

QCF ESOL Skills for Life

Level 1 – Reading

Sample



Time allowed: 60 minutes

Please answer **all** questions. Write your answers in pen, **not** pencil, **on the separate answer sheet**.
You may **not** use dictionaries. You may **not** use correction fluid.

Task 1

Questions 1-6 test your ability to read a text quickly for the general idea, and to scan it for key words and phrases. You are advised to read the questions **before** you read the text.

Questions 1-4

The text on page 3 has six paragraphs. Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph which best matches the purposes below. Write the letter **on your answer sheet**. You do not need to use all of the paragraphs.

Example to introduce a review of the film 'On the Streets' A

1. to describe Oliver Jones' performance
2. to describe a less successful aspect of the film
3. to summarise the author's reaction to the film
4. to describe an emotional moment in the film

Questions 5-6

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

5. How does the writer feel about the film overall?
 A positive
 B negative
 C neutral
6. What did the writer dislike?
 A the part with the journalist because everyone was familiar with it
 B the length of the film and the part about Amos Johnson's girlfriend
 C the fact that it made the writer cry and was overly sentimental

On the Streets

Paragraph A

On the Streets is one of my favourite books, so when I went to see the film version of this enchanting story I was pretty sure I was going to be disappointed.

Paragraph B

I couldn't have been more wrong. Amos Johnson's rags to riches autobiography has transferred magnificently to the screen and all credit is due to director Annabel Austin for a superb piece of work. My only quarrel with her would be over the running time: three hours is unnecessarily long for any film, no matter how brilliant.

Paragraph C

Much of the film's success is down to some impressive acting from Oliver Jones in the lead role. He was totally convincing, both as the young Amos Johnson sleeping on the streets of Manchester because he could not afford to rent a room, and as the older Johnson living in luxury after he became a successful photographer.

Paragraph D

Sue Bentley played the rich old woman who befriends Johnson after a chance meeting in the park. The scene where she gives Johnson her camera just hours before she goes into hospital was beautifully done – I'm sure I was not the only person in the audience to shed a quiet tear.

Paragraph E

Just about everyone knows the story of how Johnson began to take photographs of his life as a homeless man in Manchester and used a computer at his local library to post them on the internet. However, even though I knew a journalist would eventually track him down and make him famous, I still found that part of the film worked well.

Paragraph F

I only wish the film had stayed faithful to the book throughout. Maria Stuart certainly brought some youth and beauty to the screen but her role was completely unnecessary. In real life, Amos Johnson managed perfectly well without a girlfriend. I suppose Hollywood producers just can't imagine making a movie that doesn't feature at least one glamorous young actress.

Task 2

Questions 7-10

Five sentences are missing from the text on page 5. Look at the following six sentences and decide which one best fits each gap. Write the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**. There is an example (A). There is one sentence you do not need.

- A ~~The Arctic Monkeys' lead singer, Alex Turner, was born in Sheffield in 1986.~~
- B The band held their first public performance in 2003, in a Sheffield pub called The Grapes.
- C The band also performed at the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- D Arctic Monkeys' first album, *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not*, was released in 2006.
- E However, unlike bands from earlier times, the Arctic Monkeys really became famous because of the internet.
- F Turner studied for A levels at a sixth form college in Barnsley, a town near Sheffield.

Questions 11-13

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

- 11. According to paragraph two
 - A Alex's parents taught him to play the piano
 - B before 2001, Alex had never owned a guitar
 - C Alex asked for a guitar as a Christmas present
- 12. According to paragraph three
 - A Alex's parents were angry because he did not go to university
 - B Alex started the Arctic Monkeys before he went to university
 - C Alex's parents wanted him to pursue his music career
- 13. According to paragraph six
 - A the Arctic Monkeys released a lot of their music over the internet
 - B nowadays most people love to share music over the internet
 - C thanks to their fans, the band gained an audience on the internet

Questions 14-16

Choose the letter of the answer which best matches the meaning of each word as it is used in the text. Write the letter **on your answer sheet**.

- 14. In paragraph one, the word **roots** means
 - A relatives
 - B beginnings
 - C supporters
- 15. If something is a **novelty** (paragraph six), it is
 - A new
 - B illegal
 - C untrue
- 16. In paragraph eight, **adamant** means
 - A worried
 - B hopeful
 - C certain

The superstars who love their home town

Paragraph one

People who suddenly become rich or famous are often accused of forgetting the places where they grew up. Nobody could say that about the four young men who make up the Arctic Monkeys, one of the most successful bands in British history. They have all vowed never to move away from their **roots** in the northern city of Sheffield.

Paragraph two

 A (Example) . Alex's parents, who are both teachers, arranged for him to have piano lessons while he was growing up but their most important decision probably came when they gave him his first guitar as a Christmas present in 2001.

Paragraph three

 7. . His parents wanted him to go to university but by that time he had started the Arctic Monkeys and he persuaded them to let him spend a year seeing whether he could be successful at making music.

