

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

Entry 3 – Reading

Past paper 4



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

What's for breakfast?**Paragraph one**

There are many options for breakfast dishes but one, called porridge, is an excellent choice. It is simple to make and has many health benefits. All you need are oats, a pan of boiling water and a spoon to stir the mixture. Some people add toppings like honey or berries.

Paragraph two

C (Example). It was a cheap meal to make and warmed people up on cold mornings. Many farm workers used to make porridge, let it go cold and then slice it up to take to the fields for lunch.

Paragraph three

1...... This means that your body does not feel hungry for a long time. Doctors believe it **reduces** the risk of heart disease. They also think that you may not fall ill as often. As it has one main ingredient, it does not contain any additives or preservatives.

Paragraph four

2...... This takes place in the Scottish Highlands. People compete to make porridge dishes. They receive **ratings** for taste, colour and texture. All use the 'spurtle'. This is a traditional wooden stick which people use to stir the porridge.

Paragraph five

3...... Sales of oats are **soaring** and more households are now trying this dish for themselves. Will you?

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 People can make spicy or sweet dishes with porridge.
- B Porridge is so popular that there is a World Porridge Making Championship.
- C (Example) ~~In the past, it was often poorer people who ate porridge.~~
- D Half of the UK population say they now eat porridge regularly.
- E Porridge is good for you because it releases energy slowly.

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. reduces (paragraph three)

- A increases
- B lowers
- C stops

5. ratings (paragraph four)

- A marks
- B prizes
- C ingredients

6. soaring (paragraph five)

- A dropping slowly
- B rising quickly
- C staying steady

Questions 7-9

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

7. According to paragraph one, porridge

- A has a lot of ingredients
- B needs a topping such as honey
- C is actually just oats and water

8. According to paragraph two, farm workers

- A often ate cold porridge for lunch
- B eat cold porridge in their fields
- C would like to eat cold porridge at lunchtime

9. According to paragraph four,

- A everybody uses a wooden stick called a spurtle to stir porridge
- B competitors traditionally used a spurtle to win the competition
- C all the competitors now use a spurtle for stirring their porridge

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Text A

Staff Change of Details Please keep your details up to date.	
Full Name:	
Job Title (please tick): Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaner <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist <input type="checkbox"/>	National insurance number:
Your new address:	New phone number:
Signature:	

Text B

Monthly Cleaning Schedule Our customers would like cleaning on the following dates this month:	
Boaster Café	Not this month
Epicentre School	12th, 20th and 27th
Davey's Stationery Shop	2nd and 10th
Harrison's Sports	10th and 30th
Mr Ketters	3rd and 29th
Harry's Café	10th only
If there are any problems please contact J. Martin (extension 445).	

Text C

CARDINAL'S CLEANERS CLEANING REQUEST FORM All cleaning staff: Please give to the customer to complete.	
Your team was (please circle)	Chitton Brigham
Contact phone	
Special instructions for your cleaning team	
Client's name	
Client's address	
Please sign here	
Thank you for completing this form. A. Jones	

Text D

Hi Ade,

Mr Singh wants us to clean the carpets next month. Last time he didn't realise it would cost more and there was a problem. Can you contact him to make sure he knows?

Thanks

Josh (Chitton Team)

Text E

Cardinal's Cleaners
24 South Street
Brigham
BR5 3VG
03/05/15

Mr Singh,
Manager,
Davey's Stationery Shop
Lingen
LD12 4NP

Dear Mr Singh,

Thank you for sending me your Cleaning Request Form.

I see you would like us to clean your carpets next month. This will cost an additional £30 so in total, the bill for the next month will be £240. Is that acceptable?

Yours sincerely,

Ade Jones

Ade Jones
Accounts Manager

Texts A to E on page 4 are all about working for a cleaning company called Cardinal's Cleaners.

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: for clients to communicate with Cardinal's Cleaners* C
- 10.** to explain to a client about extra costs for next month

- 11.** to give details to staff about the work timetable

- 12.** to inform your employer about a change of address

Questions 13-15

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

- 13.** Text A asks you for your 'national insurance number'. This is
- A a mobile phone number
 - B your work's postcode
 - C a personal number for work
- 14.** Text C says 'please circle'. This means you need to
- A delete the word Chitton or Brigham
 - B underline the word Chitton or Brigham
 - C draw around the word Chitton or Brigham
- 15.** Text C says 'Please sign here'. Who should sign?
- A the client
 - B a manager
 - C A. Jones

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.** Where is the office of Cardinal's Cleaners?
- A Lingen
 - B Chitton
 - C Brigham
- 17.** On which date(s) does Cardinal's clean Harrison's Sports?
- A 10th only
 - B 10th and 30th
 - C 3rd and 29th
- 18.** You work for Cardinal's Cleaners. There is a mistake with the timetable. You should contact J. Martin
- A by phone
 - B in writing
 - C by email

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Task 3

Shopping in the dark

Paragraph A

Everyone knows that online shopping is becoming more and more popular. But not many people realise that night-time shopping is increasing dramatically.

Paragraph B

A recent report showed that more and more of us are logging on when we should be asleep. An amazing 15 per cent of all online purchases now take place between midnight and 6am. And more than half take place between 6pm and midnight.

Paragraph C

Some night-time purchases are unsurprising. For example, toys sell well in the middle of the night. This is probably because tired parents want something to entertain their young children! Pillows and duvets are also popular.

Paragraph D

Another reason for night shopping is that computers are becoming smaller. Smart phones, for example, are easy to use in bed. So are iPads and other tablet computers.

Paragraph E

If you use a computer at night, you should be careful. Dr Seena Parveen, a specialist in healthy sleeping patterns, said: 'Night shoppers might not get enough rest. There is a lot of evidence to show that the more time you spend online after dark, the less likely you are to get a good night's sleep.'



Questions 19-21

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs (A-E). Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph which 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 give examples of products that sell well during the night

20. to warn about the problems of using a computer at night

21. to suggest that computer size may change shopping habits

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. The most popular time for online shopping is

A during the afternoon

B from midnight to 6am

C between 6pm and midnight

23. What percentage of online sales take place in the very early morning?

A 15 per cent

B 6 per cent

C 50 per cent

24. Which products sell well during the night?

A mobile phones

B children's toys

C small computers

Questions 25-27

Your teacher has made a list of words from the text for you to learn. The words are in alphabetical order, but the following words are missing: **becoming**, **pillows**, **duvet**, **online**. For each word, choose the correct place (A-E) in the list and circle the letter **on your answer sheet**. There is one place you do not need and an example.

Example: *becoming* A

25. pillows

26. duvet

27. online

Words to learn by next week

A (example)

computer

B

dramatically

C

entertain

evidence

healthy

D

percentage

E

purchase

unsurprising

End of exam

