

Reading Section

In the reading section, you will answer 50 questions to demonstrate how well you understand academic and non-academic texts in English. There are three types of tasks.

Type of Task	Description
Complete the Words	Fill in the missing letters in a paragraph.
Read in Daily Life	Answer questions about everyday reading material.
Read an Academic Passage	Answer questions about academic passages.

Module 1

Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph.

(Questions 1-10)

We know from scientific studies that heat beneath the Earth's surface can be used to generate energy. This process is called geothermal ene____ generation and has be____ used for m____ years. Peo____ in anc____ times used h____ springs, b____ modern sys____ turn underground he____ into electricity. Alth____ it is not common in every country, it is a reliable and clean source of power. Geothermal energy helps reduce the use of fossil fuels and protect the environment.

Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph.

(Questions 11-20)

Tidal energy is an emerging form of renewable energy that harnesses the predictable movements of ocean tides to generate electricity. Un____ solar or w____ power, wh____ are sub____ to daily or seas____ fluctuations, tides a____ governed ____ gravitational interactions be____ the Earth, the Mo____, and the Sun. Al____ initial costs are high and suitable locations are limited, tidal energy offers significant advantages. It produces no greenhouse gas emissions during operation, provides consistent power output, and has a long operational lifespan.

Read an email.

To:	All Staff
From:	Sarah Lim s.lim@newtownmall.com
Date:	August 10
Subject:	Upcoming Maintenance Work (East Wing Escalators)

Dear Team,

Please be informed that escalator maintenance will take place in the East Wing of Newtown Mall from August 14 to August 17. During this period, all escalators near Shops A-1 to A-5 will be temporarily shut down for safety inspections and upgrades.

Customers will still be able to access all floors using the elevators located near Shop B-3. Signs will be posted throughout the area to help guide foot traffic.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your cooperation. Please direct any customer questions to the information counter on the ground floor.

Best regards,

Sarah Lim
Operations Manager
Newtown Mall

Q21 What is the purpose of the email?

- (A) To apologize to the shops that will be temporarily closed
- (B) To inform employees of a temporary facility closure
- (C) To announce a staff meeting schedule
- (D) To explain changes to customer service policies

Q22 What is indicated about the elevators located near Shop B-3?

- (A) They cannot be used in the future.
- (B) They will be available after August 17th.
- (C) Signs will be posted there only.
- (D) Customers can always use them.

Read an advertisement.

Stream YYW-Plus Subscription Plans

Looking for flexible online streaming options? Stream YYW-Plus offers several plans designed to fit different viewing needs. Choose the plan that best matches how often you watch and what you watch on.

Plan	Price per month	HD Streaming	Multiple Devices	Offline Viewing
Premium	\$18	Yes	Yes	Yes
Standard	\$13	Yes	Yes	No
Basic	\$8	No	One device	No
Free	Free	No	One device	No

Offline viewing is available on mobile devices only.

Q23 Shivani wants to watch movies on both TV and a smartphone, but does not need offline viewing. Which plan is the most appropriate?

- (A) Premium
- (B) Standard
- (C) Basic
- (D) Free

Q24 What is mentioned about offline viewing?

- (A) It is limited to mobile devices.
- (B) It works only on computers.
- (C) It is not offered under any subscription.
- (D) It requires an extra fee.

Read an email.

Date:

Monday, August 11th

Subject:

Urgent Safety Alert

Dear Mountain County Residents

The Mountain County Emergency Office reports that a large-scale forest fire is currently affecting the northern region of the county. Strong winds and dry conditions are expected to continue over the next few days, which may cause the fire to spread further.

Residents in areas near Pine Ridge and Lakeview are advised to remain alert, monitor evacuation instructions, and avoid outdoor activities. Air quality levels are currently rated "Unhealthy," and face masks are recommended when going outdoors.

It is predicted that the area subject to evacuation advisories will expand. Additionally, it is quite possible that evacuation advisories will be upgraded to evacuation orders in the future. Please check the evacuation map in advance. For up-to-date information, please visit this page (www.mountaincounty.gov/fireupdates).

Mountain County Emergency Office

Q25 What is the main purpose of this email?

- (A) To issue warnings to prevent forest fires
- (B) To provide a weekend weather forecast for hikers
- (C) To monitor the air quality in the northern regions
- (D) To warn residents about an ongoing natural disaster

Q26 What safety advice is included in the email?

