

## Reading Exam 1

### Part 1

Read the short texts. For questions 1–5, choose the correct option (a, b or c). 0 is the example.

**EOI Topic:** Free time and leisure  
**See:** *English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition A2/B1*  
 Files 7C, 8B  
*English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition B1*  
 File 8A

- 0 *What does the writer want Morgan to do?*  
 a *decide what to have for dinner*  
 b *buy something for dinner*  
 c *start preparing the dinner*
- 1 What does the notice say?  
 a You must not go to this place when the machines are working.  
 b It is not necessary to leave the area if you hear the alarm.  
 c You can only go into this place if you are a customer.
- 2 What must passengers do?  
 a be prepared for bad weather during their journey  
 b read another sign for more information  
 c not travel by sea at that time
- 3 What does the sign mean?  
 a If you have a mobile you cannot come in.  
 b If you enter the building you need to turn off your mobile.  
 c If you go to some rooms, you don't have to turn off your mobile phone.
- 4 What can visitors do?  
 a use the equipment whenever they like  
 b use the gym equipment when the trainer is there  
 c use the gym equipment once a trainer has shown them around
- 5 What does the note on the menu say?  
 a Ask someone if you need help understanding the menu.  
 b The manager will be happy to discuss the ingredients.  
 c The waiters are available to talk about the food once you have ordered.

Question	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	c					

				TOTAL	

NAME:

CLASS:

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Hi Morgan,  
I'll be late tonight. I'll pick the bread  
up, in case you want some, but  
could you get the chicken in the  
oven to warm up?  
See you.

1

Customers are not permitted to enter  
this area while the equipment is in  
use and the alarm is ringing.

2

Due to strong winds, the  
ferry service will not be  
running until further notice.

3

For security reasons, mobile  
phones should not be used  
inside the building.

4

All visitors must attend a  
welcome training session  
before using any of the  
equipment in the gym.

5

If you have concerns about the  
ingredients in any of the dishes on our  
menu, please speak to the manager  
directly before ordering.

## Part 2

Read the article about working as a translator. For questions 1–5, choose the correct option (a, b or c). 0 is the example.

**EOI Topic:** Jobs and occupations  
**See:** *English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition* A2/B1  
 File 7A  
*English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition* B1  
 File 8A

- 0 *What does the writer say attracted him to translation work?*  
 a *the chance to meet interesting people*  
 b *the opportunity to travel*  
 c *the wages and working week*
- 1 What do we learn about translators in paragraph 2?  
 a They have to come from a particular background.  
 b They need knowledge of the culture of the country.  
 c They don't have to have experience abroad.
- 2 Which of the following is seen as a problem for people applying to be translators?  
 a a less popular language set  
 b a limited sample of work  
 c a lack of experience
- 3 What does the writer think is the best preparation for translation work?  
 a knowing about a specialist field  
 b taking a course in business management  
 c learning to use the right information technology
- 4 What does the writer think is an essential quality of any translator?  
 a a love of learning new things about the world  
 b the ability to talk to people comfortably  
 c a respect for information that is private or secret
- 5 Why is the person writing this description?  
 a to offer a different point of view on translation work to course descriptions  
 b to persuade people to take a particular translation course  
 c to encourage people to become translators

Question	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	a					

				TOTAL	

### Working in translation: everything I've learned

Working as a translator pays well for the number of hours that you have to work, but that's not the only reason to do this job. You also get to travel to exciting places abroad. But for me, the best thing has to be the amazing celebrities, politicians and business owners you work with. Becoming a translator is not easy, though.

Many people who work in translation were born into bilingual families. That's because all translators need to speak both languages like a native speaker. That's not the only route into the job, however. It's necessary to spend some time living in the country where the language is spoken. Customers often talk about famous names or places, or historical events, so you have to be familiar with those things.

It's always very difficult for anyone to enter a profession. With translation you can start to create a file with examples of your work, even if you haven't started working. Unless you work with a very unusual language combination, where competition is low anyway, you could consider doing some translation jobs in exchange for recommendations or a review on your website. It all helps to show that you're capable of doing the job.

You don't have to have a qualification in translation, but it might help. Do some research before you pay for a course, as knowledge of, for example, a science, as well as a language, can be more helpful. You'll probably be working on your own, and so you'll need to understand things like marketing or accounts if you want to do this as a career. There's a lot of computer software to help with that kind of thing these days, and they're pretty user-friendly.

A good translator needs some personal qualities. It's important that they are good at listening and are able to work within time limits. Above all, translators mustn't talk about their work outside of the office. That's because they might hear about things before they become public knowledge. There are laws translators might need to learn, too, which change from country to country. All of these things make a person more professional, and wins repeat customers every time.

I think the most successful translators are the ones who are useful to companies, and the most useful people are the ones who have specialised knowledge of another subject, such as law or science, and then learn the language skills. It's often suggested that you can do this job straight after leaving school. I think it's more realistic to expect it to take years to get established.

## Part 3

Read the text about clean fashion. For gaps 1–10, choose one suitable word from the box below. There are four words you do not need. 0 is the example.

**EOI Topic:** Weather and the environment

**See:** *English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition A2/B1* Files 7B, 7C, 8B

*English File 4<sup>th</sup> edition B1* File 2A

earn    feel    hope    improve    know    look    meet  
pretend    say    see    ~~spend~~    take    tell    wait    wear

### Clean Fashion

Some argue that we *0 spend* too much time worrying about fashion. I disagree. It's one of the first things people notice when you **1** \_\_\_\_\_ them for the first time. I think that clothes **2** \_\_\_\_\_ a lot about the person in them. You don't need to **3** \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune to look good. After all, nobody wants to **4** \_\_\_\_\_ to be someone that they're not.

However, many fashion customers these days also want to **5** \_\_\_\_\_ that the clothes they have bought have not cost the earth. Celebrities were some of the first to **6** \_\_\_\_\_ clothes that had a strong ethical message, such as vegan shoes, or bags made from recycled materials. Some fashion bloggers are even going back to making their own clothes from old items, and if you **7** \_\_\_\_\_ like trying, there's lots of help online. One businessman didn't want to **8** \_\_\_\_\_ for fashion to clean up its act, and opened a shopping mall in Sweden that sells only used clothes. The message is clear – you can still **9** \_\_\_\_\_ your best without polluting the planet, and things are starting to **10** \_\_\_\_\_ in the dirty fashion industry.

Gap	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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