

## Reading Practice Exam

### Text 1: A day in the life of an airline pilot

Carole is an aeroplane pilot. She usually works during the week and has weekends off, but she sometimes works Saturdays or Sundays. When Carol has to work, her day usually starts very early in the morning. She wakes up at 4 a.m. and gets ready for work. She has a shower and gets dressed. She wears a uniform. At 4.30, Carole has cereal with milk and drinks a large coffee. After that, she packs her flight bag for the day.

At 5 o'clock, she gets in her car and drives to the airport. Before the flight, she meets the rest of her crew. The first officer helps her fly the plane and the cabin crew look after the passengers during the flight. They talk about the weather while they get on board the plane all together.

During the flight, the cabin crew give food and drinks to the passengers. Carole talks to the passengers. She gives them some information about the flight. She tells them how long the flight is, how fast they fly and how high they are. When they land at their destination, Carole says goodbye to the passengers and meets her crew to check if everything is OK. After work, Carol drives home.

Carol arrives home at 5 pm. At home, she does yoga for 30 minutes to relax. Then, she cooks some food and has dinner at 7 pm. After dinner, she checks her emails for 45 minutes. Flying a plane is very tiring and Carol goes to bed very early, at 9 pm. Sometimes, she reads a book for one hour before sleeping.

1. How many days does Carole normally fly every week?
  - a. Two
  - b. Four
  - c. Five
2. What does Carole do at 4.30?
  - a. She wakes up
  - b. She eats breakfast
  - c. She packs her bag
3. What do Carole and her crew talk about?
  - a. The plane
  - b. The weather
  - c. The passengers
4. What does Carole NOT mention to the passengers?
  - a. The duration of the flight.
  - b. Information about the destination.
  - c. The speed.
5. After the flight, Carole...
  - a. Says goodbye to the passengers
  - b. Says goodbye to the crew
  - c. Checks if the plane is OK
6. When does Carole cook dinner?

- a. Before going to bed
  - b. While watching TV
  - c. After doing yoga
7. How long does Carole read her book for?
- a. 30 minutes
  - b. 45 minutes
  - c. 60 minutes

### Text 2: My neighborhood

My neighborhood is very peaceful and quiet. It is a new neighborhood, and there are a lot of big houses and some apartment buildings. The streets are very clean, and there aren't many cars. My school is near my house. I can walk there in 10 minutes.

There's also a park, which has a small playground for children and a large field. I like to play baseball there with my friends after school. All of the houses have a small front yard but big back yards. Most of my neighbors have a swimming pool, and some even have a trampoline!

Everyone has a flower garden, and in the spring, it is very beautiful. My road is called Maple Road. It is not in the city. It's in the suburbs. There aren't any restaurants, bars or cinemas on my road. But, if you go to Main street, you can find a lot of things to do. My favorite store is there. It's called Knick-Knack, and they sell everything you can imagine.

I like my neighborhood because it is very safe. There is no crime, and all of my neighbors take care of each other. The police station is next to the school, which is very nice. However, the hospital is quite far. It is in the city, and we have to drive 30 minutes to get there.

My friends live near me, and we often meet up to play or just talk. We love playing hockey in the street because there isn't any traffic. I think I am lucky to live in my neighborhood.

- 1. It's a busy neighborhood with lots of activity.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 2. There are only a few cars on the streets.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 3. He enjoys playing in the playground near his home.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 4. People decorate their flower gardens in the fall to make them beautiful.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 5. He lives in the city.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 6. He lives on Main Street.

- a. True
  - b. False
7. He lives beside the police station.
- a. True
  - b. False
8. He's very happy with his neighborhood.
- a. True
  - b. False

### Text 3: Going to the Mall

Every city in the USA has a mall or four. There are about 1,100 malls in the US. These giant store-filled buildings are one of America's greatest entertainment options for teens and families.

Mall of America in Minnesota is the largest mall. It is so big that it has an amusement park in it, Nickelodeon Universe, with several roller coasters! There are more than 500 stores in it, about 400,000m<sup>2</sup> and about 12,000 people work there.

But malls nowadays aren't the same as they used to be in the 80s and 90s. During those decades, teens would go to the mall and spend hours shopping, playing video games at the arcade, or just hanging out with friends. It was cool in the summer and warm in the winter. In those days, malls provided the perfect source of shopping and entertainment for entire families.

Nowadays, you can still eat in the food court and go to the movies, but there aren't many arcades left. Millennials have their Xboxes or Ps4s, and they like shopping online, which is also happening with more and more people from other generations. And as more people shop online and play video games at home, fewer people go to the mall to hang out.

Hopefully, malls will remain one of the great American pastimes. But only time will tell how people in the future will prefer to spend their time.

1. People like malls because...
  - a. It is a fun place to be.
  - b. It's cheap.
  - c. There are so many of them.
2. Why is the Mall of America so famous?
  - a. Because it's the official Mall of the country.
  - b. Because it's in Minnesota.
  - c. Because of its size.
3. At the mall of America, you can...
  - a. Visit the president of the USA.
  - b. Ride a rollercoaster.
  - c. Walk in a park.
4. What can't people do at malls very much anymore?

- a. Hang out with friends.
  - b. Play video games.
  - c. Go for lunch.
5. Malls nowadays ... than in the past.
- a. Are bigger
  - b. Are more popular
  - c. Have fewer entertainment options
6. Why are malls dying?
- a. People prefer other options.
  - b. They are too expensive.
  - c. They aren't entertaining.
7. The future of malls...
- a. Is going to get better.
  - b. Is certainly going to be bad.
  - c. Is uncertain.