

ESOL Skills for Life

Entry 3 – Reading

Sample paper 2

Time allowed: 60 minutes

- ▶ Please answer **all** questions.
- ▶ Circle your answers in pen, **not** pencil, **on the separate answer sheet**.
- ▶ You may **not** use dictionaries.
- ▶ You may **not** use correction fluid.

Task 1

Marathons in history**Paragraph one**

It's difficult to believe today, but running marathon races only became popular in the 1980s. Marathons are 26.2 miles long and nowadays hundreds of thousands of people take part in them every year.

Paragraph two

..... **1.** The Greek army was fighting at a place called Marathon and they won. They sent a soldier to Athens, the capital of Greece, to tell the government about the **victory**. The soldier ran without stopping. When he arrived in Athens, he shouted, 'We have won', and then fell over!

Paragraph three

A (Example)..... There were seventeen male runners, and the winner was Spyridon Louis, whose time was 2 hours 58 minutes. The first Olympic marathon for women was in the 1980 games. However, the first woman to run a race was Marie-Louise Ledru who completed a marathon many years before that. She ran her race in 1918.

Paragraph four

..... **2.** Dennis Kimetto of Kenya holds the world record for men – 2 hours 2 minutes and 57 seconds. Paula Radcliffe of the United Kingdom set the **current** women's record in 2003. No other woman has beaten her time of 2 hours 15 minutes and 25 seconds.

Paragraph five

..... **3.** **Amazingly**, Fauja Singh ran a marathon when he was 100 years old, in 2011. He took just over eight hours. And in 2015 Harriette Thompson, aged 92, became the oldest woman to run the distance. Her time was 7 hours 24 minutes.

Questions 1-3

Four sentences are missing from the text on page 2. Look at the following sentences (A-E) and decide which one best fits each gap. There is one sentence you do not need and an example. Circle the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**.

- A (Example) ~~The first Olympic marathon took place in 1896.~~
- B Since then, marathon runners have become faster and faster.
- C Marathon running is not just for young people!
- D Every year, more than 500 marathons take place across the world.
- E The name 'marathon' comes from ancient Greece.

Questions 4-6

Choose the letter of the closest meaning for each word. Look at the text carefully to help you decide on the best answer. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**.

4. victory (paragraph two)

- A success
- B problem
- C scenery

5. current (paragraph four)

- A previous
- B present
- C popular

6. Amazingly (paragraph five)

- A hopefully
- B successfully
- C surprisingly

Questions 7-9

Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

- 7. There is an exclamation mark (!) at the end of the final sentence of paragraph two because
 - A the writer wants to ask a question
 - B the paragraph may be untrue
 - C the sentence is surprising
- 8. According to paragraph three,
 - A Marie-Louise Ledru competed in the 1980 Olympics
 - B Spyridon Louis beat all the women in his marathon
 - C the first women's Olympic marathon was in 1980
- 9. According to paragraph five, Harriette Thompson is
 - A the oldest marathon runner there has ever been
 - B older than all other female marathon runners
 - C a slower runner than Fauja Singh

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Text A

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

We are looking for a receptionist to join our successful car hire company. We have offices in Mayfield and Bradford.

Applicants must have experience of working with the general public. If English is not your first language, you must have an ESOL qualification at Entry 3 or above.

You will also need a **friendly attitude**.

In return we offer excellent rates of pay and a free uniform.

[Click here to apply](#)

Text C

From: Arshad Chaudri
To: Karolina Pikus
Subject: Interview

Dear Ms Pikus

I am pleased to offer you an interview with Confident Car Hire Ltd.

Interviews are on **Thursday 25 June** at **9.30am** at the Norfolk Hotel, Mayfield.

Please bring your passport and **proof of qualifications** with you.

Kind regards

Arshad Chaudri
 Managing Director

Text E

TOP TIPS FOR INTERVIEW SUCCESS

- Dress smartly
- Check where you have to go
- Prepare your answers (see page 35 on common interview questions)
- Take your time to answer questions
- Sell yourself – be positive about yourself and your experience!
- Prepare some questions to ask at the end of the interview (see page 39)

Taken from *Get That Job!* by Mary Allison

Text B

RECEPTIONIST APPLICATION FORM

First name
 Last name
 Email address

Upload your CV

Please answer both questions

Do you have experience of working with the public?

- Yes
 No

Do you have a driving licence?

- Yes
 No

Send application

Text D

Get That Job!

A guide to finding your perfect career

By Mary Allison

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Texts A to E on page 4 are all about getting a new job.

Questions 10-12

Match the texts (A-E) with their purposes. Circle the letter of the correct answer **on your answer sheet**. There is one text you don't need and an example.

Example: to advertise a job

..... **A**

10. to apply for a new job

.....

11. to give advice about succeeding at an interview

.....

12. to give details about coming for an interview

.....

Questions 13-15

Look at the following words and phrases from texts A, B and C. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

13. Text A says candidates must have a **friendly attitude**. This means they must be

A careful with money

B sociable with others

C good at making decisions

14. Text B asks candidates to **upload** their CV. This means they must

A post it to the company

B take it to the interview

C send it from a computer

15. Which of the following is **proof of qualifications** (text C)?

A a letter from a teacher

B an exam certificate

C an identity card

Questions 16-18

Look at all of the texts to decide where to find the following information. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

16. You want to look up some information in Mary Allison's book. Which text will help you?

A text D

B text E

C text C

17. When you go for an interview it is best to

A answer questions quickly

B think carefully about your answers

C reply to questions with another question

18. Karolina's interview is at

A an office in Bradford

B a hotel in Mayfield

C a hotel in Norfolk

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Task 3

Driving in the UK

Paragraph A

This report looks at the increase in the number of vehicles on our roads. In 1951 there were two million cars on Britain's roads but now there are 30 million cars here.

