

## IELTSFEVER GENERAL READING TEST 40

## Section 1, Questions 1–14

Read the text and answer the questions below.

## WHAT'S ON IN WINTER

Winter is here but shorter days don't mean less to do.

**A****The Great Outdoors**

*Sundays, June and July*

**ORIENTEERING**

Where: various bush and farm locations

Orienteering is an outdoor activity that combines adventure and sport with navigational skills through the bush. Take a hike or mountain-bike ride through a set course in a different bush or farm location on each excursion with guidance from a compass and a map. Each course is within an hour's drive of the CBD. This is a fun, easy way to enhance fitness for the whole family, ages 7–70. To learn more about orienteering or sign up for a course, visit [wa.orienteering.asn.au](http://wa.orienteering.asn.au) or call 9215 0700.

**B****Mountain Designs Adventure Race****Australia**

*4 July*

Where: bush camp and forest retreat

Adventure Race Australia heightens the thrill of adventure racing, combining biking, running, trekking, kayaking, rock climbing and other adventure sports to test physical strength, endurance and willpower. The race caters to both inexperienced and seasoned racers with a 'Raw' course for beginners and a 'Hardcore' course for racers who want an extra challenge. To get involved go to [adventureaustralia.com.au](http://adventureaustralia.com.au)

**C****Film Frenzy**

*21 June & 19 July*

**MEMORABLE MOVIES IN MIDLAND**

Where: Town Hall

Take a trip down memory lane at the Memorable Movies gathering, held once a month. This June the memorable movie is *Roman Holiday*, the 1953 classic starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. Then in July there is a school holiday special presentation of *The World's Fastest Indian*, a true-life story of motorcycle enthusiast and world-record breaker Burt Munro, starring Anthony Hopkins.

**D****Festivals and Fairs**

*17 to 19 June*

**HILLARYS ANTIQUE AND VINTAGE FAIR**

Where: Hillarys Boat Harbour

The Antique and Vintage Fair will showcase hidden treasures from the past, including fascinating items from antique furniture to retro fashion. Antique valuers will also be on the premises to give expert advice on buying and selling as attendees peruse the various stalls underneath one giant tent.

**E****Music Magic***29 to 30 July***A TRIBUTE TO LOUIS ARMSTRONG**

Where: Concert Hall

Louis Armstrong revolutionised American jazz and dominated the scene for more than 60 years. He defines the jazz style and is a legendary figure in music history. Conductor Benjamin Northey will accompany trumpeter James Morrison to pay tribute to the famous musician by playing some of his most well-known and beloved hits. Go to [waso.com.au](http://waso.com.au) for more details.

**F****All the Rest***Until 18 October***WHODUNNIT? EXHIBITION**

Where: Scitech

Become a detective for a day at the *Whodunnit?* Exhibition. The exhibition is a fabricated crime scene in a zoo; someone has shot and killed a security guard, and a famous white rhino is missing. Guests use forensic science to obtain evidence and solve the crimes. For details visit [scitech.org](http://scitech.org).

**QUESTIONS 1-4**

Answer the questions below. Look at texts **A-F** above from a 'What's On in Winter' guide. For which text are the following statements true? Write the correct letter **A-F** in boxes **1-4** on your answer sheet. **Note:** you may use any letter more than once.

- 1 Which two activities involve outdoor sport?
- 2 Which activity would music lovers enjoy?
- 3 Which activity is held monthly?
- 4 Which activity would suit young science lovers?

Read the text below and answer questions 5-10.

**BARE-HEADED BIKER DIES IN HELMET PROTEST RIDE**

New York. A motorcyclist taking part in a protest against helmet laws has died after he went over his handlebars and hit his head on the pavement. Philip Contos, 55, probably would have survived the accident on Saturday in Onondaga if he was wearing a helmet, police said.

Mr Contos was riding a Harley-Davidson when he braked and lost control. New York is one of 20 states that require motorcyclists to wear helmets. Lobbying by motorcyclist groups has led some states to repeal helmet laws.

