

TECHNICAL ENGLISH IV PRACTICE

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Read this text: 'Hated' Australian bird dealing with invasive species.

A bird that many Australians **dislike** **has had** an image change. The white ibis, which is indigenous to Australia, **is helping to get rid of** the invasive cane toad. Many Australians **view** the ibis as a pest because it **scavenges** for food from the trash. It even steals food from people's hands. People **nickname** it the "bin chicken". The word "bin" is Australian English for trash can. People now **like** the ibis because it **has learnt** how to **eat** the poisonous cane toad.

Cane toads **came** to Australia in the 1930s. Sugar farmers **wanted** them to **eat** a beetle that **was eating** their crops. However, the toads **ate** many insects and small animals to the point of extinction. They **spread** all across the country. They **had** no predators until the ibis **learnt** to kill them. The ibises **pick** the toads **up** and **shake** them. The stress from this **makes** the toads **release** all their poison. The ibises then **wash** the toads in water and **eat** them.

I. PHRASE MATCHING

Paragraph one:

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| 1. A bird that many | a. the invasive cane toad |
| 2. an image | b. the "bin chicken" |
| 3. indigenous to | c. change |
| 4. get rid of | d. food from the trash |
| 5. Australians view the ibis | e. cane toad |
| 6. it scavenges for | f. as a pest |
| 7. People nickname it | g. Australians dislike |
| 8. how to eat the poisonous | h. Australia |

Paragraph two:

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| 1. a beetle that was eating | a. toads in water |
| 2. to the point | b. across the country |
| 3. They spread all | c. and shake them |
| 4. the ibis learnt to | d. their crops |
| 5. The ibises pick the toads up | e. all their poison |
| 6. The stress | f. of extinction |
| 7. the toads release | g. from this |
| 8. The ibises then wash the | h. kill them |

II. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

Write the option in the box

1. What animal did many Australians dislike?

- a) Insects c) Beetles
- b) The white ibis d) Cane toads

2. Where is it from?

- a) From Africa. c) From Italy.
- b) From Canada. d) From Australia.

3. What is it doing?

- a) It is helping to get rid of the invasive beetle.
- b) It is helping to get rid of the invasive cane toads.
- c) It is helping to get rid of invasive and diverse insects.
- d) It is helping to get rid of the invasive eating people.

4. Why did many Australians view the ibis as a pest?

- a) Because it scavenges for food from the crops.
- b) Because it scavenges for food from the country.
- c) Because it scavenges for food from the farms.
- d) Because it scavenges for food from the trash.

5. How did people nickname it?

- a) The "bin chicken". c) The "pest".
- b) The "bin". d) The "poison".

6. What does the word "bin" mean?

- a) Can c) Pest
- b) Trash d) Trash can

7. How do Australians call the trash can?

- a) Pest c) Bin
- b) Garbage can d) Bin chicken

8. Now, Why do People like the ibis?

- a) Because it has learnt how to eat insects.
- b) Because it has learnt how to eat beetles.
- c) Because it has learnt how to eat cane toads.
- d) Because it has learnt how to eat crops.

9. When did the cane toads come to Australia?

- a) During last harvest. c) In ninety thirty.
- b) In nineteen thirty. d) Sixty years ago.

10. What did sugar farmers want cane toads to do?

- a) They wanted them to eat a specific insect.
- b) They wanted them to eat crops.
- c) They wanted them to eat food from the trash.
- d) They wanted them to eat the white ibis.

11. Why did sugar farmers want cane toads to eat beetles?

- a) Because they were eating their seed.
- b) Because they were eating their sacks of sugar.
- c) Because they were eating their trash.
- d) Because they were eating their crops.

12. Did the toads spread all across the country?

- a) Yes, they do. c) Yes, they did.
- b) No they do not. d) No, they did not.

13. Why did they spread all across the country?

- a) Because they ate all kind of insects.
- b) Because they ate all kind of small animals.
- c) Because they had a few predators.
- d) Because they had no predators.

14. Did the ibis use to kill toads?

- a) Yes, they do. c) Yes, they did.
- b) No they do not. d) No, they did not.

15. How does the ibis kill them?

- a) They just pick the toads up.
- b) They only step on the toads.
- c) They just shake them.
- d) They pick the toads up and shake them.

16. How do the ibis eat them?

- a) They don't eat them.
- b) They only kill and then, they just eat them.
- c) They first wash them in water.
- d) They leave them in water.