- (A) Avoid outdoor activities and use masks
- (B) Stay indoors with the lights off
- (C) Move vehicles away from parking areas
- (D) Wear thick clothing when outside

Q27 What can be inferred about the residents living in the town next to Lakeview?

- (A) They must evacuate immediately.
- (B) They should actively go outside to check the situation.
- (C) They should keep a close eye out for information updates.
- (D) They may install some maps on their mobile phone.

Read an email.

To:	All Employees
From:	HR Department hr@novaellink.com
Subject:	New Flexible Work Arrangement Policy

Dear Team,

We are pleased to announce that starting October 1, NovaellLink will implement a Flexible Work Arrangement Policy. This policy allows eligible employees to work remotely up to two days per week and to choose flexible start times between 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The goal is to improve work-life balance and reduce commuting stress.

Managers will contact their team members this week to discuss individual schedules. Employees who wish to participate must submit a short online request form by September 20. The form is available in the "HR Resources" section of our company intranet.

Please note that employees in client-facing roles may be required to adjust their schedules to meet client needs. If you have questions, contact the HR Department at extension 450 or via email.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to seeing the positive impact of this new policy.

Sincerely,

George Dillard
Director of Human Resources

Q28 What is the main purpose of the email?

- (A) To inform staff about a change in office location
- (B) To request feedback on a recent policy change
- (C) To remind employees to work remotely
- (D) To announce the introduction of a new policy

Q29 According to the email, what must employees do by September 20?

- (A) Visit the HR Resources section
- (B) Submit a form to participate
- (C) Choose two remote work days per month
- (D) Adjust their work schedules for their clients

Q30 What should employees who need to communicate with clients do?

- (A) Call extension 450
- (B) Prioritize the clients' schedules
- (C) Request rescheduling
- (D) Consult with George Dillard

Island Biogeography

Islands have long fascinated biologists because of their unique environments and the patterns of life they support. One of the most important ideas in understanding why islands have the species they do is the “theory of island biogeography,” developed by ecologists Robert MacArthur and Edward O. Wilson. Their theory explains how the size of an island and its distance from the mainland influence the species that can live there as well as causes for extinction. (A) ■ However, immigration is less likely to occur if the island is very far from the mainland because the journey is difficult or even impossible for many species. (B) ■ On larger islands, species have a better chance of survival because as size increases, so does the number of habitats available for species to live in. (C) ■ This means that large islands close to the mainland typically harbor more species than small, remote ones. (D) ■

In Madagascar, there are tropical rainforests, dry forests, and grasslands, each of which provides unique homes for different animals and plants. Because of this variety of habitats, Madagascar supports an incredible diversity of lemurs, chameleons, and endemic plant species not found anywhere else in the world. On the other hand, small islands have a much lower carrying capacity. If a drought or hurricane hits a small island, the limited availability of food and water can quickly wipe out entire populations. Furthermore, smaller populations of every species are more at risk of extinction simply due to chance events, a concept known as stochasticity. For instance, a single storm or the arrival of a new predator might decimate a population of birds living there.

Q31 The theory of island biogeography includes all of the following aspects EXCEPT

- (A) what can cause the extinction of species
- (B) biodiversity and size of an island
- (C) biodiversity and distance between an island and the nearby mainland
- (D) how species on remote islands evolve and thrive

Q32 Why do larger islands tend to support greater biodiversity?

- (A) They have more grass and forests for animals to feed on.
- (B) They allow species to migrate more easily to the mainland.
- (C) They have fewer predators than smaller islands.
- (D) They have more distinct types of environments that can host different species.

Q33 Look at the four squares [■]. Where would the sentence below best fit?

When a species migrates from the mainland to an island, it becomes part of the local ecosystem.

Q34 Why does the passage mention Madagascar?

- (A) To deny that larger islands are richer in biodiversity
- (B) To show the exact location of the island
- (C) To give an example of an island with little biodiversity
- (D) To name an island rich in diversity

Q35 Why do small islands tend to have higher extinction rates?

- (A) Their limited resources make it difficult to survive environmental disturbances.
- (B) They do not allow any new species to immigrate from the mainland.
- (C) Natural disasters may wipe out the entire population of a predator.
- (D) They can support larger populations, but these become unstable over time.

Module 2

Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph.

(Questions 1-10)

Scientific studies have revealed that Earth is surrounded by a powerful magnetic field. It is created by the movement of hot, liquid metal deep in _____ the planet's co___. This magnetic fi_____ blocks harm_____ cosmic r_____ and so_____ wind from sp_____. Without this prot_____ shield, the radi_____ could destroy pa_____ of the atmosphere and damage living cells in plants, animals, and humans. By stopping these particles, the magnetic field helps keep both our air and our bodies safe.

