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# Key skills communication Adult literacy ESOL Skills for Life Reading Unit Level 2 Test Paper

## YOU NEED

- This test paper
- An answer sheet

You may **NOT** use a dictionary

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**THERE ARE 40 QUESTIONS IN THIS TEST**

**Total marks available: 40**

**Try to answer ALL the questions**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly on the answer sheet
  - Read each question carefully
  - Follow the instructions on how to complete the answer sheet
  - At the end of the test, hand the test paper, your answer sheet and all notes to the supervisor
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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRES

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Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following document.

## Planning to get away? Think passport first

If you're planning to get away from it all this year, think passport first. Checking you have a valid passport before you book your trip takes minutes but could save you the distress and cost of not being able to go.

### Renew your passport before it runs out

You can now renew your passport up to 9 months before it expires without losing out. So take the time now and save tears later.

### Applying for a passport for the first time

Our eligibility checks mean that it takes a minimum of one week to issue a passport so make sure you don't leave it to the last minute, apply in plenty of time.

### Help with your application is just around the corner

Selected Post Office branches and Worldchoice travel agents offer a Check and Send service that helps you with your application. It's convenient and you should receive your passport within 2 weeks.

### If you need to apply for or renew a passport, you can either:

**Pick up a Passport Application Form at selected Post Office branches and Worldchoice travel agents.**

**Or call the Application Form Request line on 0901 4700 110\* or visit [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk)**

If your need is urgent call 0870 521 0410\*\* for an appointment at one of our offices. We cannot guarantee to see customers without an appointment.

From 14th January, a guaranteed same day (passport renewals only) or one week service will be available from passport public counters.



\*Calls will be charged at 60p per minute (to cover administration costs) and the cost per call should not normally exceed 90p.

\*\*Calls are charged at national rates.



- 1 The word 'valid', as it is used in paragraph 1, line 2, means
  - A recently issued
  - B current British
  - C legally acceptable
  - D officially renewed
  
- 2 In paragraph 2, the line 'So take the time now and save tears later' could be rewritten as
  - A Take your time and don't worry
  - B Be organised and avoid disappointment
  - C Hurry up but do not panic
  - D Act later to avoid being upset
  
- 3 Not everyone is eligible for a UK passport. The eligibility checks mentioned in paragraph 3 ensure that
  - A passports are issued quickly
  - B there is sufficient time to deal with applications
  - C passports are not lost in the post
  - D passports are issued only to those entitled
  
- 4 The purpose of giving paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 bold headings is to
  - A make the text shorter
  - B organise the text into sections
  - C fill up the page
  - D provide additional information
  
- 5 According to the document, Passport Application Forms may be obtained in person from both
  - A [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk) and Worldchoice travel agents
  - B selected post offices and [www.passport.gov.uk](http://www.passport.gov.uk)
  - C selected post offices and Worldchoice travel agents
  - D Worldchoice travel agents and the Application Form Request line

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following document about the films of director Ridley Scott.

**THE TALENTED MR RIDLEY** The Brit who conquered Hollywood

			
<p><b>THELMA AND LOUISE (1991)</b>  <b>High-concept:</b> Bonnie and Bonnie.  <b>Tag-line:</b> 'Get a life – so they did'.  <b>Exposition:</b> Arkansas waitress and housewife shoot a rapist and become outlaws in an I-Am-Woman-Hear-Me-Roar kind of way.  <b>Best line:</b> 'Let's not get caught – let's keep going' (Susan Sarandon to Geena Davis, just before their climactic Butch &amp; Sundance moment).  <b>Trivia:</b> The first film to exploit the glory of Brad Pitt's peccs.</p>	<p><b>GLADIATOR (2000)</b>  <b>High-concept:</b> <i>The Searchers</i> meets <i>Carry on Cleo</i>.  <b>Tag-line:</b> 'What we do in life echoes in eternity'.  <b>Exposition:</b> Blood. Death. Brooding. Brushed-forward haircuts. Chain-mail miniskirts.  <b>Best line:</b> 'My name is Maximus Decimus Meridus, father to a murdered son, husband to a murdered wife, and I will have my vengeance, in this life or the next.' (Russell Crowe). Also: 'At my signal, unleash hell!' (RC again).  <b>Trivia:</b> Oliver Reed died of a heart attack during filming; his scenes were completed by a double photographed with a 3D CGI mask of Reed's face.</p>	<p><b>HANNIBAL (2001)</b>  <b>High-concept:</b> Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall meets Edgar Allen Poe.  <b>Tag-line:</b> 'Break the silence!'  <b>Exposition:</b> Hannibal Lecter at large in Italy. Men with no faces. A light helping of stir-fried brain soufflé.  <b>Best line:</b> 'I must confess to you, I'm giving serious thought to eating your wife.'  <b>Trivia:</b> In a cunning bit of product placement, a poster for <i>Gladiator</i> is seen at one point near a newsstand.</p>	<p><b>LEGEND (1985)</b>  <b>High-concept:</b> <i>Lord of the Rings</i> meets <i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>.  <b>Tag-line:</b> 'No good without evil! No love without hate! No innocence without us!'  <b>Exposition:</b> Good (Tom Cruise in faerie mode as Jack O'The Green) must battle Darkness (Tim Curry in hooves) to a Tangerine Dream soundtrack. Guess who wins?  <b>Best line:</b> 'What is light, without darkness?'  <b>Trivia:</b> The sound of 'unicorns at play' on the soundtrack is actually a recording of whales.</p>

