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Objective: IELTS Reading

A) Please read the texts below. When you are finished, answer questions 1-14.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A COURSE AT THE COLLEGE

### COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All full-programme applicants will be interviewed for their course. Students on ALL courses must be dedicated and prepared to work hard. See the individual course details in this prospectus for any specific admission requirements.

Students must be at least 16 years old, unless under an arrangement with their school. Mature students are encouraged to apply – if you don't have the formal entry requirements, you may be accepted on the basis of an interview.

### WHEN TO APPLY

Send us your application as soon as possible because some programmes fill up very quickly. Don't wait for your exam results! Priority for the programme originally applied for is based on the date the application is received. All applications should be received by 25 July. However, in some cases later applicants will be accepted.

### MAKING AN APPLICATION

Detach and complete the Application and Reference forms, which are at the back of this prospectus. Read the following notes before filling in your forms. Call the Admissions Service with any queries.

If a course number is given, please make sure you write it in the box provided on the application form. Course numbers are in the course pages of the prospectus, under the course title and next to the College Centre where the course is held.

### REFERENCE

Write your full name, address and the learning programmes you have chosen on your reference form and send it to someone who knows of your progress so far. This will usually be your present or last headteacher or tutor. For students over 20, we may accept a reference from someone who knows you well – for example an employer (not a relative). The suitability of your referee should be confirmed with the Admissions Service.

Ask the person providing your reference to return the form as soon as possible to the Admissions Service. You may not be offered an interview until a satisfactory reference form is received by the Admissions Officer. We cannot offer a firm place on a programme until a reference has been received.

### Questions 1-6

Do the following statements agree with the information in the passage? Write

<b>True</b>	if the statement agrees with the information in the passage
<b>False</b>	if the statement disagrees with the information in the passage
<b>Not Given</b>	if there is no information on this

- 1 Entry requirements may differ on different courses.
- 2 Requirements for mature students have recently changed
- 3 Acceptance on a course may depend on when the application is sent.
- 4 Admissions Service will provide extra copies of the Application and Reference forms.
- 5 Course Numbers are given for all courses.
- 6 Applicants should send their references to the Admissions Service.

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**A** Studying abroad, or simply planning a nice trip to an exotic location? Unfortunately, while people might be understanding if you have problems with their language, they are less likely to be forgiving if you break the unwritten social rules. Did you know, for example, that in Japan it is considered rude to blow your nose in public (and heaven forbid you put your cotton handkerchief back in your pocket!)? You might also be studying (and socialising) with people from all over the world. A few helpful tips will ensure you avoid upsetting your hosts, or even your fellow students!

**B** The best advice we can give you is to learn some of the local customs of the people you will be spending time with. Let's say you have arrived in Asia and you're sharing a meal with new-found friends. You might feel very satisfied with yourself if you can use chopsticks when you're eating, but make sure you don't point with them. Many Asians consider it rude. And don't forget to check who should start the meal first: you or your hosts. Different countries have different 'rules' about this. Speaking of food, when eating in certain provinces of China, it is considered bad luck to turn over a cooked fish. And Italians like it when you show your appreciation of their cooking, so never refuse a second plateful!

**C** Behaviour connected with the body can be confusing because of social differences. In Muslim cultures, for example, people avoid using the left hand to give and receive. Many people in these cultures eat only with the right hand and they might consider you impolite if you use your left. But if you are given a business card in a country like Singapore, and you don't accept it with both hands, you'll be showing disrespect and a lack of interest in the person giving the card. In Britain, shaking hands is mainly done between men (and often only the first time you are introduced) but this is becoming less common these days. The Italians kiss and shake hands (but be careful, it's twice – once on each cheek), the Belgians may kiss three times, alternating from cheek to cheek, and the French? Well, whole books have been devoted to the subject!



### Questions 7-14

Do the following statements agree with the information in the passage? Write

<b>True</b>	if the statement agrees with the information in the passage
<b>False</b>	if the statement disagrees with the information in the passage
<b>Not Given</b>	if there is no information on this

- 7 People may sympathize with you about how difficult it is to study English.
- 8 People will be angrier if you don't understand their language, than if you don't understand their customs.
- 9 Japanese people think it is impolite to blow your nose around other people.
- 10 It's a good idea to learn about the habits of the people where you are going to live.
- 11 It is impolite to use chopsticks with your left hand.
- 12 Italian meals usually consist of several courses.
- 13 Muslims might think you are rude if you eat using your left hand.
- 14 In Britain, shaking hands is equally common among males and females.

## English Supplementary Material

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