

IELTS

READING GENERAL

EXERCISES - 1 to 10

FREE



Entenda como é o IELTS

Existem dois tipos de testes, o IELTS Academic, para quem deseja estudar fora; e o IELTS General Training, que avalia o domínio do inglês em situações práticas do dia a dia.

O IELTS General Training é o teste que você vai precisar fazer para aplicar para a residência permanente. Por ele, você será avaliado em sua capacidade de conversação, de compreender informações; de interpretar textos e escrever redações.

O exame é dividido em seções com diferentes tempos de duração. Os testes de interpretação oral e de texto e a redação são feitos em sequência, já o teste de conversação pode ser feito até 7 dias antes ou depois da data do exame, de acordo com a disponibilidade do centro que aplicar o teste. No infográfico abaixo você confere mais detalhes do formato do exame e do tempo disponível para cada etapa:

Listening - 30 minutos

O candidato ouve 4 textos gravados, monólogos e conversas com diferentes sotaques nativos, e em seguida escreve as respostas para uma série de perguntas. As conversas são divididas das seguintes formas e ouvidas apenas uma vez:

Parte 1 Uma conversa entre duas pessoas em um contexto social. ex: Uma entrevista de emprego.

Parte 2 Um monólogo sobre um momento do cotidiano. ex: Uma apresentação sobre serviços disponíveis em algum lugar.

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- Parte 3** Uma conversa entre até 4 pessoas em um contexto educacional ou de treinamento. ex: Uma conversa entre professor e alunos
- Parte 4** Um monólogo sobre um tema acadêmico. ex: Uma palestra

Reading - 60 minutos

A parte de leitura é formada por textos autênticos extraídos de livros, revistas, jornais, anúncios e guias, seguidos por 40 questões variadas para testar a habilidade de interpretação do candidato.

Writing - 60 minutos

A parte escrita é composta de duas redações sobre tópicos de interesse geral.

- REDAÇÃO 1** Os candidatos são apresentados a uma situação e devem escrever uma carta solicitando mais informações ou explicando a situação. Ela pode ter de ser no estilo pessoal, semiformal ou formal.
- REDAÇÃO 2** Escrever uma composição em resposta a um ponto de vista, argumento ou problema.

Speaking - 11 a 14 minutos

A parte falada do IELTS avalia a capacidade do candidato de se expressar verbalmente em inglês. Tudo é gravado, e as questões são feitas de uma forma que os candidatos não podem ensaiar suas respostas antes.

PARTE 1 Candidatos respondem perguntas gerais sobre eles mesmos e sobre uma variedade de tópicos familiares. Duração de 4 a 5 minutos.

PARTE 2 Os candidatos recebem um cartão com um tópico sobre o qual eles devem falar. Eles têm apenas um minuto para se preparar para falar até dois minutos, e em seguida devem responder a uma ou duas perguntas do examinador sobre o mesmo assunto.

PARTE 3 São feitas mais perguntas relacionadas ao tópico da parte 2. Essas perguntas dão ao candidato a possibilidade de falar mais sobre ideias e de uma forma mais abstrata. Duração de 4 a 5 minutos.

Exercise 1

Read the information below and answer Questions 1-6:

Luggage

We ask you to keep luggage down to one medium-sized suitcase per person, but a small holdall can also be taken on board the coach.

Seat Allocation

Requests for particular seats can be made on most coach breaks when booking, but since allocations are made on a first come first served basis, early booking is advisable. When bookings are made with us you will be offered the best seats that are available on the coach at that time.

Travel Documents

When you have paid your deposit we will send to you all the necessary documents and labels, so that you receive them in good time before the coach break departure date. Certain documents, for example air or boat tickets, may have to be retained and your driver or courier will then issue them to you at the relevant point.

Special Diets

If you require a special diet you must inform us at the time of booking with a copy of the diet. This will be notified to the hotel or hotels on your coach break, but on certain coach breaks the hotels used are tourist class and whilst offering value for money within the price range, they may not have the full facilities to cope with special diets. Any extra costs incurred must be paid to the hotel by yourself before departure from the hotel.

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Accommodation

Many of our coach-breaks now include, within the price, accommodation with private facilities, and this will be indicated on the coach break page. Other coach breaks have a limited number of rooms with private facilities which, subject to availability, can be reserved and guaranteed at the time of booking -- the supplementary charge shown in the price panel will be added to your account. On any coach break, there are only a limited number of single rooms. When a single room is available it may be subject to a supplementary charge and this will be shown on the brochure page.

Entertainment

Some of our hotels arrange additional entertainment which could include music, dancing, film shows, etc. The nature and frequency of the entertainment presented is at the discretion of the hotel and therefore not guaranteed and could be withdrawn if there is a lack of demand or insufficient numbers in the hotel.

Questions 1-6:

Choose the appropriate letters A-D:

1- If you want to sit at the front of the coach

- A ask when you get on the coach.
- B arrive early on the departure date.
- C book your seat well in advance.
- D avoid travelling at peak times.

2 - Your air tickets

- A will be sent to your departure point.
- B must be collected before leaving.
- C will be enclosed with other documents.
- D may be held by your coach driver.

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3 - If you need a special diet you should

- A inform the hotel when you arrive.
- B pay extra with the booking.
- C tell the coach company.
- D book tourist class.

4 - It may be necessary to pay extra for

- A a bathroom.
- B boat tickets.
- C additional luggage.
- D entertainment.

5 - Entertainment is available

- A at all hotels.
- B if there is the demand.
- C upon request.
- D for an additional cost.

6 - With every booking, Classic Tours guarantee you will be able to

- A request high-quality meals.
- B take hand luggage on the coach.
- C use your own personal bathroom.
- D see a film if you want to.

Answers:
1 - C 2 - D 3 - C 4 - A 5 - B 6 - B

Exercise 2

Questions 1-8:

Read the article on International Students House and look at the statements below:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOUSE

International Students House is a unique club and accommodation centre for British and overseas students in London. It is located in the heart of London's West End and is close to all public transport facilities.

ACCOMMODATION

- comfortable accommodation for up to 450 people in single, twin, 3/4 bedded and multi-bedded rooms
- 44 self-contained flats for married students and families.
- long and short stays welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is open to all full-time students, professional trainees, student nurses and au pairs. Membership costs are kept to an absolute minimum to enable the widest possible access. You can join for as little as one month and for up to one year at a time. Membership entitles you to use the various facilities of the House. It has:

- restaurants
- student bars and coffee shop
- study rooms
- clubs and societies
- aerobics and fitness training
- discos, dance, jazz and cinema

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- travel and excursions and much more!

The best way to check out all we have on offer is to drop in any Tuesday evening between 7.15 pm and 8.30 pm for Open House in the Club Room. This is an opportunity for you to meet the staff and other club members, enjoy a free cup of coffee and find out all about what's going on. You can take advantage of special membership offers. (Useful tip: bring along 3 passport size photographs if you wish to take out membership.)

ADVICE SERVICE

Thanks to the support of STA Travel and in association with LCOS (the London Conference on Overseas Students) International Students House now provides the service of an International Students Adviser. This new welfare service is open to all students at London's bona-fide academic institutions. It aims to provide welfare support to help students overcome any personal or practical difficulties they may be experiencing whilst studying in Britain. One of the key features of the Advice Service is that the Adviser can be seen during the evenings until about 8 pm, Monday to Thursday.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Unable to get home for Christmas? How about joining in the fun at International Students House! Check out our special programme of activity taking place over the Christmas period. Even come and stay - the House will be offering reduced accommodation rates for students wishing to spend a few days in London over Christmas. We'll also have an exciting New Year's Eve party so come and join us and ring in the new year in the spirit of internationalism.

