



English Speaking Board (International) Ltd.
Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)

Paper Time
60 minutes

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Please read the text below before attempting any of the paper

- Please complete the paper in blue or black ink, do not use pencil
- Questions may be attempted in any order
- Read each question carefully and answer as many questions as you can
- You must not use a dictionary
- At the end of the test, please close your paper and hand all materials to the Supervisor/Invigilator
- Do not open this paper until you are told to do so by the Supervisor/Invigilator

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Task 1

Read the following text and answer the questions from the information in the text.



1. An unusual event

In an unlikely accident, a man in Bristol was hit by a lump of ice falling from a plane.

It is the kind of news report that you may possibly hear on a comedy programme - an injury happening from ice crashing to earth after breaking off a plane.

Bristol pensioner, David Gammon, is badly bruised after a grapefruit-sized ice block fell from the sky and into his lap. He was in his garden, under the flight path of Bristol International airport.

The airport has no proof that the ice came from any of its planes. Traffic controllers, in fact, said it could have fallen from any plane flying within five miles.

2. _____

Richard Taylor of the Civil Aviation Authority says that ice formed from water leaking from the aircraft causes these ice falls. "People may worry about explaining that water leaks from the plane but that is why we have these ice incidents. It leaks from the pipes from the kitchen area and trickles out of the aircraft, freezing quickly. It falls quickly to the ground far below. Most ice will break up when it falls."

3. An infrequent accident

"It is very unusual, but sometimes the ice doesn't thaw. Usually it falls unnoticed and doesn't harm anyone." continued Richard Taylor.

It is, therefore, extraordinary for a person to be hit. Out of three million flights in the UK in the past year, there were just 35 reported cases of ice falling. In the 40 years the Civil Aviation Authority has recorded these incidents, there are just five cases of a person being hit.

4. Building and vehicle ruin

However there are many reports of cars or buildings damaged by falling ice. In 2003, Chris Hastings woke up to a large crash. He came out of his house in Manitoba, Canada, to find a large piece of ice on the roof of his blue estate car.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The text is about
 - A dangerous floods
 - B falling frozen water
 - C rumours of destruction
 - D accounts of avalanches

2. What is the most suitable heading for paragraph 2?
 - A A rare sight
 - B An accurate belief
 - C An unnecessary anxiety
 - D A reason for damage costs

3. In paragraph 2, who says the words in quotation marks?
 - A a traffic controller
 - B David Gammon
 - C Richard Taylor
 - D Chris Hastings

4. Which of the words below best matches the meaning of the word **infrequent** as used in the title of paragraph 3?
 - A fortunate
 - B rare
 - C frequent
 - D everyday

5. What is the main purpose of this text?
 - A to entertain
 - B to instruct
 - C to persuade
 - D to advise

6. Write below how many times people have been hit by ice, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Task 2

Read the following text and answer the questions from the information in the text.

The Sunday Herald in Sydney, Australia has been collecting old and interesting stories printed in the 1950s and has put them online. Here is one of them:-



Last month, much of the interest in the 'Round Australia Car Expedition' seemed to be about a small 63-year-old widow, "Granny" Winifred Conway of Rose Bay. At 63 years old, "Granny" Conway set out in her car to drive around Australia in a 6,500-mile trial. The car was the one she used every day. Now, all Australia knows Mrs Conway as "Granny".

She was born in Willesden, outside London, but the damp air affected her and the doctor told her father, "That child must have a change - more sunshine, more warmth." So her father moved all the family to Australia by ship.

The sea air made her much better and when she arrived, she went to Ashfield Boys' College. She enjoyed it there and said, "The boys probably disliked me, but they had to tolerate me for four years. It was a funny place to send a girl but 52 years ago, it was the only local school near my home."

Later on, she learned typing at night school and applied for a job at an engineering firm. There she met her husband. They had a son and a daughter and were perfectly happy for 12 years. Her husband died when the children were 11 and 8 years old. Apart from her children, all she had in the world was a rather big, old house but she built up a business in building.

Mrs Conway always wanted to drive around Australia. Several years ago, she asked the National Roads and Motorists' Association, known as NRMA Motoring and Services about it. This organisation offers roadside **assistance** and motoring advice in Australia. "They gave me a leaflet," she said. "It said you had to take spare car parts for everything except the body of the car."

She is at home today, trying to read all the letters that came when she was driving in the car around Australia. There are callers, interviews and radio appearances and "Granny" Conway admits she loves every minute of it. "Fame overnight," she said delightedly. "I must make the most of it while it lasts."

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

7. The text is about
- A a modern international car race.
 - B an achievement by an elderly motorist.
 - C new and interesting events in Australia.
 - D comparing old people with young people

8. Put numbers for following events in chronological order. The first one has been done for you.

	Chronological numbers 2 3 4
A Winifred met her future husband at work	
B Winifred went to a boys' school	
C Winifred Conway was born in Willesden	1
E The Conway family sailed to Australia	

9. Who decided to travel to Australia? Write your answer below.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

10. Which of the words below best matches the meaning of the word **assistance**, as used in the text?
- A help
 - B security
 - C insurance
 - D prevention
11. What is the purpose of this text?
- A to entertain
 - B to advertise
 - C to persuade
 - D to instruct
12. Why did Granny Conway go to a boys' school?

Task 3

Read the information in the following texts and answer the questions.

A

What can you, a driver, do if you have a traffic accident?



If you have a traffic accident you must stop whether the accident is your fault or not if:-

- You injure someone
- You damage another vehicle or property
- You injure an animal
- You damage a bollard or street lamp

If you have to stop, stay near the vehicle so that the people in the accident or anyone who saw the accident can ask for details.

B

Your Life in 2033



There will be no alarm clock in your wake-up routine – at least, not like today. Instead in 2033, when you wake up, you will smell freshly made coffee, see light entering your room as curtains open automatically, and have a gentle back massage from your bed.

You can control the temperature, music and lighting of your home with simple spoken instructions. You can see the day's news on screens.

You go to the kitchen for breakfast and the news display follows. Your house computer has a list of chores for your housekeeping robots to do.

C

Room attendants and housekeepers– Manchester City Centre



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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

13. Which text is about future living?

A B C

14. Which text uses a list?

A B C

15. Which text is advertising?

A B C

16. Fill in the numbers to show the correct order of what could happen in your bedroom when you wake up in 2033. The first one has been done for you.

		Chronological numbers 2, 3, 4
A	The curtains will open	
B	Your robots start work	
C	You will smell coffee	1
D	Your bed will massage your back	

17. Which of the words below best match the meaning of the word **reliable** as used in the Text C?
- A Carefree
 - B Deceitful
 - C Dependable
 - D Strong-willed
18. In Text A, you must stay by your vehicle so
- A the breakdown vehicle can pick you up
 - B the police can take your name and address
 - C the injured person or animal can be collected
 - D you can give details to anyone in the accident

End of assessment