

IELTS GENERAL READING TEST 12

SECTION 1 Questions 1 – 6

There are 5 advertisements on the next page.

Answer the questions below by writing the letters of the appropriate advertisement in boxes 1 – 6 on your answer sheet. Your answer may require more than one letter.

Example Which **TWO** advertisements have a website?

Answer C + D

1. Which is the most luxurious hotel?
2. Which advertisement is NOT for a hotel?
3. Which hotel offers the cheapest deal for 2 people for 1 night?
4. At which TWO hotels can you have a party?
5. Which hotel helps you with water sports?
6. At which place can you NOT make an advanced reservation?

A **THE HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL**
Tourist Board ***
\$100 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

- Tours arranged
- Private car park
- Restaurant
- All bedrooms en suite
- Short bus ride from Sydney City Centre
- Parties catered for

For reservations call:
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1 STAR HOTEL
\$49.99 Double room (shared bathroom)

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- on bus route to City Centre
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E SYDNEY YOUTH HOSTEL
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- Television room
- Travel advice

No Booking 35 Gold Street Sydney
Just turn up Tel: 02 8614 1738
Rated 1* hotel

Questions 7 – 10

Look at the contents page of a local magazine on the following page.

Answer questions **7 – 10** by writing the appropriate page number or numbers where the information appears in the magazine, in boxes **7 – 10** on your answer sheet. Your answer may require more than one-page number.

7. What page would you turn to for a crossword?
8. On what TWO pages can you read about sports?
9. On what page can you read about readers' complaints?
10. What page would you turn to if you wanted to go to the cinema?

Questions 11 and 12

Look again at the contents page of the local magazine.

Answer Questions **11 and 12** by writing **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** in boxes 11 and 12 on your answer sheet.

11. What does Alan Richards write about?
12. What is the subject of Pierre Arlangue's photographs in his new book?

WHAT TO DO IN WESTLEY		CONTENTS	
JULY ISSUE			
WHAT TO DO IN WESTLEY		Art & Culture 62	
Features		The key cultural experiences to catch on your summer holidays. Why not take a painting course at Café des Artistes?	
Cover Story Cup Fever 20		Body and Mind 65	
The town is buzzing with our local football team's advances in the county cup. We bring you interviews with the players and a preview of Westley FC's next game, a local derby against Eastley.		What To Do Magazine reviews gyms, spas and health centers in Westley.	
Eating Out – Pub Grub 39		Books 67	
If you're feeling too lazy to cook but don't want to dig too deep into your pockets, we'll tell you some of the best places in town for good, pub food.		French photographer Pierre Arlangue's study of the most famous peaks in the Alps, local author John Roberts, and lots of international literary news.	
Regulars		Children 71	
First Word	5	The Ferndale shopping center introduces Toy Town, the Gymboree Summer party and kiddies' critics' choice.	
All your rants and raves, and queries.		Film 73	
News	18	New movies out and what our movie buff Alan Richards thinks about them.	
All the latest stories and news from around Westley.		Music 80	
Puzzle Corner	95	Info on live music around town plus all the latest singles and albums reviewed.	
All your favourites to keep you busy.		Nightlife 85	
		Catch the view at the Riverside Pub and the new band at the Jazz Bar.	
		Outdoor 90	
		The continuation of our "Wildlife near Westley".	

SECTION 2 Questions 13 – 17

Look at the Guide for Patients for Westley General Hospital on the following page and the statements (**questions 13 – 17**) below:
In boxes **13 – 17** on your answer sheet write:

- TRUE** if the statement is true
FALSE if the statement is false
NOT GIVEN if the information is not given in the passage

13. Don't bring any money to the hospital.
14. Radios can interfere with hospital electronic equipment.
15. Leave any false teeth at home.
16. You should pack a bag to stay for the night even if you intend only to be a day patient.
17. Telephone services are provided through coin or card operated telephones.

Questions 18 – 20

The Guide for Patients for Westley General Hospital has information divided into sections **A – I**. Which section best helps you with the following things that you want to know. Write the appropriate letter (**A – I**) in boxes **18 – 20** on your answer sheet.

18. You are allergic to some antibiotics.
19. Your brother wants to know when to come and see you.
20. You want to buy something to read at the hospital.

WESTLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

When you come to hospital for a planned stay, please remember that space is limited. We also advise you to bring an overnight bag even if you are only expecting to spend a day in hospital.

A **Clothing**

Please bring a selection of light clothing and personal belongings that may include: night clothes, a track suit, a sweater or fleece, a bathrobe, slippers or socks, glasses, contact lenses, dentures, a hearing aid, bottled drinks (plastic only), tissues, books and magazines, contact details of friends, cash to purchase items during your stay.