Questions 1-7:

Read the article on International Students House and look at the statements below:

T if the statement is true

F if the statement is false

NG if the information is not given in the passage

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Example

The club is for overseas students only.

Answer

FALSE

- 1 - The club has long-term dormitory accommodation.
- 2 - Membership must be renewed monthly.
- 3 - The club provides subsidised restaurant meals.
- 4 - The club is open to non-members on Tuesday evenings.
- 5 - STA Travel help finance the Students Adviser.
- 6 - The services of the Students Adviser are free to all club members.
- 7 - You must make an appointment to see the Students Adviser.
- 8 - There will be a surcharge for accommodation over the Christmas period.

Answers: 1-T 2-F 3-NG 4-T 5-T 6-NG 7-NG 8-F

Exercise 3

Questions 1-7:

Read the information on the Language Institute:

THE TOTARA LANGUAGE INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND

Study English in a national university with students from many countries.

- 4-week blocks
- 5 hours' tuition each day
- Examination preparation
- University entry (with appropriate academic and English requirements)

Choice of accommodation for all students - homestays with local families or in Halls of Residence with New Zealand students.

The Totara Language Institute is part of the University of Waikato in the city of Hamilton, in New Zealand's North Island. Intensive English classes are taught in four-week blocks throughout the year and students may enrol for as many blocks as they wish. Classes are for 5 hours each day, Monday to Friday, and include preparation for several international English language examinations. All the courses are taught by highly qualified teachers, many of whom also teach on Language Institute graduate programmes in second language teaching and applied linguistics.

Classes are small, usually from 10-12 students with a maximum number of 15, and normally contain a mix of students from a wide range of countries. Students who study English at the Language Institute become international members of the Waikato Students' Union. The option is available to move on to university study if students meet the English language and academic entry levels for their choice of programme. The

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Language Institute provides student support, welfare and activities services. Students are met at Auckland airport on arrival and accommodation is provided with local families or in University Halls of Residence with New Zealand students.

Hamilton, one of New Zealand's fastest growing cities, is ideally located for a wide range of leisure and cultural activities. The Waikato river, the longest river in New Zealand, flows through the centre of the city, providing a picturesque and park-like setting of riverside walks and gardens. The Waikato region is a diverse agricultural area, rich in historic sites, arts and crafts, hot springs, native forests, mountains and rivers. Within easy reach is an unspoilt coastline; the wild and rugged west coast beaches famous for surfing, and the more peaceful east coast resorts are only a short drive from Hamilton. Further afield the mountains of the central North Island, 3 hours' drive away, provide superb ski facilities in winter and hiking country in summer.

The Language Institute activities coordinator can assist students to arrange any sport and leisure activities. Assistance is also available for ongoing travel arrangements for students. Students on a visitor visa or work permit may study for a maximum of 3 months. Courses of longer duration require a student permit which is issued for the length of study only.

Complete the summary of information below:

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS** from the passage for each answer.

Example

Overseas students who study at may choose to spend more of their free time

Answer

Totara Language Institute

SUMMARY

with local students by applying for a room in the**15**..... Places are available here even for students enrolled on the minimum length course of**16**..... Class sizes for each course range from**17**..... students and all the class teachers are well qualified; many of them teach on graduate programmes in areas such as applied linguistics.

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As a member of the Language Institute, you will automatically be able to join the**18**..... . Hamilton can offer students a wide range of social activities. The city itself lies on either side of the**19**..... which results in some very**20**..... views and enjoyable walks in the gardens. The Institute employs an activities coordinator who can help you organise your free time and you may also wish to make use of this service for planning your**21**..... when you leave New Zealand. Remember that a student permit is not valid when you have finished your studies.

1 - (University) Halls of Residence 2 - 4/four weeks 3 - 10 to/-15 // ten to fifteen
4 - (Waikato) Students' Union 5 - (Waikato) river 6 - picturesque
7 - (ongoing) travel (arrangements)

Answers:

Exercise 4

Questions 1-4:

Read the information on The Medicine in the passage below.

The Medicine

- This medicine must be taken as directed.
- Before using, shake the bottle.
- Dose: 50ml to be taken twice daily after the midday and evening meals.

Instructions:

- Do not take this medicine on an empty stomach or immediately before lying down.
- If any of the following occur, discontinue taking the medicine and contact your doctor: dizziness, vomiting, blurred vision.
- This medicine is not available without a prescription and is not suitable for children under 5 years.
- Once you have begun to take this medicine you must continue to take it until the bottle is empty, unless advised otherwise by your doctor.
- Only one course of this medicine should be taken in a period of six months.
- Expiry date: 16 February 2004.

Do the following statements agree with the information in the passage?

YES if the statement agrees with the information

NO if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information about this in the passage

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Example

You must shake the bottle before you take the medicine.

Answer

YES

Questions 1-4:

- 1 - You should lie down after you have taken the medicine.
- 2 - You must stop taking the medicine if your eyesight is affected.
- 3 - You must stop taking the medicine when you feel better.
- 4 - This medicine is suitable for a person of any age.

Questions 5-9:

Look at the notice below:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PRODUCT RETURN

Fancy Foods wishes to inform the public that pieces of metal have been found in some jars of Fancy Foods Chicken Curry (Spicy). The batches of the Jars involved have numbers from J6617 to J6624. The batch number is printed on the bottom of each jar.

If you have any jars with these batch numbers, please return them (preferably unopened) to the supermarket where you purchased them. You can also return them to the factory (Fancy Foods Retailers, Blacktown). Fancy Foods will pay \$10 for each jar returned unopened and \$5 for each jar already opened.

No payment will be made for empty jars, which do not need to be returned. However, the company's Retailing Manager will be interested to hear from people who have consumed chicken curry from any of the above batch numbers. In particular, it will be helpful if they can give information about the place of purchase of the product.

Jars of Fancy Foods Chicken Curry (Coconut) and Fancy Foods Chicken Curry (Mango) have not been affected and do not need to be returned.

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REWARD

Fancy Foods will pay a reward of \$ 10,000 to \$50,000 for information which leads to the conviction of any person found guilty of placing metal pieces in its products. If you have such information, please contact the Customer Relations Manager, Fancy Foods Retailers, Blacktown. bottle is empty, unless advised otherwise by your doctor.

- Only one course of this medicine should be taken in a period of six months.
- Expiry date: 16 February 2004.

Using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** answer the following questions.

Example

Answer

What has been found in some Fancy Foods products?

pieces of metal

Questions 5-9:

5 - Where can you find the batch number on the jars?

6 - How much will you receive for an opened jar of contaminated Chicken Curry?

7 - If you have eaten Chicken Curry from a jar with one of the batch numbers listed, whom should you contact?

8 - What information do they ask you to provide about the jar of Chicken Curry you ate?

9 - What is the maximum reward Fancy Foods is offering for information about who contaminated their product?

1 - NO 2 - YES 3 - NO 4 - NO 5 - (on the) bottom (of jar) 6 - \$5/five dollars
7 - (company's) retailing manager 8 - place of purchase 9 - \$50,000

Answers:

Exercise 5

Questions 1-4:

Look at the extract from a brochure:

List of Headings

- i Payment options
- ii Save money by not paying interest
- iii Choosing your style of furniture
- iv Free advice on furnishing your home
- v Location of stores
- vi Applying for a card
- vii Ordering furniture from home
- viii A wide range of furniture

Fabulous Furniture

Section A

Have you ever wanted to buy a small bedside table? Or a dinner table for 20 people? If you want it, we've got it! Fabulous Furniture has Australia's widest choice of furniture.