The Roman Aqueducts

The Roman aqueduct system stands as one of the most remarkable achievements of ancient engineering, playing a critical role in the development and growth of Roman cities. An aqueduct is an artificial channel specifically designed to transport water from a distant source to a city or town, usually by means of open canals, pipelines, or bridges. Before the construction of these projects, inhabitants typically relied on nearby rivers, wells, or cisterns, which collected rainwater. However, these methods could not meet the demands of a large population; thus, the Romans made innovations by channeling water over long distances, often from mountain springs or rivers located miles away.

One critical force behind the aqueducts' success was gravity. Unlike modern water systems that rely on motorized pumps, Roman aqueducts relied entirely on gravity to carry water over vast distances. The aqueduct channels were built with a subtle downward slope, typically dropping only a few inches per every hundred feet to make a consistent and controlled flow of water possible without overwhelming the infrastructure. The system seems deceptively simple, but the challenge lay in achieving precise calculations to **calibrate** the slope so that it was neither too steep, which could cause the water to flow uncontrollably, nor too shallow, which might prevent the water from moving at all.

Roman engineers even adjusted the landscape when natural slopes were unavailable. They built massive bridges, such as the Pont du Gard in modern-day France, to maintain the necessary gradient across valleys. When the water supply needed to pass through a mountain, they carved tunnels instead of finding alternative routes. Needless to say, in many situations, finding alternative routes was not possible.

Q11 According to paragraph 1, why were aqueducts built in Roman cities?

- (A) To transport water to rivers, wells, or cisterns
- (B) To conserve water in water reservoirs
- (C) To meet the water demands of large populations
- (D) To construct motorized pumps to obtain water

Q12 Which of the following is not mentioned concerning water transportation?

- (A) Gravity alone was used as the driving force.
- (B) The aqueducts were designed to enable long-distance transport.
- (C) Motorized pumps were used in areas with shallow slopes.
- (D) Waterways were built from rivers located at higher elevations to the town.

Q13 The word “calibrate” in the passage is closest in meaning to

- (A) strengthen
- (B) adjust
- (C) design
- (D) record

Q14 What can be inferred about the design of aqueducts?

- (A) They were designed on the assumption that there were no mountains around.
- (B) The design was so difficult that construction progressed a few inches per year.
- (C) Materials suited to the local climate were used.
- (D) There was a gap between their simple appearance and the complexity of their design.

Q15 Why does the author mention the Pont du Gard?

- (A) To illustrate the advanced materials used by Roman engineers
- (B) To show how aqueducts overcame natural geographical challenges
- (C) To compare ancient water systems to modern ones
- (D) To highlight the decorative aspect of aqueduct design

Listening Section

In the listening section, you will answer 47 questions to demonstrate how well you understand spoken English. There are three types of tasks.

Type of Task	Description
Listen and Choose a Response	Select the best response to the question or statement.
Conversations	Answer questions about short conversations.
Announcements and Academic Talks	Answer questions about announcements and academic talks.

You WILL NOT be able to return to previous questions.

Module 1

Choose the best response. 🗣️ 30-39



- Q1** (A) Two blocks away.
 (B) It should be here in five minutes.
 (C) I prefer taking the bus.
 (D) Ten dollars each.



- Q2** (A) The meeting went really well.
 (B) I'll call you back later.
 (C) Dr. Widera left a message.
 (D) The phone is on your desk.



- Q3** (A) Is that the final deadline?
 (B) I submitted a proposal last summer.
 (C) The report looks good.
 (D) Is Friday a holiday?



- Q4** (A) He is my supervisor.
 (B) I need more time.
 (C) I don't have a contract.
 (D) Yes, I finished my lunch.



- Q5** (A) I don't drink tea.
 (B) The coffee shop is closed.
 (C) That would be great.
 (D) I picked it up yesterday.



- Q6** (A) Where do you live?
 (B) I left my key at home.
 (C) Until next Monday.
 (D) You're right. Let's go.



- Q7** (A) I have two brothers.
 (B) The workshop was wonderful.
 (C) Tomorrow at 3 PM.
 (D) Professor Suzuki, I believe.



- Q8** (A) I don't really remember.
 (B) Is it already 5 o'clock?
 (C) Last night.
 (D) While I was having lunch.



