

# ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 1

## LEVELS 1-3

**PART 1. Look at the text in each box. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B or C.**

**Questions 1-5**

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| 1 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE TO SWIMMING TEACHERS</b></p> <p><i>Swimmers in your classes will be asked to leave this public pool if they run along the side or jump in.</i></p> | <p>A. Swimmers may only practise jumping into the pool if they are with a teacher.</p> <p>B. Swimmers who break the rules may not continue the class with their teacher.</p> <p>C. Swimmers and their teachers must only use this side of the pool for classes.</p> |
| 2 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The Private Rooms are open from 10am to 2pm to people with membership cards.</i></b></p>                                                             | <p>A. Anyone can visit the Private Rooms from 10am to 2pm.</p> <p>B. Only members can visit the Private Rooms from 10 am to 2 pm.</p> <p>C. You can get your membership card from the Private Rooms from 10am to 2pm.</p>                                           |
| 3 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tennis lessons</b></p> <p><b>In bad weather, table tennis will take place in the clubhouse instead.</b></p>                                             | <p>A. If it rains, a different activity will be available.</p> <p>B. The next tennis lesson has been canceled due to bad weather.</p> <p>C. Tennis lessons may take place indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather.</p>                                        |
| 4 | <p><i>James,</i><br/><i>I loved that T-shirt you were wearing last night. Did you get it from a shop in town? I'd really like a similar one for myself?</i><br/><i>Tamara.</i></p>        | <p>Tamara wants to know</p> <p>A. where James bought his T-shirt.</p> <p>B. when James will wear his new T-shirt.</p> <p>C. which T-shirt James bought yesterday.</p>                                                                                               |
| 5 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ZIGGY'S INTERNET CAFÉ</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minutes- \$1.00<br/>4 hours or more- \$5.00</p>                                         | <p>A. You can use the internet for up to four hours at a time</p> <p>B. If you wish to use the internet for more than 45 minutes speak to Ziggy.</p> <p>C. There is a maximum charge of \$5.00 to use the internet.</p>                                             |

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

**Easter Island**

Easter Island is a small triangle of rock situated in the Pacific Ocean. It's about 2,000 miles (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the nearest city. Easter Island is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ for its statues. Hundreds of these huge, stone faces can be (8)\_\_\_\_\_ all over the island. Who made them? How (9)\_\_\_\_\_ they move these giant pieces of rock? What happened (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the people who lived there? Studies show that people (11)\_\_\_\_\_ arrived on the island about 1600 years ago. They had a very advanced culture. They made many objects and they had their (12)\_\_\_\_\_ written language. However, the number of people on the island grew and grew (13)\_\_\_\_\_ it reached about 10,000 people. Soon there were too many people and there wasn't (14)\_\_\_\_\_ food to eat. A terrible war started and (15)\_\_\_\_\_ of the statues were broken. When Western explorers discovered the island on Easter Day in 1722, the huge rock statues were the only sign that a great society had once lived there.

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| 6. A. for       | B. from        | C. on       | D. by          |
| 7. A. important | B. interesting | C. famous   | D. fascinating |
| 8. A. looked    | B. located     | C. situated | D. found       |
| 9. A. have      | B. were        | C. did      | D. had         |
| 10. A. to       | B. with        | C. about    | D. for         |
| 11. A. once     | B. first       | C. just     | D. already     |
| 12. A. only     | B. own         | C. clever   | D. self        |
| 13. A. so       | B. although    | C. until    | D. because     |
| 14. A. many     | B. some        | C. too      | D. enough      |
| 15. A. many     | B. few         | C. lot      | D. enough      |

### PART 3. Read the text to decide if each statement is TRUE or FALSE.

#### Questions 16-25

#### **The Ancient Islands of Orkney**

Off the north coast of Scotland, there are seventy islands which form the Orkney Islands. Some are no more than tiny rocks with just sheep and sea birds on them; only sixteen have human populations. Apart from Rousay and Hoy, the islands are low-lying and good for farming. Although tourism is now the main industry, farming is still as important to island life as it was thousands of years ago. People have farmed here for more than 4,500 years and you can still see parts of a village from that time on the biggest island, which is called the Mainland. The strange stone box beds that are left show us that the inhabitants used to sleep sitting up rather than lying down!

