

ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 14
LEVELS 1-3

PART 1. Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B, C on your answer sheet.

Questions 1-5

1

No more than three items
allowed in changing rooms at
any time

- A. You may take a maximum of three items with you into the changing rooms.
- B. You cannot try on items anywhere except in the changing rooms.
- C. There are only three changing rooms available at any time for trying on items.

2

Library

Replace books when you
have finished. Do not leave
them on the desks

Library users

- A. should take their books to the main desk.
- B. must put the books back on the shelves.
- C. cannot take any books out of this area.

3

MESSAGE

To: Tom
From: Joe

Tom - Football training is cancelled until further notice because Mike has gone away, maybe we could do something else this week.

- Tom and Joe aren't playing football because
- A. they're going away for a week.
 - B. Mike is somewhere else.
 - C. training is on another day.

4

**ALL VISITORS SHOULD REPORT
TO THE OFFICE ON ARRIVAL**

- A. Please go to the office before you leave.
- B. Please call the office to make an appointment.
- C. Please go to the office when you first come here.

5

From: Gabi
To: Jo

I'll be in town on business on Wednesday, so could we meet for dinner then, instead of on Thursday as usual?

- Gabi wants Jo to
- A. change an arrangement.
 - B. cancel a regular event.
 - C. come to a business meeting.

PART 2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank with one suitable word.
Questions 6-15

THE RECIPE FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION

How many people do you communicate with in a day? Probably a lot more (6)_____ you did ten years ago. With a few pieces of equipment, we can 'talk' to people in more and more ways, not (7)_____ face-to-face and on the phone, but also via the Internet. It is very important, therefore, (8)_____ everyone to try and improve their communication skills. Despite all the technological advances of (9)_____ years, the art of good conversation is still at the heart of successful communication. (10)_____ it's a good idea to remember the four golden rules of good communication. Firstly, be as clear as you can. Misunderstandings arise if we don't say exactly (11)_____ we mean. Secondly, we have to work (12)_____ at listening. Pay attention to what the other person is saying. Thirdly, ask (13)_____ people what they think, don't only tell them what _____ you think. And finally show respect for other people, give them time to say what they want, and (14)_____ interest in what they say. If you (15)_____ these rules, you will be a good communicator.

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| 6. A. like | B. than | C. as | D. that |
| 7. A. yet | B. even | C. just | D. still |
| 8. A. for | B. if | C. by | D. from |
| 9. A. close | B. last | C. late | D. recent |
| 10. A. There | B. So | C. Such | D. Or |
| 11. A. when | B. what | C. which | D. whom |
| 12. A. hard | B. much | C. great | D. very |
| 13. A. every | B. other | C. each | D. another |
| 14. A. get | B. put | C. be | D. show |
| 15. A. act | B. move | C. follow | D. go |

PART 3. Read the article to decide if each statement is TRUE or FALSE.

Questions 16-25

SAFARI HOLIDAYS

If you want to get really close to the wildlife and scenery of Africa, then a Safari Holiday offers the most excitement and best value for money.

The Right Trucks for Africa

Each of our safari trucks is a safe, reliable vehicle which is suited to African travel conditions and allows you to fully enjoy the areas visited. Every seat is a window seat and the sides of the truck can be rolled up to provide a wide space for looking out. We use four-wheel-drive vehicles because roads can be rough or get washed away, and we don't want to be prevented from visiting interesting areas.

The Safari Team

Three of our employees go on each safari trip, one of whom is the team leader. AU safari team leaders are fully trained and have worked for at least a year on a wide variety of trips in Africa before they lead their first safari. The team leader is a driver, mechanic, guide, diplomat and general expert on Africa. He is helped by a second driver, usually a team leader in training. The third member of the team, the cook, is as important as the leader. He or she sees that all cooking and camp tasks are completed as smoothly as possible.

Good Food

Safari Holidays are famous for their open-fire cooking. We stop regularly to buy fresh fruit, vegetables and meat in local markets and we also have a good supply of things like tea, coffee, dried milk and tinned food in the truck. All the members of the tour lend a hand with the food preparation and washing-up, under the experienced eye of the team cook. At the beginning of each trip, everyone, including the safari team members, pays the same amount of money into the safari purse and this covers food expenses. AU water carried on the truck is safe to drink and we make sure it never runs out.

Quality Camping Equipment

Each truck carries everything needed for the trip. This includes four-person tents, used for only two people, air beds, mosquito nets, camp chairs, a fire grill for campfire cooking and all necessary cooking equipment, a cool box for storing fresh food, binoculars, books on Africa and a first-aid kit.

Accommodation

On Safari Holidays, we sometimes camp in an official campsite and sometimes we put up our tents in wild areas. Some campsites have very basic or no facilities, while at others hot showers and cold drinks are available. At the start or finish of tours, we usually have a night in a hotel. These are clean, comfortable and reasonably priced.

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| 16. In a safari truck, passengers take it in turns to sit next to a window. | A. True | B. False |
| 17. Safari trucks are able to travel over all types of roads. | A. True | B. False |
| 18. Safari team leaders have a minimum of 12 months' touring experience. | A. True | B. False |
| 19. The second driver is as experienced as the team leader. | A. True | B. False |
| 20. Each truck comes supplied with all the food needed for the trip. | A. True | B. False |
| 21. Everyone is expected to help get meals ready. | A. True | B. False |
| 22. What people pay for their food depends on how much they eat. | A. True | B. False |
| 23. There is always enough clean drinking water. | A. True | B. False |
| 24. Campers have plenty of space in their tents. | A. True | B. False |
| 25. Hot showers are provided for campers wherever they stop for the night. | A. True | B. False |

PART 4. Read the following passages and choose the best answer for each question.