**QUESTIONS 5-10**

Do the following statements agree with the information in the article? In boxes **5-10** on your answer sheet, write:

- **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information
  - **FALSE** if the statements contradicts the information
  - **NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this.
- 5 This incident took place in Onondaga, New York.
  - 6 The motorcyclist was wearing a helmet when he crashed and died.
  - 7 More than a hundred motorcyclists were taking part in this protest ride.
  - 8 New York State requires motorcyclists to wear helmets.
  - 9 All states in the USA require motorcyclists to wear helmets.
  - 10 Protests in the USA against compulsory use of motorcycle helmets have at times been successful.

Read the text below and answer questions 11-14.

**KENNEDY RANGE NATIONAL PARK****CARING FOR THE PARK**

Be kind. Do not disturb animals, plants or rocks. No firearms or pets are permitted in Kennedy Range National Park.

Be responsible. Use your portable gas stove. Dead wood is habitat for wildlife.

Be clean. Take your rubbish out of the park when you leave.

Be careful. Stay on the paths and help prevent erosion. Look out for falling rocks. Your safety is our concern but your responsibility.

Be prepared. The trails are rough and steep in places. Wear sturdy footwear and carry your own water at all times.

Be considerate. Fossicking and collecting rocks, gemstones and fossils is not permitted.

**VISITOR INFORMATION****Access**

The unsealed road to the eastern escarpment is usually suitable for two-wheel drive vehicles.

Access to the western side of the park via the Gascoyne River is recommended only for high-clearance four-wheel drive vehicles. Roads may be closed after heavy rain. Watch out for wildlife.

Flights and safari tours to Kennedy Range are available through visitor centres in Carnarvon, Denham and other local towns.

### Overnight

Bush camping is permitted at Temple Gorge campground at the base of the eastern escarpment. Accommodation is available at Gascoyne Junction (about 60km from the park) and station accommodation can be arranged by contacting the Shire of Upper Gascoyne.

Always carry ample supplies of fuel and water. Pastoral stations surround the Kennedy Range National Park and access through the stations is only permitted with the manager's approval.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Department of Environment and Conservation campground hosts are usually based at the Kennedy Range during the winter months.

## QUESTIONS 11–14

Answer the questions below. Choose *no more than three words* for the text for each answer. Write your answers in boxes **11–14** on your answer sheet.

- 11 Access roads to the national park can at times be closed due to \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Using wood for campfires in the park is not encouraged, so campers are asked to use a \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking.
- 13 It is not permitted for visitors to collect rocks, \_\_\_\_\_ from the national park.
- 14 Visitors can stay overnight at the camping ground near the Gorge, or can \_\_\_\_\_ to other accommodation at Gascoyne Junction.

## Section 2: Questions 15–21

Read the text on pp. 86–7 and answer questions 15–21.

## VOLUNTEERING IN THE AMEP MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

### HOW DOES VOLUNTEERING WORK?

Someone who wants to become a home tutor makes initial contact with one of the Home Tutor Scheme staff. The home tutor applicant then completes an application form and undergoes a reference check and a police check, paid for by Polytechnic West AMEP. Home tutors who work with young people under the age of eighteen also undertake a Working With Children Check (WWCC), paid for by Polytechnic West AMEP.

All home tutors are required to undertake a training program. Home Tutor Scheme staff then match home tutors with a student, based on a range of factors such as previously stated preferences, locations and availability, or assign home tutors to centre-based activities, such as classroom support or conversation groups.

All home tutor matches are reviewed each term. The home tutor can request a review of the match at any time.

Polytechnic West AMEP provides opportunities for volunteers to meet with each other and Home Tutor Scheme staff and to network and exchange ideas.

### PRINCIPLES OF VOLUNTEERING

Polytechnic West AMEP endorses the following Principles of Volunteering as developed by Volunteering Western Australia

- Volunteering benefits the community and the volunteer.
- Volunteer work is unpaid.
- Volunteering is always a matter of choice.
- Volunteering is a legitimate way in which citizens can participate in the activities of their community.
- Volunteering is a vehicle for individuals or groups to address human, environmental and social needs.
- Volunteering respects the rights, dignity and culture of others.
- Volunteering promotes human rights and equality.

