

# ESOL Skills for Life

## Entry 3 – Reading

### Sample Paper 4

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.

## Television

### Paragraph one

One popular leisure activity around the world is watching television (TV). In the USA the average person watches almost five hours per day, more than any other country. Countries such as Japan, Russia, Brazil and China are also in the top ten countries for watching the most TV each day.

### Paragraph two

**C (Example)**. John Baird, one of Scotland's most **significant** engineers, helped to invent TV. He was born in 1888 before radio or television even existed. He was the first person to introduce moving pictures on TV to the world.

### Paragraph three

..... **1.** ..... This was because you could watch silent films but at home you could only listen to the radio. Baird wanted people to watch films at home too. He designed his first TV when he was in his thirties. The TV was very **basic**. He used boxes, biscuit tins, card and a motor from an electrical fan. His first TV picture was in black and white and **it** wasn't very clear.

### Paragraph four

..... **2.** ..... Then he sent the first TV images under the sea, from Britain to America. Baird wanted to **broadcast** outside sports events on TV so in 1931, he made a TV camera for filming outside. He continued his work and much later on developed colour TV.

### Paragraph five

..... **3.** ..... We have 3D and HD televisions, not small black and white ones. Although there are many satellite and cable channels, the BBC is still the most watched channel in the UK.

**Questions 1-3**

Four sentences are missing from the text on page 2. Choose the best sentence for each gap. There is one sentence you don't need and one example.

- A Baird sent pictures from London to Glasgow, through a phone line.
- B People used to enjoy going to the cinema.
- C (Example) ~~But how did TV begin?~~
- D Most people didn't use to like television.
- E Television is very different these days.

**Questions 4-6**

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

4. **significant** (paragraph two)

- A common
- B necessary
- C important

5. **basic** (paragraph three)

- A simple
- B cheap
- C complicated

6. **broadcast** (paragraph four)

- A invent
- B show
- C sell

**Questions 7-9**

Choose the correct answer.

7. According to paragraph one, in Japan, Russia, Brazil and China, people

- A watch less television than the USA
- B have fewer television viewers than the USA
- C don't have as many televisions as the USA

8. In paragraph three, '**it**' means the

- A cinema
- B television
- C picture

9. According to paragraph five, the BBC is

- A popular because of satellite and cable channels
- B more popular than satellite and cable channels
- C less popular than satellite and cable channels

**Turn over page**

**Task 2**

Texts A to E are all about working for Westshire Advice Network. Read the five texts and answer questions 10-18.

**Text A**

Westshire Advice Network, 100 High Street, Norton NO1 63T

Jamal Azizi  
5 Oakwood Lane  
Norton  
NO10 4TA  
15 June

Dear Jamal,

You will be glad to know that the management has approved your transfer to our Newfield branch.

I am sorry to lose you, as you have been an excellent member of staff. However, I understand that the Newfield branch will be more convenient for you when you move house. Can you please complete the enclosed form and return it to head office?

Yours sincerely,  
*Karen David*  
Karen David  
Manager

**Text B**

WESTSHIRE ADVICE NETWORK CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM	
Name	
New address	
Telephone	
Date you are moving to new accommodation (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Signature	

**Text C**

**From:** Anya Kurbatova  
**To:** Jamal Azizi  
**Subject:** Welcome!  
**Attached:** 📎 Annual leave form

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Hi Jamal

Welcome to the Newfield Centre! Sorry I can't greet you in person but I have to go to see a client. I'm enclosing a list of local lawyers who can help us with difficult advice cases. Don't hesitate to contact one of them if necessary. But I'm hoping you'll have a quiet first morning!

You said you would like time off when you move house. Can you please complete the attached form?

Kind regards  
Anya  
Anya Kurbatova  
Manager, Newfield Centre

**Text D**

Newfield Advice Centre

**Consultants**  
If you have difficulty helping a client, these people can give expert advice:

<b>Education</b>	Patrick O'Callaghan 07896 12345
<b>Health</b>	Zuzana Burak 07753 67899
<b>Accommodation</b> (rented)	Mary Butcher 07774 23455
(homeowners)	Imran Shahdid 07723 45678
<b>Benefits</b>	Delia Ledward 07766 55443

**Text E**

ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FORM	
Name	
<b>Date of application</b>	
I wish to take leave from .....	to .....
Signature	
<b>Line manager authorisation</b>	

**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 welcome a new member of staff*

..... C .....

10. to ask for time off work

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11. to give information about new contact details

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12. to provide important telephone numbers

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**Questions 13-18**

Choose the correct answer.

