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Introduction to the ECCE

SPEAKING

Time	15 minutes
Description	A structured oral interaction occurs between the examinee and the oral examiner. The interaction involves a visual prompt.
Number of Items	<p>4 stages</p> <p><i>Stage 1:</i> Candidate answers general personal questions.</p> <p><i>Stage 2:</i> Candidate is given a prompt that includes a short text and pictures about a problem or situation. The candidate asks the examiner questions in order to get information to make a decision.</p> <p><i>Stage 3:</i> Candidate presents a solution or opinion about the problem or situation that has been discussed in Stage 2 with an explanation about why that solution or opinion is best. Examiners will also ask why the other solution or opinion was not chosen.</p> <p><i>Stage 4:</i> Candidate answers further questions that are related to the topic introduced by the prompt.</p>

LISTENING

Time	30 minutes
Description	<p>PART 1 (multiple choice)</p> <p>A short recorded conversation is followed by a question. Answer choices are shown as pictures.</p>
Number of Items	30
Description	<p>PART 2 (multiple choice)</p> <p>Four extended talks on different topics, each followed by 4-6 questions. The questions are printed in the test booklet and time is given before each talk to preview the questions. There are four answer choices for each question. Answer choices are printed in the test booklet.</p>
Number of Items	20

WRITING

Time	30 minutes
Description	Candidates read a short excerpt from a newspaper article, and write a letter or an essay giving their opinion on the situation or issue they read about.
Number of Items	1 task

SPEAKING

Speaking Preparation

Stage 1 Warm-up

Although the following people live in the same area, they each use a different form of transport to get to their places of work in the city. In pairs, discuss what you think the daily journey is like for them, as in the example. Use the words and phrases below.

monthly pass ♦ crowded ♦ traffic jams ♦ (un)reliable ♦ (ir)regular service ♦ fast
(in)expensive to run ♦ tickets ♦ read a newspaper ♦ long delays



Mike Archer
45 - 60 minutes



Liz Clarke
1 hour and 15 minutes



Sally Green
15 minutes



David Smith
25 minutes

Mike Archer drives to work every morning. Although he enjoys the convenience of using his own car, it takes him a long time because he often gets stuck in traffic jams.

Stage 2 / Stage 3

Put a tick (✓) after the sentences which mention **advantages**, and a cross (X) after those that mention **disadvantages**.

- 1 Having everything available in one place is convenient for most tourists.
- 2 Putting up large numbers of cheap hotels will mean ruining the beautiful landscape.
- 3 Tourism on a large scale will definitely result in the destruction of the local environment.
- 4 The bars and clubs would cause high levels of noise into the early hours of the morning.
- 5 Seasonal employment would suit young people during their summer break.

Stage 4

1 Match the columns to make sentences.

1 Undoubtedly, a number of traditional restaurants	.....	a that you could spend an entire vacation there without actually leaving the building.
2 Some expensive hotels have so many facilities	.....	b we will regret it in the future.
3 Although the local environment is important,	.....	c have been covered with huge concrete buildings in the name of development.
4 Many coastlines that were once beauty spots	.....	d are important to enable tourists to sample the local cuisine.
5 If we do not take nature into account,	.....	e it is a fact that people need jobs.

2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 Do you realize how many **jobs** / **works** the new hotels would create?
- 2 It will be very busy during the **tourist** / **touristic** season.
- 3 Nightclubs are very popular with **the young people** / **young people**.
- 4 There is nothing wrong with the modern **camping** / **campground** on the coast.

ECCE SPEAKING

- How do you usually travel to school / work?
- Are there traffic problems where you live?
- What is the public transport system like where you live?

SITUATION

I am the mayor of an island on which you live. The local council has plans to develop the island into a popular tourist destination, but first I would like to hear the views of members of the community, like you.

FIRST

You should look at the pictures below and ask:

- What are the options?
- What are the advantages to each option?
- What are the disadvantages to each option?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



THEN

When you have all the information you need, explain which option you think would be best and why. You can choose one of the options given or present another option that you believe would be better. Be ready to explain why you didn't choose the other option(s). Remember to use information you learn from asking questions to explain your ideas.

