

ESOL Skills for Life

Entry 2 – Reading

Sample Paper 2

Time allowed: 60 minutes

- ▶ Write your name, candidate number, centre number and exam date on your answer sheet.
- ▶ You must not open this exam paper until instructed to do so.
- ▶ This exam paper has **three** tasks. Answer **all** questions.
- ▶ You may highlight parts of the texts or questions with a highlighter pen.
- ▶ Use only blue or black pen for your answers.
- ▶ Circle your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

1. What is this text about?

- A books
- B television
- C cinemas



Question	Answer
1.	A <input checked="" type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
2.	A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C
3.	A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C

- ▶ You must not use pencil, erasable pen or correction fluid.
- ▶ You must not use a dictionary in this exam.
- ▶ You must not take this exam paper out of the exam room.

Task 1

Read the text and answer questions 1-9.

From: samira323@email.com
 To: olga234@email.com
 Subject: New flat

Hello Olga

How are you, Sven and baby Anya?

Hussein and I moved into our new flat on Friday. It has two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a **tiny** bathroom.

In the morning, Hussein borrowed a van. Then he and his friend, Farid, moved the furniture from our old flat. It took them four hours and Farid got a backache. Then I **prepared** sandwiches for lunch. That was the first meal in our new home!

In the afternoon, Hussein and Farid cleaned the kitchen and I cleaned the bedrooms. Then I ordered some pizza from the takeaway shop because we were hungry and **exhausted**. After that, Hussein drove Farid home and returned the van.

On Saturday, I'm going shopping with my sister, Marina. She's going to get us some cushions for the sofa. We bought the sofa last week. I'm going to buy some pictures and plants.

Please come and visit us next Sunday!

Love Samira

Questions 1-3

Complete each sentence with the correct ending (A-E) from the box below. There is one ending you don't need and one example.

A cleaned the kitchen	C bought a sofa	E got a backache
B borrowed a van	D ordered some pizza	

Example: First, Hussein*B*..... .

1. Then, Farid

2. Next, the friends

3. Finally, Samira

Questions 4-6

Choose the word with the same meaning as the word **in bold**.

4. tiny

- A large
- B small
- C lovely

5. prepared

- A liked
- B found
- C made

6. exhausted

- A tired
- B dirty
- C happy

Questions 7-9

Choose the correct answer.

7. Farid and Hussein

- A drove to the shops
- B moved the furniture
- C cleaned all the rooms

8. Who lives in the new flat?

- A Olga and Sven
- B Hussein and Farid
- C Samira and Hussein

9. What is Marina going to buy?

- A a sofa
- B pictures
- C cushions

Task 2

A factory is hiring a new cleaner. Read the five texts and answer questions 10-18.

Text A

JOB VACANCY

Our busy factory needs a cleaner.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday only
Good rate of pay
For more details phone
Marta Schmidt (Manager)
01582 654321
Interviews: Monday 1 July

Text B

From: Marta Schmidt, Manager
To: Patrick, Receptionist
Subject: Cleaner interviews

Hello Patrick

We have four people for the interviews today. Here are their names and the interview times:

10am Tracey Martin
11am Robert Kubica
12pm Michele Ord
1pm Rashmi Patel

The interviews are in Room 3. Can you open the door at 9.30am and put water, tea and coffee on the table?

