

Hello everyone! Today's test is the London Tests of English Level Three. Tasks One and Two are listening. Good Luck!

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Task One: Travel News (15 marks)

Listen to the radio programme about travelling and holidays. Write the missing words and information about the programme in the spaces on your answer paper. Some spaces might need one word, other spaces might need up to four words. In some spaces you must write a number or a web site address. The first one has been done for you as an example.

First look at the notes and read again what you have to do. You have one minute to do this. You will hear the recording twice.

What Doug says

Example **Doug is talking about holiday firms which closed**

1. As many as _____ lost money last year.
2. The new official tests holidays which seem too _____.
3. The National Association had to pay compensation worth _____.

What Fiona says

4. You begin your North American coastal drive _____ in San Francisco.
5. To get to Monterey Bay you drive along _____
6. You can book hotels online for the North American holiday at _____

7. In addition to normal cheap fares, _____ are
sometimes available.
8. Money saved on flights can go towards accommodation in a _____

9. Every bedroom in the Totton Hotel has _____ and antique furniture.
10. For a double room at the Totton you'll have to pay at least _____

Task Two: Travel Books (15 marks)

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Listen to an interview with the famous travel writer, Tina Davis. Put a cross (X) in the correct part of the table to show whether the statements are **TRUE**, **FALSE**, or **NOT STATED**. The first one is an example.

First look at the notes and read again what you have to do. You have one minute to do this. You will hear the interview twice.

Statement	True	False	Not stated
Example: Travel books are popular			X
1. Today's travel writers are less accurate than earlier writers.			
2. According to the writer most modern travel writers focus on people, and not the places they visit.			
3. 'Waterlogged' is about the life of a frog.			
4. Roger Deakin swam around Britain when the sea was warmest.			
5. According to the writer, lots of people watch travel and nature programmes on TV.			
6. The writer thinks television has changed what readers are interested in.			
7. Nature books were very popular in Britain in the nineteenth century.			
8. Sales of William Smith's book were a record.			
9. The writer thinks city life has made the experience of the countryside less important.			
10. The writer thinks modern life has decreased the importance of writing about nature.			

That is the end of the recorded part of the test. The other tasks test your reading and writing of English. Now go on to Task Three.

Task Three: Travelling (30 marks)

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Task 3(a): Great Road Journeys (10 marks)

Read Texts A, B and C on the opposite page. Then, in the table below read each statement. Decide which text each statement is referring to and put a cross (X) in the correct column. The first one is an example. Be careful! Two statements do NOT refer to any text.

Statement	Text A	Text B	Text C
<i>Example:</i> You can enjoy the countryside and the sea.			X
Giving presents could buy you friendship in remote places.			
The route is flat for the whole journey.			
People can easily get sunburnt on this route.			
This is the coldest you could get!			
This road used to have two different types of dangers on it.			
You have nothing to do but sit back and relax!			
There is the opportunity to take part in and watch sports.			

Text A: Karakoram Highway, Pakistan to China

The Karakoram Highway - fully opened in 1986 - follows the ancient trade routes linking the Silk Road oasis of Kashgar in western China with the Pakistani capital, Islamabad. Along the way it crosses the Khunjerab Pass (4800m), otherwise known as the 'Valley of Blood', a reference to local bandits who, in years gone by, took advantage of the terrain to plunder caravans and slaughter merchants. The glaciers and peaks are incredible, but drivers miss most of the spectacle, too worried about the hairpin bends, the narrow, crumbling road and the sheer drop. While the road offers a visual spectacle, the real treasures are to be found village-hopping. The geographical isolation of the villages has created a huge wealth of diverse cultural practices, clothing and crafts. The locals are unremittingly friendly, more so if you have postcards, tea, salt or sugar to trade.

Text B: Dempster Highway, Canada

One of only three roads in the world in the Arctic Circle, the Dempster Highway (opened in 1979) trails along the foot of the Tombstone Range, passes through several First Nation towns, crosses the Peel and Mackenzie Rivers on natural ice bridges (or ferries in the summer), before heading up the Mackenzie Delta to its end at the tiny town of Inuvik on the Beaufort Sea.

