

English Assessment - CINEC

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This is a general English assessment and consists of two parts. The first one is a comprehension with True/false/not given answers required. The second part is written/typed answer in response to the detailed scenario that has been given.

New York Late-Starters String Orchestra

NYLSO, the New York Late-Starters String Orchestra, is something special. It was founded in early 2007, and grew out of a concept developed by The East London Late Starters Orchestra (ELLSO), an award-winning group in England. NYLSO is an amateur orchestra for adult players of violin, viola, cello, and double bass. If you played a string instrument when you were younger and would like to start again, or if you are learning as an adult and would like the chance to play in a group of similar people, then NYLSO is for you! Our goal is to create a fun, supportive, non-competitive environment for adults 18 to 80+ who wish to participate in collective music-making.

Participants should have basic music reading skills and a willingness to commit to the group, but are not required to audition. It is recommended that you have studied your instrument for at least one year. If you have ever been paid to play your instrument, recently graduated with a degree in performance, or have been playing continuously since elementary school, you may decide we are not the appropriate group for you.

How We Work:

We know that New Yorkers are busy people. It is fine if you miss an entire rehearsal period when an emergency arises. Ultimately, though, too many absences disrupt the function of the group and make it difficult to perform the pieces. Sessions are in six-week rehearsal cycles, with two-hour rehearsals held once a week. We work with the goal of producing one to three very informal 'friends-and-family' concerts per year.

Our professional tutor/facilitator serves as coach and conductor during rehearsals. Substitute conductors also join in to teach different sections, providing groups of players with valuable experience in working with different approaches and styles. Everyone is encouraged to play

to their fullest potential, whatever that may be, but please recognize that while we do have a conductor, her role is not to provide one-on-one instruction during rehearsals.

NYLSO is a self-supporting collective; we do not receive any other funding. The cost is \$80 for each six-week cycle. Payments are applied to the costs of rehearsal space, conductor's fees, and photocopying music.

Materials You Will Need at Rehearsals:

You will need an instrument, a portable music stand, and any other relevant accessories. You should bring a folder to keep your music together and a soft-lead pencil with an eraser for writing in changes. Sheet music is provided.

Questions 1-7

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

1. The idea behind NYLSO was based on another orchestra. **TRUE**
2. An ability to read music is essential. **TRUE**
3. The NYLSO might be unsuitable for very advanced level musicians. **TRUE**
4. NYLSO concerts are free to members' families and friends. **TRUE**
5. Rehearsals always involve the full orchestra playing together. **FALSE**
6. The conductor provides her services free to NYLSO. **FALSE**
7. The NYLSO gives advice on what instrument to purchase. **FALSE**

Part 2

Writing Task

You recently organized an all-day meeting for your company, which took place in a local hotel. In their feedback, participants at the meeting said that they liked the hotel, but they were unhappy about the food that was served for lunch.

Write a letter to the manager of the hotel. In your letter

- say what the participants liked about the hotel
- explain why they were unhappy about the food
- suggest what the manager should do to improve the food in future.
- any other concerns

A minimum of 150 words

You do **NOT** need to write any addresses

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear Sir **OR** Madam,

I am writing this letter about our all-day meeting that was organized in your hotel and it held on 12th April 2022. Your hospitalization is so good, so thank you very much for that. As I know, your hotel is a great reputation over the years because of its great service but at this time your food quality is not good as we expected. This is not only my complaint but also our members who participated that day.

some of the menu items food that was served during the lunch were cold and also some of them are not properly cooked. So, I think you should take steps so that all the dishes are cooked properly and served in time.

I believe your hotel's food quality will improve in the future. Thank you so much for your concern.

Yours sincerely,

Kasun Jayasinghe.