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Level 2

Component 2: Reading

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Text Booklet

Paper Reference

E202/01

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Information

- This Text Booklet contains the three texts required for the Level 2 Component 2: Reading examination.
- This Text Booklet must be securely destroyed by the centre immediately after the exam has been completed.
- Learners must not therefore write any responses to questions in this Text Booklet.
- Only answers given in the question paper booklet will be marked.

Advice

- Read all three texts in the Text Booklet before you attempt to answer the questions.

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Text A

Do you want to work abroad?

Last year 200,000 British people left the UK to start a life elsewhere. Even a short time living abroad can be beneficial for expanding your personal experiences and is desirable to future employers. Think carefully though; there are some vital things to remember.

Decisions

Can you face leaving behind family and friends? The move can be quite daunting for most people. On the other hand, it could satisfy your curiosity and desire for something different. Just make sure your heart is in it.

Jobs

Many jobs are advertised in online magazines and newsletters, so register with as many of these as possible. The internet has made the world smaller and has increased your opportunities.

Depending on where you are looking, you may need to get applications, references or CVs translated and there are programs to help you do this online. You may have to travel to attend an interview or answer questions via video conferencing.

Legal requirements

The need for work permits and visas should be researched.

Health insurance could also be a problem if you don't buy it before you go. You don't want to be flying home every time you are unwell.

Culture

Moving to a new country is very different to going there on holiday. Getting used to a new way of life, new people and a new culture takes time and effort. However, this could be one of the most enjoyable aspects of moving abroad. Soak up the experience and learn from it; it shows adaptability for your CV. You will have new places to visit and perhaps a new language to learn while you're there.

Communication

Moving abroad doesn't mean cutting yourself off from the people and places you have known before. Skype, email and instant messaging mean that family and friends can still be a few clicks away.

(Adapted from: jobs.ac.uk 'why working abroad is so popular')



Text B

Volunteering Abroad

Volunteering Abroad (VA) is a volunteering organisation. It arranges projects for people from the UK to help in some of the poorest areas in the world.

Volunteers often work and stay with host families in the local community to ensure they have the most genuine and meaningful experience possible. This helps in developing your language skills and understanding the local culture and its values. You could also create friendships which could last a lifetime. Alternatively, you could share a hostel with other volunteers. Lodging and food are included in your package.

This isn't a holiday and you need to make sure it is the right thing for you. It is challenging work, but hugely rewarding. This could be a great opportunity for personal development and to show employers what you are capable of. It is unforgettable work experience and you will learn skills to take into your chosen profession.

You don't need a lot of money to apply for VA, and it's not just about skills or qualifications either. What you must have is the ambition to make a difference.

Projects

Our placements can be wide and varied. Do you think you could help people improve their English? Or could you take part in building and renovation work? We could use your existing skills in appropriate placements and all of our contracts offer meaningful and productive experiences.

Commitment

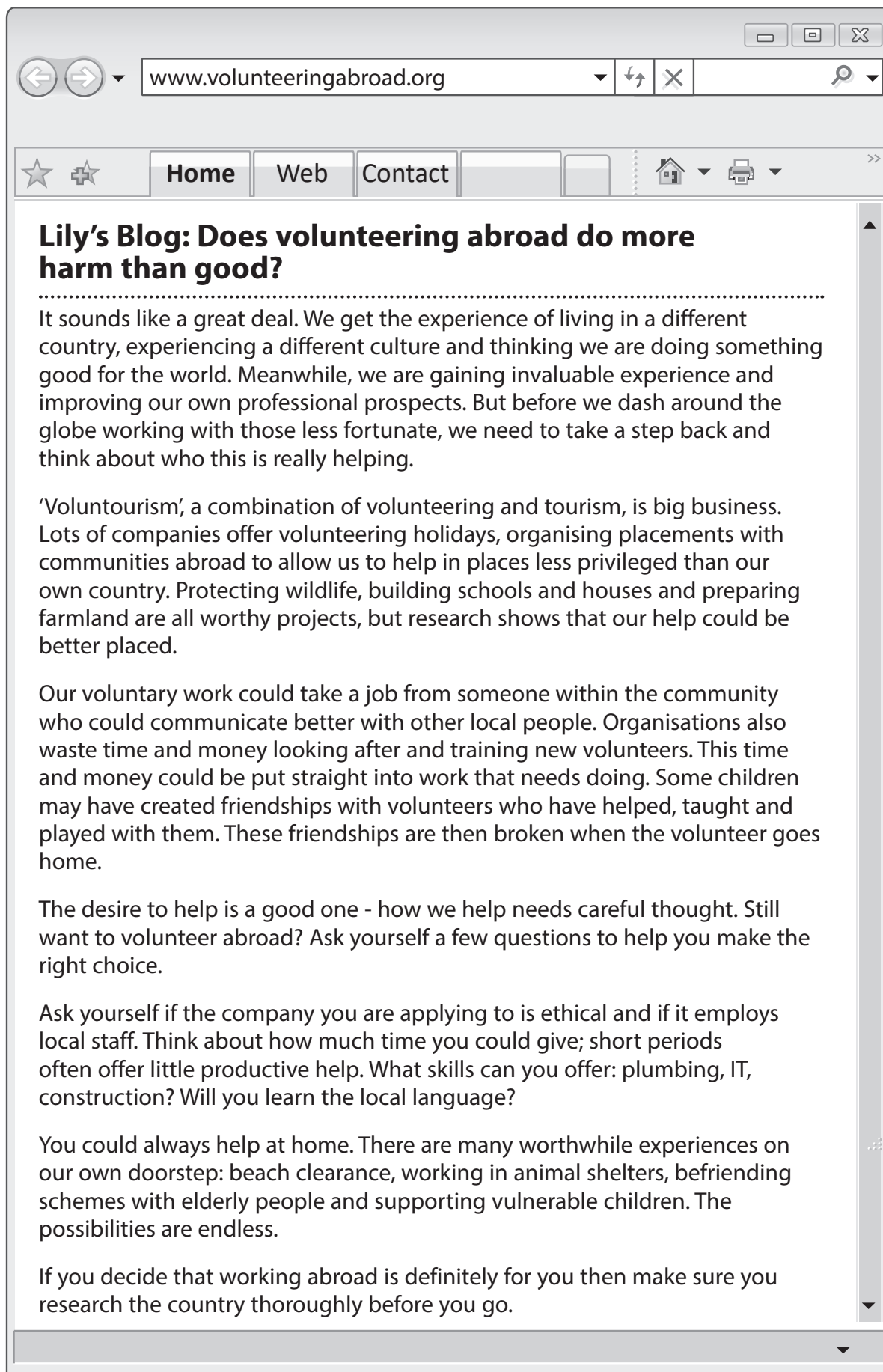
We can provide support in covering travel and vaccination costs, as well as paying you a local living allowance and your healthcare expenses. VA delivers full training for your project so that you are confident when you work with us.