Paragraph four

The Arctic Monkeys' main guitarist is Jamie Cook, who used to live next door to the Turner family. The other two original band members were Matt Helders and Andy Nicholson, who also grew up in Sheffield.

Paragraph five

 8. . They then made frequent appearances at a nearby club called the Boardwalk, where Alex had worked as a barman. As they became more and more popular they started performing across the north of England and began to get publicity in local and national media.

Paragraph six

 9. . Some of their fans created a website for them, and others started sharing their music online. Today most people in the UK are familiar with the idea of accessing music through the internet but in the early years of the 21st century, it was still quite a **novelty**.

Paragraph seven

 10. . It sold more than 360,000 copies in its first week and was the fastest selling debut album in British history. The band has since produced six more albums, all of them hugely successful.

Paragraph eight

Although they now perform all over the world, the band members are **adamant** that they will never move away from Sheffield. They say that in all their travels they have never seen a place they like better, and it continues to inspire many of their songs.

Task 3

Texts A-E on pages 8-10 are all related to each other. You need to use all five texts to answer the following questions.

Questions 17-19

There are five texts, A-E. Decide which text matches each of the purposes below and write the letter of the text **on your answer sheet**. One of the texts does not have a purpose listed below.

Example to offer an interview for a job C

17. to help prepare for a qualification
 18. to give health and safety guidance
 19. to advertise a job in a restaurant

Questions 20-21

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

20. Text B is a list of instructions. We know this because

- A each sentence starts with an imperative verb
- B there is an illustration at the bottom
- C all Pizza Milano staff are required to read it

21. Text E uses a lot of formal language. This is because

- A it is not clear who has written it
- B it is a legally binding document
- C it can be used for any employee

Questions 22-27

Look through all of the texts to find the answer to the questions below. Choose the letter of the best answer and write it **on your answer sheet**.

22. The purpose of the picture in the staff notice is to

- A show staff where to find a fire blanket
- B demonstrate how to deal with an oil or fat fire
- C give an illustration of a potential fire hazard

23. The manager of the Nottingham branch of Pizza Milano is called

- A Ros Anghini
- B Petra Stevens
- C Billy Rozzo

24. To work at Pizza Milano you must already have

- A English at Entry Level 3 or above
- B a Level 1 Food Hygiene certificate
- C experience of restaurant work

- 25.** What is the correct temperature for keeping food frozen?
- A -5°C
 - B -10°C
 - C -18°C
- 26.** You should not use machines which
- A are securely fixed to the wall
 - B are fitted with water protectors
 - C have leads near hot surfaces
- 27.** Petra Stevens is told that
- A travelling to the interview is likely to be expensive
 - B the restaurant will not pay for transport to the interview
 - C there will be a payment for attending the interview

Questions 28-30

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

- 28. Vital** (text A) means
- A optional
 - B a good idea
 - C very important
- 29. A competitive** hourly rate (text A) is
- A a rate of pay that goes up in line with the minimum wage
 - B the same as or better than the usual wage for this type of work
 - C awarded to the employee who performs best each week
- 30. Statutory Sick Pay** (text E) is
- A a legal requirement
 - B only for British citizens
 - C paid to the government

Text A

**REQUIRED URGENTLY: KITCHEN STAFF
IMMEDIATE START
COMPETITIVE SALARY**

Pizza Milano is a well-established and highly regarded pizza restaurant in the centre of Nottingham. We currently require motivated staff to work in our busy kitchen covering evening and weekend shifts.

Experience and qualifications

Previous experience in restaurant work is not essential but a willingness to learn is **vital**. A Level 1 Food Hygiene certificate is required but training is provided if not currently held. There is a one-day induction course regarding health and safety on the first day of employment. At least Entry Level 3 standard of English is expected.

Other requirements

Applicants must show willingness to attend any training or meetings outside working hours and have the flexibility to work extra shifts at short notice. The ability to work under pressure and as part of a team is essential.

Duties

Duties include preparing pizza ingredients for the chefs, washing dishes and maintaining a clean kitchen.

Benefits of the role

- **competitive** hourly rate
- uniform provided
- free pizzas

Send CV and covering letter to the branch manager: Billy Rozzo at rozzo@kmail.com

Text B

**PIZZA MILANO
IMPORTANT NOTICE – ALL STAFF TO READ**

Using knives and machines

- Make sure machines are securely fixed to the wall or bench.
- Wear protective gloves where possible if using machines.
- Use electrical equipment with water protectors to avoid electric shocks.
- Avoid use if the electrical leads are damaged and keep away from hot surfaces.

