



# ENGLISH TEST (A2)

## READING



### READING TASK 1

Read the letter and answer the questions below.

Dear Terry, Greetings from Cairo!

The weather is very hot here and I'm having a wonderful time. I'm staying with my friend, Abdullah. He lives in the centre of Cairo. I've been here since Monday and I've already done lots of things! I've already visited the Khan al-Khalili bazaar. We visited it on Tuesday. You can't imagine how noisy and crowded it was!

I bought some lovely handmade souvenirs there. I have also seen the Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza. I saw them yesterday. They were amazing. I even rode a camel. It was fun! I've been to a traditional restaurant. Abdullah took me there last night. I tried couscous and falafel. The place was fantastic and the food was just delicious.

There are a lot of things I haven't done yet. I haven't been on a boat trip down the River Nile yet, and I haven't visited the Egyptian Museum. We are going on a boat trip tomorrow and we are going to visit the museum one of these days to see the exhibits. We are also going to visit Luxor. The place is famous for its huge temples and statues.

Cairo is a fascinating city - you must visit it one day!

Anyway, I'm returning to England on Sunday next week, so I'll call you then.

Best wishes,

Jack



#### 1. What is the weather like there?

1. very warm
2. rain and wind
3. hot and rainy

#### 2. Who is Jack staying with?

1. his Egyptian friend
2. in hotel
3. in city centre



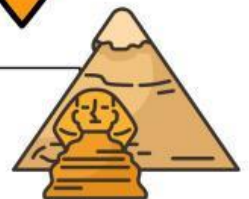
#### 3. How long has Jack been there?

1. a week
2. since Monday
3. few days



#### 4. What did he do yesterday?

1. visited Pyramids and rode camel
2. bought some souvenirs
3. visited Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza



#### 5. What hasn't he done yet?

1. visited the Khan al-Khalili bazaar
2. went on a boat trip down the River Nile
3. had a coffee with his friend



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### READING TASK 2

Read the report and choose the correct answer.

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to assess the new Blue Moon restaurant in Abbingdon's city centre, which I visited on 14th May.

#### FOOD AND PRICES

The menu at the Blue Moon is rather boring for vegetarians as there are only a few salad and pasta dishes to choose from. However, there are plenty of delicious dishes for those who eat meat. I ordered the grilled chicken with Basmati rice. The chicken was very tasty, but the rice was rather cold. I also thought that the Blue Moon was rather expensive.

#### SERVICE

The staff at the Blue Moon was friendly and helpful. Even though my guest and I asked a lot of questions, our waiter remained polite and patiently explained many dishes to us. Although it was very busy on the night I visited the Blue Moon, the service was still fast.

#### ATMOSPHERE

The comfortable seating, lovely furnishings and live piano music helped to give the Blue Moon a relaxing atmosphere. The excellent food and service definitely made our evening pleasurable.

#### CONCLUSION

The new Blue Moon restaurant in Abbingdon's city centre is, on the whole, a wonderful place to dine. However, I think the manager should make a few changes. Firstly, she should have a wider selection of vegetarian dishes, so that all customers are satisfied. Also she should make sure that all hot dishes are served hot. Finally, she should lower the prices to give everyone a chance to visit this fabulous new restaurant.



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|-------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. The menu is great for vegetarians.           | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. The restaurant was rather expensive.         | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. The staff was rude.                          | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. The restaurant is a wonderful place to dine. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. All hot dishes were served hot.              | TRUE | FALSE |

