ESOL International

English Reading Examination

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

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

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: **31**

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

Text 1

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Silk is a beautiful and rich material that people have used for thousands of years.	1
It is made from the threads produced by silkworms. These small insects spin cocoons,	2
and the silk threads are carfully taken from these cocoons to make the material.	3
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Silk is known for being smooth, and for its shiny appearance. It feels soft and cool on	5
the skin, making it a popular choice for clothing, especially in warm weather.	6
People often use silk to make dresses, blouses, scarves and ties. It is also used for	7
bedclothes, like sheets and pillowcases, because it is gentle on the skin and hair.	8
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One of the most famous types of silk comes from china. The Chinese have been	10
making silk for over 4,000 years. For many centuries, the method of making silk was a	11
closely kept secret. In the end, the knowledge of silk production spread to other parts	12
of the world, including India and Europe.	13
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Silk is not only beautiful but also strong. Even though it looks fine, silk threads are very	15
tough. They can be stretched without breaking, which makes silk clothes last a long	16
time. However, silk needs special care. It is best to wash silk by hand or use a gentle	17
cycle on the washing machine. Avoid using strong soaps, because they can damaging	18
the material.	19
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_____ clothing, silk is used in other products. For example, it is used in medical	21
stitches because it is strong and does not cause soreness. Silk is also used in	22
parachutes and bicycle tyres.	23

1. **What is silk made from?**
   a. Threads produced by silkworms.
   b. Bedding, sheets, and pillowcases.
   c. Insects and their nests.

2. **Why is silk a popular choice for clothing?**
   a. It feels soft and cool.
   b. It needs special care.
   c. It is warm.

3. **Silk has been made for thousands of years:**
   a. In India.
   b. In Europe.
   c. In China.

4. **How should you wash silk?**
   a. By hand.
   b. With strong soaps.
   c. On a long cycle.

5. **Why is silk used in medical stitches?**
   a. Because it is delicate.
   b. Because it is strong.
   c. Because it can be washed.

6. **Which word can replace 'kept' on line 12?**
   a. crept.
   b. held.
   c. hid.

7. **Which line has a spelling mistake?**
   a. Line 3.
   b. Line 6.
   c. Line 11.

8. **Which word is missing from line 21?**
   a. Actually.
   b. More.
   c. Besides.

9. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
   a. Line 7.
   b. Line 13.
   c. Line 18.

10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
    a. Line 6.
    b. Line 10.
    c. Line 17.

Text 2

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

The Top 3 Car Companies in the World	1
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Toyota	3
Toyota is a car company from Japan. It started in 1937. Toyota makes cars that	4
are reliable and use less fule. Some popular models are the Corolla and the	5
Camry. Toyota is also known for hybrid cars, like the Prius. These use both petrol	6
and electricity. Toyota wants to make cars that are good for the environment.	7
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Volkswagen	9
Volkswagen, or VW, is a car company from Germany. It started in 1937.	10
Volkswagen is famous for producing the Beetle and the Golf. VW makes many	11
types of cars, from small ones to luxury ones. The company is also making more	12
electric cars, like the ID.4 model. Volkswagen wants much people to use electric	13
cars.	14
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Hyundai	16
Hyundai is a car company from South Korea. It started in 1967. Hyundai makes	17
cars that are affordable and reliable. Some popular models are the Elantra and	18
the Santa Fe. Hyundai is also working on electric and hydrogen cars The	19
company wants to give people high-tech features at a good price.	20
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All three of these companies are leaders in making cars. They are known for their	22
quality, new ideas, and care for the environment. They are shaping the future of	23
how we _____.	24

11. **What kind of hybrid cars do Toyota make?**
    a. Electricity and hydrogen.
    b. Petrol and electricity.
    c. Hydrogen and petrol.

12. **Which company makes luxury cars?**
    a. Toyota.
    b. Volkswagen.
    c. Hyundai.

13. **Which company started in 1967?**
    a. Toyota.
    b. Volkswagen.
    c. Hyundai.