- Q9** (A) Yes, a short reflection paper.
 (B) He speaks very clearly.
 (C) I think the class is boring.
 (D) The course has many exams.



- Q10** (A) The airport is far away.
 (B) It's leaving in five minutes.
 (C) I usually take the train.
 (D) The one that says Northbound.

Listen to a conversation.  40



Q11 Why hasn't the man submitted his grant application?

- (A) He forgot about the deadline.
 (B) He hasn't contacted Lisa yet.
 (C) He does not have the required budget.
 (D) He's struggling with part of the application.

Q12 What does the woman suggest the man do?

- (A) Submit the application without the budget proposal
 (B) Ask for an extension on the deadline
 (C) Get help from someone in finance
 (D) Use her budget calculations as a model

Listen to a conversation.  41



Q13 What is new about the recycling program?

- (A) It reduces the number of waste categories.
- (B) It includes a food waste category.
- (C) It eliminates plastic recycling.
- (D) It does not recycle food waste.

Q14 What does the man express concern about?

- (A) The cost of the new program
- (B) The location of the elevators
- (C) The complexity of sorting waste
- (D) The lack of recycling bins

Listen to a conversation.  42



Q15 According to the woman, what must participants bring?

- (A) Basic ingredients
- (B) Their own recipes
- (C) A textbook for the class
- (D) Their own aprons

Q16 What will the man do?

- (A) Register for the same class
- (B) Buy some pastries
- (C) Prepare the required item
- (D) Cancel their registration

Listen to a conversation.  43



Q17 Why is the woman being offered an upgrade to business class?

- (A) Because it is included in her ticket
- (B) Because an upgrade is complimentary for everyone today
- (C) Because of her frequent travel history with the airline
- (D) Because she requested special assistance

Q18 What will the man do next?

- (A) Prepare an upgraded boarding pass
- (B) Escort the woman to the lounge
- (C) Update her flight departure time
- (D) Assign her a new frequent flyer number

Listen to an announcement in a classroom.  44



Q19 What is the announcement mainly about?

- (A) Rules for using the facility
- (B) A notice about the opening of the computer lab
- (C) How to use personal devices
- (D) An apology for administrative misconduct

Q20 Why was the new policy introduced?

- (A) To promote university cloud storage
- (B) To protect students' health
- (C) To speed up data recovery
- (D) To enhance security

Listen to an announcement on the campus radio station. 🗣️ 45



Q21 What is the announcement about?

- (A) Outlining the details of a scholarly event
- (B) Highlighting the academic background of a visiting scholar
- (C) Explaining recent advances in environmental research
- (D) Promoting interdepartmental collaboration

Q22 What can be inferred from the announcement about attending the lecture?

- (A) Only environmental science students may participate.
- (B) Attendees must register online in advance.
- (C) Seats may not be available for everyone.
- (D) The discussion session will be led by students.

Listen to an announcement in a classroom. 🗣️ 46



Q23 Who is the announcement primarily intended for?

- (A) Students looking for part-time employment
- (B) Faculty members seeking research assistants
- (C) Staff members responsible for hiring decisions
- (D) Graduates searching for full-time positions

Q24 What does the announcement suggest about the application process?

- (A) All applications will be reviewed after the deadline.
- (B) Applicants may be selected before all positions are posted.
- (C) Submitting an application early could be beneficial.
- (D) Only complete applications submitted online will be accepted.

Listen to a talk on a podcast about digital minimalism. 🎧 47



Q25 What is digital minimalism according to the speaker?

- (A) Completely avoiding all technology
- (B) Using only the newest digital devices
- (C) Minimizing the cost of technology
- (D) Being selective about digital tool usage

Q26 Why does the speaker say “the average person checks their phone 96 times per day”?

- (A) To compare it with the speaker’s own experience
- (B) To warn that people look at their phones too much
- (C) To examine scientific evidence
- (D) To acknowledge that this level is within an acceptable range

Q27 What is mentioned as an effect of constant connectivity?

- (A) Increased anxiety
- (B) Shorter sleep duration
- (C) Reduced ability to think logically
- (D) Broader social connections

Q28 What does the speaker recommend to the listeners?

- (A) Gradually reduce the amount of time spent looking at their phones
- (B) Turn off phone features that do not directly improve productivity
- (C) Avoid installing new apps that are not related to education
- (D) Live a healthy lifestyle that, if possible, does not require a mobile phone

Listen to a lecture on biology. 🎧 48



Q29 Which of the following questions does this lecture answer?

