



PAR 1 – Reading: Notices & Signs (5 marks)

Instructions:

Read the notices and choose the correct answer **A, B or C**.

1.

Notice:

For safety reasons, visitors are not allowed to enter the construction area without protective equipment. Please follow staff instructions at all times.

What is the main message of this notice?

- A) Visitors may enter freely if they are careful
 - B) Entry is restricted to protect visitors' safety
 - C) Protective equipment is optional
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2.

Notice:

Attention passengers: This train is delayed due to technical problems. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

What does the notice tell passengers?

- A) The train has been cancelled
 - B) The train will arrive later than planned
 - C) Passengers should take another train immediately
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3.

Notice:

Library Rules: Food and drinks are not permitted inside the library. Please keep noise to a minimum to avoid disturbing others.

What should visitors do in the library?

- A) Eat quietly
 - B) Speak loudly if necessary
 - C) Avoid food and keep quiet
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Notice:

Parking Area: Maximum parking time is 2 hours. Vehicles parked longer may be fined or towed.

What does this sign warn drivers about?

- A) Parking is free for unlimited time
 - B) Staying too long may cause problems
 - C) Parking is allowed only at night
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5.

Notice:

Emergency Exit: This door must remain clear at all times. Do not block or lock this exit.

What is required according to the notice?

- A) The door should be locked
 - B) Nothing should block the exit
 - C) The exit is only for staff
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PART 2 – Reading: Short Texts (5 marks)

Instructions:

Read the texts and choose the correct answer **A, B or C**.

6.

Many people enjoy walking in nature because it helps reduce stress and improves mental health.

What is the writer suggesting?

- A) Walking is only good for physical health
 - B) Nature has a positive effect on well-being
 - C) Stress is unavoidable in daily life
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7.

In some countries, public transport is the most common way to travel, while in others people strongly prefer private cars.

What is the main difference described?

- A) Travel costs
- B) Government rules
- C) Travel habits



8.

As technology developed, communication methods changed to meet people's needs.

What does "changed" mean here?

- A) Were replaced completely
 - B) Became less useful
 - C) Were adapted for new situations
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9.

In many cultures, punctuality is considered a sign of respect, especially in professional situations.

What can we understand from this text?

- A) Being late is acceptable everywhere
 - B) Time management reflects behaviour
 - C) Respect is not important at work
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10.

Traditional festivals remain popular even in modern cities.

Why do these festivals continue?

- A) They are required by law
 - B) They are inexpensive
 - C) They are linked to culture and identity
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The History of Public Libraries

Public libraries have played an important role in education and social development for centuries. The earliest libraries were private collections owned by wealthy individuals or institutions. Access was limited, and ordinary people rarely had the opportunity to read books freely.

The idea of libraries open to everyone began to develop in the nineteenth century. As literacy rates increased, governments and charities recognised the importance of providing free access to knowledge. Many cities established public libraries where people could borrow books, read newspapers, and attend lectures.

In Britain, the Public Libraries Act of 1850 allowed local governments to fund libraries using public money. This decision marked a major step toward equal educational opportunities. Libraries quickly became community centres, offering quiet study spaces and educational programmes.

During the twentieth century, libraries expanded their services beyond books. They introduced music recordings, films, and later digital resources such as computers and internet access. This transformation helped libraries remain relevant in a rapidly changing world.

Today, although digital technology has changed reading habits, public libraries continue to serve as important cultural and educational spaces. They provide access to information, support lifelong learning, and promote social inclusion.

Questions 11–20

11. What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?
 - A) To describe modern libraries
 - B) To explain why books were expensive
 - C) To show early libraries were not open to everyone
 - D) To encourage private book collections
12. Why did public libraries begin to appear in the nineteenth century?
 - A) Books became less valuable
 - B) Literacy and demand for knowledge increased
 - C) Universities closed
 - D) Printing stopped
13. What was significant about the Public Libraries Act of 1850?
 - A) It closed private libraries
 - B) It allowed free book publishing
 - C) It made libraries funded by public money
 - D) It limited access to libraries
14. Libraries became community centres because they:
 - A) Sold books cheaply
 - B) Offered more than just books



- C) Focused only on children
 - D) Reduced reading time
15. How did libraries change in the twentieth century?
- A) They stopped lending books
 - B) They introduced digital and media services
 - C) They became private again
 - D) They reduced their services
16. What helped libraries stay relevant?
- A) High entrance fees
 - B) Strict rules
 - C) Expanding their services
 - D) Limiting access
17. What challenge is mentioned in the final paragraph?
- A) Rising book prices
 - B) Lack of buildings
 - C) Changing reading habits
 - D) Fewer authors
18. What role do libraries still play today?
- A) Entertainment only
 - B) Cultural and educational support
 - C) Book sales
 - D) Private study for experts
19. What is meant by “social inclusion”?
- A) Limiting access
 - B) Including different groups in society
 - C) Promoting competition
 - D) Reducing education
20. What is the writer’s overall attitude toward libraries?
- A) Critical
 - B) Uninterested
 - C) Supportive
 - D) Uncertain
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PAR 4 – Use of English: Open Cloze (8 marks)

Topic: Reading Habits

Reading plays an important role in personal development and education. Although digital media has become (21) _____ popular, many people still prefer printed books. Reading regularly helps improve (22) _____ skills and increases general knowledge.

In many families, reading is encouraged from a (23) _____ age. Parents who read to their children often help develop a strong interest (24) _____ learning. Libraries and schools also play a key role (25) _____ providing access to books.

Despite busy lifestyles, reading continues to (26) _____ a valuable activity. It allows individuals to relax, reflect, and (27) _____ new ideas. As a result, reading remains an (28) _____ part of modern life.

21. A) more B) most C) very D) much
22. A) language B) talking C) speech D) sound
23. A) early B) small C) young D) first
24. A) for B) in C) on D) at
25. A) by B) for C) in D) with
26. A) stay B) keep C) remain D) hold
27. A) discover B) invent C) create D) build
28. A) essential B) possible C) common D) usual



5 – Word Formation (8 marks)

Use the word in **CAPITAL LETTERS** to form a word that fits the gap.

29. Reading improves mental _____.
(ABLE)
30. Libraries offer a wide _____ of resources.
(VARY)
31. Early education has a strong _____ on success.
(EFFECT)
32. Digital books are becoming increasingly _____.
(ACCESS)
33. Reading is a highly _____ activity.
(BENEFIT)
34. Teachers encourage _____ reading habits.
(REGULAR)
35. Technology has completely _____ how people read.
(CHANGE)
36. Books remain _____ despite digital media.
(IMPORT)