14. **Hyundai wants customers to have high-tech features:**
    a. At a good price.
    b. At a cheap price.
    c. At an affordable price.

15. **All three car companies:**
    a. Are affordable.
    b. Make reliable cars.
    c. Care for the environment.

16. **'Reliable' on line 18 means:**
    a. Consistent.
    b. Dependable.
    c. Unstable.

17. **Which word is missing from line 24?**
    a. Travel.
    b. Work.
    c. Create.

18. **There is a grammar error on:**
    a. Line 7.
    b. Line 13.
    c. Line 22.

19. **There is a punctuation error on:**
    a. Line 6.
    b. Line 17.
    c. Line 19.

20. **There is a spelling error on:**
    a. Line 5.
    b. Line 10.
    c. Line 20.

Text 3

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

My Day as a Hotel Housekeeper

I am a hotel housekeeper. My day starts at 7.00 am. I prepare my cleaning cart with fresh towels and toiletries. At 8.00 am, I attend a meeting with my manager.

Then I begin cleaning rooms. First, I knock on the door to make sure the room is empty. I start by making the bed. I change the sheets and pillowcases. Next, I clean the bathroom. I scrub the sink, toilet, and shower and replace used towels with fresh ones.

Next, I dust the furniture and vacuum the floor. I check the mini fridge and refill it if needed. Finally, I take out the rubbish and make sure the room smells fresh. Each room takes about thirty minutes to clean.

I usually clean around 15 rooms a day. Sometimes, guests leave special requests, like wanting extra pillows or blankets. Around 1.00 pm, I take a break for an hour and chat with my colleagues.
In the afternoon, I continue cleaning rooms and tidy up the public areas of the hotel, like the lobby and hallways. My day ends at 4.00 pm. I return my cleaning cart and check out with my manager.

21. **What happens at 8.00am?**
    a. They have a meeting.
    b. They prepare their cart.
    c. They tidy the hotel.

22. **What is the first thing they do when they clean a room?**
    a. They make the bed.
    b. They clean the bathroom.
    c. They take out the rubbish.

23. **How long does it take to clean each room?**
    a. Fifteen minutes.
    b. Thirty minutes.
    c. An hour.

24. **How many guest rooms do they clean every day?**
    a. 4.
    b. 15.
    c. 30.

25. **According to the text, what is an example of a special request from a guest?**
    a. Wanting fresh towels.
    b. Wanting extra toiletries.
    c. Wanting extra pillows.

26. **What do they do at 1.00pm?**
    a. They go to the lobby.
    b. They chat with their colleagues.
    c. They return their cleaning cart.

Text 4

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Job Advertisement: Software Developer

Tech Innovators is looking for a new software developer to join their friendly team. The company creates software solutions to help businesses work better and faster.

The role involves writing and testing code for new software programs and improving existing software. You will work with other developers and designers to create new features and help plan and design new projects.

To be successful in this role, you should have basic knowledge of programming languages. Good problem-solving skills and teamwork are essential. You must be willing to learn new things and have good communication skills in English. Experience with web development, knowledge of databases and an understanding of software development tools are preferred.

Tech Innovators offers a competitive salary and several benefits, including flexible working hours, education, training and development, a friendly and supportive work environment, health insurance, and a pension plan.

If you are interested in this job, please send your CV and a cover letter to jobs@techinnovators.biz.in. The application deadline is 30th October. If you are successful, you will attend a group interview day with us here in Bangalore on 14th November. Transport and accommodation for the interview day will be provided free of charge.

27. **Where is this job?**
    a. In education and training.
    b. In a transport company.
    c. In a software company.

28. **In this role you will:**
    a. Design databases.
    b. Test code.
    c. Teach English.

29. **Tech Innovators offer:**
    a. Flexible health insurance.
    b. Friendly benefits.
    c. A pension plan.

30. **The deadline for applications is:**
    a. 4th October.
    b. 30th October.
    c. 14th November.

31. **What will be provided for the interview day?**
    a. Accommodation.
    b. A letter.
    c. A competitive salary.

End of Examination.

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