

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

Entry 3 – Reading

Past paper 5



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

The Olympic Games

Paragraph one

The Olympic games is one of the most important events in the modern sporting calendar. But when did it begin? The first written records of the ancient Olympic Games are from 776 BC. However, people believe that the Games started many years before **then**. The ancient Olympics happened every four years and the name comes from their location in Olympia, on the south-western coast of Greece.

Paragraph two

D (Example). Eventually, though, the organisers introduced more events, such as long jump, throwing, wrestling, boxing and chariot racing. Only Greek males could compete in **these**.

Paragraph three

1. Finally, in AD 393 the ancient Olympic Games ended after nearly 12 centuries. It was 1,500 years before they began again. A Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin, had the idea of a modern Olympic Games while he was visiting the original Olympic site, Olympia. In 1894 he **founded** the International Olympic Committee.

Paragraph four

2. In the opening ceremony, there were 60,000 **spectators** and 280 participants, all male, from 13 nations, competing in 43 different events.

Paragraph five

3. Three thousand athletes, including more than 100 women, from 44 nations competed and for the first time the Games had a closing ceremony. The Winter Olympics also **debuted** that year. When the Summer Olympics returned to Athens in 2004, nearly 11,000 athletes from 201 countries competed.

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 The modern Olympics became a famous international event after the 1924 Paris Games.
- B The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece in 1896.
- C Women have not always competed in the Olympic Games.
- D *(Example) ~~The original Olympics only had running races.~~*
- E The Games continued, but they became less popular.

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. founded (paragraph three)

- A bought
- B built
- C started

5. spectators (paragraph four)

- A people working
- B people watching
- C people competing

6. debuted (paragraph five)

- A began
- B won
- C competed

Questions 7-9

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

7. In paragraph one, **then** means

- A the ancient Olympic Games
- B 776 BC
- C the modern sporting calendar

8. In paragraph two, **these** means

- A organisers
- B events
- C Greek males

9. According to paragraph three, Pierre de Coubertin became interested in the Olympics

- A before he went to the original Olympic site
- B after he met the International Olympic Committee
- C at the same time as a visit to Olympia

Turn over page

Text A

Trustworthy leaflet deliverers needed

We are looking for reliable people to deliver community and government leaflets and papers to local homes and businesses.

You can work on the days of your choice.
You must have transport.

To apply visit: www.leafletjobs.org or call 0854 215 214

Text B

Leaflet Jobs Head Office

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Finance department | Third floor |
| HR offices | Second floor |
| Mailroom | Basement |
| Printing department | First floor |
| Reception | Ground floor |
| Staff room | Third floor |
| Toilets | All floors |

Please report to reception to sign in.

Text C

Leaflet deliverers' job description

- To deliver leaflets and papers to every household within a local area
- To work for up to six hours per week when required
- To keep leaflets clean and in excellent condition
- To complete all deliveries on time
- To update head office when houses are unoccupied

Text D

| Leaflet Jobs Application form Please complete all sections | |
|---|--|
| Surname | |
| First name(s) | |
| Permanent home address | |
| Daytime contact number | |
| Car owner: | Y N (please circle) |
| Employment status (delete as applicable): | Employed unemployed retired other |
| If 'other' chosen please explain _____ | |
| References: Please give details of two character references. We will contact them before you start work. | |

Text E

| Leaflet jobs staff rota | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Please complete this rota each week. You must select a minimum of three slots. Make selections using a cross. Please use a black pen. | | | | |
| Name: | Employee number: | | | |
| | Morning 9–11 | Afternoon 2–4 | Evening 6–8 | HEAD OFFICE USE ONLY |
| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| Friday | | | | |
| Take forms to the HR department by 5pm every Thursday afternoon. Late forms will not be processed. | | | | |

Texts A to E on page 4 are all about working for a company called Leaflet Jobs.

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 apply for a position with Leaflet Jobs

.....*D*.....

10. to advertise positions at Leaflet Jobs

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11. to describe what a leaflet deliverer does

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12. to help visitors find their way around an office

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Questions 13-15

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

13. Text D asks for a 'character reference'. This is a person who can

A describe what you are good at

B list all of your previous jobs

C help you complete application forms

14. Text D asks you to 'delete as applicable'. This means you should

A only complete if you don't have a job

B cross out the words that don't apply to you

C not complete this section

15. Text E asks you to select a 'minimum of three slots'. This means you need to

A select no more than two boxes

B select three or more boxes

C select every morning box

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 have completed your rota form. What floor do you take it to?

A ground floor

B first floor

C second floor

17. How many hours do you have to work each week?

A less than six hours

B more than six hours

C exactly six hours

18. Leaflet deliverers

A have to work every day

B must own a car

C can work in the evenings

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Task 3**Is watching television a child's favourite hobby?****Paragraph A**

Do the world's schoolchildren watch too much television? A recent survey found that American children spend more time watching television than children from some other countries around the world.

Paragraph B

One reason may be the amount of homework that children from different countries receive. Although most children attend school for around seven hours per day, Japanese children also receive 15 hours of homework per week. This compares to seven hours for British children and less than six hours for Americans.

Paragraph C

Researchers believe that children watch television because their parents do not allow them to play outside on their own. Parents keep their children safe inside and so they watch television for something to do. Are there any other reasons why children from some countries watch more than others?

Paragraph D

When school finishes each day, Japanese and British children often attend after-school clubs. This means these children are at home less. Many Japanese students also have to attend school in the evenings where they practise their school subjects.

Paragraph E

Watching television is a daily activity for some of the world's children, but television is not always bad. The right programmes let children see the world and other cultures. They may even learn some other languages too!

Number of hours children watch television per day

