

# Reading

Time: 35 minutes

- *Answer all the questions*
- *Write all your answers on the separate answer sheet*
- *You must not speak to the other candidates*

## Task One: Paragraph headings (10 minutes) – Questions 1-6

Read the article and match each paragraph with the appropriate heading.

- There are two paragraph headings which you will not need.
- The first one has been done for you as an example.
- Choose the paragraph heading that best matches each paragraph and place a ☒ in the appropriate box on your Answer Sheet.

# Paragraph headings

- A LEADING THE WAY
- B A TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION
- C THE ORIGINS OF THE UNDERGROUND – **EXAMPLE**
- D OVERCOMING PHYSICAL OBSTACLES
- E SERVING LONDON'S NEEDS
- F STILL THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST TODAY
- G PASSENGER SAFETY
- H LATER EXPANSION
- I EARLY SUCCESS AND GROWTH





# THE LONDON UNDERGROUND

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*London is the mother of all the world's metro systems. In 1863, the first tunnel was opened in the city centre for a rail line between Paddington and Farringdon as part of the Metropolitan Railway, which at first used steam engines.*

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We still find the Metropolitan Line on the London Underground map today. This initial service was so popular that it was soon extended into the suburbs, and another line, the District, was built. Over the next thirty years a large network of additional underground and surface lines were developed. By the beginning of the last century, London was already proud of a very extensive metro system.

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London's first "real" metro line was the City & South London Railway, where a fully electric system was installed between Stockwell and Bank in the City of London. This had originally been planned as a cable railway, but planners saw the advantages of the recent developments in electrical engineering and incorporated them into their plans. It was this radically modernised system that came to be known as "the tube".

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London became a prototype for other embryonic underground systems across Europe. By 1900, Budapest, Glasgow and Paris had their own underground train lines all based on the system pioneered in London. But London made sure it kept ahead of the competition. Another short line opened, the forerunner for today's Waterloo & City Line. From 1900, the Metropolitan and District Railways began electrifying all their lines to increase their efficiency.

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During the 18th century digging deep tunnels had been both problematic and dangerous. Several attempts were made to build under the Thames but all ended in failure before Brunel's Thames Tunnel became the first tunnel to successfully cross the river. Built in 1843, it became a train tunnel in 1869. The following year another sub-Thames railway, based on Brunel's model, opened between the Tower of London and Bermondsey.

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"The Underground" started to grow in scale again from the sixties onward. The first new tube line in central London since 1907, the Victoria line, was opened in 1969. The opening of the Jubilee line followed in 1979. Further projects throughout the nineties included an extension of the Piccadilly line to Heathrow airport and extending the initial Jubilee line.

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With so many people living and working in and around the city, London has to greatly improve and expand its underground railway network. There are plans to extend existing lines deep into the suburbs surrounding London and to add to lines crossing the centre. This will ensure that the London Underground system remains responsive to the changing requirements of its passengers.

**Task Two: Scanning for Information** (10 minutes) – Questions 7-13

Read the horoscopes below and decide if the information is in texts A, B, C or D.

**Example:** This horoscope recommends self-confidence.  
The correct answer is **C**.

**Information to Find**

This horoscope...

- 7 ...recommends an easy-going approach to a relationship.
- 8 ...says old arguments will return.
- 9 ...recommends buying something new.
- 10 ...says someone close to the reader has been ill recently.
- 11 ...recommends not making any changes right now.
- 12 ...has good news regarding money.
- 13 ...says you may find love with an old friend.

**Text A:****Pisces**

Looking after a bed-ridden loved one has been a headache for you recently but make sure you take care of yourself this week. Put yourself first for a change. You won't be able to help your patient if you're sick too. Get some rest and make sure you eat properly or you could be vulnerable to accidents, particularly at work – so watch out!

Caution is the watchword in relationships too. You have a very trusting nature which people often take advantage of. So don't be too eager to believe what people say until you're sure about them. Family quarrels, which you thought were sorted out, may resurface this week. You will want to be your usual, friendly and helpful self but try not to get involved. There's nothing you can do and you might end up getting the blame!

Later in the week you will receive a letter from an old friend you haven't seen for ages. Don't leave it too long before replying. And why not catch up on all that other waiting correspondence too?

**Text B:****Taurus**

Positivity is generated this week with Saturn coming into contact with Mars. For a pessimistic personality like yours this means OPPORTUNITY! Use this extra help from your stars by finally getting down to some of those things you've been putting off – like asking the boss for a pay rise, trying out a new recipe, getting your hair done and booking a weekend away with the man of your dreams.

But don't agree to marry him yet, because romance is definitely in the stars for you this week. A chance meeting with someone special from your past brings sweet new possibilities in this area. However, don't put too much pressure on this poor man or you'll frighten him away! Just relax and see what the next few months bring. (Don't forget what happened last time!)

**Text C:****Virgo**

Jupiter is moving away from Venus and so your energy level is low this week. This is not the week to try to sort anything out. Money problems have been getting you down and your romantic life is going stale.