FINALLY

After you have shared your decision, you will be asked more questions about the topic.

LISTENING







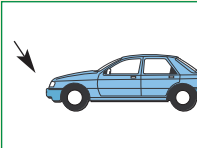
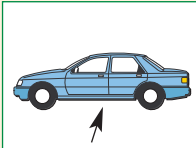
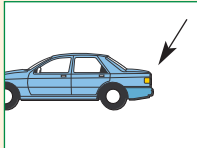









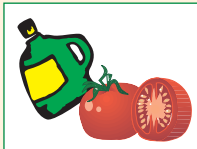
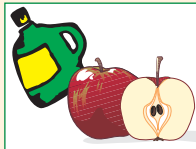

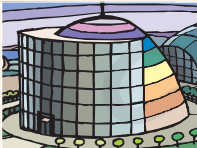

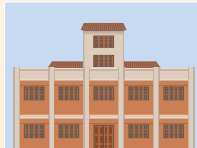
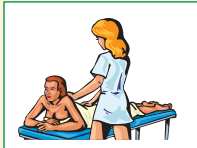
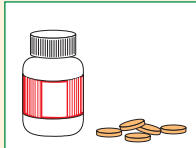
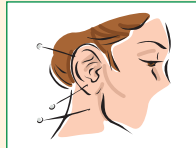









Listening Preparation for Part 1

Multiple Choice (Picture Options)

- Look at the pictures and say which question(s) show time, mention feelings and show different occupations.
- In some conversations people may agree or disagree. Tick (✓) the phrases for agreement.
You're right. I'd rather not. OK then. Another time. Let's go with your suggestion.

ECCE LISTENING Part 1

You will hear short conversations. After you hear each conversation, you will be asked a question about what you heard. The answer choices are shown as pictures. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C). You will hear each conversation only once.

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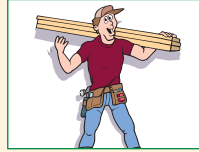
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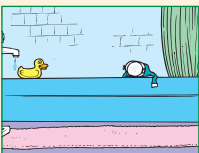


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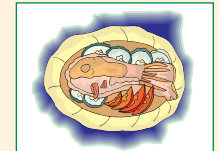
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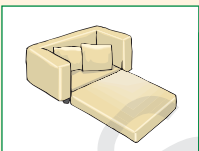


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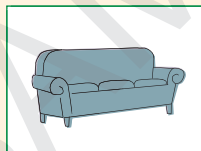


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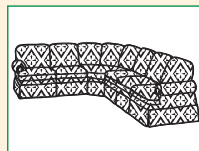
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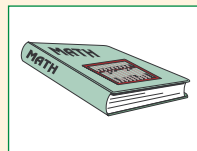


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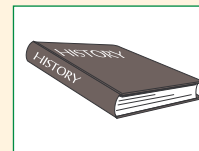


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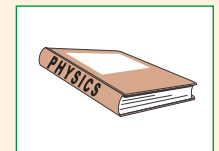
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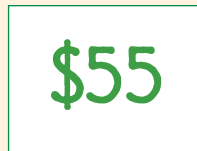


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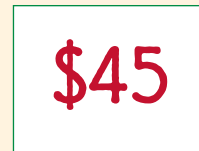


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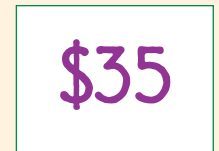
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Vocabulary

1 Match the words with their meanings.

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 admission | a someone who is over 60 years old or who is retired |
| 2 senior | b in a public place where people can look at it |
| 3 minor | c the number of people who attend an event |
| 4 attendance | d the cost of entrance to an event |
| 5 on display | e someone who is under the age of eighteen |

2 Replace the word(s) in bold with an option from the box.

top ♦ run ♦ pull in ♦ take place

- 1 The event will **continue** for two weeks.
- 2 The concert will **be held** next week.
- 3 The festival will **attract** a lot of people.
- 4 The number of visitors will **be over** 1,000.

Skills - Numbers

1 Numbers can be expressed in different ways. For example, 1 (one) can be expressed by: **once**, **a single one**, **first**, etc.

