

INTERMEDIATE-B LEVEL (L5)

END-OF-COURSE READING ASSESSMENT

SAMPLE TEST ONLY

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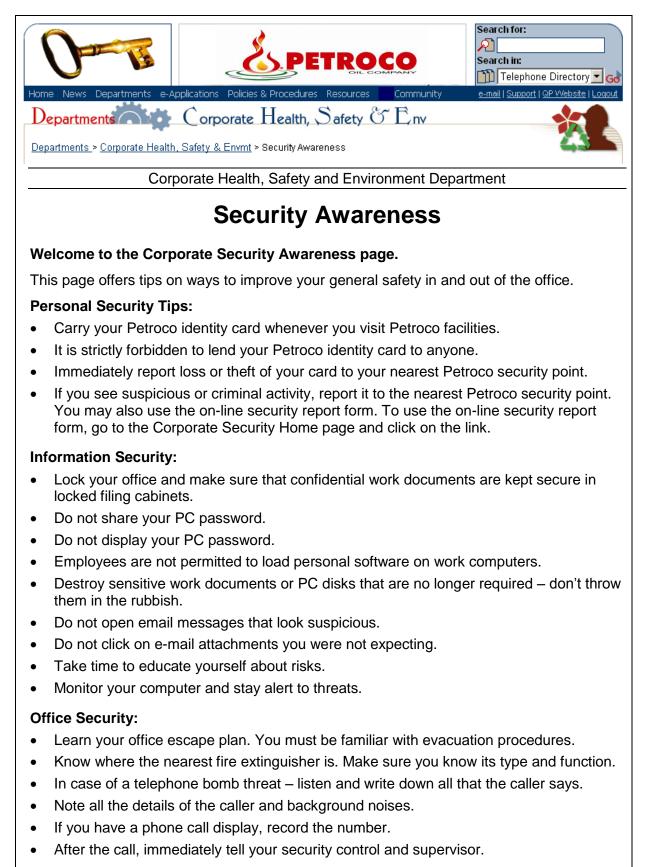
TIME: 1 1/2 HOURS

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Read	ing Outcomes	Met	Not yet met
R1	Reads extended instructions and warning notices		
R2	Finds information in text		
R3	Finds information in diagrams		

Part One (R1)

Read the web page about safety at work and answer the questions.



Questions 1 - 5

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. Petroco employees must follow evacuation procedures. Т Employees should contact the police immediately if they lose or have 1. their identity card stolen. 2. Employees can access the on-line security report form from the Corporate Security Home page. 3. A warning letter will be issued to any employee who loads personal software on work computers. Petroco updates anti-virus and spyware software on a weekly basis. 4. 5. If an employee receives a bomb threat, he or she should hang up immediately and contact his or her security control and supervisor.

Questions 6 - 10

Write short answers to the following questions.

EXAMPLE	ANSWER	
0. What is the purpose of the Security Awareness webpage?	To improve general safety in and out of the office	

- 6. Where should employees store confidential work documents?
- 7. What should employees do with confidential work documents that they no longer need?
- 8. What advice is given on opening email attachments from unknown sources?
- 9. In addition to the location, what should employees know about fire extinguishers?
- 10. Which two things should an employee listen carefully for if he or she receives a bomb threat on the telephone?

Part Two (R2)

Read the article about India's IT growth and answer the questions.

India's IT Growth

Our series on globalisation continues this week with a report from Bangalore, the centre of India's rapidly growing IT industry.

In Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Cindy Taylor, a 13-year old, is having problems with her maths and English homework. Instead of asking her mother for help, she goes to her computer and gets on the internet, where she dials up an e-tutoring service, *TutorVista*, based in the Indian city of Bangalore.

"My daughter now has the best grades in her class," says her proud mother, Denise Taylor. Denise pays \$2.50 per hour for the service, much cheaper than the \$40 per hour charged by US online tutoring services.

Denise's experience is just one small example of the IT services revolution that is changing the world of international business, transforming India into a growing economic power.

In the past, economists believed that only goods could be traded across international borders. The internet has changed all that, and now the fastest growing sector of international trade is trade in services.

India is currently the global leader in providing services such as accounting, IT support and on-line education to locations overseas. Its exports in these services are worth \$25 billion per year, a figure that is expected to rise to \$60 billion in 2010.

Today the city of Bangalore is the centre of India's IT industry. There are now more than 500 major international companies in the city, including Hewlett-Packard, Dell, IBM and Accenture. These companies have opened up businesses in Indian cities such as Bangalore because of the highly educated Englishspeaking workforce, excellent international data communication links, and comparatively low salaries of the workers. The salaries of professional IT workers in India average one-



quarter to one-tenth of those in similar positions in Europe or the US.