- (A) What is important for parental care in animals?
- (B) How are hormones produced in the brain?
- (C) Which species is most devoted to parental care?
- (D) Why do some animals give birth to many offspring?

Q30 According to the professor, how do prairie voles and meadow voles differ?

- (A) They live in very different environments.
- (B) They differ mainly in their body size.
- (C) They show different levels of devotion to parental care.
- (D) They raise their young during different seasons.

Q31 What kind of experiment does the professor describe?

- (A) Researchers increased the production speed of a specific hormone.
- (B) Researchers blocked the function of a specific hormone.
- (C) Researchers crossbred different vole species.
- (D) Researchers trained voles to respond to their offspring.

Q32 What change would likely occur if meadow voles, known for minimal parental care, were injected with oxytocin?

- (A) Their brains would naturally begin producing more oxytocin.
- (B) They would abandon their young even more quickly.
- (C) Their offspring would be born smaller.
- (D) They would become more devoted parents.

Module 2

Choose the best response. 🗣️ 49-51



- Q1** (A) Yes, the train is very fast.
 (B) Platform 3 is the right one.
 (C) I expressed my opinion.
 (D) The platform is made of concrete.



- Q2** (A) That's a relief!
 (B) Friday is my day off.
 (C) Is the deadline Thursday?
 (D) Did I finish the report?



- Q3** (A) I found a key in the drawer.
 (B) The door is made of wood.
 (C) Yes, I double-checked it.
 (D) I'll remember to lock the door next time.

Listen to a conversation. 🗣️ 52

**Q4** What is the man having difficulty with?

- (A) Finding a research advisor
 (B) Choosing a topic to write about
 (C) Meeting the deadline
 (D) Collecting data

Q5 What does the man mean when he says "I can't disagree"?

- (A) He is considering consulting the professor.
 (B) He decided to write about climate impacts.
 (C) He wants to write a research paper together with the female student.
 (D) He concluded that his internship experience was not relevant.

Listen to a conversation. 🗣️ 53



Q6 Why has the man had trouble finding the place?

- (A) The signs are written in another language.
- (B) The bus stop is not on the main street.
- (C) The area is under construction.
- (D) The bus stop has been moved.

Q7 What does the man mean when he says, "I would never have guessed that"?

- (A) He does not believe the woman is correct.
- (B) He had already been to that location.
- (C) The location is different from what he expected.
- (D) He does not want to go behind the store.

Listen to a lecture on environmental science. 🗣️ 54



Q8 What is the main topic of the professor's lecture?

- (A) The nature of bacteria
- (B) The process of filtering out pollutants
- (C) Different kinds of harmful chemicals
- (D) The development of plastics

Q9 How is a biofilter manufactured?

- (A) By feeding bacteria plastic to strengthen them
- (B) By spreading microbes thinly over the filter and cultivating them
- (C) By filtering bacteria out of polluted water or air
- (D) By capturing and growing microorganisms in holes in the material

Q10 Why does the professor mention an "apartment building"?

- (A) To help explain the fundamental concept of biofilters
- (B) To emphasize the complexity of the filter's design
- (C) To show that bacteria also live in apartment buildings
- (D) To describe how air flows through the filter

Q11 What is correct about the toxic gases that pass through a biofilter?

- (A) They kill the bacteria in the filter.
- (B) They are broken down into sulfur compounds.
- (C) They are transformed into harmless substances by the bacteria.
- (D) They absorb water and carbon dioxide, increasing in volume.

Listen to a lecture on astrophysics. 🎧 55



Q12 According to the lecture, what is a pulsar?

- (A) A violent supernova that destroys a large star
- (B) A celestial object formed after a stellar explosion
- (C) The core of a neutron star before collapse
- (D) A massive star that is about to run out of fuel

Q13 Why does the professor mention New York?

- (A) To explain how dense pulsars are
- (B) To indicate where the professor is now
- (C) To visualize the size of the smallest neutron star
- (D) To show where the first pulsar was observed

Q14 What do pulsars and lighthouses have in common, according to the professor?

- (A) Both rotate extremely rapidly.
- (B) Both are used to help scientists study stars.
- (C) Both emit light continuously but appear to flash periodically.
- (D) Both turn their lights on and off at regular intervals.

Q15 According to the professor, what is the significance of studying pulsars?

- (A) We can learn about the life cycles of stars and galaxies.
- (B) We can understand what happens before a supernova occurs.
- (C) We can discover the secrets of the universe's origin.
- (D) We can predict when the next supernova will happen.