

Sample Test



INTERMEDIATE-A LEVEL (L4)

END-OF-COURSE READING AND WRITING ASSESSMENT

SAMPLE TEST ONLY

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| NAME: | |
| STAFF NUMBER: | |
| GROUP NUMBER: | |

TIME: 2 HOURS

FOR INSTRUCTORS' USE ONLY

| Reading Outcomes | | Met | Not yet met |
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| R1 | <i>Reads extended warning notices</i> | | |
| R2 | <i>Finds information in text</i> | | |
| R3 | <i>Finds information in diagrams</i> | | |

| Writing Outcomes | | Met | Not yet met |
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| W1 | <i>Writes a work-related memo</i> | | |
| W2 | <i>Writes an incident report</i> | | |

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Reading

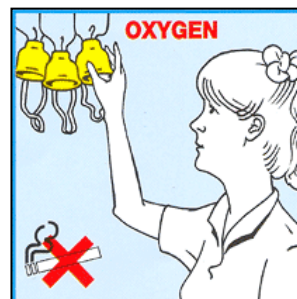
Part One (R1)

Questions 1 – 5

Read the following in-flight safety instructions from an airline company.

Air Europe In-flight Safety Card

Air Europe welcomes passengers on board today's flight. Please spend a few minutes reading through our in-flight safety instructions.



- Mobile telephones and other electronic equipment must be switched off during the flight, as these items may cause problems with the navigation and communication equipment on this aircraft.
- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the aircraft, including the toilets. If passengers smoke in the toilet, an alarm will sound.
- Passengers must fasten seat belts during take off and landing. We suggest that you keep your seat belt fastened throughout the flight, as we may experience turbulence.
- If there is turbulence, the 'Seat Belt' sign will light up. In the event of turbulence, you must fasten your seat belt.
- All bags and personal items must be stowed in the overhead locker or under your seat.
- Oxygen and the air pressure are always being checked. If air pressure drops, an oxygen mask will automatically drop from a compartment above your seat. If you are travelling with a child or someone who requires assistance, secure your mask first, and then assist the other person.
- Life jackets are under your seat. When you pull the tag, the jacket inflates.
- If you need assistance, call a flight attendant.

Write **True (T)** or **False (F)** to the following statements. If there is not enough information in the article to answer True or False, choose **No Information (NI)**.

EXAMPLE

0. It is prohibited to use mobile telephones and electronic equipment during the flight.

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1. Passengers are allowed to smoke in certain areas of the aircraft.
2. There are smoke detectors in the toilets.
3. Passengers must wear seat belts at all times during the flight.
4. Only one piece of hand luggage is permitted on Air Europe flights.
5. In an emergency you must put your child's oxygen mask on before securing your own mask.

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Questions 6 – 10

Match the workplace safety notices (A – H) with the instructions (6 - 10).
For questions 6 – 10, mark the correct letter A – H in the box below.

| <i>EXAMPLE</i> | <i>ANSWER</i> |
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| 0. You must not smoke. | D |

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| 6. You must wear safety goggles. | A It is strictly forbidden to use electronic equipment that is not safe. |
| 7. You should not leave this piece of equipment in extreme heat. | B Wear eye protection at all times. |
| 8. You must not use equipment that is damaged. | C Keep hands away from moving parts. |
| 9. You must not get this piece of equipment wet. | D Naked flames are prohibited. |
| 10. You must not forget to turn this machine off when it is not in operation. | E Switch off when not in use! |
| | F Do not immerse in water. |
| | G Wear head protection at all times. |
| | H Avoid exposure to high temperatures. |

| <i>EXAMPLE</i> 0. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
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| D | | | | | |

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Part Two (R2)

Read the article about air travel and the environment and answer the questions.

Environment Watch

Air travel damaging global environment

In an exclusive interview with Environment Watch magazine, Mark Ellingham, author of the Rough Guide travel book series, talks about the disastrous effect rising demand for air travel is having on the environment.

Most of us have travelled by plane at some point in our lives, whether on a business trip or holiday with family and friends. However, as we hand in our boarding passes and take our seats on the plane, do we ever think of the environmental damage we are causing to the world?



