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Level 1 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Reading)

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 - 6.

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1. A census is an official count of a population that takes place every few years. In this country it takes place every ten years. Census statistics show a picture of the nation and how we live. We can compare different groups of people across the United Kingdom because the same questions are asked, and the information is recorded in the same way throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

2. The population of England & Wales on Census Day, 21 March 2021, was 59,597,300. Since 1801, the census has collected and shared facts about our population and its characteristics. It helps to develop policies and plan and distribute financial support. Many events have happened since 1801 as there have been wars, many kings, queens and leaders and considerable developments in industry, technology and culture.

3. Everyone uses public services such as schools, health services, roads and libraries. These services need to be planned so that they are up to date with fast-changing patterns of modern life. We need accurate information on the numbers of people, including the balance of young and old, what jobs people do, where they live and in what type of houses. When the population is counted in each area, it helps the government to work out the amount of money it will give to each local council and each health service. Before central or local government can offer services, policies must be based on high quality **evidence**.

4.

Census data examples	Used for
The number of working people	New jobs and training policies; investment decisions
Information on houses and those who live there	New policies about houses to make sure there is the right mix
The number of people in areas	Providing health services to make sure there are enough doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, hospitals and ambulances
The number of children	Nursery places, play schemes and after-school clubs. The number of school places in an area
The number of elderly people	Home care services for the elderly and those with disabilities
Information on travel to and from work, and the availability of cars	Public transport - buses, trains, trams and underground as well as roads

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The best title for the text is

   A Changes in customs

   B Statistics of the world

   C Planning for the future

   D A survey of global residents.

2. When was the first census?

   A 2011

   B 1801

   C 2021

   D 1811

3. **'Evidence'** as used at the end of paragraph 3 means

   A proposals

   B concerns

   C support

   D proof.

Write your answers on the lines.

4. Write <u>two</u> ways the government uses information about how many working people there are.

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

5. In paragraph 4, the information is written in a table because

   A the writer includes a lot of information

   B some information is not important

   C not all the data are included

   D the census is important.

6. The text

   A examines, providing reasons for the census

   B directs you how to fill in the census

   C influences you about your answers

   D invites you to fill in the census.

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Task 2
Read the texts and answer questions 7 - 12.

A

Ms Margot Smith
12 High St., Limton
L22 1PG
20th July 2022

Dear Ms Smith

I am pleased to offer you the position of Assistant Secretary in our branch. You will find other documents with this letter.

As discussed, you will be responsible for the office support for the branch. Please look at the job description with this letter. You will report directly to the Branch Manager. Your starting date will be 4th September, 2022.

You will be paid a monthly salary with 2 weeks' paid leave. Please refer to our Employee Manual (2).

This job offer depends on your passing the **compulsory** health check. We will arrange this when you have sent your agreement to this job offer.

Please sign and date this letter using the reply envelope enclosed. We have included a copy for your records and need you to reply by 10th August, 2022.

We look forward to welcoming you here.

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Jones
Human Resources Manager

By signing and dating this letter I, Margot Smith, accept the job offer of Assistant Secretary at Link Company.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

B

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From: Naz Fraser
To: Dan Turner
Subject: Milton Health Support

Dear Dan,

Thanks so much for talking with Paul and me about our Health Support Manager position last week.
We enjoyed the meeting, especially hearing about your work with United Sport, and we were impressed with your experience.
We've had a very competitive group and have had to make hard decisions. Unfortunately, I won't be able to move you forward into the next round of interviews. I am sure, though, that you will be excellent in the right job in another organisation. I wish you the best of luck with your job search.

Best wishes
Naz Fraser
Staff Manager

C

NEWS

Ants are better at finding their way than we thought. Scientists say they can always find their way to the north, no matter which direction they are facing. This can be compared to trying to find your way home while walking backwards.

Ants stand out in the insect world because of their skill in finding their way. Living in large groups, they need to look for food and carry it back to their home.

