



**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

Marker's Use					
Marker Initials			Moderator Initials		
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14	3.1		14	3.1	
15	1.3		15	1.3	
16	1.4		16	1.4	
17	2.1		17	2.1	
18	3.1		18	3.1	
<b>Overall Grade</b>			<b>Overall Grade</b>		

## Task 1

Read the text and answer questions 1- 6.

# Blooming Marvellous Ma'am!



The RHS Chelsea Flower Show was launched yesterday on a rainy May morning. It was hard work, last week, to get the gardens completed. There were heavy showers and 30 mph winds that damaged plants. However, designers, plant-growers and contractors worked into the evening to get everything finished.

The show was visited yesterday, by Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the royal family. In fact, there were three generations of royalty present. Luckily, the rain stopped and the sun came out in time for the Queen's tour.

**Apparently**, it always does!

Prince Harry waited in 'The Garden for Sentebale', to show it to his grandmother, the Queen, and his grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh. He is heavily involved in this African charity, which supports children in Lesotho who are HIV positive. Designed by Matt Keightley, the garden reflects African planting. Small footprints on the ground represent the presence of the children. The prince said that the

garden was everything he could have wished for.

The return of professional designer, Dan Pearson, has been eagerly awaited. His 'Laurent-Perrier Garden', inspired by the less well-known parts of the large 105 acre garden at Chatsworth House, won top prize for the best Show Garden. Containing large rocks and a stream, it looks as though it has been on site for years. It's hard to believe that, next week, it will be dismantled and taken to Chatsworth to be rebuilt.

'The Sculptor's Picnic Garden' also won a gold prize this morning. This is designer Graham Bodle's third visit to Chelsea. He has created a woodland garden, with green shade-loving plants; conifers, pines and grasses. Tree roots, rocks and water provide habitat for animals.

For the first time, an amateur has been invited to design at Chelsea. Nurse, Sean Murray, from Ashington in Northumberland, won the BBC's 'Great Chelsea Garden Challenge'. He then created a garden to reflect the RHS campaign, to turn grey Britain green. His attractive garden includes both, plants and a parking space. 24% of our front gardens are paved or covered in concrete. Yet gardens provide so many benefits; they help prevent flooding, provide homes for wildlife and help keep cities cool in summer. So get planting!

Read the text above and answer questions 1 – 6.

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. Put the events from the first two paragraphs in order using numbers 1-3. The first one has been done for you.

A The Queen visited The Chelsea Flower Show	
B Strong winds damaged plants	1
C Show gardens were finished	

2. At the end of the second paragraph, the word '**Apparently**' could best be replaced by

- A Seemingly
- B Amazingly
- C Funnily
- D Fortunately

3. Name two features of Sean Murray's garden. Write your answer below.

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4. The Chelsea Flower Show has gardens designed by

- A amateur gardeners only
- B members of the royal family only
- C invited garden designers only
- D professional designers only

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

5. The main purpose of the text is to

- A advise
- B inform
- C entertain
- D persuade

6. An exclamation mark is used at the end of the text

- A to express surprise
- B because the sentence is a command
- C because this is the end of the article
- D to express confusion

## Task 2

Read the text above and answer questions 7-12.

*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April*

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Yet another fabulous day in Barcelona. After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, Liz and I took the underground into the centre of the city. We visited a few shops, where Liz bought a scarf and some presents for her family. I bought some very old postcards which had pictures of flamenco dancers on the front. Then we stopped for coffee in a small square, where we sat outside in the sunshine, watching the people go by. It's so nice to feel the warmth of the sun at last, after all the cold weather we've had in England.

We walked to the Picasso Museum, as it wasn't far. It was interesting to see his early paintings. He was taught by his father and went to art school when he was still quite young. His adventures in Paris were **fascinating**. Now I can't wait to go to Paris and visit the Picasso Museum. I shall have to start saving for another city break.