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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### POLYTECHNIC WEST AMEP HOME TUTOR ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### Position objective

To provide English-language support, links to the community and an understanding of Australian culture to migrants and humanitarian entrants from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds.

#### Reporting line

The Home Tutor Scheme Coordinator is the manager for all home tutors and directs the activities of all home tutors.

**Terms of voluntary employment**

The position is unpaid and voluntary. Reimbursement for travel and out-of-pocket expenses is not provided.

**Essential requirements**

Engagement as a home tutor is subject to

- program needs
- satisfactory police and referee checks
- satisfactory Working With Children Check (WWCC) for those working with young people under the age of eighteen
- completion of the required training program
- participation in ongoing professional development
- satisfactory performance and conduct.

**Duties**

- Provide English-language support and a general understanding of Australian culture and/or
- prepare appropriate sessions using standardised home tutor teaching materials
- maintain regular contact with the Home Tutor Scheme staff
- keep a record of visits, activities completed, and achievements on the forms supplied by the Home Tutor Scheme
- return records to the Home Tutor Scheme each month.

**Essential skills and qualities**

- Proficient and intelligible spoken and written English
- good interpersonal and communication skills
- an understanding of and empathy with people from diverse cultural backgrounds
- a non-judgemental attitude
- an ability to work independently.

**Time commitment**

- Minimum of one hour per week
- Minimum of six months duration.

**Qualifications**

No formal qualifications or proficiency in a second language are required

**Meeting places**

- The student's home
- A Polytechnic West AMEP centre or community location
- Another mutually convenient meeting place.

**Training for volunteers**

Home tutors are provided with:

- 15 hours initial training, including cross-cultural awareness training
- ongoing advice and support
- standardised, quality controlled home tutor guidance material (available online or in print)
- regular newsletters
- access to the Home Tutor Scheme blog
- other resources supplied or suggested by the Home Tutor Scheme staff.

**Dress code**

Neat casual and culturally appropriate.

**Termination of voluntary employment**

Employment as a volunteer is subject to satisfactory performance of the duties as outlined and adherence to the Code of Conduct—Home Tutor Scheme. Home tutors may be asked to leave the program if the Home Tutor Scheme Coordinator deems that they are unsatisfactory.

**QUESTIONS 15–21**

Complete the sentences below using *no more than three words* from the text. Write your answers in boxes **15–21** on your answer sheet.

- 15** A volunteer who wants to work with \_\_\_\_\_ needs to provide extra documentation.
- 16** In addition to language, tutors must also help students understand \_\_\_\_\_
- 17** Volunteers will not be paid for \_\_\_\_\_
- 18** Tutors need to \_\_\_\_\_ to further their skills and knowledge.
- 19** Tutors are given training in \_\_\_\_\_ of other cultures.
- 20** Volunteers must keep in touch with \_\_\_\_\_ staff.
- 21** Volunteers must tutor at least \_\_\_\_\_ every week.

Read the text below and answer questions 22–27.

### UNIVERSITY LIFE: GROUP ORAL PRESENTATIONS

We have already discussed how to organise a group written assignment. We will repeat some of this information below, applying it to the oral presentation.

#### PLANNING YOUR ORAL PRESENTATION

First clarify with your lecturer how your group oral presentation will be assessed:

- Will you be assessed on the group processes, or just on the product of your team? Will you all be given the same team mark, or is there an individual component within the mark? Has the lecturer put in place any procedures to deal with assessing students who do not do their fair share of the work?
- Must all group members make the same contribution to the task (e.g. each member must speak for five minutes; each member must contribute to a group PowerPoint),

or must you all make equivalent contributions to the task? In the latter case, for example, one member might put together the entire group PowerPoint, then speak for less time than the others during the group's oral presentation.

As soon as you are given your group assignment, meet as a team very briefly to work through the following steps.

#### STEP 1

Immediately introduce yourselves, and exchange mobile phone numbers, email addresses and MSN (or other) sign-in

names. Write these details down now (or enter them into your phones), but do not continue the process until you know each other's details.

### STEP 2

Brainstorm the task you have been given. Clarify together the exact purpose of the presentation. Argue and talk until you all agree about the objective and the requirements. If the instructions seem ambiguous, talk to the lecturer and make sure you are all aware of any specifications or expectations of this assignment.

