



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 text and answer questions 1 – 6.

1	<p>Supporting Cocoa Farmers</p> <p>Life is hard for cocoa farmers in Ghana. They grow their own food but have to pay for farm equipment, medicine, clothes, school fees and transport. This uses up any profit. In eastern Ghana, local farming groups are delivering the “Cocoa Life” programme which aims to improve the lives of more than 200,000 cocoa farmers.</p>
2	<p>Investing to make a profit</p> <p>Osae Ahwireng is in his late 40s and has been a cocoa farmer for 18 years, but he has never earned much money. All of this changed when Osae attended a business school for farmers for the Cocoa Life programme. It helps farmers develop essential business skills about planning, saving and re-investing into their farms. Training has changed Osae’s approach to farming. He said, “They showed me how to keep records so I know whether I am developing in my farming activity. These records help me to plan the next season’s activity. I used to spend my takings, but now I save and reinvest my money into the business.” By investing in resources, Osae has increased his income. This has improved the quality of life for him and his family.</p>
3	<p>Returning to the land</p> <p>Young farmers, like 29-year-old Emmanuel Lorbi, are following the example of the older people. When Emmanuel finished school, he left for the town, believing he’d get a better job there. After three years, Emmanuel returned to his village and soon became the most successful young farmer in the area. He rents a farm and splits the profits with the landowner. This approach has helped Emmanuel to set up his own business, even though he doesn’t own his own land. His success has inspired those around him, and he has been elected as president of his local farmer’s society. He said, “Now, other young people look up to me because the methods I use let me get the best out of my farm. I have spoken to many young people and more are now staying to farm instead of going to the cities.”</p>
4	<p>A different approach</p> <p>One of the main changes, due to the business training, is the changing of attitudes of farmers within the community. Frederick Appiah, who organised the training, said, “People used to look down on farmers because they had limited knowledge, but now they can see the profits people are getting out of their farms.”</p>

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The text is about
 - A developing abilities
 - B forgetting the land
 - C improving gardening
 - D preserving old systems

2. Which of the words below best match the meaning of the word, **profit**, as used in paragraph 1?
 - A debts
 - B income
 - C spending
 - D arrangements

3. Give two examples of what Osae has done to help his business. Write your answer on the line below.

4. Emmanuel returned to the main town after three years.

Is this true or false? Tick (✓) the correct box.

True

False

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

5. In the last paragraph, why are inverted commas (“...”) used in the sentence below?
“People used to look down on farmers because they had limited knowledge, but now they can see the profits people are getting out of their farms.”
 - A To justify the changes
 - B To underline something
 - C To show the words used by the trainer
 - D To indicate a conversation that will happen

6. What is the main purpose of this text?
- A** To give the reader a report
 - B** To emphasize a political view
 - C** To persuade the reader to join the scheme
 - D** To influence the reader to make more profit

SAMPLE

Task 2

Read the texts and answer questions 7 – 12.

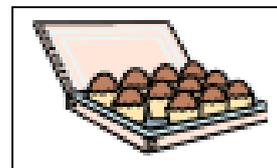
A Special Hot Chocolate

1. Put one cup of milk into pan.
2. Put about four teaspoons of cocoa powder into the pan.
3. Add two teaspoons of sugar.
4. Heat gently on the top of the cooker.
5. Watch and stir until it boils.
6. Take it off the heat and stir once more.

Tips

If you are planning to put in marshmallows, you don't need to add as much sugar. Another suggestion for a mug of creamy hot chocolate is to use one large spoon of cream. For a spicy taste, try putting a little bit of vanilla and spice in your hot chocolate.

B



Quality Collection (200g) Price: £6.00

Description

A beautiful gift box filled with our delicious range of luxury chocolates.

Each chocolate centre is lovingly covered with our own finely flavoured chocolate. The perfect gift box to say 'happy birthday' or a simple 'thank you' to someone special.

Allergy Advice

- Suitable for vegetarians
- Contains nuts
- Contains milk
- May contain egg
- Free from **artificial** colour

C

Topmart for jobs

There's a range of jobs in our stores and you can also choose between full-time or part-time jobs. Working at Topmart is great fun. To love the job, you've got to like the way we do things: we put customers first!

Different jobs, same objective

You'll be amazed by the different jobs there are at Topmart and they all have one thing in common; to provide a great shopping experience for all our customers. There are big stores, medium-sized stores, and a growing number of small 'convenience' supermarkets. There are lots of different departments too, from Clothing to Grocery, as well as Video and Games.