Along the way, there are opportunities for the adventurous and the fit to try hiking and canoeing, and there are a number of government-run campsites, some even have hot water.

The highway, once a dog-sled track, is in pretty good condition, but don't go too fast or you might end up a little too 'up-close and personal' with one of the 130,000 caribou in the area. Arrive in Inuvik in July and you'll get a front row seat at the Arctic Northern Games.

Text C: Eyre Highway, Australia

Setting out bright and early from Adelaide in South Australia, slop some sunscreen on your right forearm (the car will be right-hand drive) and take the Eyre Highway west towards Perth. The only directions you need for the next 2700km are 'keep going straight'. The road takes you through Port Augusta where you leave the last hills of any substance and onto a flat drive for the next 2500km. As the South Australian wheatbelt disappears, the land becomes increasingly arid. The town of Ceduna is your last chance to stock up on water, fuel and food. From Ceduna, the rough coastline of the Great Australian Bight is your companion on the passenger side for the next day of driving as you skirt along the southern fringe of the Nullarbor Plain. Take it easy on the highway. Many a car has met its match hard up against a big red kangaroo. And get enough sleep. The long straight drive means falling asleep at the wheel is a real danger. After crossing the South Australia-Western Australia border, the drive gets easier and the towns, like Kalgoorlie, about 550km from Perth, get bigger. If you've got a couple of days up your sleeve, check out the sights before hitting the Great Eastern Highway for a final day's drive to Perth.

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INSERT SHEET FOR TASK FOUR

CLEANING UP THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

A

When you tell people you're going trekking to pick up litter in the Moroccan mountains they are impressed. It's a little exotic (Morocco), a little adventurous (trekking in the mountains) and a little trendy environmentalism (litter picking) - all things to all men.

B

Your ecologically serious brother gives a more considered response: 'How does 15 holidaymakers taking a polluting flight to Morocco to pick up litter in the Atlas Mountains fit in with "Think global, act local"?' (the environmental movement's blueprint to save the world). Perhaps he's right. Taking holidays and saving the environment often take up a similar position in the Western mindset: brief, ineffective attempts to counteract the harmful effects of our daily lives. But I was looking forward to a week in the great outdoors, recovering from my city life, climbing the highest peak in North Africa, Mount Toubkal (4167m), and doing my bit for the environment.

C

Eight days later we're sweating together, 3,000 metres above sea level, in protective clothing. I spot a piece of plastic sticking out from under a rock, extend my rubber-gloved hand and pull out three huge partially decomposed bags. Squinting up at the blazing sky, I enjoy seeing a booted eagle soaring over the rocks of the Neltner Valley, the base camp area for those climbing Toukbal. Then it's back to work.

D

Travelbag Adventures has run treks here for several years, and reports were coming back that Neltner - with no bins or waste disposal system - was increasingly defaced by mountaineers' mess. Riding the wave of concern about tourism damaging the environment, the 'clean-up treks' were soon full: eight days hiking, two days litter-picking, non-profit and cut price.

E

As our group of fifteen strangers exchanged nervous hellos in Marakesh airport, I looked at the faces of the new environmental movement: an equal male/female split and an age range from 23 (a business student) to 55 (a solicitor). It felt natural to combine a holiday with cleaning up other people's mess. Later, however, it became clear that the overriding incentive was the opportunity to have a holiday on the cheap.

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After a wide-eyed evening in the amazing Djem El Fnaa, Marakesh's town square, full of jugglers, drummers, fire and spice, it was off in a van across the Haouz Plain to the High Atlas range. There, our guides and cooks had set up camp, setting the tone for the week. Everything was done for us: cooking, boiling water and home construction.

