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ESOL Skills for Life Reading – Level 2

Sample Marker Pack

The following documents are included in this pack:

- General marking guidance
- Mark schemes and guidance

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General marking guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Markers must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Markers should apply the mark schemes positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do.
- Markers should mark according to the mark scheme.
- Markers 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 markers are required to make a judgement, for example in short answer questions, examples are provided of possible answers that may be credited. Additional examples of responses will be provided during the standardisation process.
- Where markers are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response they should consult the Chief Examiner before awarding a mark.
- Responses that are correct but written outside the box (for example when candidates are required to tick the box) must be credited.
- Candidates will not be penalised for incorrect spelling as long as meaning is clear.
- Crossed out work should be marked unless the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.
- Markers should indicate the mark awarded for each question/sub question in the margin. Where a question has not been answered the marker should put a 0 in the margin.



Mark scheme and guidance

Task 1

Assessment Criteria	2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3
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Question	Correct Answer	Marks Available
1. What does the article warn you about London? Give one detail.	1 mark for one of the following - - lots of tourists - crowds - city workers in the centre London is expensive Unpredictable weather	1 Mark
2. Give one disadvantage of travelling by Tube?	1 mark for one of the following - - slow - busy	1 Mark
3. What are the benefits of travelling by bus? Give two details.	1 mark for each of the following - - less crowded - enjoy the scenery Accept going upstairs for the best views	2 Marks
4. What does iconic mean in the context of the text?	Very famous, (considered to represent a particular time.)	1 Mark
5. How can you save money on accommodation? Name one way.	 1 mark for one of the following - Hostels house sitting rent an apartment Use websites offering good value (are all cheaper ways to stay in London). 	1 Mark
6. Name one tourist attraction which is highly recommended?	1 mark for one of the following - - Tate Modern - Natural History Museum	1 Mark
7. Why might you be surprised if you want to go to the theatre? Give one detail.	1 mark for one of the following - - the price of the tickets - how expensive the tickets are	1 Mark
8. How can you get cheaper theatre tickets? Give one detail.	(Go to the) ticket booth in Leicester Square	1 Mark
9. Which statement is true according to the text?	b) The weather can be changeable	1 Mark

Total Marks Available

10 Marks



Task 2

Assessment Criteria 2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3		
Question	Correct Answer	Marks Available
1. What is an advantage and a disadvantage of working in a team?	1 mark for each of the following - i) makes life easier ii) managing a large team is difficult	2 Marks
2. What could the word core be best replaced with?	b) main	1 Mark
3. Why might you need to make savings?	If things don't go to plan	1 Mark
4. Other than to sell tickets, why do you need to advertise the event?	Get help	1 Mark
5. Give one possible risk relating to children.	1 mark for one of the following - - running about - (using) bouncy castles Accept fireworks	1 Mark
6. What might you need a special licence for?	Filming a TV programme accept being recorded	1 Mark
7. What advice is given about publicity? Give one detail	1 mark for one of the following - - only publicise to residents/locally - don't publicise externally/in newspapers/on websites	1 Mark
8. What advice is given about respecting people living nearby? Give one detail.	1 mark for one of the following - - don't litter - leave quietly	1 Mark
9. What is the purpose of the text?	d) To give advice on event planning	1 Mark

Total Marks Available 10 Marks



Task 3

Assessment Criteria 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2		
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Question	Correct Answer	Marks Available
1. Name two benefits	1 mark for each of the following -	2 Marks
of exercising outside.	i) improve energy levels	
	ii) decrease stress	
2. According to the	1 mark for each of the following -	2 Marks
researchers:	i) healthy immune system	
i) What is a benefit of vitamin D?	ii) wear sunscreen Accept drink plenty of fluids/avoid	
ii) What precaution	dehydration but must not be in	
should you take?	response to Q3	
3. What advice is	1 mark for each of the following -	2 Marks
given when	i) avoid dehydration OR drink	
exercising	(plenty of) fluids	
i) In summer?	AND (1 of the following)	
(give one detail)	ii) cover fingers and toes OR avoid	
ii) In winter?	frostbite OR keep dry	
(give one detail)	Accept Use sunscreen if not used in Q2	
4. What would best	b) Set off	1 Mark
replace the word		1 Mark
trigger?		
5. What does the	(Going to the) gym is	1 Mark
study suggest can be	motivating/exercising with	
good for motivation?	others/group workouts	
6. Which statement	c) Gym instructors improve the	1 Mark
is true, according to	safety of exercise	
the text? 7. Which statement	a) Offers a balanced point of view	1 Mark
is true about the	a) Oners a balanceu point or view	I WAIK
article overall?		

Total Marks Available	10 Marks



Task 4

Assessment Criteria 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2		
Question	Correct Answer	Marks Available
1. What encouraged the writer to go to the café?	Positive comments/review (from previous customers)	1 Mark
2. Which statements are true, according to the text?	 1 mark for each of the following - c) The writer expected there to be more customers e) The customers also in the café were not happy f) The café is in a piec anot 	3 Marks
3. When did the writer ask for the chocolate brownie to be brought to him?	f) The café is in a nice spot After he finished his meal/last	1 Mark
4. Explain in your own words what the word redeem means in this context.	Redeem means that the waiter was given a chance to improve. (or similar explanation)	1 Mark
5. What does the phrase: The waiter shrugged his shoulders , tell you about the attitude of the waiter?	He didn't care (or similar explanation)	1 Mark
6. What did the writer not like about his food? Give two details.	Two from: -The burger wasn't special/was just a simple burger/just ketchup and mustard -The burger was not hot/was cold -The bread was stale/old	2 Marks
7. What is the purpose of the text?	d) Review the café for future customers	1 Mark

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