In return we would expect 100% dedication to the project and so this is a big decision to make. We would need between three weeks and one year of your time depending on your chosen assignment.

If this interests you, visit our website for more details on how to get involved
www.volunteeringabroad.web



Text C



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.volunteeringabroad.org'. The browser's navigation bar includes a star icon, a home icon, and a printer icon. The main content area displays a blog post with the following text:

Lily's Blog: Does volunteering abroad do more harm than good?

It sounds like a great deal. We get the experience of living in a different country, experiencing a different culture and thinking we are doing something good for the world. Meanwhile, we are gaining invaluable experience and improving our own professional prospects. But before we dash around the globe working with those less fortunate, we need to take a step back and think about who this is really helping.

'Voluntourism', a combination of volunteering and tourism, is big business. Lots of companies offer volunteering holidays, organising placements with communities abroad to allow us to help in places less privileged than our own country. Protecting wildlife, building schools and houses and preparing farmland are all worthy projects, but research shows that our help could be better placed.

Our voluntary work could take a job from someone within the community who could communicate better with other local people. Organisations also waste time and money looking after and training new volunteers. This time and money could be put straight into work that needs doing. Some children may have created friendships with volunteers who have helped, taught and played with them. These friendships are then broken when the volunteer goes home.

The desire to help is a good one - how we help needs careful thought. Still want to volunteer abroad? Ask yourself a few questions to help you make the right choice.

Ask yourself if the company you are applying to is ethical and if it employs local staff. Think about how much time you could give; short periods often offer little productive help. What skills can you offer: plumbing, IT, construction? Will you learn the local language?

You could always help at home. There are many worthwhile experiences on our own doorstep: beach clearance, working in animal shelters, befriending schemes with elderly people and supporting vulnerable children. The possibilities are endless.

If you decide that working abroad is definitely for you then make sure you research the country thoroughly before you go.



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**You MUST have the correct Text Booklet.
You may use a dictionary.**

Total Marks

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Signature: _____

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- This question paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.

Advice

- Read all three texts before you attempt to answer the questions.
- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Context

You are interested in finding out more about working abroad.

Instructions

Read Text A, Text B and Text C in the Text Booklet, then answer questions 1 – 13.

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Answer question 1 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 The writer of Text A believes that:

- A it is difficult to get health insurance before you go abroad
- B reading online newsletters will help you find a job abroad
- C you need to learn a new language before you go abroad
- D holidays are a good way to start your search for a job abroad

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 In Text A, what do the following quotations suggest about working abroad?

'satisfy your curiosity'

(1)

'soak up the experience'

(1)

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

3 What is the **main** purpose of Text A?

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4 Give **one** idea from Text B that would be helpful for someone who wants to know about accommodation when working abroad.

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)



Answer questions 5 and 6 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

5 In Text B, the paragraph beginning 'This isn't a holiday...' suggests that volunteering abroad:

- A is essential for every profession
- B can often be well paid
- C can help you reach your potential
- D is right for everyone

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 In Text B, 'Volunteering Abroad - making the globe smaller' is an example of:

- A a simile
- B cliché
- C alliteration
- D a slogan

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 Identify **two** methods used by the writer of Text C to present her views on volunteering.

Give an example to support each answer.

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(Total for Question 7 = 4 marks)

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8 Your friend wants to find work abroad.

Using Text A and Text C, advise your friend what he should do when planning to work abroad.

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(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

9 Give **one** quotation from Text A and **one** quotation from Text B which suggest you need to be certain that living abroad is right for you before you go.

Quotation from Text A

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(1)

Quotation from Text B

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(1)

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



11 You are preparing a presentation on how technology makes communication easy.

Which text is the **most** useful when preparing your presentation?

Give **one** reason for your choice and **one** example to support your answer.

Text (1)

Reason (1)

Example (1)

(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)

12 You are interested in how working abroad can improve your CV and job prospects.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts which tells you how working abroad can improve your CV and job prospects.

Text A (1)

Text B (1)

Text C (1)

(Total for Question 12 = 3 marks)



Answer question 13 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

13 Which statement below is an accurate summary of points made in the texts?

- A Texts A and B both suggest that you need to have a lot of money to move abroad.
- B Texts B and C both suggest that you could use skills that you already have.
- C Texts A and B both suggest that your employer will cover your medical costs.
- D Texts A and C both suggest that short-term work can be helpful for other countries.

(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

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