### STEP 3

Look at the chart of Belbin's team roles. (If you haven't talked about this chart yet in class, you may need to spend some time discussing it in your group, or perhaps agree that you will all look at it at home and discuss it at your next meeting.) Talk about the roles each of you tends to play in teams, and consider the balance of roles you have in this team. Given the combination of roles you have, what strengths and problems do you anticipate your team might have?

### STEP 4

It's time to be honest and tell each other about your own skills—those that are relevant to this team assignment. For example:

- I am good at following through research, and getting all the details correct.
- My critical reading skills are good—I give useful feedback on other people's ideas. I have lots of creative ideas. I finish tasks on time. I speak fluently and confidently.
- I'm good at organising an audience (e.g. during a question-and-answer session or an audience involvement activity).
- I can make excellent PowerPoint slides.

Try to be open about your capabilities and expectations of the assignment. However, note that none of you can shirk the responsibility of being part of a team—you must all do an equal amount of work. Look back at the section on teamwork and conflict resolution.

It is also a good time to talk about whether you are aiming for a High Distinction or a mere Pass. If there are discrepancies in the group on this point, try to resolve these in an adult manner. For example, if you are the only group member aiming for a High Distinction, consider these issues:

- What are you prepared to do to make this more likely to happen?  
How will you feel if other team members get a higher mark than they deserve thanks to your effort?
- Are the other members prepared to meet you halfway?

### STEP 5

Plan—and write down—all the tasks and roles you think are required for this assignment, and start to organise and volunteer for particular tasks. (But be aware that the tasks may change as you all start working on the assignment.) You will need to do more work at the next meeting to clarify exactly what you need to do to complete the assignment successfully. Consider all practical issues, such as obtaining equipment and preparing visual aids.

If this is your first group work assignment, accept that this process may be imperfect, but as time passes you will all get to know each other more and know who does what job well. If this is the first time you have met your peers, try to use consensus to assign tasks or roles.

**STEP 6**

Organise at least two meeting dates now, and decide on some deadlines. Make the first meeting date soon—within the next seven days. Discuss the possibility of simultaneous chat time together. If you're going to make a team PowerPoint

or set of overhead transparencies, make decisions about when you must email attachments to each other so that you can share information and make team layout decisions.

**QUESTIONS 22–27**

Complete the notes below. Choose *no more than three words* from the text for each answer. Write your answers in boxes **22–27** on your answer sheet.

**Planning your presentation**

- 22** First, ask your tutor how your team \_\_\_\_\_. This will determine whether the whole team is to be assessed equally or whether individual marks will be awarded.
- 23** After exchanging contact details with other members of your team, brainstorm the task and decide as a team what the purpose of the task is and \_\_\_\_\_
- 24** Due to the balance of roles within your team, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of your team, as well as the problems your team might face.
- 25** Decide which personal skills you each have that might be most helpful to your team. These could include computer skills, speaking ability, creative skills or being able to \_\_\_\_\_ to meet a deadline.
- 26** Plan and make a list of all tasks required for the presentation, and start to \_\_\_\_\_ for particular tasks. Consider all issues, including who will obtain equipment and prepare visual aids.
- 27** Organise early meeting dates and decide on deadlines. If you plan to make a \_\_\_\_\_ or slides, decide when you will all need to email attachments to each other so you can share information and decide on layout.

## Section 3: Questions 28–40

Read the passage below and answer questions 28–40.

### DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION

#### A

Distracted driving may not get the publicity given to alcohol, drugs and speed, but it is thought to play a role in one third of fatal and serious injury crashes on roads. And while there is a strong community opposition to drink drivers or people who speed, our attitude towards making phone calls or reading text messages is much more relaxed. Surveys for the Office of Road Safety have found that while 96 per cent of people believe reading and sending text messages is distracting, 54 per cent admit reading texts and 35 per cent have sent them while driving. About 85 per cent of people think mobile phone use is distracting but 46 per cent said they take calls on the road and 36 per cent concede making them.