- a What different ways are there of saying the number 0?

zero,

- b What are the ordinal numbers for: 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 21?

first,

- c Write the following in words.

- | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1/4 | a quarter / one fourth |
| 2 | 1/2 | ..... |
| 3 | 0.5 | ..... |
| 4 | \$20,000,000 | ..... |
| 5 | 600,000 | ..... |

2 Your teacher will read out a short text. Listen and answer the questions.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Number of cars sold last year: | more than 69 million |
| 2 Percentage sold in America: | ..... |
| 3 Number of cars sold in Europe: | ..... |
| 4 Number of cars made by Volkswagen: | ..... |


You will hear two short talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions about it. There are four answer choices for each question. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions.

- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the space provided.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.

There are a total of 10 questions about the two short talks.

Questions 1-6

Look at the questions. Then listen to an announcement for an auto show.

- 1 On which day does the auto show end?
 - a Friday, February 22nd
 - b Sunday, February 24th
 - c Sunday, March 2nd
 - d Friday, March 22nd
- 2 Who must pay a \$12 admission fee?
 - a adults under 60
 - b seniors
 - c minors
 - d adults and seniors
- 3 Which days have the lowest attendance?
 - a Monday and Saturday
 - b Monday and Tuesday
 - c Monday and Sunday
 - d Saturday and Sunday
- 4 What is the highest number of people to visit in a single day?
 - a 60,000
 - b 45,000
 - c 90,000
 - d 600,000
- 5 What number should listeners call for information?
 - a 888-740-2886
 - b 808-740-2886
 - c 888-704-2286
 - d 888-740-2286
- 6 What does the speaker mean when he says: 
 - a Some of the biggest names are represented at the show.
 - b He can't remember the names of all the companies taking part.
 - c He is not sure how many vehicles are on display.
 - d Every imaginable type of vehicle can be seen.

Questions 7-10

Look at the questions. Then listen to a talk about Alexandria, Egypt.

- 7 What does the speaker say about the local dishes?
 - a They are tasty but expensive.
 - b They are tasty and inexpensive.
 - c They are exceptionally cheap.
 - d They are not very tasty.
- 8 What is said about the hotels?
 - a They are relatively cheap.
 - b They are ancient.
 - c They are of no great historic interest.
 - d They are far from the sea.
- 9 What do we learn about shopping in Alexandria?
 - a There is a wide range of goods.
 - b There is a limited range of goods.
 - c There are English, French and Greek goods.
 - d The store owners aren't very helpful.
- 10 What impression is given of Alexandria?
 - a Not many tourists go there.
 - b Everybody speaks English and French.
 - c It has history and culture.
 - d It is a very small place.

Notes:

A Topic-related Vocabulary

1 Here are some international road signs.
Choose the answer which correctly describes each sign.

1



- a 20% of all cars go down this hill!
b Steep hill!

2



- a Turn left!
b Road ends soon!

3



- a Drunk drivers only!
b Slippery road!

4



- a Beware wild animals!
b Good food ahead!

5



- a Planes can only fly west!
b Low-flying aircraft!

6



- a No overtaking!
b Only two cars at a time!

2 Choose the correct word.

- Watch out! There's a nasty bend **on** / **in** the road.
- His car crashed **with** / **into** the truck.
- Trains to the airport **run** / **travel** every twenty minutes.
- She was late so she had to **take** / **fetch** a taxi.
- Is it a through train or do I have to change **to** / **at** Boston?
- Have a look at the train **program** / **schedule** to see when the next one leaves.

3 Circle the odd word out.

- sunglasses, umbrella, flask, towel, suncream, suitcase
- club, restaurant, movie theater, ticket, opera
- brochure, leaflet, advertisement, book, prospectus
- tour operator, pilot, budget traveler, occupation, vacationer
- hotel, motel, accommodations, tent, trailer

4 Choose the correct word.

- What's the speed on these roads?
a regulation b law c limit
- Look carefully before you to turn.
a sign b show c signal
- What should we do if we get a(n) tire?
a broken b flat c exploded
- There is something wrong with my car
a machine b engine c machinery
- Does your car on unleaded gas?
a drive b work c run
- My gas tank is almost
a vacant b empty c unfilled
- I took my car to the garage for a
a repair b service c checking
- It's not easy to find parts for this old car.
a spare b extra c missing

5 Choose the correct answer.

- A vacancy at a hotel is ...
a an available room.
b a room that is being used.
- My son is only four so he travels at half ...
a ticket.
b fare.
- You can't drive without a ...
a license.
b diploma.
- If you don't like trains, we can go there ...
a by your car.
b in your car.

