

ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras CELEX – ESPOL Basic A Meioramiento Exam v3



I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read about Coconut Island and do the activities.

Coconut Island is a beautiful, tropical island with, of course, coconut palms, golden beaches and clear blue sea. I'm sorry, I made a mistake there. Coconut Island *was* a beautiful island. There are still coconut **palms**, golden beaches and clear blue sea but not like before. So, what happened?

Well, the beach is full of people, sunbeds and umbrellas. The sea is full of speedboats, noisy jets skis and surfers. There are fewer palm trees because there are more and more buildings. Hotels, holiday **resort**s, guest houses, restaurants, swimming pools... you name it, Coconut Island has it. **Paradise** is no longer here, but the Paradise Hotel is.

I have a friend who was here five years ago. Her photo album is full of wonderful pictures of empty beaches. She also has pictures of small, wooden **bungalows** on the beach. No need to book, she said, just turn up and you have the place to yourself - very basic, very cheap, very quiet and very peaceful.

Not anymore! The beach is never empty - it's **packed** all day! There is music blaring from the cafés and children are shouting. Most of the hotels are full of **holidaymakers** who booked their trip months ago, and it's expensive.

But perhaps this is progress? The local people seem happy: there are many people selling things on the beach, there are lots more jobs and better roads. There is also a new medical clinic. The local kids now speak English 'Mister, mister, you want t-shirt?' and there are many new businesses opening all the time.

Then I see an old woman trying to cross the road from her house to the shops. It's no longer a small, quiet road but a large and very busy one. She looks nervous and waits for someone to walk with her. The children no longer ride bicycles, but race around the island on motorbikes.

Is this progress?

Vocabulary

shout – gritar no longer – ya no

b longer – ya no

Adapted from: www.onestopenglish.com/Reading Skills: Tourism: Elementary - Reading Text/Jackie McAvoy

Are the statements true or false? (8 marks)

- 1. Many tourists go to Coconut Island.
- 2. The beach is very crowded.
- 3. The writer looked at her friend's photos of Coconut Island.
- 4. The island is cheap and quiet.
- 5. The weather on the island is very good.
- 6. An old woman finds it difficult to cross the road.
- 7. The writer visited Coconut Island last year.
- 8. The writer thinks that the island is a paradise now.

9-10. Write two positive things about Coconut Island today. (2 marks)

11-12. Write two negative things about the island today. (2 marks)

Match the words (13-18) from the article with the definitions (a-f). Write the correct letter next to each number. (3 marks)

13. paradisea. a type of tree14. resortb. crowded15. palmc. a town where tourists stay16. bungalowd. someone who is on vacation17. packede. perfect place18. holidaymakerf. a type of house

Read the article and do the activities.

112-Year-Old Post Card to Fly Back to Australia

EDINBURGH Saturday February 24 (Reuters) - A postcard that took 112 years to get from Brisbane to Scotland will be sent back to Australia to be reunited with the granddaughter of the man who wrote it, the Post Office said this week.

The card was sent to a ``Miss Wardrop" in Aberdeen from ``Colin" on Jan. 4, 1889, but arrived in the Scottish city only this week.

"We have absolutely no idea where it's been," said Aberdeen postmaster Pete Smith. Puzzled postmen found that 32 Carden Place, Aberdeen had since become a dental surgery and Miss Wardrop had moved out long ago.

The identity of the card's sender remained a mystery until Alison Britts, a 74-year-old from New South Wales, named him as her grandfather Colin Wardrop who had sent a New Year postcard home to his family more than a century ago.

The postcard will begin its return trip Monday and should arrive in Australia within four days.

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Answer the following questions. (5 marks)

- 19. Who sent the postcard?
- 20. Who was the postcard sent to?
- 21. When was the postcard sent?
- 22. Where did the postcard arrive?
- 23. How long did the postcard take to arrive?

II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Fill in the spaces using subject pronouns (I, you, he ...) **or** possessive adjectives (my, your, his ...) **(7 marks)**

Mike:	Hi, (24)	name's Mike.	What's	
	(25)	name?		

James: Hi Mike. I'm James.

- Mike: (26) ______ study English here at CELEX. What do (27) _____ do?
- James: (28) ______ sister and I study Design at the State University. (29) ______ classes are interesting. My sister and (30) ______ friends are usually at the library studying.

Complete the following questions, and answer them. (Use the verb and the subject pronoun in the brackets.) (10 marks)

Example: How <u>do you spend</u> (you/spend) your day?