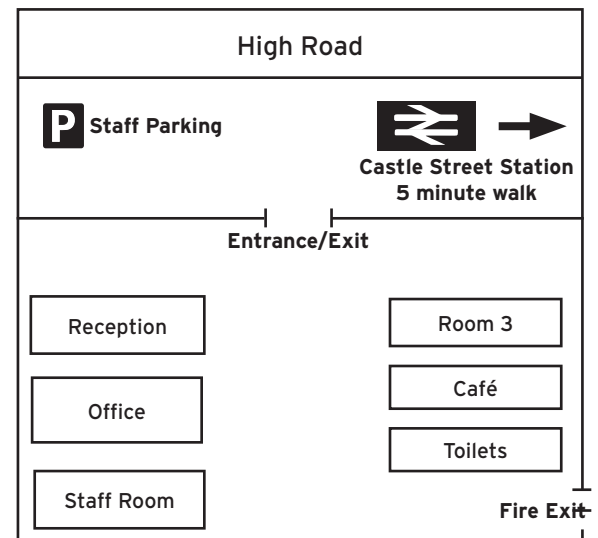
Thanks
Marta

Text C

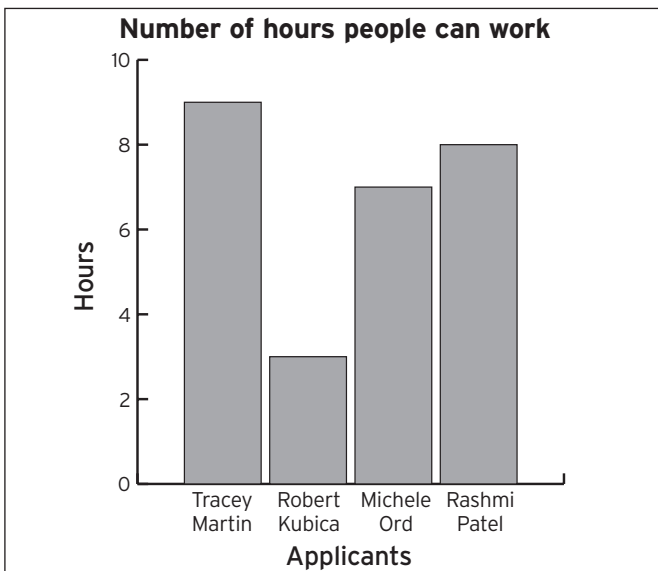
Cleaner application form			
Name			
Contact number			
When can you work? (Please circle)	Morning 9-12	Afternoon 12-3	Evening 3-6
Can you work overtime? (Please circle)	Yes	No	
Signature			

Text D

Plan of factory



Text E



Questions 10-12

Match the correct text (A-E) to the descriptions below. There is one text you don't need and one example.

Example: *to apply for a job*

C

10. to show the places in a factory
11. to give information to a work colleague
12. to tell people about a new job

Questions 13-18

Choose the correct answer.

13. In text A, cleaners need to
- A start work on the 1 July
 - B visit the factory to ask for a job
 - C telephone Marta for more information
14. In text B, Marta asks Patrick to
- A interview the cleaners with her
 - B get some drinks for Room 3
 - C telephone her at 9.30am
15. In text C, what information does the form ask for?
- A name, address, signature
 - B name, telephone number, signature
 - C name, date of birth, telephone number
16. Where is the Fire Exit?
- A between the reception and the office
 - B opposite the staff room
 - C next to the car park
17. The train station is
- A a short walk from the factory
 - B next to the fire exit
 - C opposite the factory
18. Who can work more hours than Rashmi?
- A Michele
 - B Robert
 - C Tracey

Turn over page

Task 3

Read the text and answer questions 19-24.

Did you know?

Fascinating fact file of the week

Romans made the first 'pencils' thousands of years ago. They were small brushes used for writing. Roman pencils were very different to the ones we use today. Modern pencils have a simple design. They are light and made from wood.

In 1662, Germany made pencils in large factories. These pencils had string around them. Later, they started to use wood. At first, pencil makers didn't paint the wood around the pencil because the wood colour was very nice. In 1890 many pencil makers started painting pencils different colours and putting their names on them.

Around the year 1900, the best pencils came from China. In China, yellow is a special colour and an important one. It is the colour of kings and queens. Pencil makers started to use yellow to show people their pencils were the best. These days, yellow is still a popular colour for pencils.

Questions 19-21

Choose the correct answer.

- 19.** This text is about
- A Roman pencils
 - B the colour yellow
 - C the history of pencils
- 20.** The first pencils were
- A made in factories
 - B in different colours
 - C created many years ago
- 21.** When did manufacturers begin to paint pencils?
- A 1662
 - B 1890
 - C 1900

Questions 22-24

Look at the list of words. Choose the correct answer.

22. Which word comes first in the list, before **calendar**?

- A folder
- B brush
- C pencil

23. Where does **notebook** come in the list?

- A between diary and ink
- B between ink and paint
- C between paint and rubber

24. Which word comes last in the list, after **ruler**?

- A paper
- B scissors
- C highlighter

Stationery

calendar

diary

ink

paint

rubber

ruler

Remember to circle your answers on the answer sheet.

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Question	Answer
1.	A <u>B</u> C
2.	A B C
3.	A B C

End of exam

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1. E
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. D
11. B
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. B
16. B
17. A
18. C
19. C
20. C
21. B
22. B
23. B
24. B