to have got worse.	line 5
It was particularly awkward last Saturday when unfortunately the cleaner was	line 6
late. A group of visitors arrived to see the new lighting equipment. The	line 7
floor is littered with apple cores, crisp packets, chocolate wrappers and	line 8
empty drink cans. This created a very bad impression.	line 9
Unless there is a definite improvement, there is a real possibility that we may	line 10
lose the use of the hall. Please use the litter bins provided or take your	line 11
rubbish home with you.	line 12

- 31 The word 'unfortuntely' (line 6) is incorrect. The correct spelling is
- A unfortunatley
 - B unfortunateley
 - C unfortunatly
 - D unfortunately
- 32 A full stop followed by a capital letter has been used incorrectly between
- A 'hall' and 'After ' (line 3)
 - B 'equipment' and 'The' (line 7)
 - C 'cans' and 'This' (line 9)
 - D 'hall' and 'Please' (line 11)
- 33 Which of the words on line 7 is spelt incorrectly?
- A group
 - B visiters
 - C arrived
 - D lighting
- 34 The phrase 'is littered' (line 8) is incorrect. The correct phrase is
- A were littered
 - B was littered
 - C has been littered
 - D will be littered
- 35 Which of the following statements is true?
- A 'drama' should have a capital letter (line 4)
 - B 'seams' should be replaced by 'seems' (line 5)
 - C 'definite' has been spelt incorrectly (line 10)
 - D 'lose' should be replaced by 'loose' (line 11)

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following document.

Food Court Nibbles



Jake Bakes

This voucher entitles the bearer to one free loaf of bread when purchasing a full price loaf. Loaf must be of equal value or less than the purchased loaf.

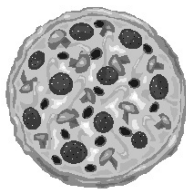
Offer is valid until 30 January.



The Coffee Pot

This voucher entitles the bearer to one free chocolate bun when buying a coffee from any branch of The Coffee Pot.

Voucher valid until the end of January. Please present voucher when paying.



Tip Top Pizza

Voucher is valid for one free pizza when dining in the restaurant only. Offer ends 31 January. Please present voucher when ordering.

Ideal venue for working lunches as fast service is guaranteed!



Franco's

This voucher entitles the bearer to one free item from Franco's Café and Restaurant when purchasing another item over the value of £2.50.

Cheaper item will be free. Offer is valid until 31 January. Please present voucher at the time of ordering.

The following conditions apply to all the offers.

1. Only original vouchers will be accepted. Photocopies will not qualify for a free item.
2. The vouchers have no cash value and can be exchanged only for the goods stated.
3. Only one voucher per person can be used for each transaction.
4. Vouchers cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.
5. The free offers are subject to availability.

- 36 The word 'guaranteed' in the Tip Top Pizza section could **best** be replaced by
- A likely
 - B unusual
 - C promised
 - D expected
- 37 Which voucher states an amount that must be spent before a free item is provided?
- A Jake Bakes
 - B The Coffee Pot
 - C Tip Top Pizza
 - D Franco's
- 38 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Vouchers can be exchanged for cash
 - B All goods are certain to be available
 - C Only original vouchers will be accepted
 - D Vouchers can be used with other offers
- 39 The word 'ideal' used in the Tip Top Pizza section could **best** be replaced with
- A perfect
 - B modern
 - C pleasant
 - D impressive
- 40 The **main** purpose of this document is to
- A describe what the different cafés have for sale
 - B explain how the vouchers can be used for free food or drink
 - C persuade customers that the restaurants offer cheap food
 - D compare the difference between the free offers available

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