

General Training Reading Sample 43

THE TOTARA LANGUAGE INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND

Study English in a national university with students from many countries.

- **4-week blocks**
- **5 hours' tuition each day**
- **Examination preparation**
- **University entry (with appropriate academic and English requirements)**
Choice of accommodation for all students - homestays with local families or in Halls of Residence with New Zealand students.

The Totara Language Institute is part of the University of Waikato in the city of Hamilton, in New Zealand's North Island. Intensive English classes are taught in four-week blocks throughout the year and students may enrol for as many blocks as they wish. Classes are for 5 hours each day, Monday to Friday, and include preparation for several international English language examinations. All the courses are taught by highly qualified teachers, many of whom also teach on Language Institute graduate programmes in second language teaching and applied linguistics. Classes are small, usually from 10-12 students with a maximum number of 15, and normally contain a mix of students from a wide range of countries. Students who study English at the Language Institute become international members of the Waikato Students' Union. The option is available to move on to university study if students meet the English language and academic entry levels for their choice of programme. The Language Institute provides student support, welfare and activities services. Students are met at Auckland airport on arrival and accommodation is provided with local families or in University Halls of Residence with New Zealand students.

Hamilton, one of New Zealand's fastest growing cities, is ideally located for a wide range of leisure and cultural activities. The Waikato river, the longest river in New Zealand, flows through the centre of the city, providing a picturesque and park-like setting of riverside walks and gardens. The Waikato region is a diverse agricultural area, rich in historic sites, arts and crafts, hot springs, native forests, mountains and rivers. Within easy reach is an unspoilt coastline; the wild and rugged west coast beaches famous for surfing, and the more peaceful east coast resorts are only a short drive from Hamilton. Further afield the mountains of the central North Island, 3 hours' drive away, provide superb ski facilities in winter, and hiking country in summer.

The Language Institute activities co-ordinator can assist students to arrange any sport and leisure activities. Assistance is also available for ongoing travel arrangements for students. Students on a visitor visa or work permit may study for a maximum of 3 months. Courses of longer duration require a student permit which is issued for the length of study only.

Questions 20-26

Read the information on the Language Institute on the following page.

Complete the summary of information below :

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 20-26 on your answer sheet.

Example

Answer

Overseas students who study at may choose to spend more of their free time
Totara Language Institute

SUMMARY

with local students by applying for a room in the**20**.... Places are available here even for students enrolled on the minimum length course of**21**..... Class sizes for each course range from**22**..... students and all the class teachers are well qualified; many of them teach on graduate programmes in areas such as applied linguistics. As a member of the Language Institute you will automatically be able to join the**23**..... . Hamilton can offer students a wide range of social activities. The city itself lies on either side of the ...**24**... which results in some very**25**..... views and enjoyable walks in the gardens. The Institute employs an activities co-ordinator who can help you organise your free time and you may also wish to make use of this service for planning your**26**..... when you leave New Zealand. Remember that a student permit is not valid when you have finished your studies.

Answer:

20 (University) Halls of Residence

21 4 /four weeks

22 10 to-/15 // ten to fifteen

23 (Waikato) Students' Union

24 (Waikato) river

25 picturesque

26 (ongoing) travel (arrangements)

