



**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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Marker Initials			Moderator Initials		
1	1.1		1	1.1	
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6	2.1		6	2.1	
7	4.1		7	4.1	
8	1.1		8	1.1	
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10	1.3		10	1.3	
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12	3.1		12	3.1	
13	2.1		13	2.1	
14	4.1		14	4.1	
15	1.1		15	1.1	
16	3.1		16	3.1	
17	1.4		17	1.4	
18	1.2		18	1.2	
19	1.3		19	1.3	
20	2.1		20	2.1	
21	4.1		21	4.1	
Overall Grade			Overall Grade		

## Task 1

Read the text and answer questions 1 - 7.



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# FIELDS OF COLOUR

The first wonderful flowers known as Tulips came from Turkey. Hortus Botanicus took the tulips to the Netherlands in 1593. The flowers were so special that a lively **trade** began quite quickly.

In 1634 there was one single type of tulip that was very expensive. It cost the same price as a whole house in the city of Amsterdam. In 1637 the government decided to manage the business and the flowers suddenly dropped in price.

These days, the tulip fields are great for tourism. People visit the Netherlands just to see the flowers. They say the fields are like paintings and there has even been a song written about the lovely flowers. Max Bygraves sang "Tulips from Amsterdam" in 1958.

The best time to visit the tulip fields is in the spring, at the end of April or the beginning of May. Tourists can visit by boat or by bike, which are both popular ways to travel in The Netherlands. Special tours are arranged where you can cycle by day and sleep on the boats at night. **You** can also explore some of the traditional old towns in the area. So if you like flowers, the Netherlands in the spring is the place for you!

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1. The text is about buying flowers. Tick (✓) the correct box.

True

☐

False

☐

2. Number the events in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

Max Bygraves sang Tulips from Amsterdam	
The government altered the prices of the tulip	
The tulip arrived in The Netherlands	1
One tulip was worth the same as a house	

3. The word “**trade**”, as in the first paragraph, means buying and selling. Tick (✓) the correct box.

True

☐

False

☐

4. Write 2 ways the people in The Netherlands prefer to travel.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

5. Who is “**you**” in the last paragraph?

**You** can also explore .....

- A The government
- B The song writer
- C The painters
- D The reader

6. The text

- A** persuades
- B** compares
- C** orders
- D** warns

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

place

suddenly

popular

special


## Task 2

Read the texts and answer questions 8 – 14.

### A

#### Becoming a firefighter

- You must be 18, although you can apply earlier if you'll be 18 when you start the job.
- **You'll do** some fitness tests and some exams.
- You will also need a health check and an interview.
- You need GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 in English and maths.
- Doing some work experience with your local fire service would be useful because you can see if you like the job. You will also learn about available jobs.
- You will need to pass background police checks.

You can find out more about becoming a firefighter by getting a “firefighter pack” from your local fire service.

### B

#### What makes a successful nurse?

##### **1. Communicating**

Nurses pass information from doctors to patients and to other doctors and nurses who are sharing the care. They need to talk to patients and their families so they understand about their care and medicine.

##### **2. Managing change**

Last-minute changes keep nurses busy. There is a lot of record keeping to do.

##### **3. Thinking**

Nurses must look at a situation and make important decisions. They need to work quickly and **accurately**.

##### **4. Learning**

Medicine is always changing so nurses should continue to learn.

##### **5. Paying attention**

Small details are important in nursing, especially when you have a lot to do. A nurse can't make mistakes.

8. Which text is about the qualifications you need for the job? Tick (✓) the correct box.

A ☐

B ☐

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

9. Read Text **A**. Why would work experience be an advantage?

Because

- A they will give you a job
- B it will help with your GCSEs
- C you will get a free firefighter pack
- D you can see if the job is right for you.

10. What does **You'll do** mean in Text **A**?

- A you do
- B you did
- C you will do
- D you are doing

11. In Text **B**, "**accurately**" means "in the correct way". Tick (✓) the correct box.

True ☐ False ☐

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

12. Why should nurses continue to learn?

Because

- A they are always busy
- B small details are important
- C medicine is always changing
- D they need to talk to the families.

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

- A** invite you to apply
- B** give instructions
- C** describe a job
- D** list skills.

14. You have a list of places. Which list is in the correct alphabetical order? Circle ONE letter.

**A.**

Lightwood  
Black Cross  
Ludgate  
Brancote

**B.**

Brancote  
Black Cross  
Ludgate  
Lightwood

**C.**

Black Cross  
Brancote  
Lightwood  
Ludgate

### Task 3

Read the text and answer questions 15 – 21.

Dear Steven Bentley

We have considered your application for the building training job and would like you to attend an interview. The first interview will be a phone conversation with Alison Dent and the details for this are:

Time: 10.00

Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Call time: 15 minutes

We advise you to visit our company web site at [www.woodworkstore.co.uk](http://www.woodworkstore.co.uk). Here, you will find information about the work we do and the training programs we run. You will also find examples of completed jobs which show the **variety** of work we do.

If you are successful, you will be asked to attend a second interview which involves a whole day event. You will be contacted by John White 5 days after your phone interview if you are required to attend this second session. **He** will give you a day and time to attend.

If you have any questions about the interview or are not available at the time and date above, please contact Sally Burns in our office on 0166523481. Sally will give you a different time or day for your phone interview.

Congratulations on your successful application and good luck with your interview.

Kind regards

James Turner



15. The text is about training at a college. Tick (✓) the correct box.

True

☐

False

☐

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

16. What can Steven find on the company website?

- A Examples of completed jobs
- B John White's phone number
- C The date of a whole day event
- D The date of a second interview

17. Read the text. Which is closest in meaning to "variety"?

- A everything the same
- B only one type of thing
- C different types of things
- D everything nearly the same

18. What must Steven do if he is successful at the first interview? Write your answer on the line.

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

19. Read the text. Who is "He" in the following sentence?

He will give you a day and time to attend.

- A Steven Bentley
- B James Turner
- C John White
- D Sally Burns

20. The text

- A advertises
- B persuades
- C invites
- D warns

21. Circle the word which comes before “**application**” in a dictionary.

- available
- attend
- about

**End of assessment**