

ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 18
LEVELS 1-3

PART 1A. 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

ENGLISH LIBRARY

All books are arranged in A-Z order.

Please put them back correctly.

- A. You should return your books to the assistant in the correct order.
- B. The books are easy to find because they are all arranged by level.
- C. You should replace books in the order that you found them.

2

Jennie,

The GARAGE rang - your new tyres HAVE ARRIVED. They CAN'T fit them until next week. PLEASE let them know TODAY which DAY will be convenient.

Jennie has to

- A. ask another garage to fit her tyres.
- B. collect the new tyres from the garage
- C. arrange a time for the garage to fit the new tyres.

3

To: Sally

From: Yvonne

Gina told me that DAVE is doing A concert this FRIDAY. She may be able to get tickets so let her know if you WANT to go.

If Sally want to go to the concert, she should contact

- A. Gina
- B. Yvonne
- C. Dave

4

Casali Restaurant

We are open downstairs while improvements are made to this area

- A. Please come downstairs and try our recently improved restaurant.
- B. The restaurant will reopen when the improvements are finished.
- C. You can only eat in one part of the restaurant at the moment.

5

WE HAVE MANY FLATS AVAILABLE TO RENT IN THIS AREA

- A. We offer a choice of flats to rent in this area.
- B. This is the best area to find a flat.
- C. Flats in this area do not cost a lot.

PART 1B. 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

**THIS CAR PARK
IS RESERVED FOR
MEMBERS OF STAFF**

- A. You can only park here if you work here.
- B. You can only park here at certain times.
- C. You can only park here if you book in advance.

2

**Hot and cold snacks
served all day**

- A. You can help yourself if you are hungry.
- B. You can buy drinks here, but not food.
- C. You can get light meals here.

3

Sale
Spring sale next week!
Up to 50% off many items

- A. Some items will be half price next week.
- B. 50% of the items will be sold next week.
- C. All items will be half price in the spring.

4

*I'm away, but sign here for
London trip next Saturday.
Please leave a contact number.
Nothing to pay until then
(coach costs £15).
Kim*

- A. If you want to go to London, buy a ticket before Saturday.
- B. If you want to go to London, go and tell Kim immediately.
- C. If you want to go to London, write your phone number here.

5

CENTRAL GYM
**15-minute limit on the
use of equipment at
busy times**

- A. When the gym is crowded, there is a time limit for using the equipment.
- B. Equipment is available for a maximum of 15 minutes at any time.
- C. At busy times you may have to queue to use the equipment.

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

Questions 6-15

Although doctors have been warning about the dangers of cigarettes (6) _____ over fifty years, the number of people who smoke is still very high.

These people are not (7) _____; they do worry (8) _____ their health; they know the risks they are (9) _____ with their lives. They also realise how much money they are (10) _____ on cigarettes, yet they still find it almost impossible to give them (11) _____. Smoking is also much more socially unacceptable now.

A lot of people are (12) _____ smoking in public places – I personally can't (13) _____ sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant, and I just don't go into (14) _____ bars anymore because I know what the air will be like. But we have to remember that most smokers do want to stop. Instead of criticising them, perhaps we should give them a (15) _____.

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|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6. A. from | B. since | C. for | D. during |
| 7. A. funny | B. silly | C. sensitive | D. ambitious |
| 8. A. about | B. over | C. with | D. around |
| 9. A. doing | B. making | C. having | D. taking |
| 10. A. earning | B. making | C. wasting | D. saving |
| 11. A. in | B. up | C. out | D. to |
| 12. A. again | B. allow | C. against | D. above |
| 13. A. mind | B. stand | C. say | D. like |
| 14. A. crowded | B. blocked | C. filled | D. packed |
| 15. A. help | B. ham | C. hold | D. hand |

PART 3. Read the text and decide if each sentence is CORRECT or INCORRECT. Questions 16-25

The Popularity of Social Networks

Social networking sites become more and more popular every day. In Japan, the top site is Mixi. In Europe, it is Bebo. The most popular site in Latin America is Orkut. In the United States, the top site is Facebook. In fact, Facebook is one of the most popular social networking sites in the world. A Harvard University student started Facebook in 2004, and it spread to more than 400 million users in just a few years.

Why is the social networking trend spreading so fast? One reason is because people are social. We like to communicate with people. We make friends with people in school, at work, and online. We use cell phones, email, instant message, and websites to learn what our friends are doing. The Internet is a good way to socialize and communicate with people in many places.

