

# Certificate in ESOL Skills for Life

## Entry 3—Reading

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TIME ALLOWED: 60 MINUTES

PLEASE ANSWER **ALL** QUESTIONS

EXAMINER'S USE ONLY

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20

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#### **Task one**

Read the following text and answer the questions on page 3.

The story behind an invention can be very interesting and the story of how the ballpoint pen was invented is no exception. It was a Hungarian journalist called Lazlo Biro who invented the first ballpoint pen in 1935. Unfortunately, it did not work very well. It took Lazlo and his brother George three years to improve its design. By that time, 1938, they were living in Paris so they applied to the French government for a patent and got it. This meant that nobody could copy their pen and make money from it.

At first, nobody wanted to buy their pen. Then one day the brothers met Augustine Justo, the president of Argentina, who was on holiday in France. He thought the pen was a wonderful idea and invited them to Argentina where he promised to put them in touch with investors. The brothers emigrated to Argentina in 1940. The president found the investors for them and with the money they set up their first factory and got a new patent from the Argentinean government in 1943. Unfortunately, the brothers sold very few pens because they were still far from perfect and Lazlo and George soon ran out of money.

Meanwhile, an American businessman saw one of the pens while he was on a business trip to Argentina, took it back to America, changed its design, and applied to the American government for a patent. By the time the brothers found out there was nothing they could do to stop him because they only had French and Argentinean patents.

One morning in 1945 the new pens went on sale in New York's Gimbels Department Store. When the store opened in the morning 5,000 people were waiting to get in. On that first day the entire stock of 10,000 pens had sold out—at a price of \$12.50 each!

Text adapted from articles on websites *ideafinder.com* and *about.com*

**Questions**

1. The first sentence tells you that the text is about (*Please circle the correct letter*)

- A** an interesting story
- B** inventions in general
- C** the invention of the ballpoint pen

2–5. Draw lines to join these events in the story to the numbers to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

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|-------------|---|
| Example (1) | Lazlo and George emigrated to Argentina         |
| 2.          | The pens went on sale in New York               |
| 3.          | Lazlo and George applied for their first patent |
| 4.          | Lazlo invented the ballpoint pen                |
| 5.          | Lazlo and George ran out of money               |

6. Where did Lazlo and George get their second patent from in 1943?

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7. Why were they unsuccessful in Argentina?

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8. Which word from the text in the following list is **not** connected with inventions?  
(*Please circle the correct word*)

**copy**      **improve**      **patent**      **design**      **emigrate**      **investor**

**Task two**

Read the following text and then answer the questions on page 5.

**Index****A**

Apple sauce 48

Apricot sauce 52

**B**

Baby onions and peas 16

Barbecued chicken 18

Beef and orange casserole 31

Black bean sauce 34

Beef curry 38

**C**

Cheese and onion pie 43

Chicken casserole 48

Chicken curry 38

Country chicken bake 89

**Questions**

9. You will find this text (*Please circle the correct letter*)

- A** at the front of a cookery book
- B** in a dictionary
- C** at the back of a cookery book

10. You would use the index to

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11. Which vegetable is in two different recipes?

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12. Which recipe would follow on from 'Country chicken bake' in the index?  
(*Please circle the correct letter*)

- A** Cucumber and yoghurt dip
- B** Carrot and tomato soup
- C** Chilli coconut chicken

13. Which two recipes are on the same page?

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14. Which page gives a recipe for 'Beef and orange casserole'?

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**Task three**


Look at the following three texts and then answer the questions on page 7.


**Text one**


**Lemon Washing-up Liquid**


**Usage instructions**  
 Pour 20–40ml of product into sink  
 Rinse the washed items with clear water

**HAND CARE:** Rinse and dry hands carefully after use

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 lemoninfo@lemon.co.uk

**Text two**

**Larchmill Sports Centre**  
**‘Ladies Only’ Club Membership**

Mrs/Miss/Ms ..... Date of birth .....

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Telephone number .....

Do you have any medical problems? .....

Length of membership applied for:

3 months ☐ £30      6 months ☐ £55      12 months ☐ £100

If accepted, I promise to abide by the Centre’s rules.

Signature ..... Date .....

**Text three**

 **ASHCROFT SURGERY** 

With our help you can stop smoking!

For more information talk to one of the receptionists or make an appointment to see the nurse.

*It won’t cost you a penny. We care about our patients!*

**0145 306 7419**

**Questions**

For each question, only one of the answers is correct.

*(Please circle the letter of the correct answer)*

15. In text one, which instruction best fits the style of the instructions?
- A** The best thing to do is to wash up with warm water
  - B** Please make sure you use some warm water to do your washing up
  - C** Use warm water
16. In text one, the symbols mean you can
- A** phone or write to the company for information or advice
  - B** phone, write to or e-mail the company for more washing-up liquid
  - C** phone, write to or e-mail the company for information or advice
17. In text two, which is correct? The form is to
- A** apply for a job at the Sports Centre
  - B** join a club at the Sports Centre
  - C** ask for information about the Sports Centre
18. In text two, who should sign the form?
- A** The lady
  - B** The Sports Centre
  - C** The doctor
19. In text three, who can have help to give up smoking?
- A** Anyone who smokes
  - B** The patients at Ashcroft Surgery
  - C** The receptionists
20. The purpose of text three is
- A** to provide information
  - B** to offer free advice
  - C** to give a warning