Handling hot food

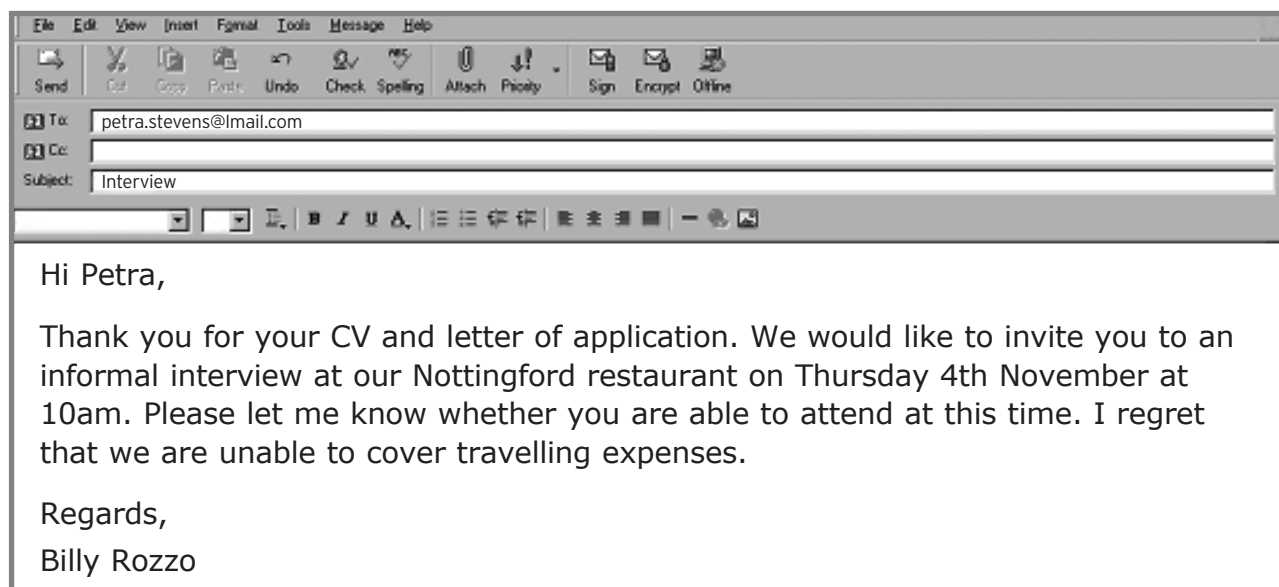
- Take care to avoid burns and scalds.
- Do not place heavy items in the oven or pans as they may be difficult to remove.
- Wear protective clothing such as aprons.
- Cover any cuts on hands and fingers with blue sticking plaster.
- Use tongs or spatulas to place hot items onto plates, packaging etc.

Fires

- Make sure you are familiar with emergency procedures in case of a fire or gas leak.
- Ensure rubbish is disposed of appropriately to avoid a potential fire hazard.
- Make sure you know where firefighting equipment (e.g. fire blankets and fire extinguishers) is kept.
- Don't use water on oil or fat fires.
- Make sure less hazardous cleaning chemicals are used instead of potentially flammable ones.



Text C



Text D

Example test on Food Safety: answers

We encourage all our staff to complete this practice test before your final test for your Food Safety Certificate on Friday. The correct answer is in **bold**.

1. Which statement is true? All bacteria
 - A can give people food poisoning
 - B grow fastest in warm conditions**
 - C need air to survive
2. The temperature of the fridge should be
 - A 4°C**
 - B 0°C
 - C -2°C
3. Which one of these foods will probably contain the most bacteria?
 - A cooked chicken
 - B frozen raw chicken**
 - C bottled mayonnaise
4. The temperature of the freezer should be
 - A -5°C
 - B -10°C
 - C -18°C**
5. In the restaurant and kitchen, the best way to dry your hands after washing is to use
 - A a warm air dryer
 - B a cotton towel
 - C a paper towel**

Text E

PIZZA MILANO
Contract of Employment

Please refer to the Staff Handbook in conjunction with this document.

This contract is the agreement between Petra Stevens (your name) and **Billy Rozzo**, Manager of Pizza Milano, High Road, Nottingham N22 4PJ.

Date employment commenced: 8.11.14

Location of work: Your main place of work will be at our Nottingham branch although you may sometimes be asked to work at other restaurants as required by the Area Manager, Ros Anghini.

Pay: Your rate of pay will be £6.31 per hour worked. This will be paid on the last Friday of the month into your bank.

Sick pay: All employees are entitled to **Statutory Sick Pay** (SSP). For details please refer to the Staff Handbook.

Annual leave: Please refer to the Staff Handbook. There is no holiday pay entitlement until you have worked for us for 6 months.

Maternity leave: Pregnant women are entitled to rights in accordance with the law. Please refer to the Staff Handbook.

I agree to the terms and conditions of this contract, and acknowledge that I have received a copy.

Petra Stevens



(Employee Name and Signature)

THIS CONTRACT, ONCE SIGNED, IS LEGALLY BINDING AND MUST BE ADHERED TO BY BOTH PARTIES.