13. Jamal is moving into a new flat on 15 February. How must he write the date in text B?

A 15/2/17

B 02/15/17

C 15/02/2017

14. Text E asks for '**date of application**'. Jamal must write the date of

A the first day of his time off

B the day he completed the form

C the day he started work at the centre

15. Text E asks for '**line manager authorisation**'. This means Jamal must

A write the name of his line manager

B ask his line manager to sign the form

C sign the form and give it to his manager

16. Karen David works at the

A head office

B Norton office

C Newfield office

17. When Jamal arrives at his new office, Anya will be

A on the telephone to a lawyer

B ready to welcome him

C out visiting a client

18. One of Jamal's clients has a difficult problem with his landlord. Who can help Jamal give advice?

A Mary Butcher

B Delia Ledward

C Imran Shahdid

**Turn over page**

**Task 3**

Read the text and answer questions 19-27.

### Electronic books

**Paragraph A**

An electronic book (also known as an e-book) is a book in electronic form that you read on computers, tablets or smartphones. An e-reader is small, electronic and designed just for reading e-books.

**Paragraph B**

In 1998 the first e-book readers started to appear. At first e-books were not popular and paper books remained the favourite reading choice. People expected e-books to go out of fashion and disappear.

**Paragraph C**

In 2004, electronic ink technology improved. The colour and brightness of e-reader screens also got better. E-books then became available for smartphones and other technology and all this meant e-book sales started to rise.

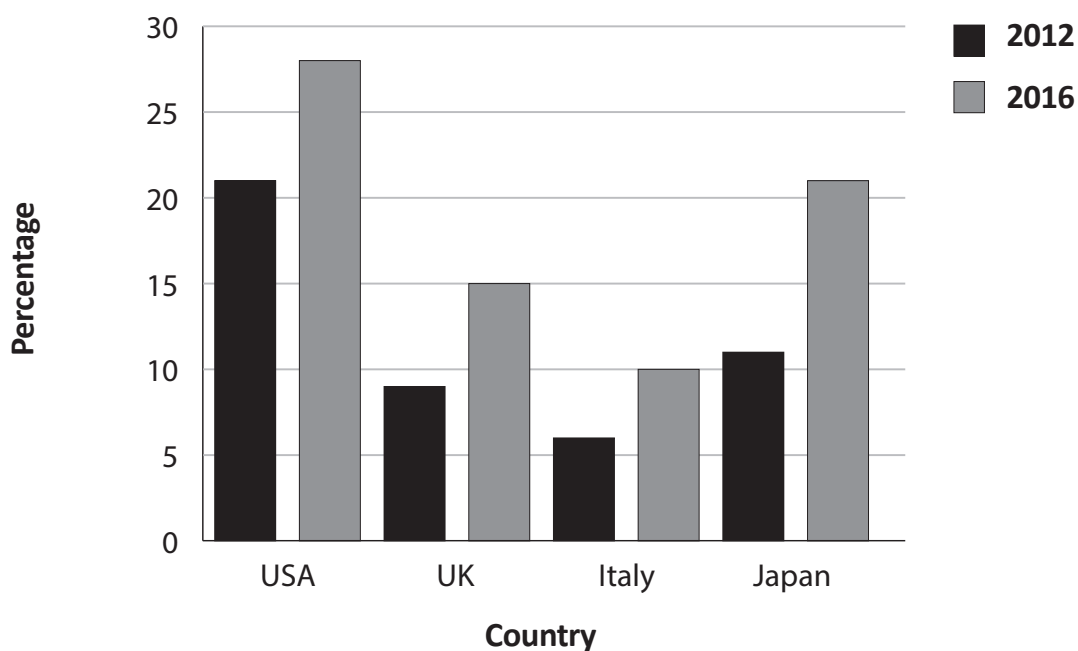
**Paragraph D**

However, some people still want to read paper books. They prefer the feel of them in their hand and they say they like to see books on a shelf. Others dislike looking at screens or don't want to use technology all the time.

**Paragraph E**

This has not prevented e-books from growing in popularity. A recent survey showed that 78% of people used e-books for research and 56% used them for study. Only 10% of people used them for leisure, so it seems paper books are still the most popular choice for free time reading.

### Spending on e-books



**Questions 19-21**

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs. Match the correct paragraph (A-E) to the descriptions below. There is one paragraph you don't need and one example.

*Example: to introduce the text*

A .....

19. to say why e-books became more popular

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20. to inform readers what people use e-books for

.....

21. to explain why some people like traditional books

.....

**Questions 22-24**

Choose the correct answer.

22. Which country spends the least on e-books?

- A UK
- B Japan
- C Italy

23. In 2016, the percentage of people in the UK who bought an e-book was

- A 9 per cent
- B 15 per cent
- C 20 per cent

24. People most often read e-books for

- A research
- B study
- C leisure

**Questions 25-27**

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

25. Which word comes first in the list, before **electronic**?

- A book
- B speed
- C index

26. Where does **page** come in the list?

- A between leisure and paper
- B between paper and screen
- C between screen and text

27. Which word comes last in the list, after **type**?

- A word
- B e-book
- C research

<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>electronic</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>leisure</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>paper</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>screen</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>text</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>type</b></p> <p>.....</p>
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