

**ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 12**  
**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.**

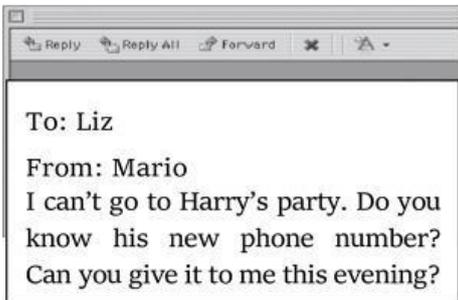
**Questions 1-5**

1



Ciara is texting Ben to  
A. warn him he'll be late for the film.  
B. ask him to contact her about the film.  
C. confirm the time the film begins.

2



What does Mario want Liz to do?  
A. Phone Harry to say he can't go to the party.  
B. Give him Harry's details later today.  
C. Tell Harry what his new phone number is.

3

The food in this container is not  
suitable for cooking  
in a microwave oven.

A. Remove this food from the container before  
placing in a microwave oven.  
B. It is advisable to use a suitable container for  
cooking this food.  
C. You should avoid putting this food in a  
microwave oven.

4

**REGENCY CAMERAS**  
Buy two films and get one FREE

A. Buy three films for the price of two  
B. Get a free film with every one you buy  
C. Films bought here are printed free

5

**NO BICYCLES AGAINST  
GLASS PLEASE**

A. Do not leave your bike touching the window.  
B. Do not ride your bicycle this area.  
C. Broken glass may damage your bicycle tires.

**PART 2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank with one suitable word.**

**Questions 6-15**

**New Home-New School**

*(By Megan Williams, aged 13)*

Last year, my Dad got a new job. It was in a town which was 100 kms from our home. Mum and Dad (6)\_\_\_\_\_ we would have to move, because it was a long way for Dad to (7)\_\_\_\_\_ every day.

When they (8)\_\_\_\_\_ me about their plan I was upset (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I loved my home and school. I was worried that I would (10)\_\_\_\_\_ all my friends and teachers a lot.

Anyway, six months (11)\_\_\_\_\_ that, my family moved to the town of Hexford. The house was much bigger than our old one, and (12)\_\_\_\_\_ my bedroom window I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ see the sea.

I wasn't looking forward to the first day of my new school. I felt really (14) \_\_\_\_\_ about meeting lots of new people. But when I got there everyone was great! My class teacher was nice and I (15) \_\_\_\_\_ friends with two girls in my class. Moving home isn't that bad, after all!

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|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 6. A. chose     | B. decided      | C. selected | D. picked    |
| 7. A. transport | B. carry        | C. tour     | D. travel    |
| 8. A. said      | B. spoke        | C. told     | D. explained |
| 9. A. because   | B. so           | C. but      | D. and       |
| 10. A. forget   | B. lose         | C. leave    | D. miss      |
| 11. A. further  | B. after        | C. next     | D. later     |
| 12. A. down     | B. along        | C. from     | D. away      |
| 13. A. shall    | B. could        | C. must     | D. would     |
| 14. A. nervous  | B. disappointed | C. angry    | D. bored     |
| 15. A. knew     | B. found        | C. made     | D. met       |

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

**Questions 16-25**

***Norwich***

Norwich, the Capital of the part of Britain known as East Anglia, has existed as a place to live for more than two thousand years. It began as a small village by the River Wensum. At the time of the Norman invasion in 1066 it had grown to become one of the largest towns in England.

With two cathedrals and a mosque, Norwich has long been a popular centre for various religions. The first cathedral was built in 1095 and has recently celebrated its 900th anniversary, while Norwich itself had a year of celebration in 1994 to mark the 800th anniversary of the city receiving a Royal Charter. This allowed it to be called a city and to govern itself independently.

Today, in comparison with places like London or Manchester, Norwich is quite small, with a population of around 150,000, but in the 16th century Norwich was the second city of England. It continued to grow for the next 300 years and got richer and richer, becoming famous for having as many churches as there are weeks in the year and as many pubs as there are days in the year.

Nowadays, there are far fewer churches and pubs, but in 1964 the university of East Anglia was built in Norwich. With its fast-growing student population and its success as a modern commercial centre (Norwich is the biggest centre for Insurance Services outside London), the city now has a wide choice of entertainment: theatres, cinemas, nightclubs, busy cafés, excellent restaurants, and a number of arts and leisure centres. There is also a football team, whose colours are green and yellow. The team is known as 'The Canaries', though nobody can be sure why.

Now the city's attractions include another important development, a modern shopping centre called 'The Castle Mall'. The people of Norwich lived with a very large hole in the middle of their city for over two years, as builders dug up the main car park. Lorries moved nearly a million tons of earth so that the roof of the Mall could become a city centre park, with attractive water pools and hundreds of trees. But the local people are really pleased that the old open market remains, right in the heart of the city and next to the new development. Both areas continue to do good business, proving that Norwich has managed to mix the best of the old and the new.