- 6 a Can you guess which country each of these airlines represents?



- b Tick (✓) which words / phrases *do not belong* in each column.

AT THE AIRPORT	AIRLINE STAFF	TRAVELING BY PLANE
check in for a flight	ticket conductor	scheduled flight
go to platform 4	co-pilot	transatlantic flight
receive boarding pass	caterers	take-off
go to departure gates	ground staff	travel card
wait in departure lounge	flight attendant	emergency landing
boarding time	cabin crew	air turbulence
flight delay		disembark
make a booking		fasten safety belt
		air pocket

- 7 Fill in the correct *preposition*.

by ♦ of ♦ on ♦ before

- Isn't John afraid flying?
- Shirley rang several different travel agents booking her ticket.
- We've decided the Bahamas for our vacation this year.
- She wasn't capable carrying the heavy suitcases by herself.
- traveling abroad, always take out travel insurance.
- talking to the locals, he was able to learn more about the history of the village.
- I insist paying the bus fare for you.
- Mom's been dreaming going on vacation for months.

- 8 Choose the correct word.

- When traveling, you get to meet people from all **routes** / walks of life.
- I always travel **light** / lightly.
- This resort is nothing to write **house** / home about.
- This hotel leaves a lot to be **desired** / wanted.
- Oh, not another **guide** / guided tour!
- I hope you have a good **travel** / journey.
- I can't stand overcrowded resorts which are too **tourist** / touristy.
- Let's **make** / do some sightseeing this morning.

- 9 Put the following words into the correct column.

budget ♦ **fog** ♦ **downpour** ♦ **blizzard** ♦ **voyage** ♦ **discount**
♦ **sightseeing** ♦ **route** ♦ **traveler's checks**
♦ **foreign currency** ♦ **climate** ♦ **guidebook**

MONEY	TRAVEL	WEATHER
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10 a Fill in the correct **verb** to complete the following phrasal verbs.

get ♦ take ♦ wake ♦ touch ♦ drop

- 1 off : fall asleep
- 2 off : leave a means of transport
- 3 on : go onto a means of transport
- 4 off : leave the ground (of an aircraft)
- 5 down : land (of an aircraft)
- 6 up : become awake / conscious after sleeping

b Now fill in the correct **phrasal verb** in the appropriate form.

FLYING

Having been delayed on the way to the airport, I was the last one to [1] the plane. Everyone stared at me as I tried to find my seat; I had delayed the flight by half an hour.

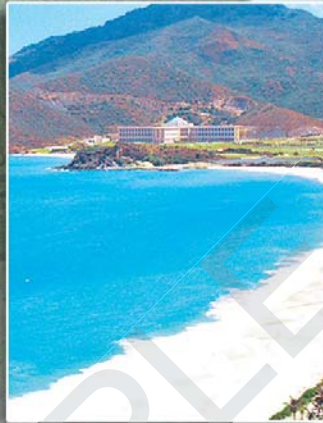
After we had [2], I felt rather sleepy and soon [3] When I [4], I couldn't believe that we were almost in Madrid. I had been asleep for two hours!

The plane [5] in very bad weather conditions; there was an unusual mid-summer storm. The plane rocked violently from side to side. For a moment, I thought I'd never [6] it alive.