G

It's certainly a culture shock, fifteen strangers sitting on the floor, dipping smoky round flat breads into soup and trying to think of things to say. Neil, our Welsh tour guide, broke the ice. 'Doesn't Charlotte remind you of a film star ... Liz Hurley, isn't it?' 'No, Gina McKee - you know, the one in a wheelchair from *Notting Hill*.' Indeed, she did. And it turned out that our group was a veritable talent agency of star look-alikes. This travel agency began to wend its way slowly across the mountains, up ravine-edged paths, to wind-blasted cols, down into pine-dotted valleys, along icy rivers.

H

Trekking gives your body, senses and brain a workout. The walking is easy but protracted; your lungs and legs feel fitter every day. The mountains hum with insects. The bone-dry, rocky scenery provides relief to the flowers. Butterflies and birds dot the landscape. Perhaps most strikingly you get long periods of time to think, a luxury that, according to our tour leader, causes many a trekker make life-changing decisions. And still we have no domestic work. We leave behind our Berber assistants after breakfast, only to find them with the camp set up and mint tea on the boil at our destination. We were on Berber time, too - up with the dawn, down with the dusk.

I

Millennia ago a giant glacier ground out a large furrow in the high Atlases. Now the Neltner Valley lies between two steep ridges of rock. Below is a wide, grassy area. Boulders are scattered across the moraine and more recently rubbish has been scattered there too. The plan was for us to sweep the camping area for litter. We set to and suddenly fifteen British hikers were experts in waste disposal, persuading other tourists to *take only pictures, leave only footprints*. The response from the Berber guides and holidaymakers was good. Many joined us in our task. In late afternoon, with the sun edging close to the mountain fringe, we had cleared the grass area and were moving up the valley sides, when a mule laden with sacks of rubbish ambled down the track. We watched exhausted as the rubbish was dumped among the rocks.

Task 3(b): An essay competition (20 marks)

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Essay competition "Win a Holiday"

Read the information in the insert texts for Task 3(b) and from the texts on page 5.

You enter a competition to win a holiday in Canada, China or Australia. Using the information in the texts, choose the country that you would most like to visit and write an essay for the holiday competition. You must include the following points:

- Which country you would like to visit and why
- Who you would like to go with and why
- What preparations you and your friend would make and why
- Two special things you would like to do and why

Write **at least** 125 words. Use your own words as much as possible. Do not copy exactly what is written in the texts.

INSERT TEXTS FOR TASK 3B

Australia

Relax or explore? Sunbathe or sightsee? Nightlife or natural wilderness? In Australia, you don't have to choose. Because, even in one part of Australia, you can have it all. And, in a fortnight, you can see as much as you like. Or do as little as you want.

China

Travel to China and experience an ancient culture. Come to see our history, enjoy our culture or sample our food! The largest country in the world is waiting for you with open arms.

Canada

Visit a land of beauty and adventure - come to Canada! Along with some of the most exciting cities in the world we have rivers, lakes, hills and valleys that will take your breath away. Enjoy the holiday of a lifetime and see what we have to offer.

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

	Resorts and Places of Interest	Average temperature: summer	Hours of sunshine: summer
Australia	Sydney	23°C	7 hours
	Perth	29°C	10 hours
China	Beijing	31°C	9 hours
	Hong Kong	31°C	8 hours
Canada	Toronto	26°C	9 hours
	Vancouver	23°C	9 hours

Things To See and Do in SYDNEY

Shopping in Sydney

Some of Australia's best shopping areas are in Sydney, including the Queen Victoria Building and the Strand Arcade. There are also many markets and **China Town** is well known for its shopping and its excellent eateries.

Museums & Galleries

There are many museums and **galleries situated in Sydney** including the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the **Power House Museum**.

Darling Harbour

Provides an overview of Darling Harbour and the Cockle Bay area, including places to shop, eat and drink in the area.

Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge

Sydney Opera house is Sydney's most distinctive and well known piece of architecture and the Harbour Bridge is a most impressive "coathanger" landmark where **Mrs Macquarie's Chair** is one of Sydney's top harbour viewing spots.

