

## READING COMPREHENSION

### 1. Cost of gaining a degree reaches £33,500

Students starting university this year expect to pay £33,512 for a three-year degree course, a rise of almost £5,000 on last year's projected figure, a survey says today.

Most of the rise is due to the increase in tuition fees of up to £3,000 a year from next month.

The survey by NatWest Student Money Matters found that students expected to graduate in 2009 with £14,779 of debt, an increase of £1,099 on last year's projected figure for 2008.

However, while graduate debt continues to rise, NatWest said there were signs that students were preparing to cut back on some of their social pleasures.

The survey found that undergraduates expected to spend more than they did now on almost every aspect of their life, including eating out, alcohol and buying clothes and on other items such as rent and books.

The only exception was cigarettes, indicating that students may be becoming more health conscious.

Students now spend an average weekly sum of £13.17 on cigarettes, but they expect the amount to drop to £12.56.

The survey also found that the amount students expected to spend over the next three years on day-to-day items was less than the predictions they made last year.

In 2005 they forecast spending £176.72 per week over the next three years. This year they have cut the figure to £158.75, a saving of £17.97 a week.

Mark Worthington, from NatWest, said that undergraduates were "clearly much more informed about the financial realities of university than in previous years".

He said: "Despite the expected cost of university rising by 17 per cent on 2005, students expect that by cutting back on spending they will graduate with only eight per cent more debt."

The survey found more students were doing part-time jobs to pay for their university life. A huge proportion (87 per cent) of this year's intake believed they would have to take a part-time job.

Forty-six per cent of students rely on income from term time work to get by, working an average of 14 hours a week. Students supplement their income by an average of £71.32 a week.

Two thirds of parents pay for their children's university education. Twenty-eight per cent give regular amounts. Twenty-six per cent receive money from their parents when they need it, eight per cent receive a lump sum at the beginning of each term and four per cent receive a one-off amount when they start university.

Despite worries about the higher costs, 79 per cent of this year's intake believed that going to university would help them with their future prospects and 53 per cent wanted to train for a specific career such as medicine or law.

**Task 1**

Read the text and complete the table with your notes based on the text with no more than 3 words, according to the example (0).

NUMBERS	WHAT THEY REFER TO	MARKING BOX	
		1.	2.
<i>14</i>	<i>(0.) students' average number of hours' work/week</i>	✓	✓
(1.)	students' current spending /week on cigarettes		
(2.)	maximum amount of growth of the tuition fee this year		
£33,512	(3.)		
17	(4.)		
(5.)	proportion of parents financing their children's studies		
£14,779	(6.)		
£5,000	(7.)		
(8.)	% of students expect to take up part-time jobs		
(9.)	expected saving on weekly costs		
(10.)	% of students getting money from relatives before each semester		
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**Task 2**

Read the text again and use it to decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Write your answers in the table below according to the example (0). *Please note that if all your answers are marked as true or as false, your answers will be disqualified.*

STATEMENTS	TRUE OR FALSE	MARKING BOX	
		1.	2.
(0.) The survey on student finances was conducted by NatWest.	<i>T</i>	✓	✓
11. The majority of students are optimistic about their future careers.			
12. Students have started to think more realistically about costs of studying.			
13. The only exception where they did not want to cut costs was cigarettes.			
14. Students usually combine money from their parents with part-time earnings.			
15. 79% of students worry about the increasing costs of their university studies.			
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## 2. Short news on alternative energy