#### **THINGS TO DO**

The Orkney Islands are great for walking and one of the best places in the British Isles for water sports. There are seven lochs, or lakes, to fish in and excellent sea fishing. The capital of the islands is the beautiful old town of Kirkwall, where there are shops offering special varieties of cheese and fish. The fishing port of Stromness has a museum, three bookshops and an Arts Centre, which has a good collection of the late twentieth-century art. In the harbour there are plenty of fishing boats to see, although the boats no longer catch whales as they once did. Every year there is an Arts Festival in June, which has music, drama, dance, poetry and exhibitions of paintings.

It is best to spend most of your time in the Orkney Islands on the Mainland, as there is so much to see and do. However, you can also visit one or two of the other islands such as the island of Hoy; which is particularly famous for its high cliffs. Taxis are available to drive you round Hoy, but you will need to walk up to the top of the cliffs. When tourists reach the cliff edge, particularly in bad weather, they find the safest way to see the view is by lying down on their stomachs!

#### **HOW TO GET THERE**

BA Express flies to Kirkwall daily (except Sundays) from Glasgow and Edinburgh, and there are connecting services with London Heathrow. There is a ferry every day from Scabster and weekly ferries from Aberdeen.

#### **WHERE TO STAY**

There are many excellent hotels and inns to choose from. Most do very good fish dishes in their restaurants. The Stromness Hotel also offers seven nights from £199 during the Arts Festival and the price includes a meal before or after the concerts.

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| 16. Some of the islands are home to animals rather than people.                   | A. True | B. False |
| 17. Farming on the Orkney Islands has increased in importance over the years.     | A. True | B. False |
| 18. There are some ruins on one of the islands.                                   | A. True | B. False |
| 19. There is an arts centre in the capital of the Orkney Islands.                 | A. True | B. False |
| 20. If you go to the arts centre, you can see some examples of modern art.        | A. True | B. False |
| 21. The fishing industry hasn't changed what it catches.                          | A. True | B. False |
| 22. At the Arts Festival you can attend different cultural events.                | A. True | B. False |
| 23. Taxis are available but can't take you to all the tourist attractions on Hoy. | A. True | B. False |
| 24. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to Kirkwall.                          | A. True | B. False |
| 25. One hotel includes tickets for the Arts Festival in its price.                | 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 advertisement:

**Always tired? No energy?**

*Do you need a little extra strength to get through that tough workday?  
If you answered "yes", then try Vitagetic, the new energy drink.*

*Vitagetic has all vitamins that your body needs to maintain a high level of energy all day long. It is an easy way to get all your vitamins. You don't have to take lots of vitamin pills. It comes in three fantastic flavors: Lemon, Orange, and Apples, and tastes great.*

*Have one bottle at breakfast and you will feel healthy and energetic until quitting time. You can find it at all good supermarkets.*

26. Who should drink Vitagetic?
- A. People who are often tired
  - B. People who have a lot of energy
  - C. People who are bored
  - D. People who can't sleep
27. Why is Vitagetic good for you?
- A. Because it has oranges and apples
  - B. Because it has vitamins
  - C. Because it comes in a bottle
  - D. Because you drink it at breakfast
28. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. You have to take vitamin pills with Vitagetic.
  - B. You can buy Vitagetic at supermarkets.
  - C. Vitagetic is a good breakfast drink.
  - D. Vitagetic is delicious.

**Questions 29-32** refer to the following letter:

To: Celia Kelly  
From: Andrew Mathers  
Date: Saturday, March 21  
Re: Arrival in Tokyo

I have been unexpectedly called to an emergency meeting in Seoul this weekend, and thus will not be able to meet Mr. Robert Bayer at Narita Airport in Tokyo tomorrow morning (Sunday, March 22) as planned. I'm sorry not to have contacted you earlier about this, but the call came through just as I was about to board my flight to Japan from New York.