Paragraph B

In the biggest towns and cities there are good transport networks. However, people still own cars, as public transport can cost a lot of money. It can also be more convenient to travel by car than by bus or train.

Paragraph C

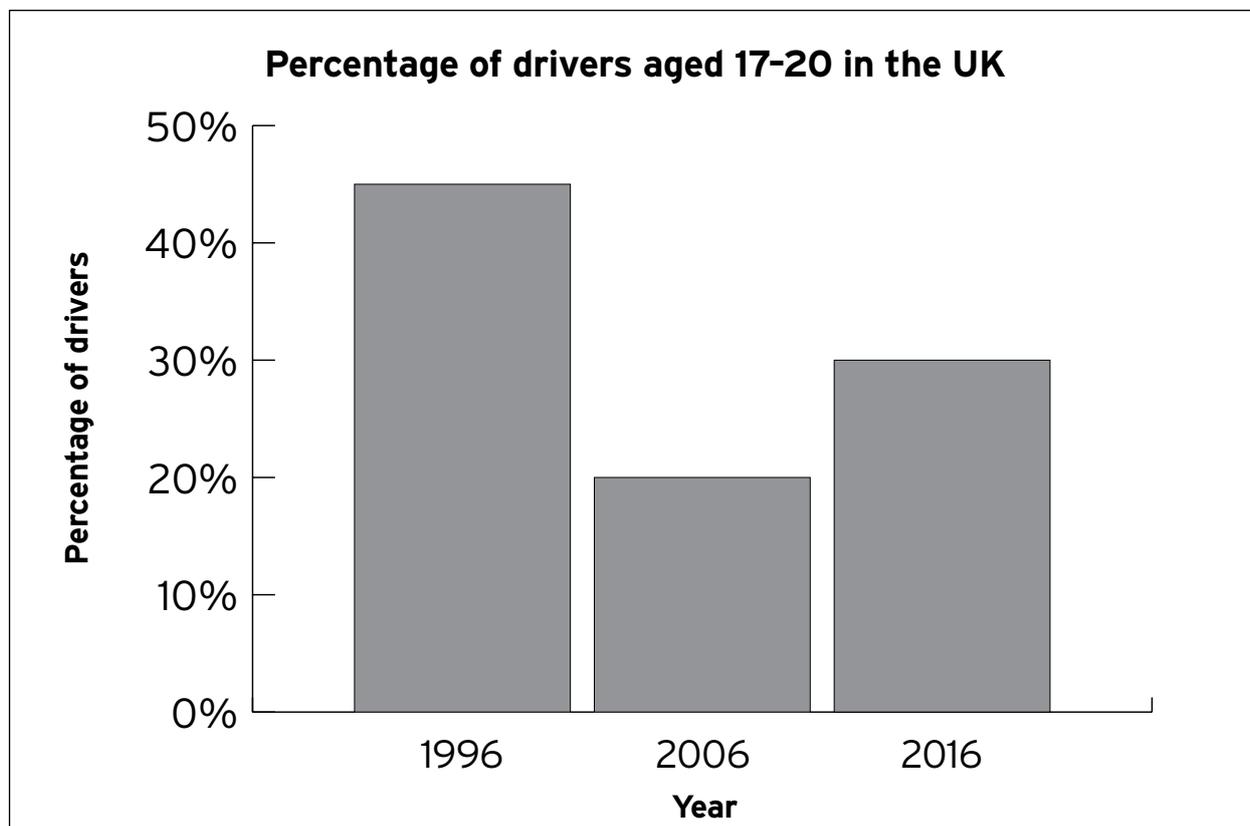
The number of driving licences has increased since the 1970s. In 1975 around 18 million people had a driving licence. Now, there are 32 million car drivers. The biggest change has been the number of women who have a licence. This has increased from 29% in the 1970s to 68% today.

Paragraph D

There isn't a legal age for people to stop driving but when a person becomes 70 they need to renew their licence every three years. As people live longer and our population increases, more and more cars will be on the roads.

Paragraph E

Where do 30 million cars go every day? Most cars spend 80% of the time parked outside the home and 16% parked in a different place. On average a car is only moving for 4% of the time.



Questions 19-21

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs (A-E). Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph that best matches the purposes below. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**. You do not need to use all of the paragraphs. There is an example.

Example: *to introduce the text*

A

19. to describe the daily use of a car

.....

20. to give reasons why people own cars

.....

21. to explain what older drivers have to do to keep their licence

.....

Questions 22-24

Choose the letter of the best answer according to both the text and the diagram and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

22. Where do cars spend most time?

- A driving on roads
- B parked at home
- C stuck in traffic

23. In the 1970s, the percentage of women drivers was

- A 29 per cent
- B 16 per cent
- C 68 per cent

24. According to the graph, which year saw the lowest number of young drivers?

- A 1996
- B 2006
- C 2016

Questions 25-27

Look at the list of words. They are in alphabetical order. Circle the letter of the best answer **on your answer sheet**.

25. Which word comes first in the list, before **car**?

- A tyre
- B brake
- C speed

26. Where does **petrol** come in the list?

- A between licence and road
- B between road and transport
- C between transport and wheel

27. Which word comes last in the list, after **wheel**?

- A windscreen
- B vehicle
- C test

<p>Driving</p> <p>.....</p> <p>car</p> <p>.....</p> <p>insurance</p> <p>.....</p> <p>licence</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>road</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>transport</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>wheel</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

End of exam