Then there are all the other distractions, from resolving arguments between the kids to trying to navigate with a map book on your lap. Acting Sergeant Chris Green, from the Police Traffic Enforcement Group, said distracted driving is extremely common—even in plain sight of the police.

‘You see all sorts of things: people reading newspapers, putting on makeup, having their breakfast, reading books and maps,’ he said.

‘Map books are very common but you see people with all sorts of documents. They have busy lives so they might

have their information out for a doctor’s appointment, not just at traffic lights but driving along.

‘If there is a marked police car, lots of people will change their behaviour, but with some of this behaviour, they are so caught up they don’t notice the police car right next to them.’

#### B

Acting Sgt Green said drivers can feel falsely confident about the road conditions, particularly on familiar routes, but an accident can occur in seconds.

‘On the roads the environment changes every day. You could drive down that street a hundred times but on the 101st time, there could be road works or a pedestrian that steps out—anything can happen,’ he said.

Despite recent changes to laws regarding the use of mobile phones—with a fine and three demerit points for people using them illegally—Acting Sgt Green said drivers still flout the law.

Police are handing out an average of 225 infringement notices a week, down on past years’ figures, but still very high.

‘We are out there enforcing it but people are still using the phones on a daily basis and as they become more sophisticated, they are reading emails, sending messages, watching videos,’ he said. ‘If you are on the phone, you are not concentrating on what is going on around you.’

**C**

Identifying the exact role of distraction in crashes is difficult but the RAC's Glen Walker said people making or defending claims are quick to point out when the other driver is at fault. 'When you speak to someone to settle a claim they will say "the other driver was too busy putting on lipstick and rear-ended me,"' said Mr Walker, Manager of the Technical Claims Unit. 'Getting distracted while changing a CD is a very common one. So is reaching into the glove box. There was one guy who drove into a house because he was getting a bit amorous with the woman in the car.' Mr Walker said some of the stories of distracted driving can be amusing but in his previous work as a police officer he had seen fatal accidents caused by a momentary lapse of attention. 'It only takes just a little bit of distraction and things get very dangerous very fast.'

**D**

Professor Mark Stevenson is a leading road safety researcher and director of the Accident Research Centre and School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University. He said the risks of mobile phones in cars have been well established, with major studies showing any use by a driver raises the risk of an accident.

He and other researchers have examined the phone records of hundreds of drivers attending hospital after a crash, finding the risk of crashing is four times greater if the driver is using their mobile phone—regardless of whether it is hand-held or hands-free. While that may sound surprising, there are crucial differences between a conversation with a passenger and one on a mobile, he said.

'There have been laboratory studies that have shown that if you have a driver holding a conversation with a passenger, the passenger will moderate the

conversation because they are scanning the scene in front of the vehicle *and they can see the situation changing for the driver,*' Professor Stevenson said.

'If you are at a complex intersection with a lot of traffic, lots of things around, what happens is that the passenger will moderate the conversation and not get into a heated debate right at that moment. That doesn't happen on the phone.' The pressure of maintaining a conversation in tricky road conditions reduces the driver's ability to react.

'It is the cognitive processing that's delayed—and that means reaction time and the manoeuvres required all slow down as a result of the phone conversation,' he said.

Because of growing evidence that even hands-free phones can be dangerous, several Australian states have banned mobile phones in cars for P Platers and the Draft National Road Safety Strategy released this year even suggested that there was evidence to support a total ban on all mobile phone use while driving.

'We know from our research that it still increases the risk of crashing almost four-fold,' Professor Stevenson said.

'It's just not going far enough.'

**E**

If mobile phone use has been problematic for driver distraction, the next wave of in-car technology could be worse. In the US, the issue has received considerable public debate in the wake of high-profile cases, including a state police officer who crashed and killed two sisters after travelling at 200km/h while talking on the mobile and emailing from his laptop. In January, the US Transportation Secretary met with American carmakers, asking them to limit the use of distracting technology in vehicles. At the same time, however, struggling manufacturers hope

that bundling technology into cars might boost sales, particularly among young drivers.

Car manufacturer Ford is updating a system that will allow text messages and Facebook updates to be read to the driver, while other manufacturers are looking for ways to give drivers updates about nearby amenities and expand the dashboard display with USB ports, bigger maps and wi-fi access.