B **Toiletries**

Please bring a selection with you including a shaving kit if you are male. The hospital also runs a shop and trolley service from which extra items (additional toiletries, magazines, stamps, newspapers etc.) can be purchased.

C **Valuables**

We strongly advise you not to bring any valuables with you as their security cannot be guaranteed. A closet is provided for some personal items.

D **Electrical appliances**

We ask that you do not bring electrical appliances with you. TV, radio and payphones are provided.

E **Medicines**

Please bring all your current medication with you, preferably in their original containers. On arrival the nursing staff will ask about your history and allergies.

F **Maternity**

Please bring the appropriate baby clothes and feeding equipment. For further information, please contact the Maternity Unit on 740648.

G **What Not to Bring**

Please do not bring any valuables (jewellery), personal computers, radios, TVs. The hospital cannot be held responsible for the loss of any items during your stay. Please note that the hospital does not allow the use of mobile telephones due to possible interference with patient monitoring equipment.

H **Smoking and Drinking Policy**

Smoking and alcohol are strictly prohibited in Westley Hospital. Patients wishing to smoke must do so outdoors. No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

I **Visiting Hours**

For details about when your friends and family can visit, see the list in your room or ward or check our website.

Questions 21 – 24

Look at the Computer Services Training information leaflet from the University of Westley. Complete the following statements (**Questions 21 – 24**) with words taken from the leaflet. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer. Write your answers in boxes **21 – 24** on your answer sheet.

21. If a student has any further questions, he or she should ask someone at _____.
22. Computer courses that are not instructor-led, for undergraduates and postgraduates, can last as long as students like because they are _____.
23. All the materials provided for the courses are produced _____.
24. Any previous computer course in the archives can be re-used and also changed to be _____ to the requirements of students

University of Westley

Computing Services Training

Traditional Instructor–Led Courses

We run courses on software and techniques for which we see a significant need within the University amongst staff and research students. To see details of these courses, and the current schedule, please enquire at the computing centre.

Self-Paced Training Materials

These take various forms but the main materials are workbooks which are designed for use alongside applications software, and allow you to work your way through at your own pace.

These introductory workbooks are designed for undergraduates and postgraduates on taught courses, so that, if departments do not provide specific computer use training, students can still acquire the skills required to benefit from the main items of software provided on open access PCs. These workbooks are Westley University specific, written inhouse, so they tell you precisely what you have to do on an open access PC, but they can also function as introductory material for staff and research students with office PCs. They cover basic computer use and IT-related library skills.

There are also workbooks for most of the current mainstream applications, so if there are no tutor-led courses at convenient times for you, or if you cannot spare the time to attend a course, or if we do not cover the application you wish to learn, or if you simply prefer to train at your own pace, you can use this material.

Workbooks and related course materials used on previous courses are still available, so if we have stopped giving a particular course, you can probably still obtain copies of the notes and exercises.

We can run any of our current or past courses, adapted to be tailor-made to the needs of particular groups, or we can develop courses to order if they are more or less in the areas of computer use we support. Providing there is sufficient demand, we will do our best to accommodate your requirements.

Computer staff can also contribute to academic departments’ teaching, but there are usually fees involved, particularly for significant amounts of course development or delivery. There is no fee if you want to incorporate any of our workbooks or other materials in courses you give yourself.

Questions 25 – 27

Read the Computer Services Training information leaflet again from the University of Westley and look at the statements below (questions 25 – 27). In boxes 25 – 27 on your answer sheet write:

- TRUE** if the statement is true
- FALSE** if the statement is false
- NOT GIVEN** if the information is not given in the passage

- 25. Some departments at the university do not provide the computer training needed for their courses.
- 26. If you cannot come for a course at a suitable time, you can do the course at home over the internet using self-study materials.
- 27. Other departments at the university usually have to pay a charge if they want to use computer department staff for teaching.

SECTION 3

Read the following passage and answer questions **28 – 40**.

SOME SNAKES OF AUSTRALIA

The deadliest Australian snake is undoubtedly the taipan (oxyuranus scutellatus). There are two types of taipan found in Australia, the coastal taipan and the inland or western taipan, the latter being the most venomous land snake found on earth.

Growing to a possible length of 2.9 metres, the taipan has a light olive to dark brown back with a lighter coloured head. The underbelly is cream in colour. The taipan can be found in open forests, coastal heaths, grassy beach dunes and cultivated areas such as cane fields. It lives in the far north of Australia and down the Queensland coast, but has been found as far north as the Murray river in western New South Wales.