11 Label the following pictures: **bay, canal, lake, harbor**.



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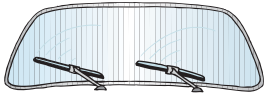
12 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 My car does 17 miles **to / for** the gallon.
- 2 What's the **mark / make** of your car?
- 3 There will be a guided tour **of / to** the city.
- 4 I've lost my way. Can you give me **instructions / directions**?
- 5 **Control / Check** your tire pressure regularly.
- 6 The beach was packed **from / with** vacationers.
- 7 You can go fast if the roads are **clear / clean**.
- 8 What's the quickest **road / route** to town?
- 9 **Traffic / Circulation** is very heavy today.
- 10 The **travel / journey** to Rhode Island took six hours.
- 11 It's necessary to **make / do** a reservation in advance.
- 12 The *Titanic* sank on its first trip; it's **maiden / virgin** voyage.

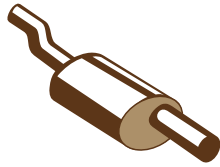
13 Choose the correct word.

There are always so many things to think about when you're setting off [1] (**on / for**) a journey. Trains can be convenient, but you still have to be careful. When you get to the station, you must remember to buy a ticket. This often means you have to stand in a long [2] (**line / tail**) and, as a result, you could end up missing your train and have to wait hours for the next one. If you buy a [3] (**one / once**) -way ticket instead of a [4] (**round / double**) -trip one, you have to line up again when you come back. A ticket [5] (**conductor / supervisor**) normally comes around to check your ticket and see if it's [6] (**true / valid**) for your destination.

14 Label the following pictures: **battery**, **exhaust pipe**, **gear shift**, **speedometer**, **windshield**.



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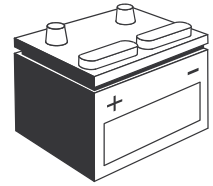
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15 Fill in the correct word to match the meaning: **lane**, **traffic code**, **traffic island**, **junction**, **one-way**, **traffic circle**.

- 1 : a place where one road meets another
- 2 : a place where two or more roads meet and the traffic moves in a circular direction
- 3 : one of several parallel sections into which a highway / freeway is divided
- 4 : a street in which traffic is only allowed to move in one direction
- 5 : a set of official rules for road users
- 6 : the raised area in the middle of a road where it is safe for pedestrians to stand

16 Fill in the correct **verb**.

bring ♦ go ♦ make ♦ stay ♦ take ♦ wait

- 1 When we go on vacation, Mom always lets me **up** really late. [= not go to bed until late at night]
- 2 Why don't you a week **off** work and come on vacation with me? [= take time as a vacation]
- 3 One thing I like about staying in a hotel is the fact that people **on** you. [= attend to / serve sb]
- 4 These photographs **back** memories of my trip to India last year. [= cause sb to remember sth]
- 5 Since you can't decide where to go on vacation, why don't you **through** some travel brochures first? [= look at / examine in detail]
- 6 Let's just get in the car and **for** the coast! [= go in the direction of]

17 Fill in: **by**, **on** or **in**.



GO

- 1 a cruise
..... boat



TRAVEL

- 2 the air
..... plane



GO

- 3 an
excursion
..... coach



GO

- 4 a trip
..... a journey



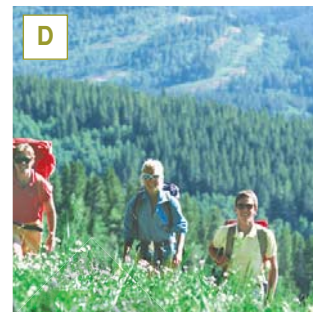
BE

- 5 time
..... schedule

B Speaking / Writing Practice

Discussion 1

a In pairs, use the words / phrases below to say what you would do on vacation in these places.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● go fishing ● enjoy wonderful views ● relax in quiet place ● try local cuisine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● go swimming / windsurfing ● sunbathe, relax on beach, get a tan ● beach parties / barbecues ● meet lots of people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● go sightseeing ● take photos ● go to clubs / restaurants ● go shopping / to the theater | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● go camping ● go climbing / hiking ● enjoy fresh air and scenery ● enjoy a healthy break |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

b Now discuss which of the above places would best suit a middle-aged couple who would prefer a quiet break without too much exercise.

c Which of the places would your own family enjoy and why?

Discussion 2

a Look at the advertisement and answer the questions.