<p><b>① Colorado Fuel Cell Center Celebrates Its Grand Opening on May 9, 2006</b></p> <p>WHAT: New Research Center to Boost Colorado Fuel Cell Industry Attend the Grand Opening and learn from fuel cell experts and researchers about their projects in portable and transportation applications, working with renewable fuels, and efficiency projects.</p> <p>WHO: The Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) along with its partners, the Gas Technology Institute, the Colorado School of Mines, and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.</p> <p>WHY: Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen to create electricity; the only byproduct is water vapor. It is a clean, efficient energy technology. With the rising costs of fuel and the uncertainty of its foreign sources, fuel cell technologies may have a vital role in our energy independence.</p> <p>WHERE: The CFCC is located at 1310 Maple Street, in Golden, Colorado, on the Colorado School of Mines Campus.</p>	<p><b>② Tesco turns on charm</b></p> <p>THE chief executive of Tesco, Sir Terry Leahy, will this week announce plans to transform the supermarket chain into a "better neighbour".</p> <p>The scheme will be set out in a speech to the Work Foundation, a business think tank, on Wednesday.</p> <p>Tesco's proposals are said to focus on three core areas: the environment, health and local communities.</p> <p>The plan will include numerous small initiatives, such as improving lorry suspensions to make delivery trucks quieter and more energy efficient, through to more ambitious projects that include getting 2m people active before the 2012 London Olympics.</p> <p>Leahy first revealed that Tesco was working on a "community plan" last month when he announced a 17% leap in profits, to a record £2.2 billion.</p> <p>Tesco also said it was proposing a £100m environmental fund to research and develop the use of wind, solar and geothermal power in Tesco stores and distribution centres.</p>
<p><b>③ DuPont Shows Off Alternative Fuel Research</b></p> <p>(AP) WILMINGTON, Del. DuPont officials got a chance to show off the company's research into alternative fuels today to a Bush administration official visiting Delaware to promote the president's energy proposals.</p> <p>Karen Harbert, from the US Department of Energy, began her visit with a stop at DuPont's Experimental Station, where researchers are working on turning corn plants into ethanol. DuPont is leading a consortium of three members that received a four-year, 19 million dollar grant from the energy department for research leading to "biorefinery" technology capable of producing cellulosic ethanol.</p> <p>Unlike traditional ethanol, which is made from corn kernels, cellulosic ethanol is made from the whole corn plant: cob, stalk and silk.</p> <p>DuPont officials have a good understanding of the combination of enzymes and microorganisms needed to break down the cellulose in the corn plant and convert it into sugars that can be fermented and distilled into ethanol. But they'll need to figure out how to make the technology commercially feasible.</p>	

Read the text again and pair the projects in the table to the given questions, according to the example (0). There are 15 correct answers, excluding the examples.

QUESTIONS	THE NUMBER OF THE PROJECT(S) /NEWS ITEM(S)	MARKING BOX	
		1.	2.
<i>Which article contains an invitation?</i>	<i>1</i>	✓	✓
Which article is about an event?			
Which article involves a research institute?			
Which article names several alternative energy sources?			
Which article is about creating alternative energy from gases?			
Which article describes the technology of making a liquid energy source?			
Which article mentions the sum to be spent on environmental research?			
Which article describes co-operation between various organisations?			
Which article compares the production of two kinds of alternative energy source?			
Which article mentions a problem or problems to be solved?			
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## WRITING SKILLS

### Task 1

Study the table and use the provided information to complete the sentences using 50-80 words, according to the example (0).

**The performance of India's top 500 companies in 2014 (in million rupees)**  
Export revenue and growth of export-oriented sectors

	Exports (Rs mn)	y-o-y change (%)	Export contribution to sector's revenue (%)
Oil - Refining and marketing	1,258,432	11.5	16.7
Software and ITes	562,082	23.6	85.1
Pharmaceuticals	224,175	16.7	43.0
Iron and steel	186,435	25.2	13.9
Engineering / capital goods	174,600	76.2	16.7
Gems and jewellery	172,642	15.1	68.7
Non-ferrous metals	145,273	(20.5)	31.8
Power equipment	104,114	47.9	31.8
Textiles	94,254	9.5	31.4

0. The table shows data from 2009 on the performance of India's top 500 companies.

1. In the rows we can see the various

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2. In the first column the values of the exports

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3. The second column

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4. The third column

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5. The biggest volume of exports

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6. The second largest export share is due to the

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7. This sector accounts for the largest

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8. The pharmaceutical sector has also

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9. The following four categories reach

.....

10. Companies belonging to the final two categories

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**Task 2**

You work for the HR management department of a company in England. (Celetron System, 15 Tulip Street London SW3 NE2). Last week a group of 20 colleagues took part in a team-building training, including a having a meal in a restaurant in Broadstone.

Write a letter to the the manager of the restaurant (Devon Restaurant, 2 Rose Street, Broadstone SW 5LE9 England), in 120-140 words, in which you would like to make a complaint. Your name in this role: Budai Béla/Bella.