You haven't had romance in your life for several months. You need to do something about it - but it can wait. Take care, be sure of yourself and conserve your energy. Above all, don't feel guilty about taking it easy.

You may receive good news by the end of the week which brings a change in your fortunes – perhaps a job offer or the chance of a new home. However, don't make any hasty decisions. You have plenty of time to think it over and this is a bad week to jump into anything new.

**Text D:****Sagittarius**

Your family will cause you difficulties this week but nothing you can't handle. Try not to get too upset about anything they say to you. They'll change their tune later. There are more positive signs on other matters for you this week, however.

Some advice from a trusted old friend sheds a new light on your financial worries and brings you relief. There is relief, too, from your recurring migraine problem thanks to a colleague's recommendation.

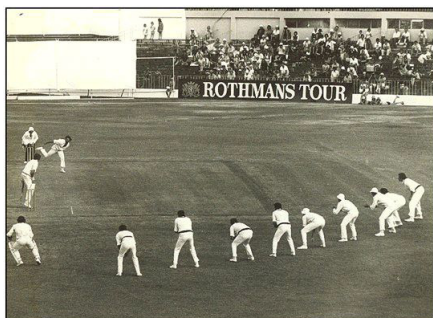
A disappointment will turn into an opportunity this week. Maybe a friend will let you down over a night out or that expected promotion will go to someone else. Cheer up because this is the moment you've been waiting for to make new friends or look for another job.

The position of Jupiter in your horoscope means a positive relationship with colour. Why not take advantage of it by getting yourself some new clothes or shoes, or redecorating your bedroom? Or even changing your hair colour!

**Task Three: Reading for Detailed Information (15 minutes) – Questions 14-20**

**Read the text about the English sport cricket and answer the multiple-choice questions.**

## Cricket



**London correspondent Salvo Tomasello investigates the world of cricket.**

As ‘typically English’ as tea at 5, The Changing of the Guard or inclement weather, cricket is a sport that might take a lifetime to understand, never mind appreciate. Matches might last anything up to five days, with nothing appearing to happen for hours on end and then when it does you will probably either be looking the other way or be fast asleep. Never mind that its rules are so

complex that you probably need a PhD to comprehend them fully. Many Americans might decide it’s not really worth the bother.

The precise origins of cricket are highly debatable and there are many theories as to how it started. It might have been invented by shepherds or played in churchyards as far back as the 13th century, although some accounts suggest that it might pre-date this by as much as 200 years. The first source which British historians consider completely reliable describes Prince Edward playing something which resembled cricket in 1300, although even this account fails to firmly establish the sport’s origins. The rules of the modern game were not completely developed until the 19th century. The first organised internationals took place in 1861, with England and Australia commencing what soon developed into a fierce, ongoing competitive rivalry. As the rules and regulations of the game were being formally established, other countries joined the growing international playing community.

To attempt to explain the rules of cricket comprehensively in an article of this length would be impossible. It could be argued that the basic principles of the game are similar to those of baseball, although the game play and rules are very different. Cricket is an outdoor, fair-weather sport played mainly in countries belonging to the British Commonwealth, such as England, Australia, the West Indies, India, Pakistan and South Africa. The balance of power in international cricket tends to swing between these competing nations. At present Australia predominate having been virtually unbeatable for the last decade or so and teams always face a tough match against them.

Although it might appear to be a sedate, sleepy pastime, cricket has always demanded fierce concentration and immense courage. Since becoming fully professional in the 1970’s standards and training facilities have improved immensely across the game. Cricket is now as competitive and technical as any global sport, and who knows, perhaps its popularity might yet spread to new, previously unexplored territories



**Questions for Task Four:**

**14. In the first paragraph the author suggests that ...**

- A** cricket is only played in good weather.
- B** people understand cricket quickly.
- C** people enjoy cricket before understanding it.
- D** some foreigners might not take the trouble to understand the game.

**15. Concerning the start of cricket...**

- A** there is little dispute.
- B** it was first played by shepherds in churchyards.
- C** it was already in existence by 1300.
- D** Prince Edward established the rules.

**16. England and Australia...**

- A** were the first nations to play official matches.
- B** organised world tournaments.
- C** finalised the official rules of cricket.
- D** played each other annually.

**17. The writer doesn't explain all of the rules of cricket because...**

- A** there isn't enough space in the article.
- B** they are in a constant state of change.
- C** they are so similar to baseball.
- D** he doesn't understand them himself.

**18. The writer says that the current Australian cricket team...**

- A** have better facilities than other teams.
- B** are the best team in the world at the moment.
- C** are losing their dominant position in the sport.
- D** are a team other teams don't like to play.

**19. The process of professionalism...**

- A** has made the sport more popular.
- B** has made cricket more difficult to understand.
- C** has raised the standard of the sport.
- D** has required its participants to be braver.

**20. Who is the text aimed at?**

- A** Amateur cricketers.
- B** Cricket fans.
- C** Newcomers to cricket.
- D** People who don't like cricket.