I study at ESPOL and have lunch with my friends.

31. Where32.	_ (you / live) ?
	_ (you/do) on weekends?
35. What time prepare) breakfast ? 36	(your mother/
37. Where	_ (you/buy) notebooks?
	_ (your family / go) on

Complete these sentences. Use the correct comparative form of the adjectives. (3 marks)

- 41. Frank is ______ than Sidney. (tall)
- 42. Trousers are _______ skirts. (good)

43. A dog is ______ a chicken. (attractive)

44. Studying at secondary school is

40.

______ studying at university. (easy)

45. The weather in Quito is ______ than in Guayaquil. (bad)

46. Cheese is _____ ham. (nice)

Read the following conversation and complete it with this, these, that, those, one or ones. (5 marks)

- A. Good afternoon. Can I help you?
- B. Yes, of course. How much are (47) jeans over there?
- A. Which (48) _____
- B. The blue (49) _____
- A. Oh! They are \$ 50.00.
- B. Wow! That's expensive. And what about (50) _______t-shirt right here?

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- A. Do you mean this (51) _____?
- B. Yes.
- A. It's \$5.00
- B. Oh! That's cheap. I'll take it.

Complete the following expressions with present simple **or** continuous. (7 **marks**)

52. Olga Burns is a pilot for an airline company.
She ______(fly) every day.
53. Today, she ______(fly) from
Miami to Guayaquil.
54. It rains a lot in this city, but it ______(not rain) right now.
55. At night, I usually ______(watch)
TV until I fall asleep.
56. At the moment, I ______(do) an exam.
57. I ______(know) how to do this exercise.
58. I live in Guayaquil, but I ______

(would like) to live in Quito.

Write the opposite of these words. (4 marks)

59. beautiful	63. slow
60. wrong	64. poor
61. never	65. lose
62. remember	66. laugh

Put the words in the sentences in the correct order. (2 marks)

Example: jogging / David / always / every / goes / morning David always goes jogging every morning.

67. office / is / Robert / morning / always / the / in / in / his 68. we / with / zoo / our parents / visit / the / sometimes 69. never / watch / at / I / almost / night / TV

70. play / usually / children / those / cars / with

Complete the email. Use verbs from the box in the past simple. (8 marks)

visit	have	arrive	buy	
go	be	go	meet	

Dear Sally

Make these sentences negative. (2 marks)

- 79. Gemma liked the film.
- 80. Simon was at home on Saturday night.
- 81. We went swimming in the sea.
- 82. The people were very happy.

Are these nouns countable or uncountable? (2 marks)

83. coffee	85. money
84. apple	86. space

III. Listening practice (20 marks)

87-90.Listen to the recording of a conversation in a restaurant. <u>Write</u> the things the customer orders. (4 marks)

Antonio's Restaurant

Food	
Neapolitan pizza	£6.50
Margherita pizza	£5.50
Burger and chips	£5.25
Chicken salad	£6.00
Mixed salad	£3.50
Drinks	
Glass of wine (red or white)	£2.95
Bottle of beer	£2.50
Bottle of still mineral water	£1.75
Bottle of sparkling mineral water	£1.75
Coffee	£1.50

91. How much is the bill?

Listen to the recording about Patricia's new flat. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (7 marks)

Example: Patricia was on holiday last week. *F*

- 92. Patricia's new flat is in Green Street.
- 93. There are four rooms in her flat.

94. There are some armchairs, but there isn't a sofa.

- 95. Patricia hasn't got a double bed.
- 96. Martin has got an old table he doesn't want.
- 97. Martin can't take the table to Patricia's flat.
- 98. Martin's phone number is 556043.

Listen to the recording about David's birthday. Choose the correct answers. (8 marks)

Example: It was David's birthday *yesterday/last week. last week*

99. His birthday was on April 7th/17th 100. On his birthday, he went to *London/Brighton* with his family.

101. He's got *two sons/ a son and a daughter*.102. They went *to the beach/shopping* in the morning.

103. They had lunch in a *Chinese/Italian* restaurant.

104. The restaurant name was Parms/Palms.

105. The restaurant is near the *station/beach*.

106. Julia wants her *boyfriend/husband* to take her to the restaurant.

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IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: What did you eat yesterday for breakfast, lunch and dinner? What do you like eating normally? (5 marks)

Question Two: Describe a member of your family. Where was he/she born? What does he/she do now? What does he/she like doing in his/her free time? (5 marks)