CLUB 16 - 20s

SPLASH ABOUT

- Package vacations for young, fun-loving people.
- Hotel on the beach, swimming pools, "Waterworld" adventure center, jet skiing, water skiing, diving, bungee jumping and lots, lots more.
- Organized day trips and evening entertainment.

- Are vacations like this popular in your country?
- Would you like to go on a vacation like this with your friends? Why?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of these package vacations?

b Read the text below about a vacation that went wrong and decide which answer a or b best fits each space.

Last year, we had an unforgettable experience with our vacation arrangements. First of all, our flight was delayed, which meant that we arrived at our [1] in the middle of the night, [2] than late that evening. When we [3] the hotel, we found that the room they had given us was in a part of the hotel still being [4] so we had to ask to be [5] in another room. Unfortunately, the actual hotel was [6] a main road overlooking a noisy street full of bars, clubs and discos. Having been given a room at the front, it was impossible for us to open the windows, even though it was really hot. We soon discovered that there was [7] air-conditioning either. On top of all this, the food was really low standard and quite [8] as well. Needless to say, we wrote and complained to the travel agency on our return!

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|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 a destination | b landing | 5 a put | b positioned |
| 2 a instead | b rather | 6 a on | b at |
| 3 a reached | b arrived | 7 a none | b no |
| 4 a building | b built | 8 a priced | b pricey |

Discussion 3

a Look at the following pictures and answer the questions.

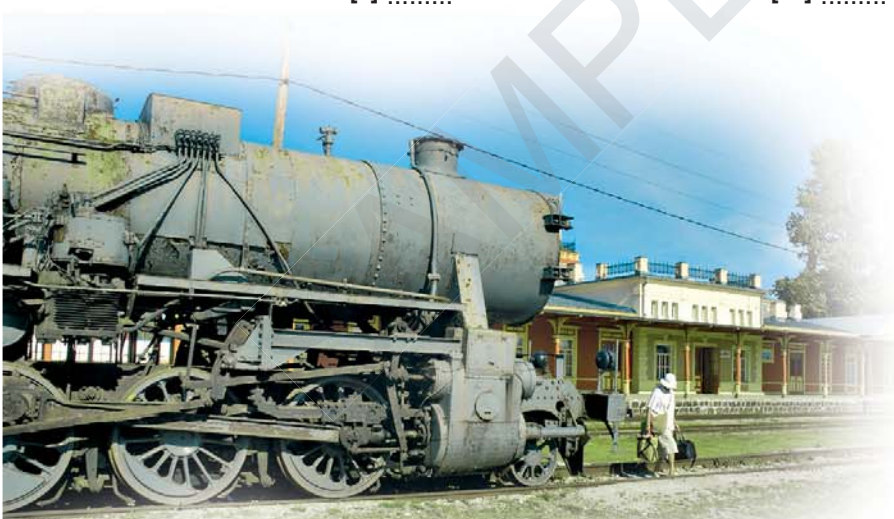


- Which of these means of transport is used the most in your area?
- What effects do these means of transport have on the environment?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of each of these means of transport in the city?

b Read this extract from an article about Agatha Christie and decide which answer a or b best fits each space.

Agatha Christie's detective story, *Murder on the Orient Express*, is a very famous [1] of murder on a long- [2] train journey. This type of train journey [3] an ideal setting for a murder story, [4] its restricted number of suspects, the romantic and unusual nature of the scenery [5] which the train is traveling, and the "small, élite hotel" atmosphere with the sleeping [6] on the one hand, and the dining car on the other.

The story [7] Agatha Christie fame and fortune, [8] admittedly she did have to work hard for it. Many of her novels have been [9] into movies which are still [10] people all over the world.



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| 1 a fiction | b account |
| 2 a travel | b distance |
| 3 a provides | b gives |
| 4 a because | b with |
| 5 a through | b by |
| 6 a compartments | b rooms |
| 7 a found | b brought |
| 8 a because | b although |
| 9 a made | b done |
| 10 a enjoying | b entertaining |

c Now write a short paragraph describing either the best or worst trip / vacation you have ever been on.

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WRITING

Writing Preparation

Writing a Letter

Look at the exam task and then answer the questions.