- 6 The main purpose of the document is to
- A explain who should go to see the films
  - B persuade people to see the films
  - C describe the best moments of the films
  - D present the information in an entertaining way
- 7 The tone of the document could **best** be described as
- A light-hearted
  - B formal
  - C analytical
  - D critical

- 8 As used in the commentaries, the phrase 'Tag-line' could **best** be described as
- A information about a sequel
  - B a summary of the film plot
  - C a quote from a film star
  - D a catchy phrase about the film
- 9 The section entitled 'Trivia' consists of
- A unusual general knowledge
  - B only facts about films
  - C detailed film criticism
  - D some extra information
- 10 The actor who spoke the line 'At my signal, unleash hell!' was
- A Tom Cruise
  - B Russell Crowe
  - C Oliver Reed
  - D Hannibal Lecter

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following document.

**THE INDEPENDENT**  
ON SUNDAY

*Holiday Offer*

# Barcelona

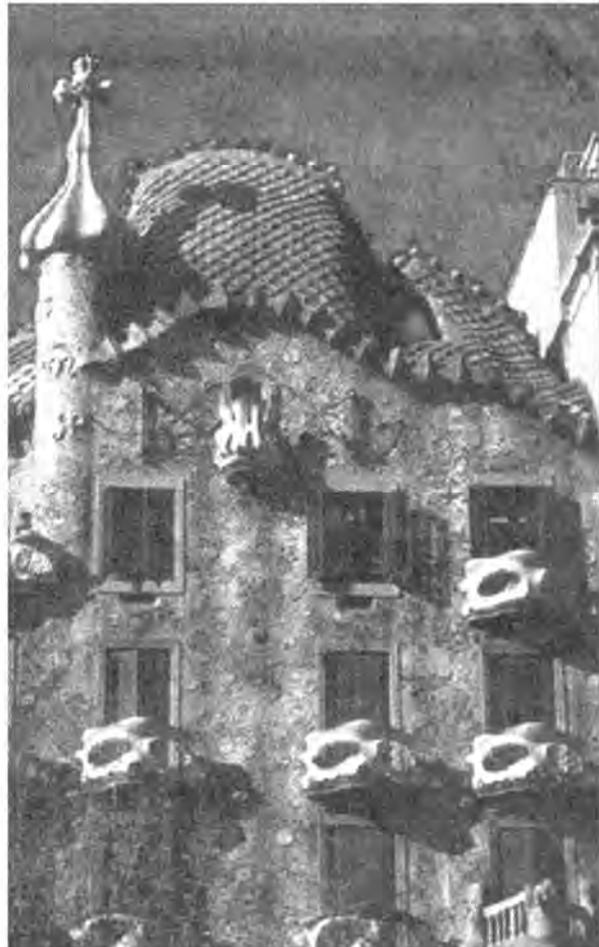
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- 11 The writer has used brackets round some of the information in the first paragraph because it provides
- A an example
  - B extra detail
  - C very interesting information
  - D the most important information
- 12 As stated in the first paragraph, two areas to visit for a meal are
- A the Ramblas and Plaza de Catalunya
  - B Plaza de Catalunya and Columbus Monument
  - C the Ramblas and Mare Magnum
  - D Columbus Monument and the Olympic District
- 13 In paragraph 2 the Hotel Rivoli Ramblas is described as 'renovated', meaning that it has been
- A rebuilt as a leisure centre
  - B restored to as-new condition
  - C completely re-decorated
  - D relocated in the Ramblas area
- 14 The document could **best** be described as
- A promotional
  - B instructional
  - C explanatory
  - D informative
- 15 The descriptive words used in the document are mainly
- A positive
  - B emotive
  - C amusing
  - D neutral

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.