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Things To See and Do in BEIJING

Forbidden City

The magnificent Forbidden City is the world's largest and best-preserved imperial palace complex. Surrounded by a moat that is six meters deep and a ten-meter high wall are 9,999 rooms. The palace itself is not to be missed by any Beijing visitor.

Parks

For a peaceful and interesting stroll, visit one of Beijing's many beautiful parks, such as **Beihai Park**, which was probably built by the Great Khan centuries earlier than the Forbidden City, with a large lake with an island in the middle. Another park that is a definite "must see" is the **Summer Palace**, a famous classic imperial garden with breathtaking beauty. Bold, and generously designed, the northern gardens skilfully blend into the exquisite delicacy of the southern gardens.

Tiananmen Square

The largest city central square in the world, the solemn and respectful **Tiananmen Square** is not only the symbol of Beijing but also the symbol of China. This immense courtyard is the site of many historic events. The daily flag ceremony at the square, performed at sunrise and sunset, is well worth making time to view.

The Great Wall

The **Great Wall** is one of the seven wonders of the world and is the only man-made structure that is visible from the moon. It is possible to climb a section of the **Great Wall** and enjoy a splendid panoramic view that you will remember for the *rest of your life*.



Things To See and Do in MONTREAL

Expotec

A popular exhibition found in the Old Port that combines the wonders of science and technology with the thrill of interactive participation. Expotec is sure to pique your scientific curiosity as it delights you with its displays - but for a learning experience, it is never less than entertaining.

Imax

The Imax theatre projects movies on a screen that is seven stories high for a film-going experience that you won't soon forget. The wonders of science and nature are seen in awe-inspiring detail, and the magnificent scenery that is shown as the camera swoops over vistas and panoramas will take your breath away.

La Ronde

Thrill-seekers need look no further than La Ronde for excitement. As the largest amusement park in the province of Quebec, La Ronde is a day of adventure and heart-stopping action not to be missed. From the hair-raising turns and plunges of the Monster, the park's enormous wooden roller coaster, to the adrenalin rush of the Boomerang, La Ronde draws visitors back through its gates, summer after summer.

Mount Royal Park

The largest park in the heart of the city. An excellent location to spend time relaxing, or having a picnic (in summer) and ice skating (in winter).

Task Four: Reading (20 marks)

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Tom Templeton recently went on an unusual sort of holiday, cleaning up the mess made by tourists in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Read the insert sheet for Task 4 and answer the questions below.

QUESTIONS

Section A

Match the right title to the lettered paragraphs of the passage. Be careful! There are two titles you do not need.

	Paragraph title	Paragraph letter
<i>Example</i>	Meeting up	E
	An appealing idea	
	Putting strangers at ease	
	Thought-provoking nature	
	Never-ending work	
	Entertainment before setting out	
	How tourists can help	
	The environment at risk	
	Can you make a difference?	
	Uncomfortable clothes	
	Sights to see and work to do	

Task Five: Writing (20 marks)

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Choose **one** of the following topics. Do not use information from the rest of the examination in this section. Write **at least 150 words** on your chosen topic.

Either

Read this opening paragraph:

We kept on walking through the woods. Our voices were too loud in the silence. Suddenly, we found a path in front of us and then a strange voice cried out...

Now continue the story. Include information about the following:

- What / who did you see and hear?
- How did you feel?
- What did you do then?
- What did you do next?
- What happened at the end of the story?

Or

"Travel is the best education you can have." Do you think this is true?

Your discussion must include the following points:

- A short introduction
- Your opinion
- Reasons and examples to support your opinion
- A place you have visited and why you liked it.

Write your answer here

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4132 LEVEL 3 UPPER INTERMEDIATE, MARK SCHEME

Task One: Travel news

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| 1. | 10,000 (no comma necessary) | 1.5 |
| 2. | good to be true | 1.5 |
| 3. | £3.3 million (NB can be in words but must have £ sign or the word <i>pounds</i>) | 1.5 |
| 4. | starting / with three days | 1.5 |
| 5. | Highway One (NB 'one' can be in numerals) | 1.5 |
| 6. | www.pacifichotels (NB all elements must be correctly spelt but no deductions for spaces) | 1.5 |
| 7. | special offers | 1.5 |
| 8. | top-class hotel / good hotel | 1.5 |
| 9. | an open fire / open fires / fire place | 1.5 |
| 10. | £180 (for two) (NB must have £ sign or the word <i>pounds</i>) | 1.5 |

Total 15 marks

NB: No marks are to be deducted for spelling and grammar mistakes as long as the response can be understood.