16. The River Wensum flows through East Anglia.
17. People have lived by the River Wensum for at least 2000 years.      A. True      B. False
18. In the 11th century, Norwich was a small village.      A. True      B. False
19. Norwich has been a City since its first cathedral was built.      A. True      B. False
20. Norwich has always been one of the smallest English cities      A. True      B. False
21. There are more than 50 churches in Norwich.      A. True      B. False
22. The number of students in Norwich is increasing.      A. True      B. False
23. The Norwich City football team is called 'The Canaries' because of  
the colours the players wear.      A. True      B. False
24. The Castle Mall took more than two years to build.
25. Norwich people still like using the old market as well as shopping in  
The Castle Mall.      A. True      B. False

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

**Questions 26-28** refer to the following note:

From Professor Henry Yaleson

Here is an update on the course that will be offered by the Science Department next semester. First of all, Science 114 – The Planets in Our Solar System has been cancelled because of low registration. Instead of Science 114, we will offer Science 115 – The Living Earth. We will also offer Biology 227 – The Study of Earthworms, Biology 190 – Whales of the Pacific and Human Anatomy 101 – Bones of the Human Body.

Have a great new semester.

Prof. Yaleson

26. Professor Yaleson works in which university department?

- A. The Earth Department
- B. The Life Department
- C. The Science Department
- D. The Biology Department

27. Science 114 was cancelled for what reason?

- A. Low registration
- B. The professor is sick.
- C. The university will close down.
- D. They have too many courses.

28. What is Human Anatomy 101 about?

- A. Whales
- B. The study of earthworms
- C. The planets in the solar system
- D. The bones of the human body

**Questions 29-31** refer to the following invitation:

Dear Patty,

You are invited to a going-away party for Liza, which will hopefully be a surprise.

In honor of her becoming an "Army Wife", we thought it might be funny (and appropriate) to get her a nice set of luggage as a gift. We are asking that everyone chip in \$20 to make this a reality. Please let me know if this works for you too.

The party is planned for Liza's last day, which is Friday, June 15th, after work in the break room.

29. What is this an invitation to?

- A. Birthday party
- B. Retirement party
- C. Engagement party
- D. Going-away party

30. What gift is going to be given?

- A. \$20
- B. Luggage
- C. A new car
- D. Clothes

31. On what date is the party to take place?

- A. Jan. 15
- B. June 15
- C. June 4
- D. July 15

Questions 32-35 refer to the following advertisement:

<b>ABC Market</b>		
Sale- this weekend only		
Fresh Oranges - \$ 1.50/kilo		
<u>Fresh Apples</u> - \$ 1.75/kilo		
Beef - \$ 1.25/2 kilos		
Chicken - \$ 1.25/kilo		
Cookies - \$ 2.50/bag OR buy 2 bags, get the third bag free!		
M-F 8:30 -6:30	Store hours:	Sat. & Sun. 12- 5

32. What kind of business is advertised?

- A. A grocery store    B. A school supply store    C. A restaurant    D. A bakery

33. When is the sale?

- A. Today    B. Monday through Friday    C. Saturday and Sunday    D. All week

34. The word "Fresh" is closest in meaning to

- A. Inexpensive    B. Colorful    C. Newly picked    D. Special

35. How much do cookies cost?

- A. \$ 2 a bag    B. \$ 2.50 a bag    C. \$ 3 a bag    D. They're free

Questions 36-40 refer to the following article

In the United States and Canada, it is very important to look a person directly in the eyes when you are having a conversation with him or her. If you look down or to the side when the other person is talking, that person will think that you are not interested in what he or she is saying. This, of course, is not polite. If you look down or to the side when you are talking, you may appear to be hiding something; that is, it might seem that you are not honest. However, people who are speaking will sometimes look away for a few seconds when they are thinking or trying to find the right word. But they always turn immediately back to look the listener directly in the eyes. These social "rules" are the same for two men, two women, a man and a woman, or an adult and a child.

36. In the US and Canada, when you are having a conversation with someone, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. do not look directly in the eyes
  - B. it is impolite to look at the eyes of the speaker or hearer
  - C. you should look him or her directly in the eyes
  - D. look down or to the side
37. If you look down or to the side when the other person is talking, you \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. will be thought to be not interested in the conversation
  - B. are very interested in what is being said
  - C. are very polite
  - D. are the interesting person
38. If you look down or to the side when you are talking, \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the Americans are interested in you
  - B. you are thought to be dishonest
  - C. you are very polite
  - D. you are interested in the conversation
39. The speaker will sometimes look away because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. he or she wants to end the conversation
  - B. he or she thinks that the hearer is not honest
  - C. the hearer is interested in what is being said
  - D. because they are thinking or finding the right word
40. These social “rules” are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. for men only
  - B. for women only
  - C. for children only
  - D. the same for everybody