

**ESOL International
English Reading Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 30 questions in this examination.


You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: 30

You have **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

Rich in ancient history, romance and fun activities, York is the perfect holiday destination for couples, families and groups. It is known for its beautiful buildings, many cobbled streets, the famous York Minster and many other visitor attractions. York is a great city, just two hours by train from London.	1 2 3 4 5
Try one of the city's many cafés, take time out to enjoy some of the country's best street entertainers or simply watch the world go by while having a drink by the river.	6 7 8 9
_____ to York can enjoy hundreds of attractions, museums, historic buildings, tours, shops, restaurants and bars within the compact walled city. Find and book York breaks, holidays and getaways from the excellent range of hotels, bed and breakfast and self-catering accommodation.	10 11 12 13 14
 There are plenty of information available on York's attractions, events, tickets and maps from our official Visitor Information Centre which will help you get the very most from your stay in our beautiful city. What's more, the official sightseeing card 'York Pass' will save you money at 30 top attractions and over 40 shops and restaurants.	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
York has something for everyone...	22 23
Voted as a Trip Advisor top 10 European Destination for food and wine, York is praised for its fine restaurants, laid back street cafés and relaxed pubs which await you around every corner...	24 25 26

1. What can save you money when visiting attractions in York?
 - a. Using public transport
 - b. York Pass
 - c. Visiting an Information Centre
 - d. shopping

2. According to the text, which sentence is true?
 - a. York is a capital city.
 - b. York has many castles.
 - c. York has many cafes.
 - d. York is a very large city.

3. What type of accommodation is not mentioned in the text?
 - a. A hotel
 - b. A bed and Breakfast
 - c. Self-catering accommodation
 - d. A hostel

4. Who or what can best help you organise your visit?
 - a. A website
 - b. Friends
 - c. Tourist Information
 - d. Guide books

5. What does Trip Advisor praise York for?
 - a. Historic buildings
 - b. Food and wine
 - c. Atmosphere
 - d. Accommodation

6. The word 'ancient' in line 1 can be best replaced by:
 - a. old
 - b. modern
 - c. aging
 - d. interesting

7. A spelling mistake has been made on:
 - a. Line 3
 - b. Line 13
 - c. Line 19
 - d. Line 24

8. A grammar mistake has been made on:
 - a. Line 4
 - b. Line 10
 - c. Line 12
 - d. Line 15

9. The best word to fill in the gap on line 10 is:
 - a. Passengers
 - b. Tourists
 - c. Visitors
 - d. Shoppers

10. The text was mainly written to:
 - a. describe York.
 - b. persuade readers to visit York.
 - c. give a history of York.
 - d. inform readers about types of accommodation in York.

Text 2

Draft health advice on obesity has recommended taking TV-free days or setting two-hour limits on the amount of time spent sitting in front of screens.	1 2 3
The advice, aimed at helping the population to keep weight off as well as losing it, says the long hours many of us spend watching TV or staring at screens stop us being active – and many people snack as they watch.	4 5 6 7
The guidance from Nice (the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) asks people to set limits for the sake of their health. “Any way that reduces TV viewing may be helpful (such as TV-free days or setting a limit to watch TV for no more than two hours a day),” it says.	8 9 10 11 12
The Nice guidance, which now goes out to consultation, is aimed at public health advisers. With more than half the population overweight or obese, there is great concern for the nation’s health.	13 14 15 16
_____ weight carries increased risks of heart attacks, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain cancers, including breast cancer. Obesity cost the NHS an estimated £16bn in 2007 and is forecast to rise to £50bn by 2050. Nice says people should be encouraged to be more active. Brisk walking and cycling are good, as well as physical activities such as dance, sport or swimming in leisure breaks at work or school.	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
People should not eating more calories than they burn up and should cut down on the amount of energy-dense food, such as fried foods, biscuits, sweets and full fat cheese. Fast food and takeaways should also be limited.	24 25 26 27
Sugar-sweetened drinks, including sports drinks, should be avoided. People should be encouraged to choose lower fat options when they are eating meat, dairy products, pizzas, biscuits and cakes. Meat should be eaten less often.	28 29 30

11. The phrase 'TV-free' means:
- TV is free on that day.
 - TV gives you freedom.
 - A day without watching TV.
 - TV is bad for you.
12. According to the text, which statement is true?
- There is no evidence increased TV viewing can contribute to obesity.
 - There is a direct link to the amount of TV you watch and obesity.
 - TV should not be watched at all.
 - People who watch TV are overweight.
13. The text suggests, that in the UK:
- a small number of people are overweight.
 - half of the population is overweight.
 - more than half of population is overweight or obese.
 - the vast majority of people are seriously obese.
14. What lifestyle changes are NOT suggested in the text:
- Consume less sugar and fat
 - Be more active
 - Eat less fast food
 - Eat more fruit and vegetables
15. What will NHS costs be in 2050?
- 16 bn pounds
 - 34 bn pounds
 - 50 bn pounds
 - 60 bn pounds

