

# General Training Reading and Writing Test B

## READING

### SECTION 1      **Questions 1–14**

*Read the text below and answer Questions 1–7.*

#### **The Young Person's Railcard**

A Young Person's Railcard gives young people the opportunity to purchase discounted rail tickets across Britain. Just imagine where it could take you – to festivals, to see distant friends or to London for a weekend break.

##### **Who can apply?**

Absolutely anybody between 16 and 25 can apply. You will need to provide proof that you are under 26 years of age. For this, only your birth certificate, driving licence, passport or medical card will be acceptable. Alternatively, if you are a mature student over this age but in full-time education, you can also apply. In order to prove your eligibility, you will need to get your headteacher, tutor, or head of department to sign the application form as well as one of your photos, the latter also needing to be officially stamped. 'Full-time education' is defined as over 15 hours per week for at least 20 weeks a year.

Then go along to any major railway station, rail-appointed travel agent or authorised student travel office with your completed application form from this leaflet, together with £28, two passport-sized photos and proof of eligibility.

##### **Using your railcard**

You can use it at any time – weekends, Bank Holidays or during the week. But if you travel before 10 am Monday to Friday (except during July and August) minimum fares will apply. For full details of these, please ask at your local station or contact a rail-appointed travel agent.

##### **Conditions**

In cases where a railcard does not bear the user's signature, it will be treated as invalid. Neither your railcard nor any tickets bought with it may be used by anybody else. Unless there are no purchase facilities available at the station where you began your journey, you will be required to pay the full fare if you are unable to produce a valid ticket for inspection during a journey.

Reduced rate tickets are not available for first-class travel or for Eurostar links to France and Belgium. Passengers will be charged the full rate if they want to use these services.

Read the text below and answer Questions 8–14.

## TRAIN TRAVEL INFORMATION



We offer several distinct options for you to choose the ticket that suits you best.

TICKET TYPE	DISCOUNT*	NOTES
standard returns	20%	return within 60 days of outward trip
same day returns	25%	ticket cannot be altered or refunded
children	40%	children between 4 and 11
students	25%	student card must be shown
senior citizens	25%	seniors card must be shown
groups (10–25 people)	15%	discount on each section of the trip
globe-trotter tickets	according to ticket	Railpass, Tourist Card, Econopass

\* Only one discount may apply to each fare.

### **CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Tickets may be refunded not later than 5 minutes before the departure of the train for a charge of 15% of the ticket price, or the journey may be changed to another day for a charge of 10% of the ticket price. (Not applicable to same day returns.)

### **CHANGES FOR SAME DAY TRAVEL**

You may change your ticket once without charge for a journey on the same day as the original ticket.

### **INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS**

- When you buy your ticket it is up to you to check that the dates and times of the journey on it are exactly as you requested.
- Ticket control and access to each train platform will be open until 2 minutes before departure of the train.
- Each traveller may take one suitcase and one item of hand luggage. You may also check in 15kgs. of luggage not later than 30 minutes before departure, at no extra charge.
- If you would like to charter a train, or make reservations for over 25 passengers travelling together, call the Sales Department.

### **OUR TIMETABLE IS GUARANTEED**

*If the arrival of your train at your destination is delayed by more than 5 minutes according to the timetable, we will refund the full price of your ticket if the delay is caused by our company*