



English Speaking Board (International) Ltd.  
Entry Level Award ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)  
(Entry 2)

Paper Time  
45 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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19	3.1		19	3.1	
20	3.2		20	3.2	
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## Task 1

Read the text and answer questions 1 – 7.

### Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace is the Queen's London home. It has an office for the Queen.

There are nineteen important rooms in Buckingham Palace.

The Queen uses all the rooms. In the summer, visitors come. **They** can see the garden and then have a tour of some of the rooms.

There are **famous** paintings and some very old furniture in the palace. There are also photographs of the Queen's family.

There are 800 workers at the palace. There are housekeepers and cooks, but also gardeners. There is a post office, swimming pool, café, doctor's surgery and a cinema.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. What can the visitors see after they visit the garden?

- A the swimming pool
- B some of the rooms
- C the post office
- D famous paintings

2. Who are **they** in this sentence?

"**They** can see the garden."

- A the visitors
- B the Queen's family
- C the workers
- D the gardeners

3. What does **famous** mean in this sentence?

"There are **famous** paintings."

- A expensive
- B important
- C old
- D well-known

4. The text is to

- A give advice
- B advertise jobs
- C give information
- D give instructions

5. How many people work at the palace? Write your answer on the line below.

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Look at the picture and circle the letter of the **true** sentence.

6. Buckingham Palace has a

**A** small gate at the back

**B** large gate at the back

**C** little gate at the side

**D** big gate at the front

7. Put the words in alphabetical order.

furniture

paintings

gardens

café


**Task 2**

Read the texts A - D and answer questions 8 – 14.

**A**

**Birchley Gardens**

Free visits every Sunday with our tour guide.

Visit our beautiful gardens and learn from our gardeners.

Bring the family and enjoy our games and shows. Fun for all.

Adults - £5.00

Children and senior persons - free



**B**

Ben gave Alex the note.

Alex read the note. He walked down the road to the bottom of the hill then he turned left. He saw the school on the right.

He walked past the school, the bank and the supermarket.

The library was on the corner.

**C**

**Cox and Hughes,  
Birmingham**

Meat .....	6.99
Eggs .....	1.00
Butter .....	1.20
Ice cream .....	3.00
Cake .....	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>13.19</b>

**Thank you**

**D**



**Carer required**



Help for a young lady.

£8.00 an hour.

Days can be arranged.



Circle the letter of the correct answer.

8. Read Text B. Which sentence is correct?
- A He turned left, he went down the hill.
  - B He saw the school, he walked past the bank.
  - C He turned right, he walked past the school.
  - D He saw the supermarket, he walked past the bank.

9. Read Text B.

Tick (✓) the true sentence.

- 1. Alex walked to the bottom of the hill.
- 2. Ben walked to the bottom of the hill.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

10. In Text A, a **tour guide**

- A looks after the gardens
- B shows you the gardens
- C plays with the children
- D is in the shows

11. Text D is to

- A give advice
- B advertise
- C instruct
- D warn

12. How much does it cost to park at Birchley Gardens?

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13. Look at the image for Text D. Write 2 jobs a carer must do.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Circle the word which comes before 'cake' in a dictionary.

meat

eggs

butter

ice cream

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### Task 3

Read the text and answer questions 15 – 21.

#### My Computer Class

Last year I went to a computer class at Wadesbrook Community College.

Before Wadesbrook I went to a small training centre in town but the computers were very old. I moved to the college last September.

There were eight students in my class and we all wanted to find work.

Our teacher was very good and he really helped us. We enjoyed his class.

At the end of the course we took a hard exam. **It** took two hours but we did our best.

We all went to the college together. We found our teacher in the classroom. He looked happy. Then he told us we all passed.

He gave us a big cake with a message on it!



Circle the letter of the correct answer.

15. The students went to a computer class to
- A** teach their children
  - B** read stories
  - C** play games
  - D** get jobs



16. What does **it** mean in this sentence?

'It took two hours but we did our best.'

- A the class
- B the teacher
- C the course
- D the exam

17. What does **hard** mean in this sentence?

'At the end of the course we took a **hard** exam'

- A easy
- B fun
- C difficult
- D exciting

18. Circle the letter of the correct sentence.

The text

- A tells a story about a computer class
- B advertises computer classes
- C gives advice about computer courses
- D gives instructions about using computers

19. When did the student move to the college? Write your answer on the line below.

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20. Which word means the same as 'well done'? Write your answer on the line below.

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21. Put the verbs in alphabetical order.

found

moved

enjoyed

went


**End of assessment**

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