Section B

If you visit a Fabulous Furniture store, you can have your furniture - right now - using our Fabulous Furniture Credit Card. When you see something you really want, you can have it straight away, and pay later.

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Section C

Unlike most cards, the Fabulous Furniture Credit Card offers a full 60-day interest-free period on every Fabulous purchase - no matter when you make your purchase. This leaves you with more money to spend on other things.

Section D

- You may choose to pay the full amount within 60 days. In this case, you pay no interest.
- You may spread your payments over a longer period. In this case, interest will be charged after the initial 60-day interest-free period.

Section E

Application is absolutely free! Nor are there any annual fees or administration fees. Just fill in the application form and bring it to your nearest Fabulous Furniture store. Your application will be processed promptly and you can begin making purchases immediately after your application is approved.

Section F

We have stores in every major city, so you're never far away from a Fabulous Furniture store. For our addresses, just check in your local telephone directory.

From the list of headings below, choose the most suitable headings for Sections C-F.

Example	Answer
Section A	vii

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Questions 1-4:

1 - Section C

2 - Section D

3 - Section E

4 - Section F

1 - !! (Save money by not paying interest) 2 - ! (Payment options)
3 - v! (Applying for a card) 4 - v (Location of stores)

Answers:

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Exercise 6

Questions 1-6:

Read the notice about Student Clubs and Societies:

STUDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

**Desperate to find friends with common interests?
Urgently in need of student contacts around college?
Looking for different cultural and religious experiences?
Wanting some good discussion?
Don't look any further!**

JOIN A CLUB OR SOCIETY AND HAVE FUN!

A.....

This club was first started by a group of friends who enjoyed going to the cinema. When our trips became more frequent we realised that there must be others who also shared our love of movies. This club is for those people. Membership gives wide access to other activities like basketball and football as well as barbeques and other social functions. We don't just enjoy movies.

B.....

The association has many opportunities to debate and we are a non-political unbiased international organisation which aims to promote international awareness on campus. We establish links and access to the organisation's agencies and other internationalist organisations and their resources. Our plans this year include discussion groups, guest speakers and to build a model of the UN General Assembly.

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C.....

Whether for fun or debating experience, we discuss everything from personal experience, future society or feminism. This year we plan an internal competition, weekly debates and beginners' lessons as well as chances to compete nationally. Whether it be to improve your verbal or social skills the society provides both!

D.....

Want to be a movie star? Then go somewhere else! On the other hand, want to work really hard for great rewards? Then come and join the club where the interesting theatre is created. We usually put on three productions each year. So if you like to write, paint, act, direct or do anything in the theatre, come and put your name down with us.

**If you are interested in joining any of these clubs, you can leave a message for the President at the CAS Office in the Student Union Building.
And don't forget the CAS Ball is an annual event!
This year it's being held on 22 December!**

Questions 1-4

The notice has four main paragraphs A-D. Choose the most suitable heading for each paragraph from the list of headings below.

List of Headings

- i English Society
- ii Education Club
- iii Film Appreciation Society
- iv Drama Society
- v Music Club
- vi Games Society
- vii Women's Club

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viii Debating Club

ix United Nations Student Club

x Technical Students' Club

1 - Paragraph A

2 - Paragraph B

3 - Paragraph C

4 - Paragraph D

Questions 5 and 6:

Using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**, answer the following questions.

5 - How do you let the CAS President know you are interested in joining a club?

6 - How often is the CAS Ball held?

14 - !!! // Film Appreciation Society 15 - ix // United Nations Student Club
16 - viii // Debating Club 17 - iv // Drama Society
18 - leave (a) message 19 - annually / once a year / every year / each year

Answer:

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Exercise 7

Questions 1-7:

Look at the three restaurant advertisements on the following page. Answer the questions below by writing the letters of the appropriate restaurants (A—C) in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

Example

It stops serving lunch at 2.30 pm.

Answer

B

- 1 - It is open for breakfast.
- 2 - It is open every night for dinner.
- 3 - It is only open for lunch on weekdays.
- 4 - It has recently returned to its previous location.
- 5 - It welcomes families.
- 6 - It caters for large groups.
- 7 - It only opens at weekends.

DINING OUT

A

Aboyne
The original
Luigi's
Italian Restaurant
is now back in Aboyne
231 Beach Road,
Aboyne
(ample parking available)
Open:
Luncheon 12 to 3 pm
Dinner 6 to 10 pm
TUESDAY TO SUNDAY
Entrees \$5.50 Mains \$8.00
Free ice cream for the kids
Special functions
Up to 120 people
Reservations: Phone 9763 3501

B

Mermaids

 **Italian & Seafood Cuisine**

Lunch: Tuesday – Friday
12 noon – 2.30 pm

Dinner: 7 nights
6.00 pm – 11.30 pm

Tel & Fax: 9784 1234
54 Shore Street
Kempton

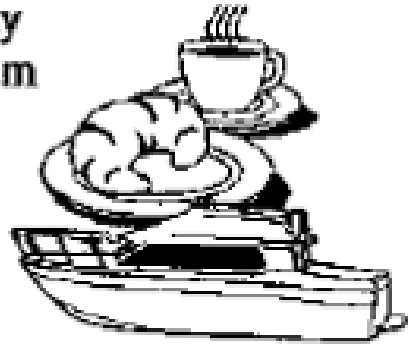
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RIVIERA
CRUISING BOAT CLUB
Breakfast by the water
\$5.00

Saturday & Sunday
8.00 am to 11.00 am

- Australian
- Continental
- American

At Riviera
Cruising Boat Club
9753 5544
The Quay, Gateside



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Questions 8-13

Read the information given in 'New Electricity Account Payment Facilities' and look at the statements below (Questions 8-13):

NEW ELECTRICITY ACCOUNT PAYMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE FROM' JULY 1998

After 1 July 1998, you may pay your electricity account in any of the following ways:

1 - Payments via mail:

(A) No receipt required:

Mail payments to:

Coastside Power
Locked Bag 2760
Southport NSW 3479

(B) Receipt required:

Mail payments to:

Coastside Power
PO Box 560
Northbridge NSW 3472

2 - Agency payments (payments directly to the bank): Payments can be made at any branch of the Federal Bank by completing the deposit slip attached to your account notice.

NB: This facility is no longer available at South Pacific Bank branches.

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3 - Payments directly to Coastside Power Office: Payments can be made directly to Coastside Power Office at 78-80 Third Avenue, Northbridge. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Payment may be by personal cheque, bank cheque or cash.

Note: Payments cannot be made by phone.

Questions 8-13

- TRUE** if the statement is true
FALSE if the statement is false
NOT GIVEN if the information is not given in the passage

Example

Answer

You must pay your account by mail. FALSE

8 - If you want a receipt, you should send your payment to the Southport address.

9 - You may pay your account at branches of the Federal Bank.

10 - You must pay the full amount, instalments are not permitted.

11 - The Coastside Power Office is open on Saturday mornings.

12 - You may pay your account by phone using your credit card.

13 - There is a reduction for prompt payment.

1 - C 2 - B 3 - B 4 - A 5 - A 6 - A 7 - C 8 - FALSE
9 - TRUE 10 - NOT GIVEN 11 - FALSE 12 - FALSE 13 - NOT GIVEN

Answers:

Exercise 8

Questions 1-6

The Reading Passage on the following pages has seven paragraphs (A-G). Choose the most suitable headings for paragraphs A-B and D-G from the list of headings below.