Social networking sites are interactive and personal. People can post and share their photos, their videos and the others' photos and videos. Others can comment on their photos and videos. Also, they can tell people what they are doing at any moment and keep in touch. They can post a link of their favourite song and band to a site. They can join groups of people who share the same interests. This interaction makes these websites become more popular.

Another reason that social networking sites are popular is because users can write on the site. People can have their own website, blog or page on sites like Facebook. Readers are now also writers and can easily add material to the Web. People can express their own ideas, and they put their own experiences online.

Social networking sites first became popular with college students. At one college, students said that they spent almost two hours every day just on Facebook. Teenagers also use these sites to stay connected with their friends. These days, even older people are using social networks. The Internet keeps changing, but one trend is clear: people enjoy using websites which let them connect with others. They like to express themselves and communicate online.

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

Questions 26-27 refer to the following advertisement:

Special Sale At Bathland!

Everything that you need for your bathroom
For two weeks only!

50% off our extra-large luxury bathtubs
30% off luxury soap and shampoo sets
Buy two large towels and get one free
Mirrors, sinks, shelves, tiles, and much more ...
All up to 25% off!

26. What would you NOT buy at Bathland?

- A. A television B. Towels C. Soap D. A mirror

27. How long will the sale last?

A. For ten days

B. For one month

C. Forever

D. For fourteen days

Question 28-30 refer to the following notice:

Wanted: talented singers and musicians

We plan to start a band that will receive a recording contract from a major record label. Successful band members will share an all-expenses paid apartment in Los Angeles. We are looking for five people. All types of music and all kinds of instruments. You must be of near professional standard. NO beginners, please. Experience performing live preferred.

Audition: June 23rd, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Greenwich Continuing Education Center, Small Auditorium

Call 207-980-8887 to register for an audition. Deadline: June 20th.

28. Who is this notice for?
 A. People with musical abilities
 B. People who want to go to a concert
 C. People who want to continue studying at the Continuing Education Center
 D. Teenagers
29. Where will the successful Candidates live?
 A. In a free apartment
 B. In New York
 C. Greenwich Continuing Education Center
 D. It does not say.
30. How can candidates apply for the audition?
 A. They must call a special phone number.
 B. They should send an email.
 C. They must send a fax.
 D. They have to send a text message.
- Questions 31- 35** refer to the following table:

FREEDONIA ISLAND

Average Temperatures (Fahrenheit)

You may find the following information useful when planning your trip to Freedonia.

Please keep in mind that these are average temperatures only and that the weather can vary a great deal.

	January		July	
	high	low	high	low
Mountain region	32	18	75	51
Coast	70	55	85	61
Capital city	57	32	75	58

31. Where is the average high temperature 75 degrees in July?
 A. In the mountain region only
 B. On the coast only
 C. In the capital city only
 D. In both the mountains and the capital city
32. What is the average high temperature on the coast in January?
 A. 55
 B. 61
 C. 70
 D. 85
33. What is the coldest temperature in the mountain region?
 A. 18
 B. 32
 C. 51
 D. 55
34. Which is the warmest region of the island?
 A. The mountains
 B. The coast
 C. The capital city
 D. They are all the same
35. The word "Coast" meaning to
 A. Pond
 B. Seaside
 C. Rural
 D. Riverbed

Questions 36-40 refer to the following article:

The first digital computer was completed in 1944. Since that time, there have been many changes. Now computers are smaller, cheaper and more common. There are few people who have not worked with a computer, either directly or indirectly. Banks, businesses, hospitals, large libraries, universities and airlines all use computers. Most universities in the U.S. use computers for registration. At the same time, computers grade and score many big exams, such as the TOEFL. Libraries also use computers to check out books. In other words, computers have become part of daily life.

36. What happened in 1944 according to the text?
- A. There was a big change in TOEFL.
 - B. The first digital computer was made.
 - C. Many banks opened in the world.
 - D. Books were put in libraries.
37. It can be understood that in the past, computers were _____.
- A. cheaper than they are today
 - B. more common than they are today
 - C. more expensive than they are today
 - D. not used by people
38. Which of these is not mentioned in the text?
- A. Hospitals
 - B. Libraries
 - C. Universities
 - D. Restaurants
39. In the passage, what is TOEFL?
- A. A computer program
 - B. a computer brand name
 - C. A kind of exam or test
 - D. a scoring program
40. What do most universities use computers for?
- A. Teaching
 - B. Checking students
 - C. Registration
 - D. advertisements