Rising demand for air travel is one of the most serious environmental dangers facing the world today, says British travel writer, Mark Ellingham. In his latest book, *The Rough Guide to Climate Change*, Ellingham reports that the travel industry must start taking responsibility for the effect that carbon emissions from flying are having on climate change. If the growth in air travel continues at its present rate, it will contribute to higher global temperatures. This will mean very changeable weather and rising sea levels.

Ellingham believes that we can all do more to tackle the problem of climate change by limiting our own air travel, “We now live in a society where, if people have nothing to do at the weekend, they go to Paris or Rome for 48 hours. We fly anywhere whenever we want, 10 times or more a year. This has to change.”

In many ways the travel boom has yet to start. In the years ahead many more millions will have the money and free time to fly further and more often. The Chinese and the Indians, for example, are starting to travel a lot as average incomes continue to rise.

To limit the growth in demand for air travel, Ellingham believes that airlines must start paying fuel tax, so that flying would become much more expensive. He also recommends that the European Union introduces an environment tax, a \$200 “green tax” on all flights to Europe and Africa and \$500 to more remote destinations.

Unfortunately, at present, there is little agreement amongst world leaders on how to tackle climate change. World tourism in the meantime continues to expand. Ellingham believes that the only way that most people will think about limiting air travel is by airlines increasing the cost of flying dramatically.

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Questions 11 - 15

Write **True (T)** or **False (F)** to the following statements. If there is not enough information to answer True or False, choose **No Information (NI)**.

EXAMPLE

0. Mark Ellingham is a British travel writer.

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11. Ellingham believes that one of the biggest global environmental problems is the dramatic rise in the number of people flying.

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12. The number of international flights will increase by 10% in the next five years.

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13. According to Ellingham, the travel industry should do more to protect the environment.

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14. More Chinese and Indians are flying because they now have more money to spend on overseas vacations.

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15. World leaders have agreed on a way to tackle the problem of climate change.

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Questions 16 – 20

Write short answers to the following questions.

EXAMPLE

0. What is the name of Mark Ellingham's latest book?

ANSWER

The Rough Guide to Climate Change

16. What effect will higher global temperatures have on the environment? (Give two answers.)

17. According to Ellingham, what can we all do to help protect the environment?

18. Which two nationalities are beginning to fly in large numbers?

19. Which two taxes does Ellingham recommend to help limit the growth in air travel?

20. According to Ellingham, what is the only way to make people change their flying habits?

Question 21

Write one or two sentences to answer the question.

21. Do you agree with Mark Ellingham that we should think more about the environment and reduce the number of flights we make every year? Why? Why not?

