

## CAM 19 - TEST 2 - DICTATION

### WORKING AS A LIFEBOAT VOLUNTEER

I never really planned to be a lifeboat 1. \_\_\_\_\_ when I came to live in Northsea. I'd been working in London as a website 2. \_\_\_\_\_, but although that was 3. \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't like 4. \_\_\_\_\_ life. I'd been really keen on 5. \_\_\_\_\_ as a 6. \_\_\_\_\_, and I thought if I went to live by the 7. \_\_\_\_\_, I might be able to 8. \_\_\_\_\_ that a bit more in my 9. \_\_\_\_\_ time. Then I found that the Lifeboat Institution was looking for volunteers, so I decided to 10. \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lifeboat Institution building here in Northsea's hard to miss; it's one of the 11. \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. It was built 15 years ago with 12. \_\_\_\_\_ provided by a 13. \_\_\_\_\_ member of the public, who'd lived here all her 14. \_\_\_\_\_. As the Lifeboat Institution is a 15. \_\_\_\_\_ that relies on that kind of 16. \_\_\_\_\_, 17. \_\_\_\_\_ than funding provided by the 18. \_\_\_\_\_, that kind of help is much needed.

When I applied, I had to 19. \_\_\_\_\_ a health assessment. The doctors were particularly interested in my 20. \_\_\_\_\_. I used to be short-sighted, so I'd had to wear 21. \_\_\_\_\_, but I'd had 22. \_\_\_\_\_ surgery two years earlier so that was OK. They gave me tests for colour blindness and they thought I might have a problem there, but it turned out I was OK.

When the **23.** \_\_\_\_\_ gets an **24.** \_\_\_\_\_, all the volunteers are contacted and **25.** \_\_\_\_\_ to the lifeboat **26.** \_\_\_\_\_. Our target's to get there in **27.** \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, then we try to get the boat **28.** \_\_\_\_\_ the dock and out to sea in another six to eight minutes. Our team's **29.** \_\_\_\_\_ that we usually achieve that – the **30.** \_\_\_\_\_ time across the country's **31.** \_\_\_\_\_ and a **32.** \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

I've recently **33.** \_\_\_\_\_ as what's called a 'helmsman', which means I have the ultimate responsibility for the lifeboat. I have to check that the **34.** \_\_\_\_\_ we use is in **35.** \_\_\_\_\_ order – the **36.** \_\_\_\_\_ have special life jackets that can support up to **37.** \_\_\_\_\_ people in the water. And it's ultimately my **38.** \_\_\_\_\_ whether it's safe to **39.** \_\_\_\_\_ the boat. But it's very **40.** \_\_\_\_\_ not to launch it, even in the **41.** \_\_\_\_\_ weather.

As well as going out on the lifeboat, my work involves other things too. A lot of people **42.** \_\_\_\_\_ how **43.** \_\_\_\_\_ conditions can change at sea, so I speak to youth groups and sailing clubs in the area about the **44.** \_\_\_\_\_ of problems that **45.** \_\_\_\_\_ and **46.** \_\_\_\_\_ can have if the weather suddenly gets **47.** \_\_\_\_\_. We also have a lot of volunteers who **48.** \_\_\_\_\_ activities to **49.** \_\_\_\_\_ money for us, and we couldn't **50.** \_\_\_\_\_ without them.

The **51.** \_\_\_\_\_ we get is a **52.** \_\_\_\_\_ process, focusing on technical **53.** \_\_\_\_\_ and safe handling techniques, and it's given me the **54.** \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with **55.** \_\_\_\_\_ situations without **56.** \_\_\_\_\_. We had to do a fire and sea **57.** \_\_\_\_\_ test first, and that's a big help with the **58.** \_\_\_\_\_ care activities we do. We've done a lot on how to deal with **59.** \_\_\_\_\_ and tie **60.** \_\_\_\_\_ – that's an **61.** \_\_\_\_\_ skill. After a year, I did a one-week residential **62.** \_\_\_\_\_, led by **63.** \_\_\_\_\_. There's a wave-tank where we could **64.** \_\_\_\_\_ an **65.** \_\_\_\_\_ lifeboat scenario – so we could get **66.** \_\_\_\_\_ at what to do if the boat turned over in a **67.** \_\_\_\_\_ at night, for example.

Since I started, I've had to deal with a range of **68.** \_\_\_\_\_ situations.

But the work's hugely **69.** \_\_\_\_\_. It's not just about saving **70.** \_\_\_\_\_ – I've learned a lot about the **71.** \_\_\_\_\_ involved. My **72.** \_\_\_\_\_ in IT's been **73.** \_\_\_\_\_ here, and I can use my **74.** \_\_\_\_\_ to help other volunteers. They're a great group – we're like a **75.** \_\_\_\_\_ really, which helps when you're **76.** \_\_\_\_\_ yourself out of bed on a cold **77.** \_\_\_\_\_ night. But actually, it's the **78.** \_\_\_\_\_ months that can be the most **79.** \_\_\_\_\_ time. That's when the **80.** \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be more **81.** \_\_\_\_\_, and you **82.** \_\_\_\_\_ that you can make a huge **83.** \_\_\_\_\_ to the outcome.

