



English Speaking Board (International) Ltd.
Entry Level Award ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)
(Entry 3)

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 - 7.

DAILY NEWS

Transport Research Results

A **questionnaire** shows that the average daily journey to work in Britain is one hour and 38 minutes. For some people on the East Coast the journey can take longer, two hours and 25 minutes. Most people prefer to travel by train.

The most popular activities for travellers are:

- listening to music or a podcast
- watching a film
- making phone calls
- working on laptops

These activities are often annoying for other travellers. People report that the music is sometimes too loud and that travellers talk too loudly on their phones. Mobile phones ringing are a problem when others are trying to work or rest on long journeys.

The cost of travelling to work is different around the country but people in London spend about £176 a month. Travellers feel the train fares are too high and because of the high cost of living in London, they are encouraged to move further north to reduce costs. Houses are cheaper, travel is cheaper and so are the day to day living expenses in the north.

Birmingham has become popular for business. Some companies are moving there because **they** pay lower rent and get staff more easily.

John Byrnes

Chief Editor

1. The travellers are happy with the train fares.

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

True ☐

False ☐

2. Write 2 reasons why travellers are moving north.

1. _____

2. _____

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

3. Who is **“they”** in the last paragraph of the text?

- A Workers
- B Staff
- C Companies
- D Travellers

4. What does **“questionnaire”** mean?

- A one question
- B a list of questions
- C a list of answers
- D one answer

5. The text

- A advertises
- B advises
- C reports
- D warns

6. Why are companies moving to Birmingham? Write 2 reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

7. Write the words in the table in alphabetical order.

film

music

podcast

fare

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Task 2

Read the text and answer questions 8 – 14.

A

Dear Sir

I would like to apply for the job of a postman. I saw the advert in my local post office.

I worked as a postman in 2017 so I have experience in this type of work. I was working in Nottingham at the time and when I moved to Leeds, I couldn't find a **similar** job. I work in a newsagent shop at the moment and I help with the accounts and the wages.

I miss working as a postman and would like to do this job again. I can attend an interview at any time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Ali Khan

B

Dear Ali

Thank you very much for your application. I am looking for someone with your experience and would like to meet you.

I have arranged an interview for you.

Date: 26th July

Time: 10.00am

Venue: 15 Fellows Lane, Cranbridge, Leeds. L52 1JK

Please arrive 15 minutes before your interview.

Please confirm you will attend this interview. To do this, you must contact Debbie Seymour by email.

dseymour@po.com

Kind regards

James Turner (Manager)

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

8. Text **A** is about

- A** an interview
- B** wanting a job
- C** giving up a job
- D** how to get a job

9. Read Text **A**. Which city does Ali work in now?

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

10. Who is “I” in Text **B**?

I have arranged an interview for you.

- A** Ali Khan
- B** The Post Office
- C** James Turner
- D** Debbie Seymour

11. Read Text **A**. I couldn't find a **similar** job. “**Similar**” means completely different.

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

True

☐

False

☐

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

12. The purpose of Text **B** is to

- A** offer an interview
- B** apply for a job
- C** advertise a job
- D** confirm a time