Daily News

The local tourist authority announced yesterday that it is going to ban water sports on all beaches in the surrounding area this year. This decision follows the accident that occurred last year between two sixteen-year-old jet skiers, which resulted in serious injuries. Many local residents have reacted angrily to this move saying that not only is it too extreme but it will also negatively affect tourism to the area and, as a consequence, their livelihoods.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your opinion about the local authority's decision. Say what you think the true cause of the problem is. Give examples to support your opinion.

Task Focus

Tick (✓) the sentences which are true according to the newspaper extract.

- 1 The accident happened yesterday.
- 2 The accident involved two jet skiers.
- 3 The locals are angry with the jet skiers.
- 4 The new move means the locals will lose money.

Choose the correct word to complete the **model letter** below.

MODEL LETTER

Dear Editor,

As a regular reader of your newspaper, I would like to express my opinion on the article you published concerning the decision that was made by our local tourist authority.

To be honest, I have to say that I was quite taken [1] *aback* / *backwards* when I first read the article. I couldn't believe that the tourist authority had actually put a [2] *whole* / *total* ban on all water sports. Do not get me wrong, I [3] *appreciate* / *identify* the good intentions behind their decision. I mean, no one should end up getting hurt or even killed for the sake of a bit of fun. However, I am of the opinion that it would only take a few simple [4] *paces* / *steps* to make the water sports safer and [5] *prevent* / *avoid* these kinds of accidents from happening again. If we did this, we would still be able to attract visitors to the area.

First of all, those in charge [6] *of* / *for* the water sports facilities should be threatened with [7] *heavy* / *bulky* fines if they fail to abide [8] *with* / *by* the safety regulations. I also believe that local authorities should see that these facilities are [9] *distributed* / *provided* with their own special area of the beach. After all, many other resorts across the country have done this and with great success too. Also, no one under eighteen should be allowed to hire vehicles such as jet skis, as they do not have the maturity to [10] *deal with* / *handle* them.

In closing, I personally feel that the decision of the local tourist authority was too extreme. By following standard safety guidelines, I am certain that we will be able to avoid any accidents in the future. Apart from this, tourists will still be attracted to the area, which means that the locals will be able to stay in business.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Edwards

Now read the **model letter** again and say whether you agree with the writer's opinion.

Writing Development

a In the ECCE, you are often asked to write a letter in answer to a published article. Look back at the **model letter** and say how the writer shows the reader that he is referring to the article.

b Now tick (✓) the sentences that show exactly the same thing.

- 1 I am writing in regard to the article ...
- 2 I would like to respond to the article ...
- 3 I would like to share a few points with you on ...
- 4 I am writing to advise you on ...
- 5 I am writing in response to the article ...
- 6 Concerning the article in your paper about ...



EXPRESSING AN OPINION

1 a There are many ways of expressing your opinion. Look at the phrases below.

To my mind, ...

I feel ...

I really think ...

I firmly believe that ...

b Now express your opinion on the points below, as in the example.

DRUNK DRIVING

To my mind, drunk driving is a serious offense.

I firmly believe that drunk driving is a serious offense.

1	DANGEROUS DRIVERS	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>have their license taken away.</p> <p>have their license taken away.</p>
2	POORLY MAINTAINED CARS	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>be taken off the roads.</p> <p>be taken off the roads.</p>
3	POOR ROAD CONDITIONS	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>to nearly half of all accidents.</p> <p>to nearly half of all accidents.</p>

2 a Look at the following phrases which have been taken from the **model letter**.

- 1 I **would** like to express my opinion on ...
- 2 If we did this, we **would** still be able to attract visitors to the area ...
- 3 ... those in charge of the water sports facilities **should** be threatened with ...

b Now say which phrase the writer uses to ...

- a** express her intention
b say what the right thing to do is
c make a hypothetical statement

Vocabulary Enrichment

1 Fill in the appropriate phrase to complete the following paragraph.

- can be put on
- under the influence of
- put other people's lives at risk
- their licenses removed
- a tremendous increase in
- severely punished

Over the past ten years there has been a [1] the number of road accidents that have occurred. I believe that the blame [2] those who get behind the wheel of a car while [3] alcohol. This is very foolish as they are unable to control their vehicles and so they [4] To my mind, people who drink and drive should be [5] and have [6]



2 a Fill in the correct prefix.

il ♦ ir ♦ im ♦ in

- | | | | |
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| 1responsible | 3replaceable | 5legal | 7logical |
| 2experienced | 4mature | 6patient | 8capable |

b Now fill in the correct word. More than one answer may be possible.