Temporary Colleagues

In some of our stores, we often need a few extra pairs of hands at our very busy times. Working with us on a temporary basis, you'll be someone we can count on to be there when we need you the most. Don't worry; we'll give you all the training you need so you'll feel right at home. Fit in with us and you could be asked back again and again and again. See more at:

<http://www.topmart.jobs/stores/hourly-paid-jobs-in-stores>.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

7. From Text **A**, choose the correct order of the preparation of hot chocolate.

- A** Put cocoa powder in pan/ add sugar/ add milk
- B** Put milk in mug/ add cocoa powder/ add sugar
- C** Turn on ring/ stir and boil/ add cocoa powder
- D** Put milk in pan/ add cocoa powder/ add sugar

8. What is the purpose of Text **A**?

- A** To examine what cocoa is
- B** To advertise a new product
- C** To warn about the dangers in making a hot drink
- D** To give instructions of how to make a unique drink

9. Why does Text **B** use bullet points about the chocolates?

- A** To make titles
- B** To make sentences
- C** To make a list of things used
- D** To show the medical problems you can get

10. 'Artificial' in Text **B** means natural.

Is this true or false? Tick (✓) the correct box.

True

False

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

11. Text **C** describes the

- A** reduction of full-time jobs.
- B** variety of positions at the stores.
- C** improved atmosphere of the stores.
- D** temporary problems of getting a job

12. Write ONE example that shows that Topmart is a flexible place to work.

SAMPLE

Task 3

Read the texts and answer questions 13 – 18.

DAILY NEWS

1. A new glass-covered walkway in Manchester was completed in 2015, but there was immediately a problem about a public right of way. The work on the Library Walk link was almost complete, with plans to put in the gates and doors, but Manchester Council did not have permission to block a path. In 2013 they had begun to build the 21st century footpath between the Town Hall (completed in 1877) and Central Library (dating from 1934). The construction progressed well and the glass building was nearly finished. However, the gates and automatic glass doors, to be locked from 10pm to 6am, could not be installed until permission was granted. The council had the agreement for the glass extension but had started work without an official order.
2. This glass-covered walkway split opinion. Some people fought against cutting off the public right of way. 13,000 people signed a petition against the walkway when the council announced plans to create it in 2012. Then, those against the Library Walk extension contacted the Government's planning inspectors.
3. The inspectors planned to hold a two-day inquiry 3 years later at the Town Hall. The result of the 2015 inquiry was that the inspectors agreed with the council and the gates were installed.
4. Morag Rose, from the Friends of Library Walk group, said at the time that the council was stealing something that many generations had enjoyed. She continued, "There's a real feeling that they have not listened to people on this. The cost is awful and the money could be much better spent elsewhere. We think Library Walk was a really beautiful place, and we believe that we have a right to walk through the city and enjoy it. We feel that if you start taking away public space, where is it going to end?"
5. The council said the extension was necessary for security. Council leader, Richard Leese, said, "Library Walk was rarely used during the day and people didn't like walking there at night." He also stated, "The new structure is a **unique** building which goes well with the historic buildings it will connect. Many felt the old route was dangerous outside peak times. Now, the modern pathway will transform a short cut into a welcoming public space and a clear and modern entrance to the two buildings. These plans will make the library a much friendlier place to be."
6. In 2019 people are still disagreeing about what many call the 'black blob'. Perhaps readers should go and see for themselves – but remember to go before 10pm!

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

13. The text is about a

- A new library
- B historical shop
- C community centre
- D pathway with locks

14. The council wants to close the gates to

- A make the area safe at night.
- B help people in wheelchairs after 10pm.
- C assist people to find public toilets at night.
- D stop people leave the Town Hall in the evening.

15. Write the years for the following events. The first one has been done for you.

	Years
A The inspectors held a public inquiry.	
B The library was built.	1934
C The council announced plans to build the walkway.	
D Work on the walkway began.	

16. Who is speaking for the council? Write your answer on the line below.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

17. Which of the words below best match the meaning of the word, **unique**, as used in paragraph 5?

- A special
- B sparkling
- C common
- D ordinary

18. What is the purpose of this text?

- A To persuade the reader to admire the protesters
- B To order the reader to sign a petition
- C To advertise the investigation
- D To report an unusual story

End of assessment