NB: There are more headings than paragraphs: so you will not use all of them.

List of Headings

- i Robots working together
- ii Preparing LGVs for take-over
- iii Looking ahead
- iv The LGVs' main functions
- v Split location for newspaper production
- vi Newspapers superseded by technology
- vii Getting the newspaper to the printing centre
- viii Controlling the robots
- ix Beware of robots!

ROBOTS AT WORK

A

The newspaper production process has come a long way from the old days when the paper was written, edited, typeset and ultimately printed in one building with the journalists working on the upper floors and the printing presses going on the ground floor. These days the editor, subeditors and journalists who put the paper together are likely to find themselves in a totally different building or maybe even in a different city. This is the situation which now prevails in Sydney. The daily paper is compiled at

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the editorial headquarters, known as the prepress centre, in the heart of the city, but printed far away in the suburbs at the printing centre. Here human beings are in the minority as much of the work is done by automated machines controlled by computers.

B

Once the finished newspaper has been created for the next morning's edition, all the pages are transmitted electronically from the prepress centre to the printing centre. The system of transmission is an update on the sophisticated page facsimile system already in use in many other newspapers. An imagesetter at the printing centre delivers the pages as films. Each page takes less than a minute to produce, although for colour pages four versions, once each for black, cyan, magenta and yellow are sent. The pages are then processed into photographic negatives and the film is used to produce aluminium printing plates ready for the presses.

C

A procession of automated vehicles is busy at the new printing centre where the Sydney Morning Herald is printed each day. With lights flashing and warning horns honking, the robots (to give them their correct name, the LGVs or laser guided vehicles) look for all the world like enthusiastic machines from a science fiction movie, as they follow their own random paths around the plant busily getting on with their jobs. Automation of this kind is now standard in all modern newspaper plants. The robots can detect unauthorised personnel and alert security staff immediately if they find an "intruder"; not surprisingly, tall tales are already being told about the machines starting to take on personalities of their own.

D

The robots' principal job, however, is to shift the newsprint (the printing paper) that arrives at the plant in huge reels and emerges at the other end sometime later as newspapers. Once the size of the day's paper and the publishing order are determined at head office, the information is punched into the computer and the LGVs are programmed to go about their work. The LGVs collect the appropriate size paper reels and take them where they have to go. When the press needs another reel its computer alerts the LGV system. The Sydney LGVs move busily around the press room fulfilling their two key

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functions to collect reels of newsprint either from the reel stripping stations or from the racked supplies in the newsprint storage area. At the stripping station, the tough wrapping that helps to protect a reel of paper from rough handling is removed. Any damaged paper is peeled off and the reel is then weighed.

E

Then one of the four paster-robots moves in. Specifically designed for the job, it trims the paper neatly and prepares the reel for the press. If required the reel can be loaded directly onto the press; if not needed immediately, an LGV takes it to the storage area. When the press computer calls for a reel, an LGV takes it to the reel loading area of the presses. It lifts the reel into the loading position and places it in the correct spot with complete accuracy. As each reel is used up, the press drops the heavy cardboard core into a waste bin. When the bin is full, another LGV collects it and deposits the cores into a shredder for recycling.

F

The LGVs move at walking speed. Should anyone step in front of one or get too close, sensors stop the vehicle until the path is clear. The company has chosen a laser guide function system for the vehicles because, as the project development manager says “The beauty of it is that if you want to change the routes, you can work out a new route on your computer and lay it down for them to follow”. When an LGV’s batteries run low, it will take itself offline and go to the nearest battery maintenance point for replacement batteries. And all this is achieved with absolute minimum human input and a much reduced risk of injury to people working in the printing centres.

G

The question newspaper workers must now ask, however, is, “how long will it be before the robots are writing the newspapers as well as running the printing centre, churning out the latest edition every morning?”

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Questions 1-6:

Example

Answer

Paragraph C

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1 - Paragraph A

2 - Paragraph B

3 - Paragraph D

4 - Paragraph E

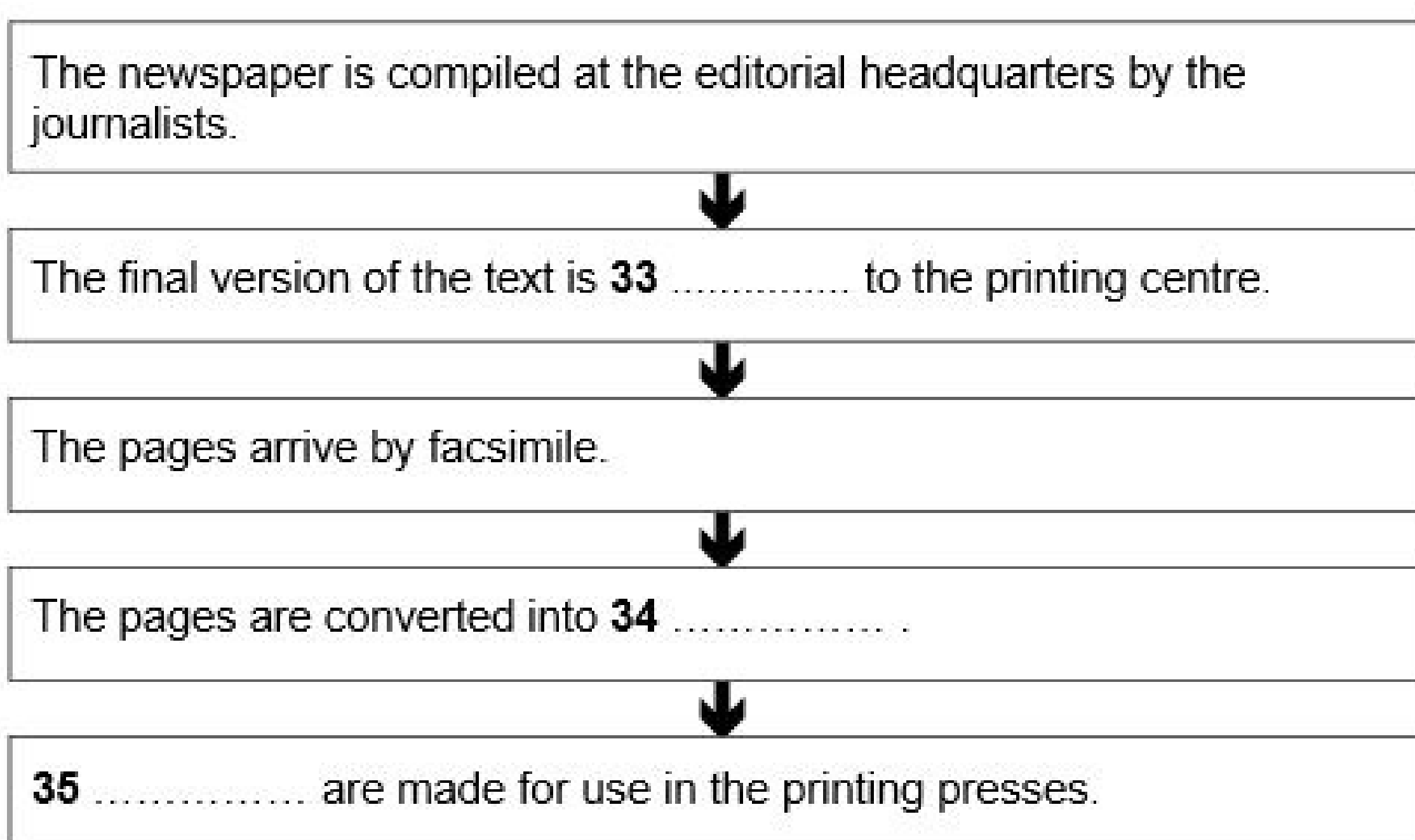
5 - Paragraph F

6 - Paragraph G

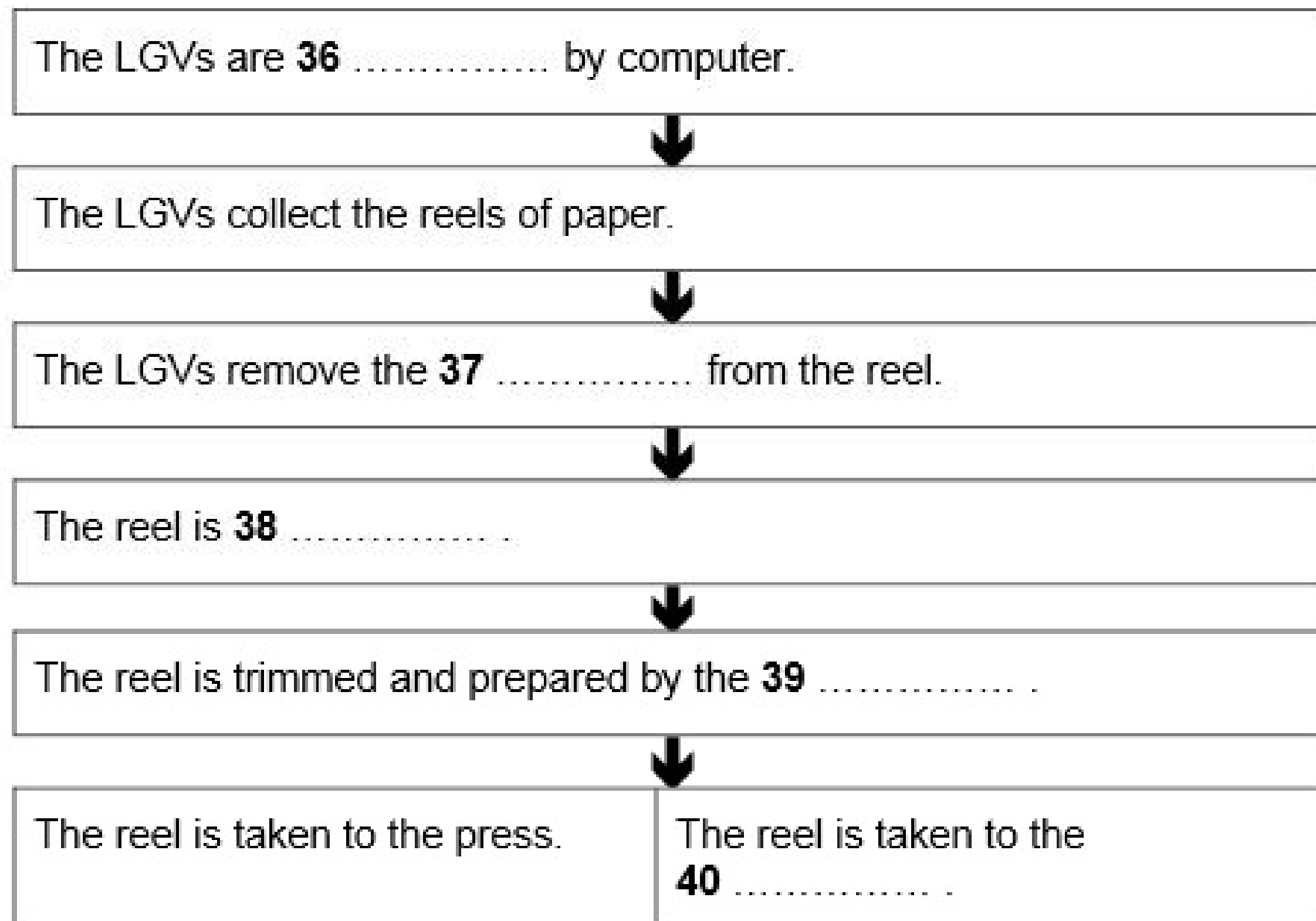
Questions 7 - 14:

Complete the flow-chart below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.



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Answers:

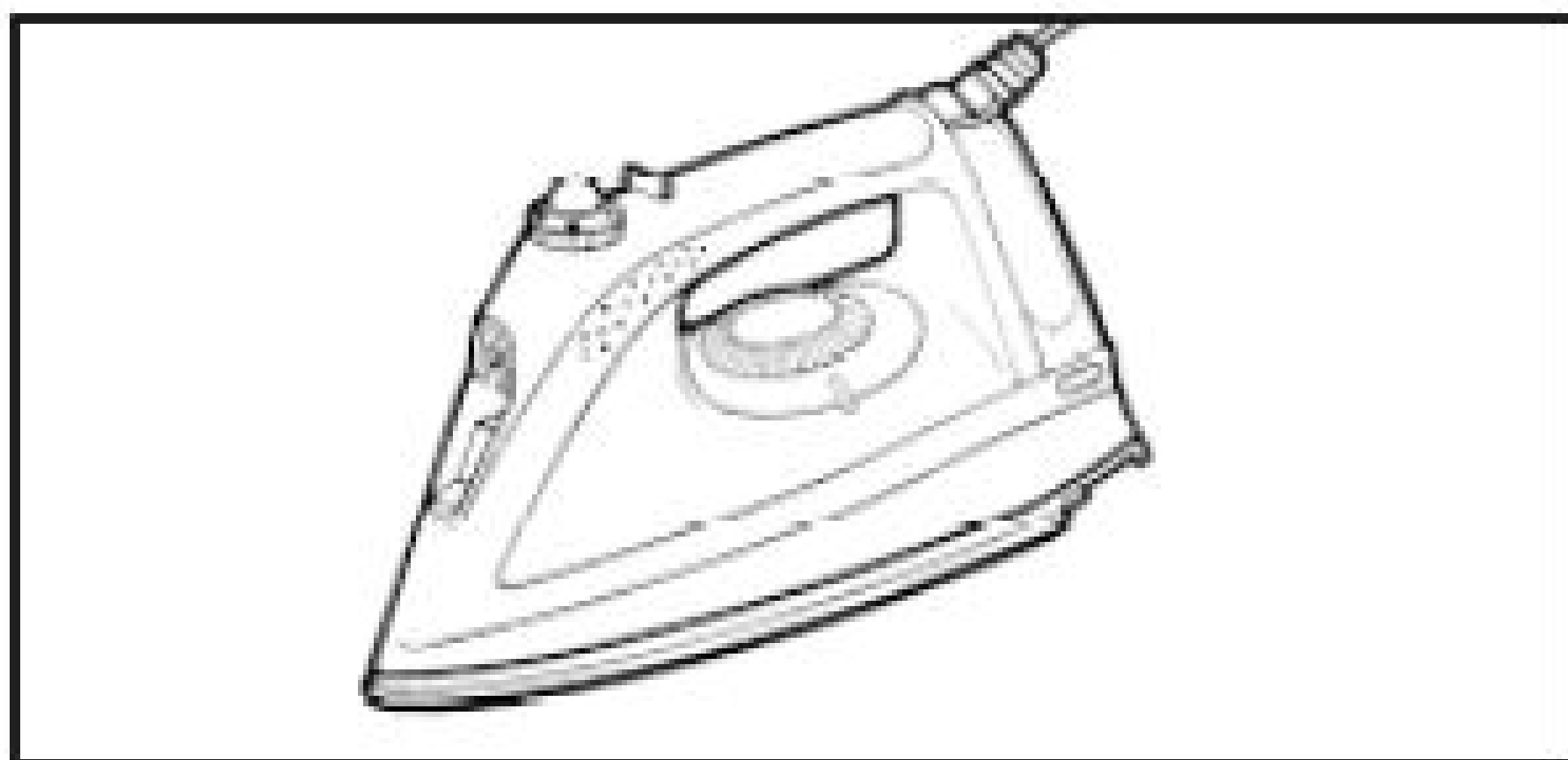
1 - v 2 - vii 3 - iv 4 - i 5 - viii 6 - iii 7 - transmitted (NOT sent) (electronically)
8 - (photographic) film/negative(s) 9 - (aluminium) printing plates
10 - programmed 11 - (tough) wrapping / damaged paper 12 - weighed
13 - paster robot(s) 14 - storage area

Exercise 9

Questions 1-8

Read the text below:

Your Moulex Iron



A - Filling the reservoir

Your iron is designed to function using tap water. However, it will last longer if you use distilled water.