Early that day, August 7th, the Japanese radio broadcast for the first time a short announcement that very few of the people most concerned with its content, the survivors in Hiroshima, happened to hear: 'Hiroshima suffered considerable damage as the result of an attack by a few American B-29 bombers. It is believed that a new type of bomb was used. The details are being investigated.'	line 1 line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5 line 6
It is unlikely that any of the survivors happened to be tuned in on a shortwave broadcast of an extraordinary announcement by the President of the United States, which identified the new bomb as atomic: 'That bomb had more power than twenty thousand tons of TNT. It had more than two thousand times the blast power of the British Grand Slam, which is the largest bomb ever yet used in the history of warfare.'	line 7 line 8 line 9 line 10 line 11 line 12 line 13
Those victims who were able to worry at all about what had happened thought of it and struggled to explain it in terms such as 'gasoline sprinkled from an airplane, maybe' or 'some combustible gas' or 'the work of parachutists'; but, if they had known the truth, most of them were too weary or too badly hurt to care that they were the objects of the first great experiment of atomic power.	line 14 line 15 line 16 line 17 line 18 line 19

16 In paragraph 1 the main point of the radio broadcast was that

- A America has B-29 bombers
- B the details are being investigated
- C there are no survivors in Hiroshima
- D Hiroshima has been badly damaged

- 17 The *Grand Slam* (line 12) is a type of
- A warfare
  - B TNT
  - C bomb
  - D blast
- 18 The overall tone of the document could **best** be said to be
- A sympathetic to the Americans
  - B sympathetic to the Japanese
  - C critical of the Americans
  - D critical of the Japanese
- 19 The writer has started new paragraphs at lines 7 and 14 because
- A there is a change of place
  - B the previous paragraph was long enough
  - C all paragraphs should be the same length
  - D there is a change of subject
- 20 Three phrases on lines 16 and 17 have been placed in inverted commas because they are
- A translations from the Japanese
  - B direct quotations from the victims
  - C clearly guesswork, not the truth
  - D quotations from a book

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following extract from a draft letter to a newspaper.

There is absollutely no way to control the illegal trade in heroin. Farmers	line 1
in just about any part of the world can grow this useless, non-food	line 2
crop very easily and then turn it into a huge profit. So long as there	line 3
is a demand from people in wealthy countries for heroin it will	line 4
continue to be produced.	line 5
In rich western countries, huge amounts of heroin..... by the	line 6
medical industry. Heroin, or diamorphine to use its correct name	line 7
is an important drug for the control of severe pain. In addition, the	line 8
few hundred users who are prescribed..... pure heroin are not	line 9
involved in robbery, violence or prostitution and are not likely to	line 10
catch diseases such as AIDS from contact with infected blood.	line 11
....., we in the west have a choice: illegal heroin and increased	line 12
crime on our streets or legally controlled heroin and care for addicts.	line 13
Little choice at all really.	line 14

21 A word has been spelt incorrectly on line 1. The correct spelling is

- A absolutely
- B absollutely
- C absoluteley
- D absolutley

22 The accurate form of the words missing from line 6 is

- A is needed
- B should be needed
- C are needed
- D had been needed

23 What punctuation is missing from the end of line 7?

- A inverted comma
- B apostrophe
- C comma
- D quotation marks

24 The correct spelling of the word missing from line 9 is

- A medicaly
- B medicalley
- C medicley
- D medically

25 The correct word to start the sentence on line 12 is

- A Except
- B Although
- C However
- D But

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following document.

<b>REMEMBER RUBELLA</b>	line 1
<b><u>Damage caused by rubella</u></b>	line 2
Although rubella is not particularly serious for children or adults, or for the pregnant woman herself, it can seriously damage a baby's organs in the early stages of pregnancy.	line 3 line 4 line 5
Some of the common effects include impairments to the:	line 6
<b>Ears:</b> a child may have hearing loss in one or both ears due to damage to the inner ear, which links the ears to the brain.	line 7 line 8
<b>Eyes:</b> babies may be born with cataracts (cloudiness to the lens) in one or both eyes. Others may have rarer visual conditions or find that their sight gets worse as they get older.	line 9 line 10 line 11
<b>Heart:</b> rubella can affect the heart in many ways. Children may have heart problems from birth and require hospital treatment.	line 12 line 13
<b>Brain:</b> rubella can also affect a child's brain and nervous system. Difficulties can vary from mild to severe.	line 14 line 15
	
<b><u>Amelia's Story</u></b>	line 16
Although Shelagh, Amelia's mother, had been immunised, she somehow lost her immunity and contracted rubella. This meant that their beautiful daughter Amelia was born severely deaf and visually impaired. At first the family was devastated.	line 17 line 18 line 19 line 20
With help from a Sense Family Centre, the family learned how to help Amelia make the best use of the very little sight and hearing she had.	line 21 line 22
Amelia was taught how to explore the world around her and her every achievement, no matter how small, was applauded.	line 23 line 24
<b>Today Amelia is a bright, happy child – a far cry from the baby who could so easily have been labelled as a 'hopeless case'.</b>	line 25 line 26

