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**English B – Higher level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension**  
**Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite**  
**Inglés B – Nivel Superior – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura**

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**Question and answer booklet – Instructions to candidates**

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
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- Answer all questions. Each question is allocated **[1 mark]** unless otherwise stated.
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**Text A — Living and working with invisible disability: “By being true to my experiences I am more effective”**

Answer the following questions.

1. Who works with Roda in developing programmes?

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2. What do Roda's personal identity and experience enable her to offer?



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3. Where did Roda first see pictures of UNICEF workers?

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Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **paragraphs 3–4**.

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5. Roda spent a significant time as a caregiver because her mother...

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6. After she learned to be open about her own disability, Roda wanted...

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7. Roda gained experience reporting on events because she worked...

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8. Roda was able to progress at work primarily due to her experience of...

Choose the correct answer.

9. What did Roda do for the homeless people in Nashville?

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- A. Referred them to foot doctors
- B. Distributed new shoes to them
- C. Cleaned their socks
- D. Washed their feet

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11. What did Roda come to realize about volunteering?

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- A. It leads to a deep understanding of developmental work.
- B. It enhances one's career prospects.
- C. It is most fulfilling to do with an historic organization.
- D. It may not be accessible to everyone.

12. What is the text mainly about?

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- A. How Roda came to accept her disability
- B. Roda's work as a Programme Officer
- C. Roda's enjoyment of being a volunteer
- D. How Roda's life experiences shaped her

## Text B — Five things you must do to become a better musician

Find the word or phrase in **lines 1–15** which means the following.

**13.** become successful

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**14.** situation

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**15.** quickly

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**16.** technique

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16. technique

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Answer the following questions.

**17.** Why might some musicians hesitate to try improvising?

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**18.** Why is it important that students get guidance about improvisation from a range of people?

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**19.** According to the text, what error is sometimes made even by accomplished musicians?

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Choose an appropriate heading from the list that completes each gap in the text.

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|-----|------------|--------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 20. | [ – 20 – ] | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. | Make time for rest           |
| 21. | [ – 21 – ] | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. | Never stop learning          |
| 22. | [ – 22 – ] | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. | Perform regularly            |
| 23. | [ – 23 – ] | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. | Find your audience           |
|     |            |                          | E. | Learn the art of spontaneity |
|     |            |                          | F. | Be a real artist             |
|     |            |                          | G. | Stay committed               |
|     |            |                          | H. | Focus on your weaknesses     |

What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate words from the list.

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|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------|----|-------------|
| 24. | tempting (line 31)    | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. | connecting  |
| 25. | promoting (line 38)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. | interesting |
| 26. | interacting (line 41) | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. | inviting    |
|     |                       |                          | D. | employing   |
|     |                       |                          | E. | supporting  |
|     |                       |                          | F. | playing     |





**Text C — An extract from *Mr Rosenblum's List***

**27.** Choose the **four** true statements.

**[4]**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A.</b> The fog that evening is predicted to be heaviest along the south coast.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>B.</b> The following day is expected to be wetter in more parts of the country.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>C.</b> Jack felt worried when the daily bulletins predicted poor weather.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>D.</b> His habit of listening to the weather forecast made Jack feel English.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>E.</b> Jack believed the British suffered when the forecast was suspended.           |
|                          | <b>F.</b> Jack imagined everyone listening at different times to the weather forecast.  |
|                          | <b>G.</b> In Jack's imagination, all parts of Britain have similarly miserable weather. |
|                          | <b>H.</b> Jack felt that listening to the weather forecast was a unifying experience.   |

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for **[1 mark]**.

**28.** Jack couldn't mend his fence because it was impossible to get wood.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True  | Justification: ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False | .....                |

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<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**29.** Jack no longer paid attention to the fact that the city was run-down.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**30.** The most elegant houses in the city were still in perfect condition.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**31.** People coming back to London viewed the city with sadness.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	False	.....



35. "He listened in religiously" (line 12) suggests that for Jack, listening to the forecast was...

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- A. the correct thing to do.
- B. to be done consistently.
- C. required by his faith.
- D. to be done privately.

36. Based on **lines 17–26** Jack seems...

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- A. concerned.
- B. indifferent.
- C. hopeful.
- D. determined.

37. In this passage, Jack's attitude towards the British is best described as...

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- A. critical.
- B. amused.
- C. detached.
- D. affectionate.