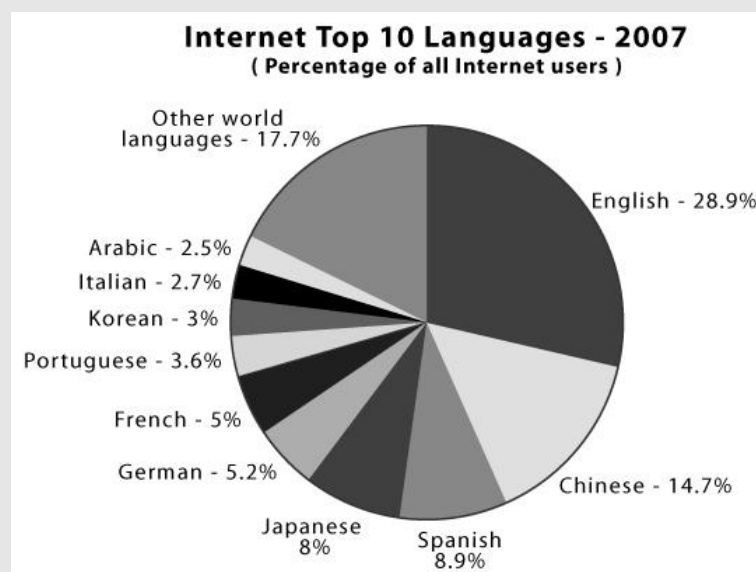
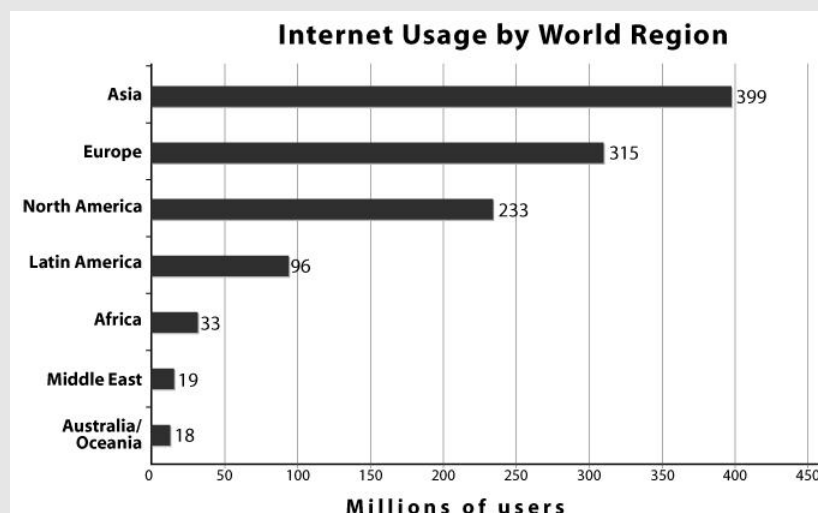
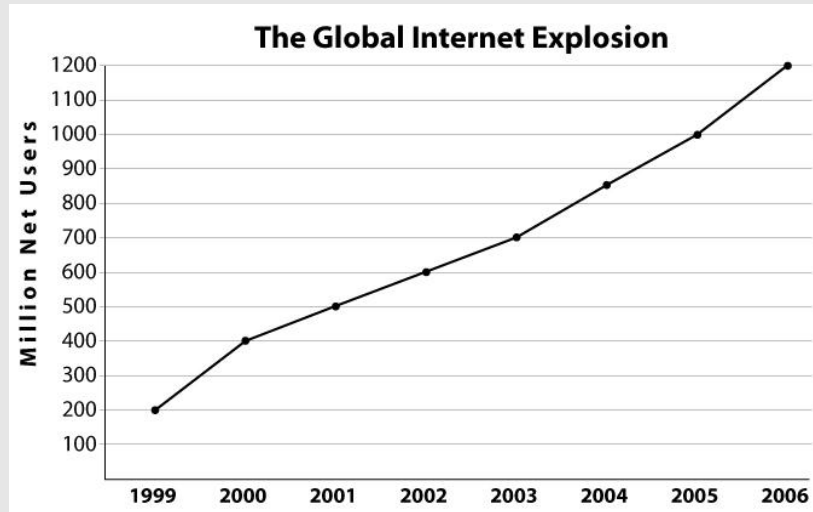
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Part Three (R3)

Look at the following information about the internet and answer the questions.

Internet News

World internet statistics – the big picture



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Questions 22 – 30

Write short answers. Include the unit of measurement where necessary.

EXAMPLE

0. Which is the most popular language on the internet?

ANSWER

English

22. In which year did the number of internet users reach one billion?

23. How many internet users were there in 2004? (Give an approximate figure)

24. By how much did the number of internet users increase between 1999 and 2006?

25. Which region has the largest number of internet users?

26. Which region has fewer internet users than the Middle East?

27. How many internet users are there in North America?

28. What percentage of internet users are Arabic speakers?

29. Which language group is twice as big as Arabic?

30. Which Asian language accounts for 3% of all internet users?

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Writing

Part One (W1)

You work as the Director of Petroco's Medical Centre. Write a memo to all Petroco employees about the medical centre's new procedures.

Include the following:

- explain that the medical centre's opening hours have changed
- say what the new opening hours are
- say that all visitors to the medical centre must make an appointment first
- give the telephone number for making appointments

You may invent any details you think are necessary.

Complete the headings at the top of the memo on page 9, including your own name and today's date.

Write between 40 and 60 words.

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MEMO



To:

From:**Date:**

Subject:

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