Researchers came up with their conclusion by studying desert ants and now hope to use what they learned to develop robots that can move around in natural areas such as forests.

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

7.	Which text has bad news?	**A**	**B**	**C**

8. From Text A, write the events in order. The first one has been done for you.

		Order
A	Present yourself to the Branch Manager	
B	Pass a medical	
C	Show you have accepted the position	
D	Read the job description	1

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

9. In Text A**, compulsory** as used in the letter means

A optional

B possible

C accurate

D necessary.

10. In Text B who does '**We'** refer to in the sentence '**We** enjoyed the meeting...' ?

A Staff Manager and Naz

B Dan and Paul

C Paul and Naz

D Dan and Naz

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Circle the letters of the correct answers.

11.	Which text includes a report about research?	**A**	**B**	**C**
12.	Which text includes a number of instructions?	**A**	**B**	**C**

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Task 3

Read the text and answer the questions 13 – 18.

THE VALUE OF THE COCONUT

1 The coconut belongs to the Palm tree family. Large numbers are grown in many tropical countries. They are often seen as a fruit and frequently confused with being a nut, but they are a 'drupe'. Drupes include peaches and cherries. In the Sanskrit language in India, the coconut tree is known as kalpa vriksha - **'a tree which gives all that is necessary for living'** because nearly all parts can be used: the water, milk, the tissue inside (called the 'meat') and the oil. Even the outside can be used for making ropes, rugs, sacks, baskets and filling for mattresses to go on beds. Coconut palm leaves have many uses such as making brushes, baskets, rugs or they can be dried and used for roofs. Wood from the trunk of the coconut palm was traditionally used to build bridges, houses, huts and boats in the tropical countries. The wood is so straight and strong that it makes a reliable building material.

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Palm trees produce coconuts up to 13 times a year and although it takes a year for the tree to mature, it can then produce between 60-180 coconuts in a single harvest. You have to be careful when collecting them as they can give your head quite a bang.

3 **Fats and health**

The meat of the coconut contains large amounts of fat but unlike other nuts, if it is eaten in small amounts, it seems to be good for people. Doctors say that coconut oil should not be used too much and still recommend olive oil as the best oil to use for cooking. However, if you don't want to cook with it, it is actually great for your skin. Coconut oil will take make-up off and provide a natural cream for your face.

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It is now thought that drinking coconut milk and eating other coconut foods may help protect the body from **infections** and viruses. Coconut milk is rich in vitamins and good for your body. Ideally it should be drunk once or twice a week. Coconut water has flavour and is often drunk as a 'natural' sports drink. It has no added sugar. The white part of the coconut seed is called coconut meat. The coconut meat comes in several forms. You can get it from a fresh whole coconut or it can be dried. Coconut flour is a healthy way to add coconut flavour when baking.

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

13. In Paragraph 1, why are there inverted commas around **'a tree which gives all that is necessary for living'**?

A It's a clause

B It's a translation

C It reports what was said

D The words are spoken by someone.

14. Why do builders think that a coconut tree is a suitable wood? Write your answer on the line.

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Circle the letters of <u>two</u> correct answers.

15. What <u>two</u> parts of the coconut should only be consumed in small quantities?

A Coconut meat

B Coconut flour

C Coconut milk

D Coconut oil

16. There are **four** paragraphs in the text. Two paragraphs have a title. Paragraphs 2 and 4 do not have a title. Write the paragraph number next to the correct title. There are two titles you do not need.

		Paragraph number
A	Maintaining low supplies	
B	Infections develop	
C	Gathering a significant crop	
D	A remedy for illness	

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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

17. **'Infections'** as used in paragraph 4 means

A influences

B symptoms

C weaknesses

D diseases

18. This text

A warns of the use of coconuts in industry

B compares different kinds of fruit trees

C explores the importance of coconuts

D offers products to the reader.

End of assessment

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