In your letter you should

- complain about:
  - slow service,
  - rude waiters
  - low quality food
  - overcharged bill
- write about
  - the action you want them to take

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION****Task 1**

Listen to the text about the green habits of Seattle's inhabitants. Based on the text, decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Write your answers in the table below, according to the example (0). *Please note that if all your answers are marked as true or as false, your answers will be disqualified.*

STATEMENTS	TRUE OR FALSE	MARKING BOX	
		1.	2.
0. (Example)According to the speaker, in the US people care about their environment.	<i>T</i>	✓	✓
In Seattle,			
1. rubbish is collected selectively.			
2. eco-friendly buildings and services are widely advertised.			
3. green roofs are very common.			
4. there aren't a lot of hybrid cars yet.			
5. hybrid cars run partly on gasoline and partly on battery.			
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**Task 2**

Listen to the text about internet-based jobs and provide short answers to the questions. Write your answers in the table below according to the example (0) in no more than 5 words (0).

QUESTIONS		ANSWERS	MARKING BOX	
			1.	2.
0.	<i>What kind of special credit can you finance from your earnings? (Example)</i>	<i>.....mortgage.....</i>	✓	✓
1.	What forms of jobs can be internet-based?	.....		
2.	Whom do websites of hand-made goods match with each other?	.....		
3.		.....		
4.	What crafts are mentioned? Give an example.	.....		
5.	What hand-made goods can be sold on the internet? Give an example.	.....		
6.	What projects should you start when thinking about creating hand-made goods?	.....		
7.	What costs should you be reimbursed for when selling hand-made goods?	.....		
8.		.....		
9.	What websites do domain-name flippers look for and buy?	.....		
10.	How many dollars was <b>birdcage.com</b> sold for to a bird cage vendor?	.....		
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## **SPEAKING SKILLS**

### **Task 1: Professional discussion**

### **Task 2:**

#### **Situation 5**

#### **Examiner's copy**

#### **THE EXAMINEE'S ROLE**

You work in a food-processing plant in Hungary. The ingredients are transported from Poland, but the goods are delayed. Call the contact person and complain.

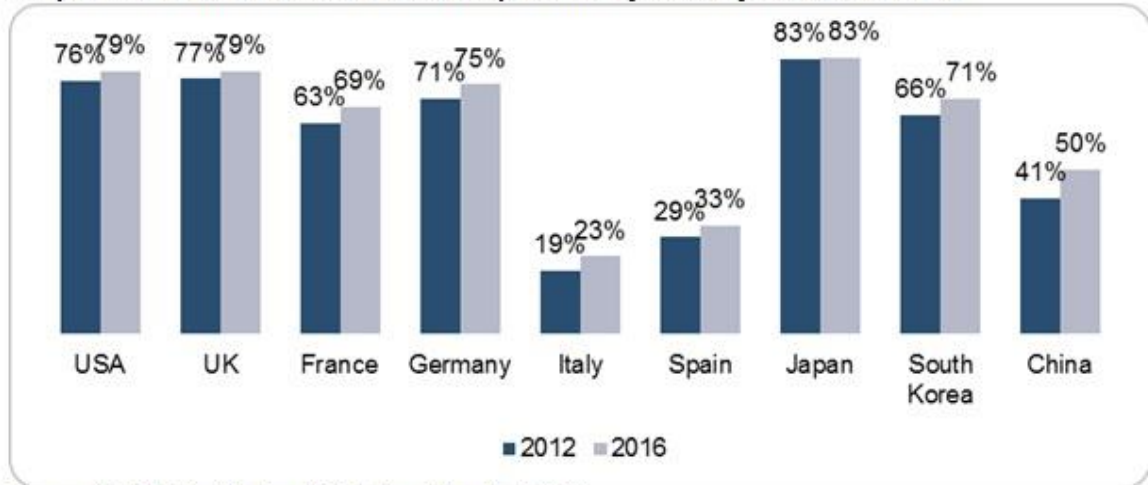
- Explain the problem.
- Ask about
  - the reason for the delay
  - compensation possibilities
- Tell him/her the inconvenience (losing partners, orders, etc.)
- Agree on new delivery date

#### ***THE EXAMINER'S ROLE:***

You are a contact person of the Polish company supplying food-processing plants with ingredients. A Hungarian partner is calling you to complain about a delay. Listen to the problem.

- Tell him/her the reason for the delay (strike at the company)
- ensure him/her that the problem will be solved (compensation, etc.)
- Offer a new delivery date.



**Task 3****Proportion of Internet users who shop online by country, 2012 and 2016**

Source: IDATE, World Internet Markets, edition July 2012