- Always unplug the iron before filling the reservoir.
- Always empty the reservoir after use.

B - Temperature and steam control

Your Moulex iron has two buttons which control the intensity of heat produced by the iron. You can, therefore, adjust the temperature of the iron and the amount of steam being given off depending upon the type of fabric being ironed.

- Turn the steam control to the desired intensity.
- Turn the thermostat control to the desired temperature.

Important: If your iron produces droplets of water instead of giving off steam, your temperature control is set too low.

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C - Spray button

This button activates a jet of cold water which allows you to iron out any unintentional creases. Press the button for one second.

D - Pressing button

This button activates a super shot of steam which momentarily gives you an additional 40g of steam when needed.

Important: Do not use this more than five successive times.

E - Suits etc.

It is possible to use this iron in a vertical position so that you can remove creases from clothes on coathangers or from curtains. Turning the thermostat control and the steam button to maximum, hold the iron in a vertical position close to the fabric but without touching it. Hold down the pressing button for a maximum of one second. The steam produced is not always visible but is still able to remove creases.

Important: Hold the iron at a sufficient distance from silk and wool to avoid all risk of scorching. Do not attempt to remove creases from an item of clothing that is being worn, always use a coathanger.

F - Auto-clean

In order that your iron does not become furred up, Moulex have integrated an auto-clean system and we advise you to use it very regularly (1-2 times per month).

- Turn the steam control to the off position.
- Fill the reservoir and turn the thermostat control to maximum.
- As soon as the indicator light goes out, unplug the iron and, holding it over the sink, turn the steam control to auto-clean. Any calcium deposits will be washed out by the steam. Continue the procedure until the reservoir is empty.

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Questions 1-4:

Match the pictures below to the appropriate section in the instructions.

Questions 5-8

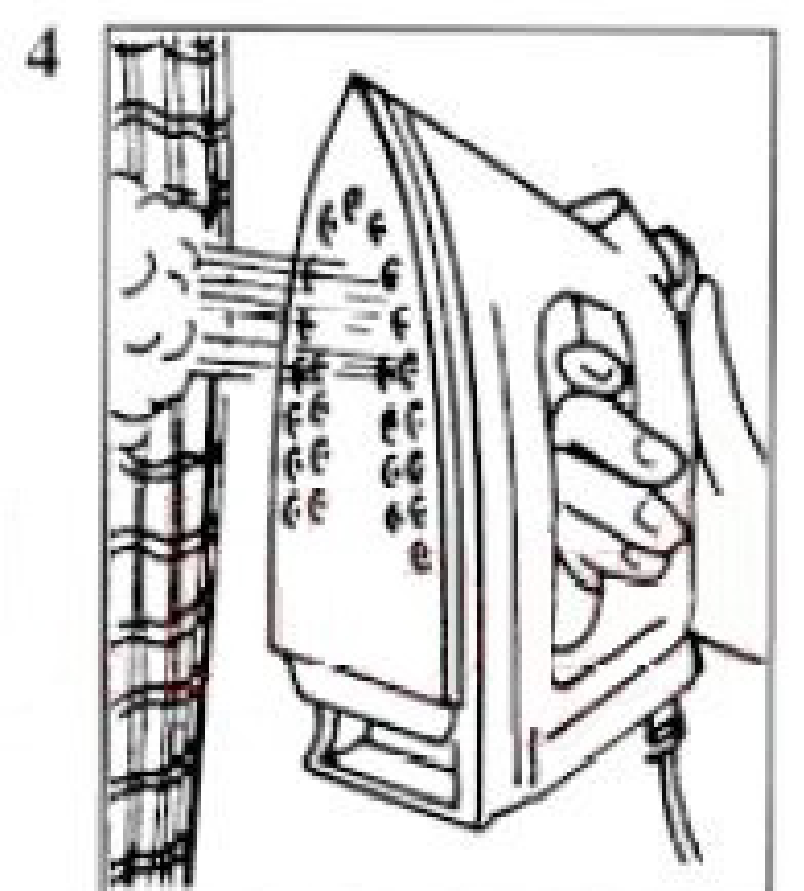
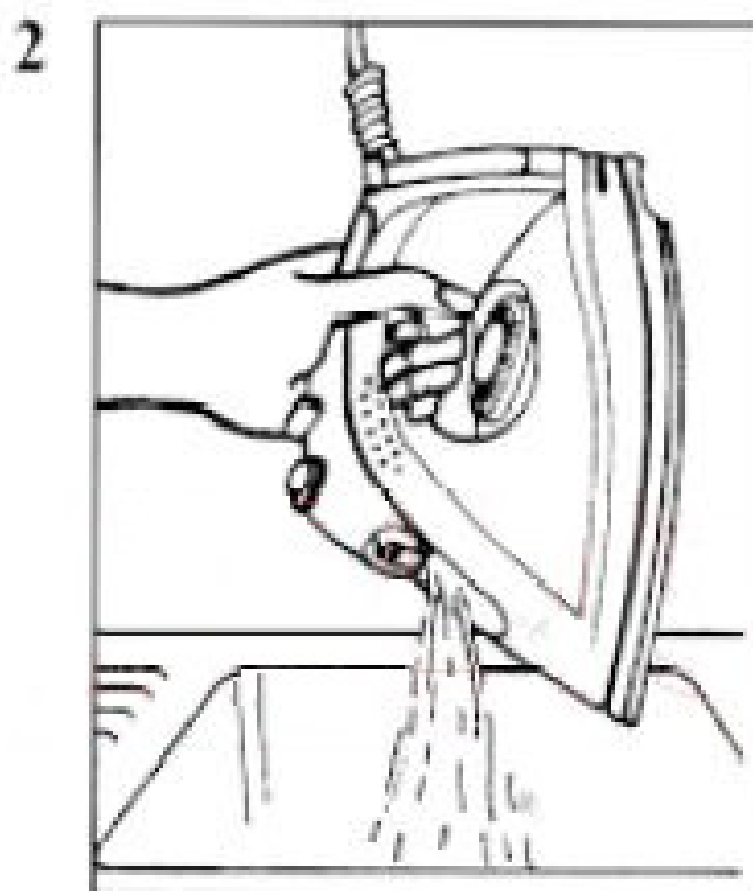
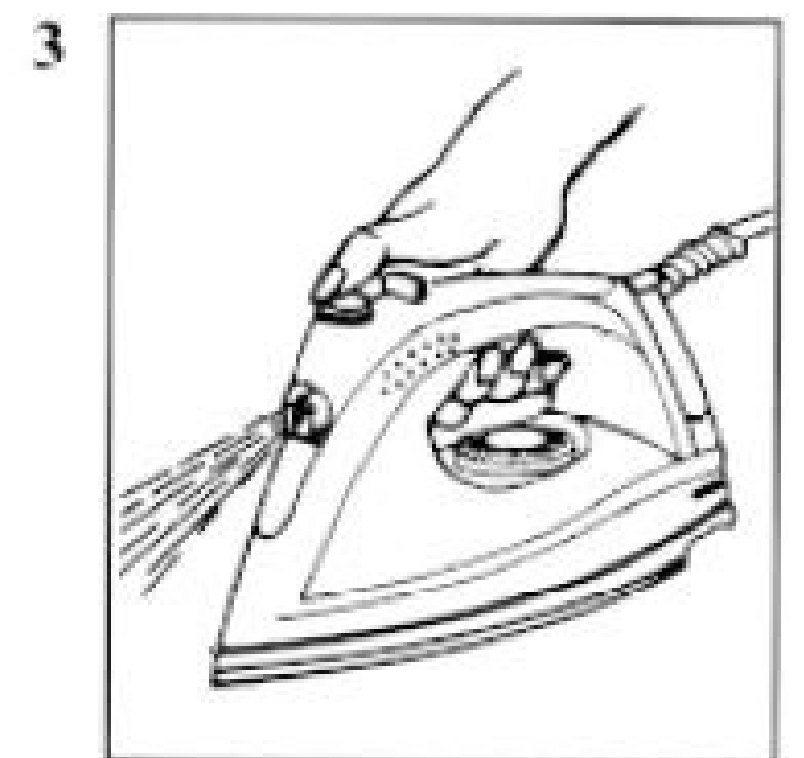
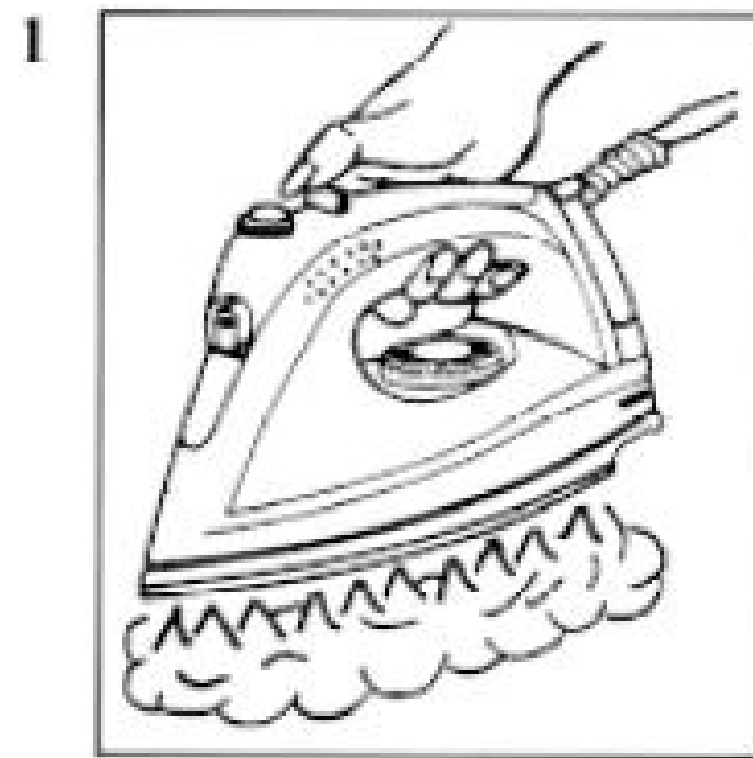
Answer the following questions on the Moulex iron using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**:

5 - What sort of water is you advised to use?

6 - What factor makes you decide on the quantity of steam to use?

7 - What should you do if your iron starts to drip water?

8 - What could damage your iron if you do not clean it?



1 - D 2 - A 3 - C 4 - E 5 - distilled (water) 6 - the (type of) fabric 7 - turn up/ increase temperature 8 - calcium deposits/ furring up

Answers:

Exercise 10

Questions 1-8:

Read the text below:

STUDENT LOANS

The Government has been funding a loans scheme for students in Higher Education since September 1990.

These loans are available as a 'top up' to the standard grant. Although the loan is intended to supplement the grant for living costs, eligibility for a student loan is not restricted to those who receive a maintenance grant. The decision whether or not to take the loan is yours.

Eligibility

You are eligible for a student loan if you are a UK resident and are attending a full-time Higher Education course, below postgraduate level, or a Postgraduate Certificate in Education course, provided you start your course before your 50th birthday. Full-time courses last at least one academic year and include sandwich courses which combine time at college with time spent in a workplace.

Eligible courses are offered by colleges, universities, the Scottish grant-aided colleges and other publicly funded institutions providing Higher Education courses.

In general, eligible courses include first-degree courses or their equivalents and any other courses for which your Local Authority will pay your tuition fees.

Your financial circumstances

Students who want loans are not 'means tested' or 'credit vetted' - all those eligible will obtain a loan. This means that:

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- The amount of your maintenance grant or tuition fees does not matter.
- Other income, if any, is not taken into account.
- Any previous student loans are not taken into account.
- The income of your parents, spouse, partner or other relatives is not taken into account.
- Your previous financial record is not a consideration.

When to apply for a loan

If you would like more information on how to apply for a student loan in readiness for your entry to Higher Education in Autumn 2003, then you should contact The Student Loans Company from June 2003 onwards. Once in Higher Education, you can apply for a loan at any time in the academic year.

Questions 1-8:

It is possible for some students in Higher Education in Britain to borrow money through a government scheme. These loans are called 'student loans' and are described in the passage 10.

Read the passage and answer the questions 18 below:

In boxes 20-27 on your answer sheet write:

- Y** if the answer to the question is 'yes'
N if the answer to the questions is 'no'
NG if the information is not given in the passage

Example

Answer

I'm a full-time student at a local college of Higher Education.

I already get a standard maintenance grant. Does this mean

NO

I'm not eligible for a student loan?

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20 - I'm taking a month's cookery course at a local college. It's a private catering college. I'm going a couple of evenings a week, after work. I get a diploma at the end of it. Can I get some help with a student loan?

21 - I'm starting a foundation course in September. It's full time and after a year I hope to get on to a degree course. The fees for the actual course are being paid for by my Local Authority. Am I eligible for a student loan?

22 - I finish my first degree in July. I've got a place on a Postgraduate Certificate in Education course to start in September. Will the Local Authority pay the tuition fees for this course?

23 - Now all her children are grown up my mother says she'd like to finish the studies she was forced to give up earlier in life. She's 48 now and her course is full-time for a year. Is she too old to get a student loan?

24 - I've already been given a small scholarship to cover some of my tuition fees. Can I still get a student loan?

25 - I'm actually staying with my aunt while I'm at college. Will the Student Loans Company want to know how much she earns?

