

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:

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:

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 hating 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 Australian call to 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 wanted 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 wanted 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.