We found a lively tapas bar for lunch. We were both quite hungry and Liz said that she was ready to sit down again. We were lucky to sit down at all, as the bar was really popular.

I'm keen to see as many buildings as possible designed by Barcelona's most famous architect, Antoni Gaudí. Our guidebook told us not to miss Casa Batlló, so we made our way there. The building is very impressive from outside. The curved windows look like open mouths surrounded by bones. The upper parts of the walls are covered in blue, green and cream mosaic tiles and look like shimmering water. When you are inside the building, it's like being inside a magical underwater cave. It's unbelievable.

I was in the main room staring out of the window, through the coloured glass, when someone tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Gina?" I turned round, thinking it must be Liz, but it was my old friend, Daniel. We used to work together in London and lost touch. We'll meet up again soon. He's a great guy.

Barcelona is full of delights and surprises! I wonder what tomorrow will bring!

Read the text and answer questions 7-12.

7. Which statement is true?

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- A Gina is on holiday with Liz in London.
- B Gina is on holiday with Daniel in Barcelona.
- C Gina is on holiday with Antoni in Barcelona.
- D Gina is on holiday with Liz in Barcelona.

8. What did Liz and Gina do just after visiting the shops?

Write your answer in the space below.

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9. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

The word 'fascinating' in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by

- A 'disgraceful'
- B 'interesting'
- C 'extensive'
- D 'productive'

10. Which 2 phrases in paragraph 4, suggest that it feels like being in the sea at Casa Batlló?

Write your answer in the space below.

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

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

11. Put these events in chronological order, using numbers 1-3

A Gina and Liz had tapas.	
B Gina and Liz went to The Picasso Museum	
C Gina and Liz went to Casa Batlló.	

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

12. The purpose of this text is to

- A record
- B persuade
- C entertain
- D advise

### Task 3

Read the text below and answer questions 13-18.



## Wellford Garden Centre

We are a famous garden centre and family-run plant nursery in North Devon. We hold the only daffodil collection in the country. Our garden is open to the public fortnightly, May - September and the nursery is open throughout the year.

We are looking to employ a professional gardener to work part-time in the nursery. Alternatively, a full-time apprenticeship may be considered.

**Qualifications:** An NVQ Level 2 in Horticulture.

**Experience:** Prior work experience is preferable but not essential. However, you must show a keen interest in gardens and nurseries and willingness to learn.

#### Duties:

- To care for all existing plants
- To label plants in line with the nursery system
- To record sales in line with the nursery system
- To look after and maintain tools and machinery
- To deliver plants locally
- To understand current health and safety regulations
- To have a professional and polite manner on site at all times
- To take on other relevant jobs as directed by the manager

#### Personal Skills:

- A love of outdoor physical work
- The willingness to be flexible
- The ability to work as part of a small team
- A **passion** for plants and an eagerness to learn
- Good communication skills
- A clean driving licence is desirable but not essential

**Salary:** £18,495 pro rata

**Closing Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June

For more information contact us on **01840 657936**, or, to download a job application form, go to our website **[www.wellfordgarden.co.uk](http://www.wellfordgarden.co.uk)**.

**Read the text above and answer questions 13 – 18.**

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

13. This text is mainly about

- A what can be bought at Wellford Garden Centre
- B how to visit the garden at Wellford Garden Centre
- C how to become a gardener at Wellford Garden Centre
- D how to become manager at Wellford Garden Centre

14. What would be useful in applying for the job at Wellford Garden Centre, but not absolutely necessary? Write your answer below.

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

15. How many phrases are there that tell the reader what the gardener will have to do? Write your answer below.

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Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

16. In the section, 'Personal Skills', the word '**passion**' could best be replaced by

- A love
- B curiosity
- C enjoyment
- D knowledge

Circle the letter of the correct answer A, B, C or D.

17. The purpose of this text is to

- A advise
- B persuade
- C inform
- D entertain

18. Name one unique feature of Wellford Garden Centre.

Write your answer below.

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**End of assessment**