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ESOL Skills for Life Reading – Level 1

Sample Assessor Pack

The following documents are included in this assessment pack:

- Guidance on the conduct of the assessment
- General marking guidance and assessment principles
- Mark schemes and guidance

Sample Assessment Code: ESOLRL1BD/P



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Guidance on conduct of the assessment

- The tasks are designed to be completed during normal class time but must be taken under supervised conditions. This means that all tasks must be completed with a tutor/assessor and/or other designated supervisor present.
- This assessment is composed of four tasks. Candidates must complete all four tasks.
- All tasks must be completed in a single assessment session.
- The time allocated to the assessment is 1 hour and 15 minutes. You should advise candidates to spend about 15-20 minutes on each task.
- Candidates should be briefed on the tasks to be completed. The tasks each focus on reading skills.
- Candidates may be assisted with aspects that are not being assessed (e.g. the
 assessor may tell the candidate what to do if he/she cannot read the written
 instructions adequately) but must not read out any of the texts or related questions.
 Please refer to the qualification specification for access arrangements, reasonable
 adjustments and special considerations.
- Candidates must complete the tasks independently without any further support according to the guide time allowed.
- At the end of the assessment the candidates' work must be collected and stored securely.

NB - The paper has been designed to be printed in a double-sided format.



General marking guidance and assessment principles

- Assessors should apply the mark schemes positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do.
- Assessors should mark according to the mark scheme.
- Assessors should always award full marks if these are deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Half marks may not be awarded.
- If a response is not worthy of credit it should be awarded 0.
- Where assessors are required to make a judgement for example in short answer questions, examples will be provided of possible answers that may be credited.
- Responses that are correct but written outside the box must be credited.
- Candidates should not be penalised for incorrect spelling as long as meaning is clear.
- If candidates fail to achieve the required pass mark on the paper, they may be given another equivalent paper.



Mark scheme and guidance

Task 1

Assessment Criteria	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.2, 3.2
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Question	Answer	Marks Available
1. What is the	a) To encourage people to recycle food	1 mark
main purpose		
of this text?		
2 What do the	1 mark for each of the following:	3 marks
following words	edible - c) Suitable or safe for eating	
mean in the	raw - d) Not cooked or processed	
context of this	mouldy - b) Rotten	
text? Write the		
letter in the		
correct box.		
3. Tick ✓ the	b) Milk and butter are classed as food waste	1 mark
correct		
statement:		
4. According to	1 mark each for any two of the following:	2 marks
the text, give	(accept two only)	
two reasons	 (food waste has) Impact on the environment 	
why we should recycle food	- (it) Costs the householders money	
waste.	- (it) Costs the nouseholders money - (it) Costs the council	
5. How much can	£60 / 60 pounds	1 mark
a family save	and a position	
monthly by		
reducing their		
food waste?		
6. Finish the	b) supports the project	1 mark
sentence. The		
councillor:	N E CP	4
7. What is food	d) Fertiliser	1 mark
waste changed		
into?		

Total Marks Available	10 marks
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Task 2

Assessment Criteria	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2
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Question	Answer	Marks Available
What is the main purpose of this text?	c) To provide information for passengers	1 mark
2. How many days do you have to ask for a refund?	28 / twenty-eight	1 mark
3. Who can go to a ticket office?	(Someone / a person who has / with) A season ticket (owner)	1 mark
4. How long must your train be delayed to get a partial refund?	(to) More than / at least half an hour	1 mark
5. Give two ways that you can make a claim:	mark for each of the following: - (on the / via) Website - By post / write a letter	2 marks
6. What are you advised to do with your tickets?	Make copies / photos / scans of them / the tickets (in case you're / my / the letter goes missing)	1 mark
7. How long might a refund take?	A month	1 mark
8. According to the text, what is important to know about the vouchers?	(I don't have to / there's) No need to accept them / you can have a cash refund instead	1 mark
9. The word ombudsman in the context of this text means someone who:	d) deals with complaints	1 mark

Total Marks Available	10 marks



Task 3

Assessment Criteria	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2
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Question	Answer	Marks Available
Who is this announcement intended for?	(all) Students and staff	1 mark
2. According to the text, the fact that we live online:	c) increases different safety risks	1 mark
3. According to the text, how are the internet and online technology advantageous to us?	(they / it) provide(s) / give(s) / offer(s) (us with) new opportunities for (everyone's) learning and growth	1 mark
According to the text, some people may already:	a) know the information in the videos	1 mark
5. What were frequently asked questions used for?	(to create) Videos	1 mark
6. How often does the topic of the videos change?	Every month / monthly	1 mark
7. According to the text, what is difficult about fake news?	b) Recognising what is true	1 mark
8. According to the text, social media posts:	c) may contain misinformation	1 mark
9. Why would you visit the IT Resource page?	(for / to get) More information about support available	1 mark
10. Who is responsible for organising a class talk?	(my / a) Teacher	1 mark



Task 4

Assessment Criteria	1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2

Question	Answer	Marks Available
What did Shamim do when she got the email?	c) Confirmed her bank details	1 mark
2. How did Shamim realise that her account had been hacked?	She could not sign into her email / (she typed in) her (usual email) password and it didn't work	1 mark
3. What is the bank's rule regarding emails?	They never send (such) emails (asking to change details) (to customers)	1 mark
4. How did she know the hackers had not stolen her money?	She checked (her / the online) bank account	1 mark
5. Shamim's feelings are:	d) mixed	1 mark
6. Name one thing you should not do when you do not trust an email.	Click links or open attachments (accept one only)	1 mark
7. What can hackers guess?	(a) Weak (or obvious) password	1 mark
8. Why does she mention special characters?	They are needed for strong passwords / strong passwords consist of them / they form strong passwords / it's about how to create strong passwords / for strong passwords	1 mark
9. How can you keep many strong and complex passwords secure?	Use a password manager	1 mark
10. How do you know that Shamim is mindful of others?	She (wants) (to) protect(s) people from her / the contact list	1 mark

Total Marks Available	10 marks
Total Marks Available for Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 4	40 Marks
Pass Mark	26 Marks