I was fortunate enough to get a seat right away on a plane for Seoul, so instead of being on my way to Tokyo right now, I am currently waiting in San Francisco to embark on the final leg of my flight to Korea.

This whole thing was quite unforeseen, and I apologize for any inconvenience it contact you again upon my arrival there. My business in Korea will be concluded by Monday afternoon, so I expect no difficulty in being present for the start of the Tokyo planned, and will act as my agent until my arrival. I have asked her to contact Mr. Bayer as soon as possible to explain the situation and then to meet with him on my behalf according to our original schedule. I have no doubt Ms. Lang will handle the situation professionally and diplomatically.

29. Who will be meeting in Tokyo on Sunday?
- A. Alice Lang and Robert Bayer                      C. Celia Kelly and Robert Bayer  
B. Andrew Mathers and Alice Lang                  D. Celia Kelly and Andrew Mathers
30. Who will be the last person informed of the change of plans?
- A. Alice Lang                                              C. Celia Kelly  
B. Robert Bayer                                          D. Andrew Mathers
31. Where will Andrew Mathers most likely be on Tuesday morning?
- A. San Francisco                                          C. Tokyo  
B. Seoul                                                      D. New York
32. Due to which of the following reasons is Andrew Mathers changing his plans?
- A. He decided to take a last minute vacation.  
B. He has to attend an emergency meeting.  
C. He didn't want to meet Robert Bayer.  
D. He thinks Alice Lang can do a better job.

Questions 33-35 refer to the following advertisement:

**FOR RENT**

Sunny one-bedroom apartment in small, six-apartment building.  
\$950/month.

Convenient location-bus, stores, restaurants nearby.  
Available on the fifteenth of the month.

For more information, call 637-1220 evenings and weekends.

33. What is being rented?
- A. One bedroom.
  - B. One apartment.
  - C. Six apartments.
  - D. \$950.
34. When can a new tenant move in?
- A. On the weekend.
  - B. On the fifteenth of the month.
  - C. In fifteen days.
  - D. As soon as the rent is paid.
35. What does the ad tell us about the place for rent?
- A. It is small.
  - B. It is cheaper than nearby apartment.
  - C. It is close to restaurants and stores.
  - D. It is available this weekend.

**Questions 36-40** refer to the following article:

The nuclear family, consisting of a mother, father, and their children, may be more an American ideal than an American reality. Of course, the so-called traditional American family was always more varied than we had been led to believe, reflecting the very different racial, ethnic, class, and religious customs among different American groups.

The most recent government statistics reveal that only about one third of all current American families fit the traditional mold and another third consists of married couples who either have no children or have none still living at home. Of the final one third, about 20 percent of the total number of American household are single people, usually women over sixty –five years of age. A small percentage, about 3 percent of the total, consists of unmarried people who choose to live together; and the rest, about 7 percent are single, usually divorced parents, with at least one child. Today, these varied family types are typical, and therefore, normal. Apparently, many Americans are achieving supportive relationships in family forms other than the traditional one.

36. With what topic is the passage mainly concerned?
- A. The traditional American family
  - B. The nuclear family
  - C. The current American family
  - D. The ideal family
37. The writer implies that \_\_\_\_\_
- A. there have always been a wide variety of family arrangement in the U.S
  - B. racial, ethnic, and religious have preserved the traditional family structure
  - C. the ideal American family is the best structure
  - D. fewer married couples are having children
38. The word “current” in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by which of the following?
- A. typical                      B. present                      C. perfect                      D. traditional
39. According to the passage, married couples whose children have grown or who have no children represent \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 1/3 percent of households
  - B. 20 percent of households
  - C. 7 percent of households
  - D. 3 percent of households
40. Who generally constitutes a one- person household?
- A. A single man in his twenties
  - B. An elderly man
  - C. A single woman in her late sixties
  - D. A divorced woman