

Exam practice

READING Part 1

- Look at the text in each question.
- What does it say?
- Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

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James,

I got Sue a skirt for her birthday. Why don't you get her a sweater to match it? I can show you the skirt later, if you like.

Mary

Exam Tip



You need to read the message or notice carefully and think about what it is saying. Vocabulary from the notice or message may appear in all the options, but only one option will have the same meaning as the notice or message.

Why did Mary write the note?

- A She wants to know what clothes James bought Sue for her birthday.
- B She is worried that the skirt she bought will not match Sue's sweater.
- C She suggests that James should buy a sweater for Sue's birthday.

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To: Jenna

From: Tara

Are you wearing your grey shirt and your silver belt to Susie's party? If not, could I wear them? I'll be very careful, I promise!

Tara sent this email because she ...

- A would like to borrow some of Jenna's clothes.
- B wants Jenna's advice on what to wear to Susie's party.
- C wants to tell Jenna what she is wearing to Susie's party.

3

School uniform is not necessary for tomorrow's trip but no make-up or jewellery please.






What is the purpose of this notice?

- A to remind children to wear their school uniform on the trip
- B to tell children what they are allowed to wear on the trip
- C to explain why make-up and jewellery are not allowed on the trip

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READING Part 2

The people below all want a part-time job. Read the advertisements for eight part-time jobs. Decide which job would be the most suitable for each person.

- 1  Marco hopes to change his supermarket checkout job for an interesting weekend job connected with his course at art college.
- 2  Eddy hopes to be a professional actor and wants a part-time job that includes plenty of contact with the public. He must keep evenings and weekends free for acting with the local drama society.
- 3  Franca has excellent computer qualifications and experience. She wants a challenging job that she can combine with looking after her baby daughter.
- 4  Lydia finds restaurant and sales work boring and would love to do something unusual before she returns to university in just over a fortnight's time.
- 5  Alicia is at university, and her hobby is cooking. She hasn't had a job before as she is rather shy and feels uncomfortable dealing with the public. She can only work Saturdays and Sundays.

A **OFFICE ASSISTANT** for afternoon work in a city-centre office, preparing bills and receipts. Computer training can be given. This job would suit a school leaver or someone wanting to get office qualifications. Childcare and canteen facilities are available.

B **HAVE YOU** ever dreamed of being in the movies? Here's your chance. A major film is being made in this area and the producer needs people of all ages as extras for crowd scenes. There are no lines to learn and costumes will be provided. Hours: 8am to 8pm for up to two weeks, starting immediately.

C Do you have a keen eye for detail? Earn good money in your own home as a website designer. If you have the appropriate skills, this is an excellent opportunity to work the hours you want at home without worrying about childcare, travel or parking. Email us for further information and an online application form.

D **THE HUNTER MUSEUM**
We are looking for permanent gallery assistants for Saturdays and Sundays. Ideally you will have an interest in modern painting and a helpful manner, ready to answer any questions visitors may have. You should have experience of handling money and also be able to deal with any problems that may arise.

E Do you enjoy a chat? Why not make use of your skills by becoming a telephone sales operator? Call people and tell them about our fantastic computer products and earn extra money on any sales that you make. Weekdays and Saturdays 4pm to 9pm at our centrally-located call centre. We offer 3 and 6 month contracts.

F A major travel firm is planning some research. We are looking for interviewers to approach shoppers and help them to complete questionnaires about their holiday preferences. This job is 10am – 4pm, weekdays only, and would suit a friendly person who enjoys meeting people.

G **ARE YOU** smart, confident and outgoing? We need experienced and efficient waiters and waitresses for weddings, receptions and other important social occasions in the evenings and at weekends. You must be available at short notice.

H **WE WANT** a kitchen assistant for a luxury five star restaurant, for weekends only. The duties will include preparing vegetables for lunches and dinners, making desserts and starters, and washing up. A willingness to learn is more important than previous experience.

Exam Tip

Read the instructions and the headlines to find out the topic. Look at the description of each person and underline what they want:

Marco wants interesting weekend work, connected with art. Scan the texts. You will probably find 3 texts that are possible; C, D and G. Read them closely to match the person description and choose your answer.



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READING Part 3

Look at the sentences below about the ancient Chinese art of Feng Shui. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put A. If it is not correct, put B.

- 1 Feng Shui has been practised all over the world for 5000 years. ☐
- 2 Feng Shui says that family members will get on better with each other if the home is properly furnished. ☐
- 3 The entrance of the home should be neat and tidy. ☐
- 4 The living room should be made to look as small as possible. ☐
- 5 Windows in the living room should be covered. ☐
- 6 Stereos and CD players should be kept in the bedroom, if possible. ☐
- 7 A sheet could be used instead of a table-cloth to cover the TV. ☐
- 8 Sleeping under a window is not a good idea. ☐
- 9 It's important to have a good view of the bedroom door from the bed. ☐
- 10 A single strong light in the bedroom is better than several soft ones. ☐

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In this part of the test, the answers to the questions will come from a small part of the text only. As you do the task, underline the words or phrases that gave you the answer to each question.