- 1 Driving without a license is ; you were lucky that the police didn't stop you.
- 2 Young teenagers are too to know how to behave properly on the roads.
- 3 It is easy to buy another car, but people are
- 4 drivers are of waiting calmly in a line of traffic.
- 5 Expecting young teenagers to have the maturity to handle a powerful car is completely

3 Fill in the correct verb to complete the sentence pairs, as in the example.

run ♦ show ♦ break ♦ take

- 1 a The police gave me a ticket for **breaking** the speed limit.
b If you drink a lot of alcohol and then drive, you are **breaking** the law.
- 2 a My parents always give my sister the car in the evenings since the buses do not regularly at night.
b Although he the risk of getting caught, he still liked to drive fast.
- 3 a No, you can't borrow my car. I'm not going to the blame for allowing you to drive without a license.
b The government action to reduce the number of traffic accidents.
- 4 a Drivers should more respect for others on the road.
b The survey that the number of road accidents caused by young people is up by 10%.



4 Fill in the correct **adjective**.

visible ♦ careless ♦ alarming ♦ sharp ♦ fatal ♦ slippery

- 1 The driver was forced to brake hard when he came to a bend in the road.
- 2 Being on the road could cost lives.
- 3 The young driver made the mistake of trying to overtake on a bend.
- 4 The stop sign was no longer behind the branches of the tree.
- 5 It is to see how people play with their own lives on the roads.
- 6 Drivers should take extra care when driving on surfaces.

5 Fill in the correct word.

1 **affect or effect**

- a The new laws will seriously those living in the city.
- b The rise in oil prices will have a disastrous on the price of gas.

2 **avoid or prevent**

- a The government is trying to people from going over the speed limit.
- b You should set off early to the rush-hour traffic.

3 **pass or take**

- a Sally had to her driving test twice before she managed to

6 Fill in the **noun form** of the verb given.

1 **JUDGE**

- It is a known fact that alcohol affects a driver's

2 **ACCEPT**

- The new laws have gained widespread

3 **REDUCE**

- We should soon see a in road accidents.

4 **PUNISH**

- I feel that the was not harsh enough.

5 **PROTECT**

- The stricter measures were introduced for our own

6 **INSURE**

- It's important to have adequate coverage in case of an accident.

7 Fill in the correct **preposition**.

at ♦ under ♦ in ♦ without ♦ from

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1 age, arrest, no circumstances | 4 all costs, a price, the expense of |
| 2 experience, now on | 5 case of, other words, a hurry |
| 3 fail, delay, warning | |

Task Warm-Up

a Here are some of the most common causes of road accidents. Look at the pictures below and then write a few lines to say which you think is the most serious one and why.



Careless driving



Drivers talking on cellphones



Speeding



Drunk driving



Poor road conditions

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b Now write a few sentences to say what you think needs to be done to make our roads safer?

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Now read the task that you will be asked to do.



LETTER

You have just read this article extract in your local newspaper about the increasing number of road accidents. Write a letter to the editor and say what you think is the main cause of them. In your opinion, what can be done to reduce them? You should write about one page (approximately 150 words). Use the Writing Task Sheets at the back of the book for help and guidance.

Before you start writing, tick (✓) the points you could mention in your letter.

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| 1 <input type="radio"/> Driving can be very relaxing. | 4 <input type="radio"/> Drivers shouldn't use their cellphones while driving. |
| 2 <input type="radio"/> Police warn that this irresponsible behavior can lead to serious accidents. | 5 <input type="radio"/> It's always best to buy a new car. |
| 3 <input type="radio"/> Roads should be repaired. | 6 <input type="radio"/> Speeding puts people's lives at risk. |

Once you have written your letter, remember to read it through to check for mistakes.

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