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Functional English

47201

Component 1 Reading

Level 1

Thursday 13 November 2014

9.00am to 9.45am

You will need no other materials.

Time allowed

- 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 18. There are 6 marks for Section A and 12 marks for Section B.
- You may use a dictionary.

Advice

- You are advised to check your work carefully.



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For this exam you are going to read **two** texts about driving.

Answer **all** questions.

Section A





Read **Source A**. You have been asked to find out how successful this article is in getting information across by answering the questions that follow.

Source A

Taxi driver job description

At some time, everyone has heard their family say “I’m not your taxi driver” but what does a taxi driver’s job actually involve?

Taxi drivers provide essential services such as:

-  taking holidaymakers to airports
-  taking children to school
-  taking shoppers back home
-  helping those with mobility problems.

The job involves picking up and delivering customers using the fastest and safest route, so a good knowledge of local routes is needed. They need to help load and unload the vehicle and keep it clean and in good working order. The driver also needs to calculate the right fare and give the correct change.

Taxi companies operate on a 24-hour basis and most drivers work in shifts. Friday and Saturday evenings are usually the busiest times and more tipsy, chatty customers can be expected during these shifts.

The salary ranges from £12,000-£30,000 per year but to earn good money, you need to put in the hours: the more fares you pick up, the more you earn.

While there are no minimum qualifications, you need to be at least 21 years of age and hold a clean driving licence. You will need to pass a medical test. Some areas test drivers on routes, most famously, The London Knowledge, which is very difficult to pass.

Careful, thoughtful drivers are wanted, so if you suffer from road rage or can’t stop speeding, this may not be the job for you. Taxi drivers also need a good standard of spoken English and great customer skills. An excellent memory and the ability to deal with difficult passengers are also necessary.



For **Questions 1 to 6**, write the letter for each answer in the box given.

1 The main point of the article is to

- A** advertise taxi companies.
- B** persuade people to use taxis.
- C** advise people to become taxi drivers.
- D** give information about being a taxi driver.

Answer

[1 mark]

2 The article says that most taxi drivers

- A** work for 24 hours.
- B** like chatty customers.
- C** work in shifts.
- D** can't stop speeding.

Answer

[1 mark]

3 The article advises that

- A** taxi drivers need to speak good English.
- B** taxi drivers need some qualifications.
- C** difficult passengers are not welcome.
- D** The London Knowledge is easy to pass.

Answer

[1 mark]

4 The main point the article makes about taxi driving is

- A** it is just a weekend job.
- B** it is an essential service.
- C** anyone can do the job.
- D** it doesn't cause road rage.

Answer

[1 mark]

5 The article informs us that

- A** taxi drivers need to be 21 or over.
- B** taxi drivers have mobility problems.
- C** chatty customers only go out at weekends.
- D** in some areas, you can go for a test drive.

Answer

[1 mark]

6 After reading the article, someone interested in becoming a taxi driver should

- A** take some formal qualifications.
- B** cancel all their weekend nights out.
- C** ask if they can re-take their driving test.
- D** learn their local routes very carefully.

Answer

[1 mark]

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Section B

Read **Source B** then answer the questions that follow.

Source B

DRIVING EXPERIENCES	RACE MEETING TICKETS	EVENTS TICKETS	CONTACT & MAPS
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JUNIOR PORSCHE STAGE 1 EXPERIENCE - £99.

Young drivers can now learn the essential skills needed to drive a car from the driver's seat of the brilliant Porsche Cayman. They will also drive on parts of the Thruxton racing circuit, including the famous club chicane. They will be driving on the same start and finish straight as Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Thruxton is the UK's fastest driving circuit and we only use Advanced Driving Instructors. We have been operating driver experiences for over 30 years and have won the Auto Express award 3 times.

To begin with, drivers will have expert teaching from an Advanced Driving Instructor in a Mazda6 Sport car in a safe area. First they will be a passenger and then take full control to develop their core driving skills. Then it's time to take the wheel of the brilliant Porsche Cayman on the famous Thruxton driving circuit. The first 15 minutes will develop the driver skills further, allowing them to drive through the pit lane and the start/finish straight.

The second session will allow young drivers to go even faster and perfect the racing line. Everyone is different with some learning more quickly than others. The instructor will adapt each session to each pupil. Those who complete this experience can go on to do the Stage 2 experience.

READY TO BOOK?

Drivers must be over 4 ft 10 inches (1.47m) tall, aged over 12 and under 18. We operate on selected weekdays during the school holidays but we cannot offer this experience at weekends. Spectators are welcome free of charge. The experience takes place at Thruxton circuit near Andover, Hampshire and lasts for 1½ hours. Online booking available.



Don't wait until 17 to drive: do it now, in a Porsche!



Write your answers in the spaces provided. The questions in this section are testing what you have understood about the text. The questions are **not** testing your writing.

7 Your school or college is holding a vocational training day about driving. You have been asked to produce a leaflet about the Junior Porsche Stage 1 Experience.

Use the information and ideas in **Source B** to help you choose what to put in your leaflet.

You should include:

7 (a) **four** ways the Thruxton Junior Porsche Stage 1 Experience could help young drivers.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

7 (b) **four** things you need to know before booking the Thruxton Junior Porsche Stage 1 Experience.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____



8 Look at the way **Source B** has been presented.

List **two** ways it has been presented and say why each one would make it easy for people to understand.

[4 marks]

First way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

Second way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

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END OF QUESTIONS



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