

Initial English Assessment

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- ☒ I received no help in answering the questions in this examination paper.
- ☒ I am the person stated above on this form.
- ☒ I will not discuss the content of the examination with anyone else.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jamshed Ali', written inside a rectangular box.

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Text A

You receive the following document from Training for Employment:

The Occupier,
29 Main Street
Training4Employment
B19 3NY

9 July

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Notification of Roadworks on Main Street, Training for
Employment

As part of our continued commitment to improve road conditions in your area, Training4Employment Council is Going to resurface Main Street in Birmingham, Newtown. This work will begin on 9th August and will be completed in 2 weeks.

We will be using heavy machinery to carry out the work, so there will unfortunately be long periods of noise and dust caused by the digging.

Temporary traffic lights will be in place on Main Street for the duration of the resurfacing work to ease congestion. However, delays should be expected. Therefore, you may wish to consider using an alternative route or the park-and-ride services when travelling to and from the town centre. Residents of Main Street can use the park-and-ride service at a reduced cost. You must present evidence of your address when buying a ticket.

Local businesses will be unaffected by the roadworks and will remain open as usual.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by these necessary repairs. Feel free to contact us on 02345 678 910 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Dee Rose



Training4Employment
Council
B19 3NY

Q1. What is the main purpose of Text A? Please select one answer. (1 Point)

- ☒ To describe
- ☐ To explain
- ☐ To persuade
- ☐ To instruct

Q2. According to Text A, how long will the roadworks take? Please select one answer. (1 Point)

- ☐ As long as it takes
- ☐ 2 weeks
- ☐ 9 days
- ☒ Long periods

Q3. According to Text A, how does the council plan to reduce congestion? Please select one answer. (1 Point)

- ☐ By keeping local businesses open
- ☒ By resurfacing the road
- ☐ By using temporary traffic lights
- ☐ By using heavy machinery

Q4. According to Text A, who can use the park-and-ride service at a reduced cost? Please select one answer. (1 Point)

- ☐ People living on Main Street
- ☒ Dee Rose
- ☐ Council employees
- ☐ Businesses on Main Street

Q5. The writer of Text A states 'we will be heavy machinery to carry out the work'. Is this a fact or an opinion?

- ☐ Fact
- ☒ Opinion

Give a reason for your answer

Please write a paragraph which consists of approximately 3-4 sentences

Consequuntur quia ex

Q6. Using Text A, identify two instruction given by Dee Rose to residents of Main Street. (2 Marks)

Dolores pariatur Cu

Voluptatum quisquam

Q7. Is Text A formal or informal? Give a reason for your answer. Please select one answer. (2 Marks)

- ☐ Formal
- ☒ Informal

Give a reason for your answer

Please write a paragraph which consists of approximately 3-4 sentences

Aut ex dolore soluta

Text B

You see the following advertisement in the local newspaper:

National Apprenticeship Week

20 - 27 August

National Apprenticeship Week is upon us and there has never been a better time to take control of your future.

Aged 16 and over? Could an apprenticeship be for you?

Why an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship programmes have benefits for both apprentices and their employers.

As an apprentice you will:

- gain formal qualifications
- learn job-specific skills
- work alongside experienced staff
- earn a salary
- receive holiday pay



Apprentices are paid a salary by their employer and the cost of training is covered. You will therefore be earning as you are learning, with the added bonus of no tuition fees, no student loans and hopefully no debt! Most of your learning is completed 'on-the-job' giving you the chance to put new skills immediately into practice and gain confidence in a working environment.

The apprenticeship programme is continually growing. Higher level apprenticeships are now available so why not aim to gain a nationally recognised qualification at level 4 or above (the equivalent to a higher education diploma or a foundation degree)?

Employers value apprenticeships as a way of helping their workforce to develop their skills and progress their careers. Employers see apprenticeships as a good way to provide training in their workplace rather than at college, helping to ensure that the specific needs of their business are met. Funding is also available to employers that train 16 to 24-year old apprentices.

It's clear that now is a good time to sign up for an apprenticeship programme!

Apprenticeship Opportunities :

Apprenticeships are currently available in many industries including:

- business and administration
- catering
- health and social care
- retail

Kick-start your career!

Call into your local job centre
for more information.

Important Information:

The job centre on Main Street has limited access due to roadworks, with heavy machinery present on site. The job centre is therefore experiencing some disruption and caution is advised if attending on foot or if parking in the area. As an alternative, please visit one of our other branches on Townhead Road or Northern Street.

Q8. What is the meaning of the term "added bonus", as used in Text B? Please select one answer. (1 Mark)

- ☐ A student loan
- ☒ A disadvantage
- ☐ A benefit
- ☐ An extra payment

Q9. In Text B, which organisational feature is used to demonstrate the benefits of an apprenticeship? Please select one answer. (1 Mark)

- ☐ Paragraphs
- ☐ Heading
- ☒ Subheadings
- ☐ Bullet points

Q10. Using Text B, which of these statements is incorrect? Please select one answer. (1 Mark)

- ☐ Apprentices earn a salary
- ☒ National Apprenticeship Week is in the summer
- ☐ Job centres have more details
- ☐ Apprenticeship are only available to teenagers

Q11. According to Text B, most of the training takes place. Please select one answer. (1 Mark)

- ☐ At the job centre
- ☒ In the workplace
- ☐ At university
- ☐ At college

Q12. What does the image in Text B suggest about how the apprentices are feeling about their course? Please write a paragraph which consists of approximately 3-4 sentences. (1 mark)

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Q13. Explain why the author has used exclamation marks in Text B. Please write a paragraph which consists of approximately 3-4 sentences. (1 mark)

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Please review Text A and Text B, then proceed to answer question 14

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Text B

Q14. How does the information about roadworks in Text B compare with that given in Text A?
Give two examples. (2 marks)

Example 1

Laboriosam voluptas

Example 2

Magna ipsum quis om