As a result of the rapid growth of the IT services industry, Bangalore has become India's fastest growing city. It has a population of 6.5 million today, which is expected to rise to 10 million by 2015.

India's IT sector employs 1.3 million and 40% of the IT sector is located in Bangalore. With the highest average income in India, life is good for IT workers in the city.

Bangalore is changing rapidly. There are six new shopping malls, and luxury car showrooms like BMW are opening throughout the city. The young, well paid IT workers have more money to spend on leisure activities.

Unlike many other jobs in India, IT workers only work five days a week. As their jobs are often very stressful, many take weekend breaks in the mountains to escape the city's noise and pollution.

In spite of the success of the IT services industry, Bangalore still has many problems to face. Daily power failures, traffic congestion, and rising rents all make life difficult for the city's population. One of the biggest problems, however, is the need to create more jobs outside the IT industry, and share its wealth.

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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.	Cindy Taylor is top of her class thanks to TutorVista.	Τ	
11.	Cindy used to have a private tutor to help her with her homework.		
12.	The internet has allowed international companies to trade in services.		
13.	India's exports of IT services are likely to increase by more than 100% by 2010.		
14.	Most Indian workers have a two-day weekend.		
15.	Bangalore suffers daily power failures because of the poor maintenance of its power stations.		

Questions 16 – 20

Write short answers to the following questions.

EXAMPLE	ANSWER
0. How much do US on-line tutoring services charge per hour?	\$40

16. What kind of IT services does India offer to the rest of the world? (Give 3 examples)

- 17. How much does India currently earn from exporting IT services?
- 18. Why are international companies attracted to Indian cities like Bangalore? (Give 3 reasons)
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19. How do many IT workers escape the stress of city life?

20. What negative impact is Bangalore's growth having on everyday life? (Give 3 examples)

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Question 21

Write two or three sentences to answer the following question.

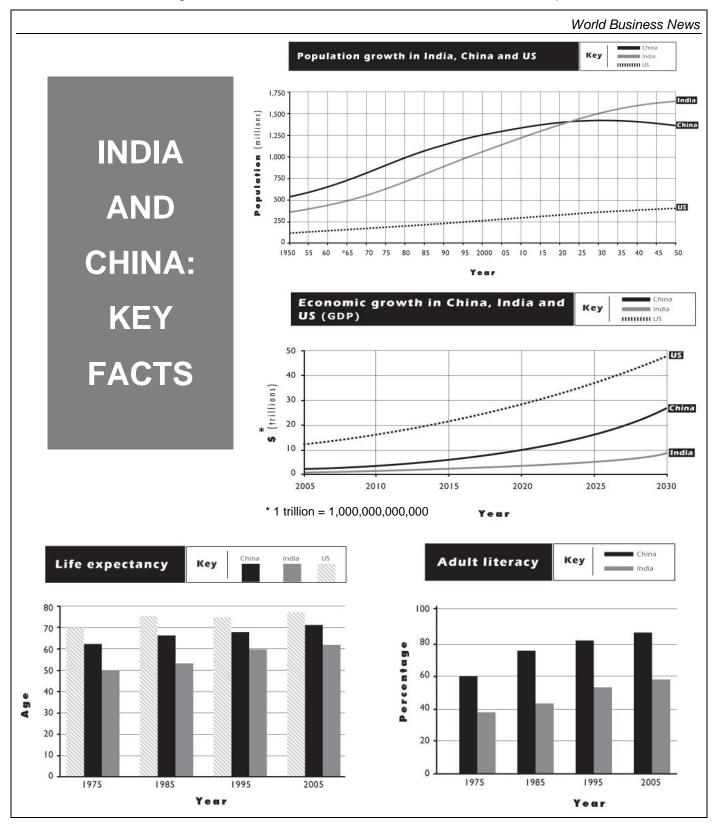
21. Do you think it is good that Bangalore is investing so much money in its IT industry?



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Part Three (R3)

Look at the following information about China and India and answer the questions.



Questions 23 - 30

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

EXAMPLE	ANSWER	
0. Which country had the largest population in 2005?	China	

- 23. In which year is China's GDP expected to reach \$10 trillion?
- 24. What is India's GDP expected to be in 2025? (Give an approximate answer)
- 25. What was the population of China in the year 2000?
- 26. In which year is India's population expected to overtake China? (Give an approximate answer)
- 27. What percentage of Chinese could read and write in 1975?
- 28. What was the literacy rate among Indians in 2005? (Give an approximate answer)
- 29. What was the average life expectancy in India in 1995? (Give an approximate answer)
- 30. How much did the life expectancy of the Chinese increase during the period 1975 2005? (Give an approximate answer)