Feng Shui

Feng Shui is the art of arranging your home and the things in it in the best possible way. It began in China about 5000 years ago, but recently architects and designers all over the world have started to include the idea in their work. The most important thing to understand about Feng Shui is the idea of chi, which means vital energy or life force. The art of Feng Shui is to make sure that the right objects are in the right places so that the chi can flow freely around the home. This is said to create good health and financial well-being as well as improved relationships between parents and children and husband and wife. You can improve your own Feng Shui by trying some of the techniques listed below.

Firstly, keep the hall of your home clear of shoes, umbrellas and other objects. This is to allow the chi to enter your home freely. If possible, put a small indoor fountain in this part of your home.

In the living room, choose furniture which is the right size for the room and arrange it so that people can move around the room comfortably. If the room is small, hang a mirror to create a feeling of space. Make sure you have blinds or curtains to prevent the chi from escaping.

The bedroom is considered a very important area in Feng Shui. It is best not to have a television or any other electrical item in here, but if you find it impossible to live without them, you can cover them with a plastic table-cloth when you have finished using them. The table-cloth must be plastic – other materials will not work. It is also important to unplug everything before you sleep. The head of the bed should be against a wall rather than under a window, as this would allow your chi to escape. You should be able to see the door easily while you are lying in bed. Place lamps by your bed for lighting instead of bright lights in the ceiling.

Try these simple ideas for a few months and see how much energy and happiness you can bring into your home.

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READING Part 4

Read the text and questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Bird watching in Colombia

Luis Morales is 18 years old and comes from a tiny village in the Andes mountains in Colombia. Until about seven years ago, one of Luis's favourite activities was to go into the thick forest surrounding his home to hunt and kill the wildlife, especially birds. Now, however, he and a group of other local youths work with an international organisation called Wildlife World, to study and protect the birds and their environment.

Wildlife World has set up several of these groups across the area. 'Information we get from the children helps us learn how the birds and other animals use the forest, what they eat and how best we can protect them. The project has worked very well and we hope to set up more groups in the future,' says area leader Felipe Ramos.

Luis is the oldest and most experienced member of his group, having been a member since he was just 11. 'Before I joined, I planned to leave the village as soon as I was old enough to go and find work in the city, like most young people do,' Luis says. 'But now I want to go to university, become a scientist and return here to carry on working to save these rare birds and their environment. Being part of the group has had a huge effect on me.'

Luis also spends time with the younger children in the village. 'There is not much to do here after school,' he says, 'so I try to involve them in our activities. As well as bird watching and nature studies we also do drama and art. The drama has been particularly successful and we now have a theatre group of 30 children, which tours in the area, performing different plays.'

1 In this text the writer is ...

- A describing village life in Colombia.
- B suggesting ways to help the environment.
- C giving information about a project.
- D advising children to join Wildlife World.

2 Seven years ago, what was Luis's attitude towards birds in the forest?

- A He wanted to learn more about them.
- B He knew they were rare and in danger.
- C He thought it was fun to destroy them.
- D He was not interested in them at all.

3 How does Luis feel about the group?

- A He is happy because he is leaving it soon.
- B He is grateful because it has changed his life.
- C He is miserable because he wants to stay longer.
- D He is worried because he wants more young people to join.

4 According to Felipe Ramos, what is the purpose of the group?

- A to find out about the behaviour of local wildlife
- B to teach children how to look after the environment
- C to protect children from wild animals in the forest
- D to collect information about how people use the forest

Exam Tip!



Some questions in this part of the exam will test your understanding of the whole text. Now circle the questions that test your understanding of attitude and opinion.

5 What would Felipe Ramos say about Luis?

A Luis is a wonderful person and he knows so much about the birds and animals in this forest. He is also a really great musician.

B Luis has just joined us and is already very important to the group, mainly because he is so good with the younger children.

C I'm going to miss Luis when he goes away to study. But I am delighted that he will be back afterwards to continue his work here.

D When I first met Luis he was preparing to move to the city to find work. Luckily, I persuaded him to stay and join my group. He never wants to leave.

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READING Part 5

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

THE FUTURE OF SHOPPING

Travel agents, mobile phone stores and banks may soon completely (0)^A from the High Street as people (1) more and more goods online. (2) to a recent report, increasing (3) of shoppers are using the internet for their holidays, CDs, books, mobile phones and banking. (4) customer service and reasonable delivery (5) mean that many people nowadays do much of their shopping from in front of their computer screens. (6) it seems that customers still prefer to buy clothes and items such as shoes, bags and jewellery from high street stores and shopping centres, where they can look around and (7) things on before handing over (8) money.

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| 0 A disappear | B escape | C leave | D pass |
| 1 A book | B apply | C require | D order |
| 2 A According | B Due | C Up | D Further |
| 3 A crowds | B quantities | C numbers | D groups |
| 4 A Sure | B Complete | C Safe | D Efficient |
| 5 A amounts | B sums | C charges | D prices |
| 6 A Therefore | B Whatever | C Somewhere | D However |
| 7 A keep | B take | C try | D leave |
| 8 A her | B our | C your | D their |

Exam Tip



Before you start, read the text right through and try to understand the general meaning. After you have finished the questions, read it through again to check that your answers make sense.