Task Two: Travel Books

Statement	True	False	Not stated	
Example: Travel books are popular.			X	1.5
1. Today's travel writers are less accurate than earlier writers.			X	1.5
2. According to the writer most modern travel writers focus on people, and not the places they visit.	X			1.5
3. <i>Waterlogged</i> is about the life of a frog.		X		1.5
4. Roger Deakin swam around Britain when the sea was warmest.			X	1.5
5. According to the writer lots of people watch travel and nature programmes on TV.	X			1.5
6. The writer thinks television has changed what readers are interested in.	X			1.5
7. Nature books were very popular in Britain in the nineteenth century.	X			1.5
8. Sales of William Smith's book were a record.			X	1.5
9. The writer thinks city life has made the experience of the countryside less important.		X		1.5
10. The author thinks modern life has decreased the importance of writing about nature.		X		1.5

Total 15 marks

NB: Please do not award any mark if there is more than one response on the same line.

Task Three (a): Great Road Journeys

Statement	Paragraph A	Paragraph B	Paragraph C	
Example: You can enjoy the countryside and the sea.			x	1.5
1 Giving presents could buy you friendship in remote places.	x			1.5
2 The route is flat for the whole journey.	distracter			
3 People can easily get sunburnt on this route.			x	1.5
4 This is the coldest you could get!		x		1.5
5 This road used to have two different types of dangers on it.	x			1.5
6 You have nothing to do but sit back and relax!	distracter			
7 There is the opportunity to take part in and watch sports.		x		1.5

Total 10 marks

Task Three (b): An essay competition

Apply writing criteria

Task completion: Candidates must write the essay from a personal perspective. To cover all content points for task completion, candidates must include:

- **The country they would like to visit and the reason why (1 instruction)**
- **the person they would like to go with and the reason why (1 instruction)**
- **the preparations they and their friend would make and the reason why (1 instruction)**
- **two special things they would like to do in the named country and the reasons why (2 instructions)**

NB. Always refer to the details on task completion in the writing criteria. Please note that content points covered in task completion are not equivalent to marks gained.

Total 20 marks

Task Four: Reading

Paragraph title	Paragraph letter	
(Example) Meeting up	E	1.5
1. An appealing idea	A	1.5
2. Putting strangers at ease	G	1.5
3. Thought provoking nature	H	1.5
4. Never-ending work	I	1.5
5. Entertainment before setting out	F	1.5
6. How tourists can help	D	1.5
7. The environment at risk	distracter	1.5
8. Can you make a difference?	B	1.5
9. Uncomfortable clothes	distracter	1.5
10. Sights to see and work to do	C	1.5

Total 15 marks

NB: If the same paragraph letter is repeated, please do not award any mark.

Task Five Writing

Apply writing criteria

(A) Task completion: Candidates must continue the narrative in the past. To cover all content points for task completion, candidates must include:

- **What / who they saw and heard (1 instruction)**
- **How they felt [related to instruction 1] (1 instruction)**
- **What they did (1 instruction)**
- **What they did next (1 instruction)**
- **A suitable conclusion to the story (1 instruction)**

(B) Task completion: Candidates must discuss the subject and cover the points listed. To cover all content points for task completion, candidates must include:

- **A short introduction to their writing (1 point)**
- **Their opinion about the statement (1 point)**
- **Reasons and examples to justify their opinion (2 points)**
- **A discussion of place they have visited and why they like it(1 point)**

NB. For either task, always refer to the details on task completion in the writing criteria. Please note that content points covered in task completion are not equivalent to marks gained.

Total 20 marks

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