Questions 26-27 refer to the following notice:

NOTICE

All building visitors and tenants are hereby notified that smoking is prohibited in most areas of this office building by order of the City Chief of Police. Smoking is allowed only in the employee lounge on the second floor or on the sidewalk outside the building. Outside smokers must stand at least 10 feet away from all building entrances. Please report any violations to the Security Office in room 105. There is a \$50 fine for violation of this order. Repeated violations may incur higher fines.

26. What is the punishment for people who smoke in the building?
- A. Pay \$50
 - B. Go to the police station
 - C. Lose their employment
 - D. Stay outside
27. Where is smoking allowed?
- A. On the entire second floor
 - B. In most areas of the building
 - C. In the office
 - D. On the sidewalk

Questions 28-31 refer to the following letter.

Gentlemen:

On March 5, 2006, I purchased a Lithcombe a microwave oven, Model No. 2245. I have been experiencing some problems with the product and need to have it serviced.

I purchased the microwave oven from A1 Appliances, which recently went out of business and is. Therefore, unable to provide any service.

May I have your authorization to send the microwave oven to your factory for service?

Sincerely,

Ken Brandt

28. What is the purpose of this letter?
- A. To register a complaint
 - B. To return a defective product
 - C. To notify of a shipping error
 - D. To request service authorization
29. What is the name of the company to whom this letter being sent?
- A. Lithcombe
 - B. A1 Appliances
 - C. Brandt Corp.
 - D. Philips Corp.
30. What does the letter writer give as proof of ownership of the product?
- A. A receipt
 - B. Shipping information
 - C. The product's model number
 - D. Manufacturer's date stamp
31. Where does Ken want to send the product for service?
- A. A1 Appliances
 - B. Sears
 - C. Maytag
 - D. Linhcombe's factory

Questions 32-36 refer to the following article

Every year students in many countries learn English. Some of these students are young children. Others are teenagers. Many are adults. Some learn at school, others study by themselves. A few learn English just by hearing the language in film, on television, in the office or among their friends. But not many are lucky enough to do that. Most people must work hard to learn another language.

Many boys and girls learn English at school because it is one of their subjects. They study their own language and mathematics...and English. In England, or America, or Australia, many boys and girls study their own language, which is English, and mathematics...and another language, perhaps French, or German or Spanish.

Many adults learn English, because it is useful for their work. Teenagers often learn English because it is useful for their work. Teenagers often learn English for their higher studies because some of their books are in English at the college or university. Other people learn English because they want to read newspapers or magazines in English.

32. According to the passage, which of the following sentences are TRUE?
- A. Only adults learn English.
 - B. No children like learning English.
 - C. English is useful only to teenagers.
 - D. English is popular in much of the world.
33. Many people learn English by _____
- A. watching videos only
 - B. hearing the language in the office
 - C. talking with the film stars
 - D. working hard on their lesson
34. Many boys and girls learn English because _____
- A. English can give them a job
 - B. It is included in their study courses
 - C. Their parents make them
 - D. They have to study their own language
35. In America or Australia many school children study _____
- A. English as a foreign language
 - B. English and mathematics only
 - C. Such foreign languages as French, German and Spanish
 - D. Their own language and no foreign languages
36. Many adults learn English because _____
- A. their work is useful
 - B. they want to go abroad
 - C. most of their books are in English
 - D. It helps them in their work

Questions 37-40 refer to the following articles

How to have "Safe Fun in the Sun"

- ★ Protect babies under 6-month age from any prolonged exposure to the sun.
- ★ Always use a high sun protection factor (SPF) sunscreen from the Andersen Child Care range for babies and young children. Talk to your doctor about the proper sunscreen for you and your babies if you are not sure which SPF is right.
- ★ Be aware that children with any skin tone can get sunburned.
- ★ Wear long-sleeved T-shirts and a hat when playing outside. Andersen has a great range to choose from.
- ★ During times of greatest sun exposure, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., have children do indoor activities.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

No one cares about your children more than you and Andersen Child Care. With summer just around the corner, here is the latest in our series of health care tips.

No parent wants their child to have memories of painful sun burns and itchy peeling skin. Summer can be fun, as long as it includes protection from the sun. As summer approaches, children and adults want to spend more time outdoors. Even though it feels good to sit in the warm sun and to be outside on the summer afternoon, parents need to be aware that the sun can be dangerous. In fact, a severe sun burn before the age of 18 can double the risk of skin cancer later in life. Here's what you can allow your family to enjoy the summer heat safely

37. What's the main point of this article?
- A. To spend more time in the sun
 - B. To talk to your doctor more often
 - C. To spend less time in the sun
 - D. To teach preventive measure against getting skin cancer
38. Why was this article written?
- A. To promote public health and safety
 - B. To promote a brand of children's products
 - C. To encourage outdoor activities
 - D. To encourage people to spend time with their children
39. When is the best time for children to play outside?
- A. Before they are six months old.
 - B. After they are 19 years old.
 - C. Before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m.
 - D. Between 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m.
40. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- A. Getting sunburned once or twice has no lasting effects
 - B. Babies and young children should wear a sunscreen with a high level of protection.
 - C. Kids should wear hats and long-sleeves if they play outdoors.
 - D. All children can get sunburned, regardless of skin color.