16. A spelling mistake has been made on:
- Line 8
 - Line 14
 - Line 24
 - Line 30
17. A grammar mistake has been made on:
- Line 4
 - Line 24
 - Line 26
 - Line 30
18. Why was the text written?
- To give statistical information about obesity
 - To tell people how modern lifestyles can lead to obesity
 - To list all risks linked to obesity
 - To encourage people to go on a diet
19. A word has been omitted on line 17.
- Access
 - Exercise
 - Excess
 - Accessible
20. The phrase 'cut down' on line 24 can be best replaced by:
- reduce
 - increase
 - grow
 - decreased

Text 3

Welcome to the Emergency SMS

The emergency SMS service allows deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard.

Simply by sending an SMS message to 999 you can call for help and the emergency services will be able to reply to you. You must register your mobile phone before using the emergency SMS service. Click on the **Registering your phone** link above for more information.

You must only use this service when:

- Life is at risk;
- Crime/trouble is happening now;
- Someone is injured or threatened;
- Person committing crime is near;
- There is a fire or people trapped;
- You need an ambulance urgently;
- Someone is in trouble, or missing, at sea,
- Someone is in trouble on the cliffs or on the shoreline.

This service works throughout the UK on all mobile networks, it cannot be used from abroad.

In an emergency:

- Text 999

We need to know:

- Who? Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue or Coastguard.
- What? Briefly, what is the problem?
- Where? Exactly where the problem is happening – give the name of the road, house number, postcode or nearby landmark, if possible.

What happens next?

The emergency service will either ask for more information or will tell you that help is on the way. About two minutes later, you will get a reply. If you don't get a reply within three minutes, please try again or find other ways of getting help.

21. The new service is:
- a new text message system for emergencies.
 - a new internet system for emergencies.
 - a new phone number for emergencies.
 - a new accident phone line.
22. The text suggests that:
- the service is ready to use by everybody.
 - only deaf people can use it.
 - only people with speech difficulties can use it.
 - you need to register for the service first.
23. After sending an SMS you should:
- wait for a phone call.
 - wait for an ambulance.
 - wait for a text reply.
 - wait for help.
24. Which place could you NOT use the service from?
- England
 - France
 - Scotland
 - Wales
25. The text was written to:
- give information about a new service.
 - advise people what to do in emergency.
 - give advice on emergency services.
 - advise people when there is a fire.

Text 4

The actor and his lawyer bride arrived by water taxi to make their marriage legal following a star-studded ceremony at the weekend.

Newlyweds George and Amal have made their marriage official at a civil ceremony in Venice before a small private party. The couple partied into the night with many stars such as Matt Damon, Bono and Cindy Crawford after their wedding on Saturday at a Venetian night club.

It is unclear whether their Hollywood chums attended Monday's ceremony at Venice City Hall.

Many people and photographers watched the couple arrive in a water taxi. The couple was reportedly married under Italian law by the former mayor of Rome, Walter Veltroni, a long-time friend of the 53-year-old movie star. The couple are said to be spending their honeymoon in the city of Marrakech in Morocco.

Human rights lawyer Amal, 36, was born in Lebanon, but moved to Britain when she was a toddler. She wore a cream trouser suit with navy blue trim at the waist for the civil ceremony and a wide-brimmed hat.

The couple met in Rome at the end of last year and got engaged in April.

26. What is the bride's occupation?
- a. A housewife
 - b. An actor
 - c. A lawyer
 - d. A paparazzi
27. The text suggests, that:
- a. the wedding was a small private party.
 - b. there were many film stars at the wedding.
 - c. the party was in the UK.
 - d. the party was in Morocco.
28. Where did the party take place?
- a. In Venice
 - b. In Rome
 - c. In Morocco
 - d. In Lebanon
29. Where was the bride born?
- a. Rome
 - b. London
 - c. Venice
 - d. Lebanon
30. When did the couple meet?
- a. Last year
 - b. April this year
 - c. A very long time ago
 - d. The text does not say





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For Reading Paper

Instructions: Draw a line through either a, b, c, d or e to answer each question. 
 If you change your mind black out the wrong answer  and choose a new one with a line. 
 If you think your first answer was right, black out the wrong answer and circle your first answer. 

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