'The technology is developing so fast that our understanding of how much it increases our risk of crashing is not keeping up,' Professor Stevenson said.

'Are these things truly there to benefit us or are they just increasing the distraction factor for drivers?'

While technology is helping cause the problems, Professor Stevenson believed it could also be used to fight distraction by switching off all phones and other devices—whether drivers want it to or not.

'There is potential down the track with in-vehicle technologies that you could block any transmission while the car is in motion,' he said.

'That would be a passive intervention—you don't need any behavioural change to ensure that happens.'

RAC Head of Member Advocacy Matt Brown said members are already concerned by the level of mobile phone use they see on the roads and believes more care is needed before increasing the load.

'We want cars to be comfortable and user-friendly, but the safety of the driver and other road users has to be the top priority,' he said.

'You wouldn't go to a factory floor and clutter it up with devices that would take the worker's mind off the machinery. What happens in a car is no different.'

'In fact the law requires employers to remove any potential hazards.'

## F

An open driving track with just a few orange cones to navigate doesn't sound like much of a challenge—but the mother and son who navigated the course for the RAC found it much tougher once they were asked to do something else at the same time.

Kim, 52, said she was used to using a mobile phone in her own car through a Bluetooth system and found concentrating on buttons and the road at the same time difficult. 'I don't even dial my phone normally; it's voice activated and I just tell it to call the person and it does,' she said. 'It is really difficult to try to dial and talk and manage the phone and drive through the obstacles at the same time.' Kim found talking hands-free on the mobile relatively easy but struggled with texting and said programming the car's GPS system was almost impossible.

Kim's son Matt, 21, was a bit more confident that he would be able to text while driving but negotiating the orange-cone chicanes and then a tight lane, designed to represent driving over a bridge, proved too difficult. 'I clipped the bridge and if it was real I guess I would have been getting wet,' he said. 'Texting was definitely harder than I expected and programming the GPS was very difficult.'

RAC driver trainer Dave Meinen, who conducted the assessment, said the tests proved that even minor distractions could compromise a motorist's ability to drive. 'We tested the drivers against a range of distractions and every single one of them had an impact on core driving competencies, including driver attention, accuracy, lane control, speed control, hazard perception and reaction time,' Mr Meinen said. 'At the end of the day good drivers just drive; they don't get distracted.'

The passage on the previous pages has six sections labelled **A–F**. Which section contains the following information? Write the correct letter **A–F** in boxes **28–34** on your answer sheet. **Note:** you may use any letter more than once.

- 28** Different driver conversations carry different accident risks.
- 29** With new in-car technologies there are new driver dangers.
- 30** There are different types of driver distractions, and statistics show how frequently drivers engage in them.
- 31** The role distraction plays in causing accidents can be seen from accident insurance claims.
- 32** The relationship between driving on familiar roads and distracted driving.
- 33** Development of in-car technology and how it could be used to block distracted driving behaviour.
- 34** The results of a measured test showing the impact on driving ability of specific distractive behaviour.

#### QUESTIONS 35–40

Do the following statements agree or disagree with the information given in the passage? In boxes **35–40** on your answer sheet, write:

- **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information
  - **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information
  - **NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this.
- 35** Research shows that a driver speaking to a passenger is less dangerous than a driver speaking on a mobile phone, because the passenger will automatically moderate the conversation depending on the surrounding driving conditions.
  - 36** On a familiar route for a driver, research shows that fewer accidents happen.
  - 37** To encourage sales of new cars, car manufacturers constantly develop new in-car technologies (such as USB ports and wi-fi access), and researchers believe that this development could contribute to further driver distraction and higher accident rates.
  - 38** Although most people agree that the use of mobile phones while driving is distracting, nearly half admit they take calls, and around a third admit they make calls while driving.
  - 39** Male drivers engaging in distracted behaviour such as texting or talking on a phone usually change their behaviour when they see a police car next to them; however, female drivers often continue with the behaviour or don't notice the police car.
  - 40** A measured test showed that not every example of distractive behaviour has an impact on core driving competency.