13. Read Text B. Who should Ali Khan email?

14. Circle the word which comes after **arranged** in a dictionary.

apply

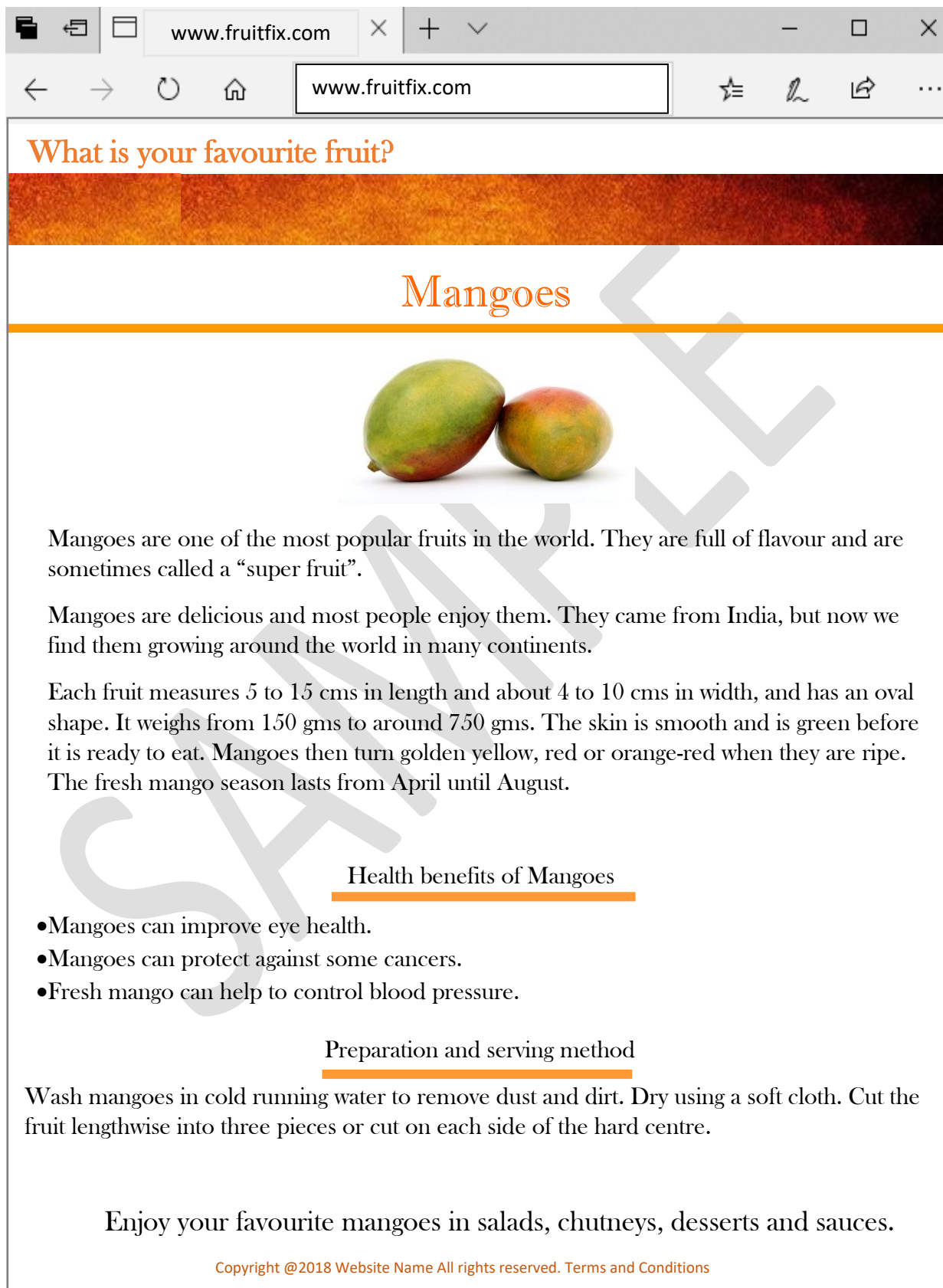
attend

accounts

SAMPLE

Task 3


Read the text and answer questions 15 – 21.



www.fruitfix.com

What is your favourite fruit?

Mangoes



Mangoes are one of the most popular fruits in the world. They are full of flavour and are sometimes called a “super fruit”.

Mangoes are delicious and most people enjoy them. They came from India, but now we find them growing around the world in many continents.

Each fruit measures 5 to 15 cms in length and about 4 to 10 cms in width, and has an oval shape. It weighs from 150 gms to around 750 gms. The skin is smooth and is green before it is ready to eat. Mangoes then turn golden yellow, red or orange-red when they are ripe. The fresh mango season lasts from April until August.

Health benefits of Mangoes

- Mangoes can improve eye health.
- Mangoes can protect against some cancers.
- Fresh mango can help to control blood pressure.

Preparation and serving method

Wash mangoes in cold running water to remove dust and dirt. Dry using a soft cloth. Cut the fruit lengthwise into three pieces or cut on each side of the hard centre.

Enjoy your favourite mangoes in salads, chutneys, desserts and sauces.

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15. The text is about growing mangoes.
Is this true or false? Tick (✓) the correct box.

True ☐

False ☐

16. What colour is a mango before it is ready to eat?

_____.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

17. Bullet points are used in the text to

- A show formal language
- B introduce a topic
- C give a list
- D show some answers

18. What does “**delicious**” mean?

- A tasty
- B foreign
- C old
- D interesting

19. This text

- A warns
- B advises
- C informs
- D invites

20. Write 2 health advantages of mangoes.

1 _____.

2 _____.

21. Which list is in the correct alphabetical order? Circle ONE letter.

A

fresh

flavour

season

smooth

B

flavour

fresh

season

smooth

C

flavour

fresh

smooth

season

End of assessment