

# ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

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## Level 1 – Reading

### Past paper 6



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**

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. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**.

You do not need to use all of the paragraphs.

Example: to give some background information about the company   A  

1. to explain how to buy a ticket
2. to explain how to dress for the trip
3. to give information about the length of the trip
4. to describe what you will see on the trip

**Questions 5-6**

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

5. The boat trips
  - A can take more than one hour
  - B are paid for over the phone
  - C are cancelled in bad weather
6. How did Helen Waters feel about the trip overall?
  - A surprised
  - B happy
  - C comfortable

## Why Not Come on a Nature Boat Trip?

### Paragraph A

Come on a nature boat trip with Barney's Boats. We have been running wildlife watching trips for the last 50 years. This family-run business has two traditional wooden boats. There are many seals and birds in this area. Seals, unlike dolphins, live partly in the sea and partly on the beach. Our experienced and knowledgeable captains know where to take you, so you will see them in their natural habitat.

### Paragraph B

We will take you to see two types of seals – common and grey seals. We can get the boats close to the remote beaches where they sunbathe near the water's edge. Not only that, but there are many different species of birds to see, including a group of rare birds called terns.

### Paragraph C

All trips last approximately one hour, but when tides allow we also stop at Beacon Point Nature Reserve, adding another 30 minutes to the trip time. We are also able to arrange a special bird watching trip to Barney Point.

### Paragraph D

We advise you to book in advance to avoid disappointment. To reserve your place, call 0800 0334 223 between 8am and 7pm. The tickets are paid for on collection. Collect your tickets from the shop at Barney Harbour no later than 30 minutes before sailing time.

### Paragraph E

We sail in all types of weather – sun, rain and snow. Wear warm, waterproof clothes to protect you from the wind and sea water. You can bring dogs but you must keep them on a lead.

### Paragraph F

This is a trip of a lifetime and our customers agree. Here's what a satisfied customer, Helen Waters, said, 'At first, I was surprised to see so many seals and many came out to play around the boat. Although I was uncomfortably wet, I loved the whole experience.'

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**Task 2****Questions 7-10**

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

- A (Example) ~~In Britain, May is National Walking Month.~~
- B As well as writers, other creative people enjoy walking.
- C One group of people who are well-known for their walking habits are writers.
- D Another way is to put your phone away, and not to listen to music.
- E Why did he do this?
- F One idea is to walk with no other purpose than walking.

**Questions 11-13**

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

- 11. According to paragraph two, every day Dickens walked
  - A at 9am
  - B at 3am
  - C at 2pm
- 12. According to paragraph three, he walked because
  - A walking was difficult
  - B he didn't like sitting
  - C sitting was easy
- 13. Paragraph six says that walking alone is
  - A a good idea
  - B unpleasant
  - C very unusual

**Questions 14-16**

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

- 14. In paragraph four, **extensively** means
  - A very far
  - B very well
  - C very quickly
- 15. In paragraph four, **surroundings** means
  - A area
  - B time
  - C feeling
- 16. In paragraph five, **inspires** means
  - A says
  - B causes
  - C likes

## The Power of Walking

### Paragraph one

          **A (Example)**          . Why do we celebrate walking? Well, walking is known for its health benefits. It's a free, safe form of physical exercise that almost everybody likes to do. There are additional benefits to walking though. Recent research has shown what many people have already discovered. Walking, even on a treadmill (or running machine), can have a very good influence on thinking.

### Paragraph two

          **7.**          . For example, the author Charles Dickens used to go for a walk every day. His day started at 9am when he started writing. At 2pm he would stop writing and go out into the world, using what he saw around him for content in his writing. For most of us, a 2 or 3 mile walk is enough to clear our heads and make us feel more energetic. Dickens, though, could walk 20 or even 30 miles in one day.

### Paragraph three

          **8.**          . In his own words, he did it because sitting still was very difficult for him. It also meant that he wasn't writing – although he wrote a huge number of books, he found it a very difficult job.

### Paragraph four

One of the most famous travel writers in history also walked **extensively**. Patrick Leigh Fermor walked from north-west Europe to south-east Europe in a 12-month period when he left school. This was for the same reason as Dickens. For Fermor, walking was an opportunity to really experience the **surroundings**, taking in all the sights, smells and sounds of a place in order to write about them in more detail.

### Paragraph five

          **9.**          . Artists and musicians say it **inspires** creativity. It helps the mind to solve problems and creates a rhythm that can be turned into music. So how can we use walking to help us think in modern life?

### Paragraph six

          **10.**          . Not for shopping or to go to work or to visit a friend – just to walk. To make this really enjoyable you should find safe, walkable places with good paths. You should also walk alone, and think about the walk as you do it. Walking a long distance without a specific route is the final piece of advice for making the most of this simple but wonderful activity.

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**Task 3**

Texts A-E on pages 8-11 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 circle the letter of the text **on your answer sheet**. One of the texts does not have a purpose listed below.