The taipan is an aggressive hunter, moving at speed through grasslands with ease. On finding its prey by scent, the reptile flings itself at the victim and inflicts several rapid bites. Like most other venomous snakes, the taipan uses its venom sparingly. As they don’t regard man as prey, they have been known to strike and bite without releasing any venom at all, leading to no adverse effects.

Although the taipan is the deadliest Australian snake, few snakes can match the sinister reputation of the eastern tiger snake (notechis scutatis). However, recent observations indicate that their ferocity and aggressiveness are not as bad as once thought and that actually they are fairly timid. There are different types of tiger snake found in Australia but they are all highly poisonous

and should be avoided. Until recently tiger snakes held the record for the most snakebite fatalities (now overtaken by the eastern brown snake).

The body of the tiger snake has cross bands of yellow or cream on a background of grey, green or brown and this is what gives them their name. They have a heavy build and can grow up to 1.8 metres. In the wild they are mainly a swamp dwelling species and are often found around waterways. Their habitat is now threatened by the clearing of such areas for development. They have been known, though, to climb into surrounding vegetation to a height of about 1 metre. They mainly feed on frogs and mice as adults but will take the odd bird or lizard.

Another highly dangerous Australian snake is the copperhead (*austrelaps superbus*). Although it is non-aggressive, if provoked it raises its forebody from the ground and flattens its neck, angry and hissing, ready to strike. Like all other Australian poisonous snakes, it is an elapid, which means it has a neurotoxic venom. This venom mainly attacks the nerves of the body, but it also contains blood destroying properties. The poison from elapids is generally very dangerous to humans and the copperhead is no exception having very potent venom.

Colour and size vary with where you find the snake. However, they can grow up to 1.8 metres in length and can be tan, brown or black. One feature of copperheads is that they are more tolerant to cold and can be found lying in the sun in mid-winter when other snakes are hibernating.

The food of the copperhead, like most snakes, is frogs and reptiles. What is unusual is that they are threats to each other because they are sometimes prone to cannibalism.

Pythons are also found in Australia, the carpet python (*morelia spilota*) being the most common. There are several different types of carpet python in Australia. They are widespread and can be found in a variety of habitat from wet tropics to dry, nearly arid, desert. They can be found in variable colours but usually have lighter blotches on a darker background. Carpet pythons are also bigger than most Australian snakes and can grow up to a length of almost 4 metres.

The carpet python is largely nocturnal and preys mainly on mammals, birds and reptiles. Non-venomous, pythons bite into their prey and, when the prey struggles, it only sinks further onto the fangs. Next, the python coils around the animal to squeeze its breath out or, in some cases, to constrict its muscles and cause the main blood vessels to burst.

One of the easiest snakes to identify in Australia is the bandy (*vermicelli annulata*). This is a distinctly marked elapid snake with black and white bands around it. It is found in 80% of mainland Australia. The bandy averages about 60cm in length but can grow up to 80cm. It is found in all types of habitat from rainforest to swamps to deserts. It is usually found during the day under cover or on a mild night moving around the ground.

The bandy bandy is a crepuscular or after-dark hunter though it seldom feeds due to its low metabolic rate. Unlike many of its cousins in Australia, it only feeds on blind snakes.

Being an elapid, the bandy bandy is definitely a poisonous snake and looks alarmingly dangerous as it resembles the Malay krait and, when threatened, will flatten its body and raise its body in an aggressive manner. However, the markings and behaviour are a bluff and its venom is only mild and virtually harmless to humans.

Questions 28 – 33

Using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**, answer the following questions. Write your answers in boxes 28 – 33 on your answer sheet.

- 28 Which snake is not an elapid?
- 29 Which snake will eat other snakes of the same species?
- 30 Which snake doesn't require much food?
- 31 Which snake is potentially the largest?
- 32 Which snake's primary food is other snakes?
- 33 Which snake can sometimes be found in trees?

Questions 34 – 40

After reading the passage about Australian snakes, look at the statements below.

- TRUE** if the statement is true
- FALSE** if the statement is not true
- NOT GIVEN** if the information is not given in the passage

- 34 A bite from a taipan is always fatal to humans.

- 35** Tiger snakes got their name from their supposed aggressiveness.
- 36** Elapid snakes are always poisonous
- 37** Copperhead snake poison is not that harmful to humans.
- 38** The carpet python can kill humans.
- 39** Bandy bandy snakes are found outside Australia.
- 40** You'll never find a bandy bandy over 1 metre long.