- 26 Line 2 and line 16 are underlined because they are both
- A direct speech
  - B headlines
  - C sub-headings
  - D new paragraphs
- 27 The **main** point of the writing from the start of line 7 to the end of line 15 is to
- A advise the reader to have children vaccinated
  - B inform the reader of the dangers of rubella
  - C describe the effects of rubella on one particular person
  - D persuade the reader that rubella is not dangerous
- 28 In lines 16 to 20 it is explained how
- A Shelagh avoided Rubella by being immunised
  - B Amelia caught rubella
  - C Shelagh contracted rubella because she had not been immunised
  - D Shelagh contracted rubella even though she had been immunised
- 29 Lines 25 and 26 could **best** be said to be
- A optimistic
  - B depressing
  - C pessimistic
  - D entertaining
- 30 The document is **most** likely to form part of a
- A medical text book
  - B formal report
  - C fundraising leaflet
  - D personal letter

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following draft letter.

Dear Mr Townley	line 1
I was apawled when I received your letter this morning. I cannot believe that you have decided that I was at fault over the lack of money in my account on 25 <sup>th</sup> June. I had already made three telephone calls, paid one visit and sent an e-mail regarding my salary.	line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5
.....your staff clearly did not pass this information on to you. If they had done, you would have known that the recent change of my account number <u>in order to improve efficiency</u> led to your paying my salary into a non-existent account.	line 6 line 7 line 8 line 9
I am annoyed that your mistake might well cost me money and get me a bad credit rating. Would you please put the fault right at once. I will also ..... to head office about this matter.	line 10 line 11 line 12
Yours sincerely	line 13
Anna Kopczyk	line 14

31 A word has been incorrectly spelt on line 2. The correct spelling is

- A apalled
- B appalled
- C apauled
- D appaled

32 The comma on line 5 is there to

- A separate items in a list
- B stress the importance of the words
- C show the writer's annoyance
- D indicate a pause for breath

33 The word that could **best** be used to begin paragraph 2 is

- A Whereas
- B Therefore
- C Necessarily
- D Unfortunately

**34** On line 8 Anna Kopczyk has underlined words that she has taken directly from the bank's letter to her. Instead of underlining, she should have typed the words

- A** in capitals
- B** in bold
- C** in inverted commas
- D** in italics

**35** The correct form of the words missing on line 12 is

- A** have written
- B** going to write
- C** be writing
- D** have wrote

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following extract.

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Check and Action</b>
<b>No power</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check if the power cable has been properly connected to the power outlet</li><li>2. Check if the main power has been switched on</li></ol>
<b>Does not play</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No disc, load a disc</li><li>2. Disc has been loaded upside down. Place the disc with the label side up</li><li>3. Disc's region code does not match the unit</li><li>4. Disc is not correct type to be played</li><li>5. Disc is damaged or dirty. Clean the disc or try another disc</li><li>6. Moisture may have condensed inside the unit. Remove the disc and leave the unit power on for two hours</li></ol>
<b>No picture</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check if the TV set is on and select the correct channel for the DVD player</li><li>2. Check that the system connection is secured</li><li>3. Check if the connection cables are damaged</li><li>4. Clean the disc</li></ol>
<b>Picture noise</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The disc is dirty or damaged. Clean the disc or try another disc</li><li>2. Reset the colour system of the DVD unit or the TV set</li><li>3. Try to connect the DVD unit directly to the TV set instead of via other components such as a VCR</li></ol>
<b>Picture not full screen</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Select the screen format. Enter SETUP MENU: TV SCREEN</li><li>2. Select the screen format from DVD disc menu</li></ol>
<b>If STOP is displayed in the top left hand corner</b>	The disc is dirty or damaged. Clean the disc or try another disc
<b>Cannot SKIP or SEARCH</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Some discs are programmed that do not allow users to SKIP or SEARCH forward at some sections, especially at the opening WARNING section</li><li>2. Single chapter discs cannot apply SKIP function</li></ol>

- 36 Which of the following would be the **best** title for this extract?
- A Getting Started
  - B Learning the Basics
  - C Trouble-shooting
  - D Exploring your Options
- 37 According to the document which of the following statements is true?
- A Placing a disc with the label side up will cause the DVD not to play
  - B Damage to connection cables can be remedied by cleaning the disc
  - C Not all discs allow users to SEARCH forward at some sections
  - D Resetting the colour system of the DVD can result in picture noise
- 38 According to the document, the likely effect of moisture having entered the DVD player is
- A the disc will not play
  - B the unit might explode
  - C STOP will be displayed
  - D there will be picture noise
- 39 The possible effects of failing to connect a cable properly are
- A No power and/or No picture
  - B Picture noise and/or No power
  - C No Power and/or Does not play
  - D Cannot SKIP or SEARCH and/or Does not play
- 40 The type of language in which the document is written could **best** be said to be
- A descriptive
  - B instructional
  - C persuasive
  - D subjective

**END OF TEST**