Example: to offer a part-time job     A    

17. to supply personal and financial details                     

18. to arrange a meeting                     

19. to give information about Trip UK's clients                     

**Questions 20-21**

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

20. Text A uses formal language. This is because

- A it is an official document
- B Eric is much older than Igor
- C it is used for all employees

21. In text B, '**He/she**' is used. This is because

- A the emergency contacts must be one man and one woman
- B the emergency contacts could be either male or female
- C the new employee could be male or female

**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 circle it **on your answer sheet**.

22. Igor's manager will be

- A Rachel Maddox
- B Eric Rich
- C Aneta Kych

23. Igor needs to submit a timesheet

- A after the 15th day of every month
- B on or before the 15th of every month
- C on the last working day of the month

24. The clients will need Igor's help because

- A they have medical problems
- B Russian is not their first language
- C they all have only basic English

- 25.** Rachel could have a meeting with Igor
- A on Thursday of this week
  - B on Wednesday of next week
  - C on Friday of next week
- 26.** Rachel advises Igor to
- A give the clients a leaflet
  - B inform clients about the weather
  - C take clients to their hotel
- 27.** The purpose of the picture in text E is to
- A indicate that clients should complete the form
  - B inform that it is compulsory to complete the form
  - C informally thank clients for completing the form

**Questions 28-30**

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

- 28. Branch Address** (text B) means
- A your personal address
  - B the bank's address
  - C your address at work
- 29. A Temporary post** (text A) is a job
- A that is full-time
  - B for part-time workers
  - C that lasts a short time
- 30. Next of kin** (text B) means
- A a close living relative
  - B a previous manager
  - C a very good friend

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**Text A**

**Trip UK**  
a great trip away

Trip UK, Sussex Road, London SE22 6WQ

**Private & confidential**

Igor Filipov  
Flat 2  
Holly Road  
London  
SW5 4RQ

Dear Mr Filipov,

**Appointment – Guide for Russian-Speaking Group – Temporary post**

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to confirm your appointment as a local guide to go on a trip with a group of Russian speakers. The post will be effective from 22 June until 22 July, 18 hours in total. We have confirmed these dates with you already.

In terms of payment, your rate of pay will be £15.10 per hour. It is your responsibility to complete a timesheet and submit it to the Finance Department by the 15th of each month. Your fee will be paid directly into your bank account on the last working day of the month.

You will report to Aneta Kych, the manager of Trip UK, but work with Rachel Maddox. She is the trip administrator. Ms Maddox will contact you to arrange a meeting before the trip begins.

Please indicate your acceptance of this appointment by signing below and returning this letter to HR. A copy is enclosed for you to keep. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have also enclosed a form that you need to fill in, sign and return before you start working.

Yours sincerely,

**Eric Rich**

**HR Co-ordinator**

Signed ..... Date .....

Name .....



**Text B**

**Trip UK**  
a great trip away

**Your details**

Full Name	
Title (please circle)	Mr   Mrs   Miss   Ms
National Insurance Number	

Job Title	
Department	
Manager	

**Bank details**

I wish to have my salary paid direct to the account detailed below

Name of Bank	
<b>Branch Address</b>	
Postcode	
Account Name	
Account Number (8 digits)	
Sort Code	

**Emergency contact details**

Please provide the names of two people (one of which is your **next of kin**) we can contact in the event of an emergency.

Name of <b>next of kin</b>	
Relationship to you	
Phone Number	

Name	
Relationship to you	
Phone Number	

Please ensure each emergency contact has given consent. **He/she** needs to be aware that his or her details are stored by Trip UK but only for use in the event of an emergency.

Signature:	Date:
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Please return your completed form to: HR Department, Trip UK, Sussex Road,  
London SE22 6WQ

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**Text C**

**From:** Rachel Maddox  
**To:** Igor Filipov  
**Subject:** Meeting to discuss the trip

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Dear Igor

I hope you're well.

Would you be able to come into the office sometime next week? I'd like to chat about the trip and clarify some points as it's your first time. There are 20 clients in total and those coming have completed a questionnaire. I've summarised their comments on a copy of the questionnaire and have sent it to you in the post. Once you've had time to read the information please get in touch. In the meantime please let me know if anything is unclear.

I'm afraid I'm out of the office on Wednesday, but any time on Thursday or Friday would be great.

I look forward to seeing you,

All the best

Rachel Maddox  
Trip Administrator

**Text D**

Igor,

Here's the copy of the questionnaire I mentioned in my email with a summary of the clients' comments.

Everyone has received a leaflet in Russian and English about climate, food and what to expect from the accommodation. However, often clients are surprised about the weather so please check the forecast every evening and tell them what to expect the next day.

Thanks,  
Rachel

## Text E

## Questionnaire



We would like you to have a great holiday with Trip UK.

To help us, please answer these questions:

1. How old are you?	<i>The youngest is 17 years old and no one is older than 30. The average age is 23.</i>
2. Do you have any food allergies?	<i>One client has a nut allergy, but apart from that nothing noted.</i>
3. Do you have any medical issues?	<i>One client takes medication for a heart condition, but in general they are described as fit and healthy.</i>
4. Have you been to the UK before?	<i>None of the clients have been to the UK before and three have never travelled abroad, so they are likely to have many questions.</i>
5. What's your first language?	<i>Mostly Russian, with one Ukrainian client and one Romanian client, who both state that Russian is their 2nd language and they are competent speakers.</i>
6. What is your level of English?	<i>All clients have a low level of English, so they will rely on you for language support.</i>
7. Is there something special you would like to do in London?	<i>Many of the clients want to visit Buckingham Palace. A lot of them also asked if it was possible to go to the Tower of London. However, there is only time for one of these events. If I were you, I would take them to the Tower of London. They'll find it interesting.</i>

End of exam

