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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 3

Do not read this section until instructed by your examiner. You will be given an exact time limit to read and answer the question to this section.

Read the advice for airline passengers published online by an airline company. Answer questions 1–6. You don't have to read all the information to answer the questions. Your examiner will time you and tell you when to start and stop reading. Question 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Travel and transport
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QUESTION	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
ANSWER	✓						

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0 How long does it usually take to get an authorized visa for the USA? 72 hours

- 1 When should you be at your departure gate? _____
- 2 What document should you have to show at Immigration?

- 3 What happens if you want to take extra baggage? _____
- 4 What is the maximum depth of the standard-sized hand luggage bag? _____
- 5 What quantity of liquids can you carry to the USA or Canada?

- 6 What items might you have to remove before going through security? _____

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Traveller's checklist

It can often be a problem trying to find out all you need to know before you travel, so we've put this practical checklist together for you to make your life easier.

Valid documents. Check your passport and visa are up-to-date before travelling. You have to have a valid passport for your whole trip and you are responsible for getting a visa if required. This is very important if you are travelling to the United States.

> **See our detailed passport and visa information**

If you are travelling to the USA on the 'Visa Waiver Program', you need travel authorization, which you can get by completing our online form. The process takes between 15 and 25 minutes and authorization is normally given within 72 hours. Once granted, the visa is valid for several entries to the USA over a period of two years. You are also required to provide advance passenger information to the US government each time you fly to the States. If you have a 'green card' permit, you don't need to apply for authorization.

Checking in for your flight. You can do this by using the online check-in from 24 hours before your flight departs and choose your seat previously. Otherwise you can use the airport check-in desk which takes only a few minutes. You must be at your departure gate about 20 minutes before departure time, and go through airport security first. Don't forget to have a copy of your itinerary to show at Immigration to prove your booking. This information should include:

- Your flight number
- Your operating airline
- Scheduled departure time
- Departure terminal

> **See our online check-in information**

Baggage allowances. These tend to vary by class and route so check you know what is acceptable before you travel. If you are travelling with more than one airline, check their allowances as well. If you want to take extra baggage, you will be charged a fee for this, but you can pre-pay before you fly and get a 20% discount.

Packing your bags. It's a good idea to put labels on your bags with your personal details and destination address as well as your phone or email contact details.

Do not put sharp objects in your bags as these will be confiscated by security. Do not pack any valuable items in your checked-in baggage. Carry any medication, money, and important documents in your hand luggage.

> **See our detailed information on hand luggage**

The standard size for hand luggage is generally no more than 56cm by 45cm and 25cm wide, including the handle, pockets, and wheels. You must be able to fit the bag into the measure gauge available at the check-in desk and in the aircraft's overhead lockers. Each passenger is allowed one standard-sized bag. Liquids in hand baggage. Several countries restrict what liquids you can take on board with you.

> **Check our information for different countries and areas.**

If you are travelling to the USA or to Canada, the following restrictions on quantities of liquids and gels must be observed:

- They must be in clear containers of no more than 90ml
- They must be carried in a clear, zip-top bag
- The bag must be 20cm by 20cm and no bigger
- The bag must be completely sealed
- The bag must be X-ray screened separately from other hand luggage
- Before boarding the plane you will probably be searched a second time by security
- Duty-free goods containing liquids can be carried by you as long as they are bought after the security screening check.

Security checks at the airport. Please give yourself plenty of time to get through the airport security checkpoints. You may have to queue, especially at busy times.

- Only passengers who have tickets can go beyond the security checkpoint.
- Make sure you have your boarding pass and passport within easy reach to show airline staff.
- Wear shoes that you can take off easily as you might have to remove them for screening.
- Remove all metal objects (such as watches and jewellery) before going through the metal detectors.
- Take your laptop out of its travel case so that it can be X-rayed separately