



**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

<b>Marker's Use</b>					
<b>Marker Initials</b>			<b>Moderator Initials</b>		
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5	2.1		5	2.1	
6	3.1		6	3.1	
7	1.1		7	1.1	
8	1.2		8	1.2	
9	1.3		9	1.3	
10	1.4		10	1.4	
11	2.1		11	2.1	
12	3.1		12	3.1	
13	1.1		13	1.1	
14	1.2		14	1.2	
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.



1 According to historians, the first fireworks were developed over 2000 years ago in the 7th century, in China. A cook accidentally mixed three common kitchen ingredients together. When the ingredients were heated, they exploded with a colourful, loud bang. The results were exciting and more experiments led to the development of the firework we know today. Now fireworks play an important part in celebrations worldwide.

2 In 2004, the UK government introduced important laws to protect the public and control the use of fireworks. People setting off fireworks between 11pm and 7am are breaking the law, apart from on Bonfire Night, Diwali, New Year and Chinese New Year when the times not allowed are from midnight until 7 am.

3 Airports have special controls about using fireworks nearby. Manchester Airport has **regulations** for using fireworks within the airport neighbourhood and its flight paths. Only small fireworks can be used within 1.1 miles of the airport. The Community Relations Manager at Manchester Airport said: "Fireworks can be dangerous to planes. Pilots can be confused by the brightness of the displays and we want to make sure that our aeroplanes are safe." Since November 5th 2016, the airport has changed its flight operations to allow for neighbouring communities to hold **their** annual fireworks displays.

4 Like fireworks, sky lanterns or fire balloons are often used to celebrate New Year, birthdays and religious holidays. Sky lanterns are small hot air balloons made of paper with a small fire inside and they vary in size. Lanterns can also be dangerous to aeroplanes and people. They can cause harm to aeroplane engines, tyres or even the ground where they land. In July 2013, a huge fire started in the West Midlands and people thought sky lanterns caused the fire. Fire-fighters described the fire as the largest they had ever seen in the West Midlands. By early 2018, more than 50 councils in England and more than 20 in Wales had already banned sky lanterns because of safety concerns.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The text is about

- A animal health
- B street parades
- C festival safety
- D flight schedules

2. Put the events into chronological order. The first one has been done for you.

<b>A</b>	Firework safety laws introduced	
<b>B</b>	Airport changes plans	
<b>C</b>	First firework discovered	1
<b>D</b>	Sky lanterns banned	

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

3. Who does **'their'** refer to in Paragraph 3?

- A Community Relations Manager
- B Neighbouring communities
- C Manchester Airport
- D Airport Operations

4. **'Regulations'**, as used in the third paragraph, means

- A rules
- B discussions
- C worries
- D disagreements

5. The purpose of the text is to

- A review
- B instruct
- C advertise
- D inform

6. Write two things that lanterns can damage.

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

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

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## Task 2

Read the texts and answer questions 7 - 12.

### A



Hippopotamuses are among the largest animals in the world. Since the hippo is such a large animal, people think that they eat meat and that is how they get so large. However, animal experts say that this is not true. They **insist** that hippos are mostly vegetarians. With their slow movements it would be impossible for them to survive by having to catch other living animals.

### B



### CITY CENTRE FUN FAIR 2021

City Centre Funfairs celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year with all new entertainment for all ages in 2021.

Be amazed at the dare-devil funfair rides, admire the skill of performing gymnasts and dancers, be astonished by the live music performances and enjoy the creative art displays by local artists.

Coming to a city centre near you next week  
Monday to Friday  
2 pm – 7 pm  
Pay at the door

### C

The 73-storey US Bank Tower is the tallest building in western United States and a sky slide was made on the outside of the building in Los Angeles. It runs for 45 feet and visitors can slide from the 70<sup>th</sup> to the 69<sup>th</sup> floor of the tower.

The builders made the slide of glass just one inch thick and it can survive storm-force winds and earthquakes.

In advance of the opening, some people were allowed to try the slide and here are some opinions:

"I thought it was terrifying and exciting and daring," said Keri Freeman.

"I went a lot faster than I thought I would," said Rebecca Fitzgerald.

"And you kind of hit the side as you're coming around the curve, so you're really pressed up against the glass and see the whole world below you, but **it's** not really that scary."

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

7.	Which text is about descending a building?	A B C
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8. In Text C, people gave their opinions about the slide after it was opened.

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

True  False

9. In the last sentence in Text C, 'It's not really that scary', the apostrophe replaces a missing letter. What letter is missing?

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10. In Text A, **insist** means deny.

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

True  False

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

11.	Which text is an advertisement?	A B C
12.	Which text has a special anniversary?	A B C

### Task 3

Read the text and answer questions 13 - 18.

1	<p>Tea, the drink that everyone enjoys in Britain, came to the country quite late in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. It was the Portuguese and Dutch who first imported tea to Europe, with regular deliveries by 1610.</p>
2	<p><b>Coffee Houses</b> Curiously, it was the London coffee houses that introduced tea to England. One of the first coffee house sellers to offer tea was Thomas Garway, who owned a business in London. <b>He</b> sold both liquid and dry tea to the public as early as 1657. Tea quickly became very popular in the coffee houses, and by 1700, over 500 coffee houses sold it.</p>
3	<p><b>A Tax on Tea</b> Charles II tried to stop the growth of tea, with several acts <b>forbidding</b> its sale but these laws did not work so in 1676, they put a tax on tea and required coffee house owners to apply for a licence. This was just the start of the government trying to profit from the popularity of tea in Britain. By the mid 18th century, the tax on tea had reached 119%. This heavy tax meant that people started to bring tea into the country illegally.</p>
4	<p><b>Tea by Sea</b> Ships from Holland and Scandinavia brought tea to the British coast, then waited off the shore while men met the ships and unpacked the tea into small boats. The men, who were often local fishermen, carried the tea through underground passages to special hiding places. One of the best hiding places was in the local church! Finally, in 1784, the Prime Minister introduced a law, which dropped the tax on tea from 119% to 12.5%, effectively stopping these actions.</p>

13. The text is about an imported product.

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

True

False

14. Put the following events in chronological order. The first one has been done for you.

<b>A</b>	Dry tea was sold to people	1
<b>B</b>	Tax on tea was reduced	
<b>C</b>	Tax on tea was introduced	
<b>D</b>	500 coffee houses sold tea	

15. Who does “**he**” refer to in the second paragraph?

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

16. Which word means the same as **forbidding** in the third paragraph?

**A** distributing

**B** prohibiting

**C** permitting

**D** beginning

17. The purpose of the text is to

**A** invite

**B** advise

**C** educate

**D** advertise



18. Where did fishermen sometimes store/hide the illegal tea?

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**End of assessment**

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