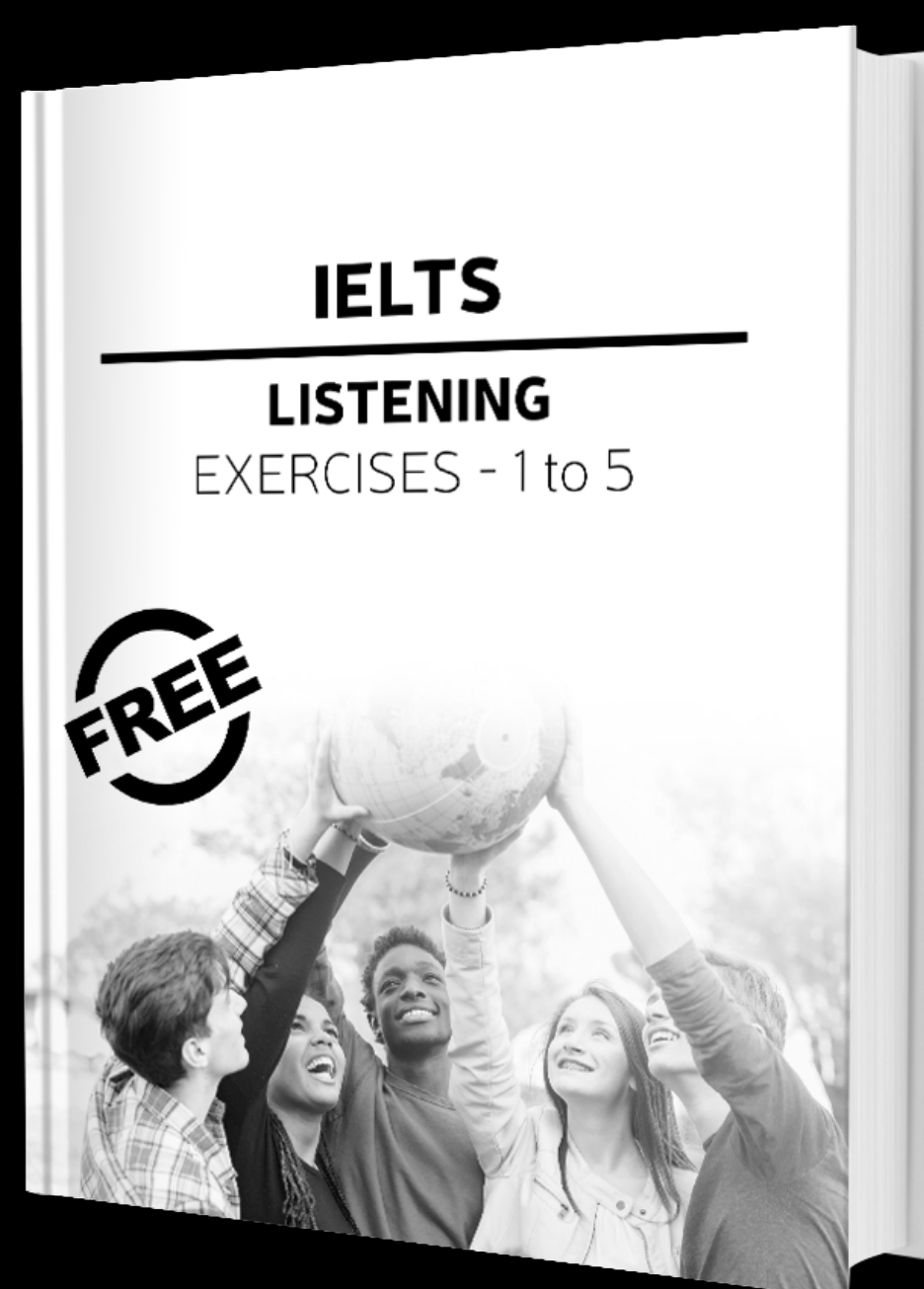
26 - I owed the bank rather a lot of money a few years ago. It's all paid back now but they won't lend me any more. Will this disqualify me from getting a student loan?

27 - I took a course a couple of years ago, got a student loan, but had to withdraw half-way through. I've kept up all my payments on my loan. Am I eligible for a second loan?

1 - N 2 - Y 3 - NG 4 - N 5 - Y 6 - N 7 - N 8 - Y

Answers:

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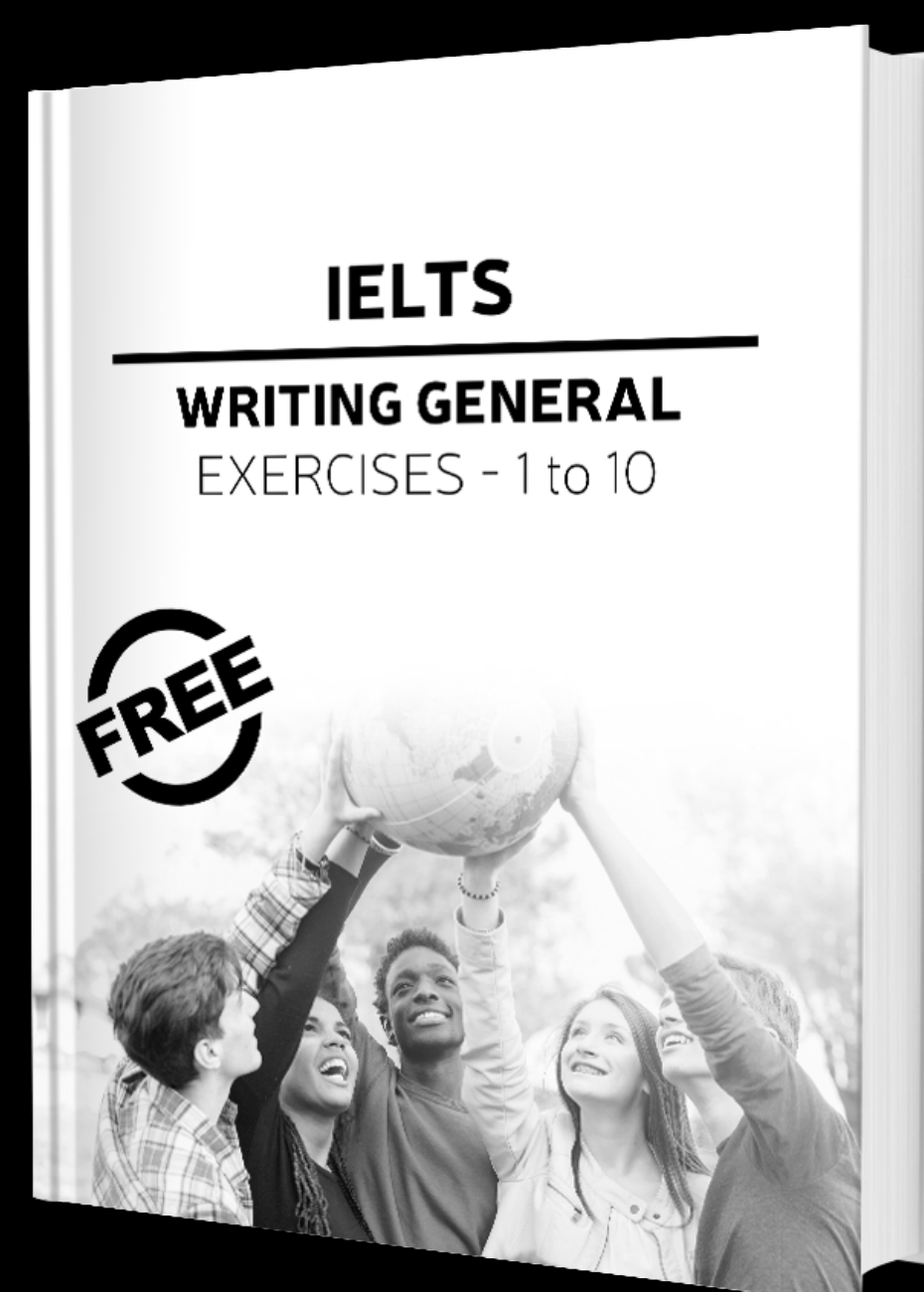
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