

Reading Exam 7

EOI Topic: Daily life activities
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
 File 12A
English File 4th edition B1
 Files 1B, 2A, 4A, 5A

Part 1

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

- 0 *What does the notice say?*
 a *This bus service will run more often if you speak to the driver.*
 b *You can pay less by buying a weekly ticket if you travel often.*
 c *The driver can give you a discount every time you use a special card.*
- 1 What does the notice say?
 a There are part-time jobs available for people without tour guide experience.
 b Only people with experience can apply for jobs as tour guides.
 c People with tour guide experience will be paid more for their work.
- 2 The writer ...
 a wants Kim to go with her to a new café.
 b has been to a great new café she's describing.
 c suggests Kim tries a new café and tells her about it.
- 3 The writer says that Jack ...
 a has to telephone Sue that afternoon.
 b has to meet the new clients today.
 c should contact Sue soon.
- 4 What does the notice say?
 a Anyone can get a cheaper haircut on their second visit.
 b Only people who invite their friends can pay the cheaper price.
 c Customers who book more than one appointment pay 20 percent less.
- 5 What does the notice say?
 a Passengers without tickets can get one from the ticket officer.
 b The ticket officer may inspect tickets during the journey.
 c Passengers without tickets should tell the ticket officer about it.

Question	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	<i>b</i>					

					TOTAL	

0

Passengers
If you take this route regularly, you can save money with our weekly user card. Just ask your driver!

1

Wanted
Tour guides. Only evenings and weekends. Hourly pay plus tips. Full training given. Apply inside

2

Hi Kim,
I've just heard about a new café in the town centre. If you're still looking for a place to go for a coffee with your mum tomorrow, why don't you try it and let me know what it's like?
See you

3

Jack
Sue says you forgot to meet the new clients yesterday. Call her this afternoon to arrange a new date.

4

Haircuts and beauty treatments!

Tell a friend about us and you both receive a 20 percent discount on your next visit

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Please keep your ticket. Transport inspectors can ask to see it at any time.

Part 2

Read the article about a placement in New York. For questions 1–5, choose the correct option (a, b or c). 0 is the example

EOI Topic: Food and catering
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
 File 10C
English File 4th edition B1
 Files 1A, 2B, 4B, 5B

- 0 *What is the purpose of the first paragraph?*
 a *to persuade people to visit New York*
 b *to explain the writer's situation in New York*
 c *to warn people of a danger in New York*
- 1 What kind of food best met the writer's requirements?
 a the sausages and potatoes for breakfast
 b anything he could take back to his room
 c things he didn't normally eat back home
- 2 What did reviews say about New Yorkers' food habits?
 a They get very excited about the standard of food.
 b They get excited about anything new or different.
 c They get embarrassed when poor quality is served.
- 3 What is the writer's attitude to food in his own country now?
 a He gets disappointed with the service.
 b He feels tired of the same old foods.
 c He feels frustrated by how long it takes.
- 4 What surprised the writer about the coffee?
 a It was served in an unusual way.
 b It was unpleasant to drink.
 c It was only available in specialist stores.
- 5 What advice might the writer give to someone who is going to visit New York?
 a Don't waste time trying to cook at home.
 b Ask the locals about their favourite places to go.
 c Be very specific about how you want your food cooked.

Question	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	<i>b</i>					

					TOTAL	

100 meals in New York City!

Last summer, I was on a two-month placement at our office in New York City. I was there for 60 days, in a hotel, so I had to eat out. The quantity of the food was a serious danger to my health, so I decided to limit myself to eating twice a day. That still meant I could try over a hundred different dishes, and where better to do that than in New York City!

Breakfast was a problem. The ‘full American’ breakfast, or sausage and potatoes, was everywhere, and my aim was to try new foods. To get round it, I sometimes bought something exciting-looking the day before and kept it in the mini fridge in my room until morning.

Lunch or dinner was a bigger deal, so I read a lot of reviews in the local papers to find the best options. I have to be honest, some of the places they recommended weren’t really up to the standard I was expecting, especially from the enthusiastic reviews by professional journalists. If the food was unusual, which it often was, it would always be a hit with the locals.

I quickly realized that, although nobody wrote about them much online, the restaurants that had served the same food for decades generally produced the best food, but had the rudest waiters. For me, it was fine because it was still new to me. I was always impressed with the speed of service. None of my lunch hour was ever wasted waiting, something I realized was annoyingly common back home.

Of course, there were also drinks, and coffee was everywhere. Before I went there I imagined stylish coffee boutiques, but was really amazed that they had huge great pots of cheap coffee, permanently bubbling away, in so many places. The pots contained every kind of flavour you could imagine, and you just poured it yourself from little taps, then paid at the counter. It wasn’t the tastiest way to drink coffee, but it made me feel like a true New Yorker.

When my time finished, I was sad to leave. I was surprised how easy it had been to eat well. Even if my company weren’t sorting the bill, I would still have eaten out most meals. I think nobody in the world is more demanding about their food than New Yorkers, and the results are worth it.

Part 3

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

EOI Topic: Health and physical care
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
 File 10A
English File 4th edition B1
 Files 1B, 4A, 4B, 5A

crowd ~~team~~ courts shouldn't annoying frustrated
 amazed exciting tracks practising fit scored

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

Are you a good sport?

We often argue that sports are good for young people. Many people have agreed that sports allow young people to learn how to compete, be a part of a **0** *team* and learn to play by the rules. However, I think things are changing. I first noticed something different on the basketball **1** _____. As a sports journalist, I'd been covering games for years. Basketball is a great sport. It's a fast game, with huge international superstars, and one of the most **2** _____ sports to watch. But more and more often, the game had to stop while one of the players shouted at the referee about a bad decision.

Sometimes rules are not applied fairly, and it's natural to feel **3** _____ when you become the victim of a bad decision. In the past, sports stars learnt to accept that these **4** _____ decisions were part of the experience. In the days of smartphones and social media, though, every mistake is watched a million times, and the stars are not dealing with it well.

It's not that referees have got worse. They have to pass tests to make sure they understand the rules. They still have to be physically **5** _____, and able to run around. These days, the pass marks to become a referee are even harder. It's not just basketball that is experiencing this change – you can see it on football fields and on racing **6** _____ around the country. Anywhere that a game attracts a large **7** _____ to come and watch, players seem to be losing control.

When I mentioned this to a TV colleague, he showed me a video of some of the worst examples of behaviour in sport and I was **8** _____ to see that it wasn't really a universal problem. It was almost entirely the big names, the famous stars. The problem is, their behaviour is being copied by the young kids **9** _____ down the local park on a Sunday. I was watching my young son one afternoon. He's normally a very calm child, but every time the other team **10** _____, I watched as he threw his arms in the air and complained. I don't really know what this means for the future of this generation, but sport may not be teaching them the lessons we want them to learn.