

Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–10

1 The correct answer is 'furniture': Joe asks, 'What sort of company is it?' and Sally names the company and then says, 'they design and make furniture'.

2 The correct answer is 'meetings': After mentioning data entry, Sally says that the company wants someone to 'attend meetings and take notes there'.

3 The correct answer is 'diary': Sally first mentions general admin, and then Joe tells her that he has previously managed a diary, and Sally confirms that this is also required for this job. (This would be a diary of planned meetings and appointments.) **'Filing' and 'records' are incorrect** as these are examples of general admin, which is mentioned as a separate bullet point.

4 The correct answer is 'detail' or 'details': Sally says that the company wants someone 'who is careful and takes care with details'. 'Detail' is also grammatically correct here.

5 The correct answer is 'one year' or '1 year': Sally says, 'they're only asking for at least one year'. **'Three years' is incorrect** as this is not the *minimum* length required; it is the length of Joe's experience.

6 The correct answer is 'deliveries': Sally says, 'they want someone who can manage the stock, obviously, and also deliveries'. **'Stock' is incorrect** as this is mentioned in the line above on the question paper.

7 The correct answer is 'tidy': Sally asks Joe if he is tidy, and he says, 'Yes'.

8 The correct answer is 'team': Joe says that in his last job, 'one of the things I enjoyed most was being part of a team'. Sally confirms that this is needed for this job too.

9 The correct answer is 'heavy': Sally asks Joe if he's 'OK moving heavy things' and Joe says that he is. **'Sinks', 'stoves' and 'fridges' are incorrect:** They are too specific and do not relate to the job he is applying for.

10 The correct answer is 'customer': Sally points out that the company wants someone with experience of 'customer service'.

Part 2

Questions 11–20

11 The correct answer is B: Alice says, ‘the scheme’s been up and running for three years now’. **A is incorrect** as ‘two years’ refers to the length of time spent campaigning. **C is incorrect** as ‘six years’ refers to the length of time since Alice first had the idea for the scheme.

12 The correct answer is A: Alice says, ‘At the moment it’s just once a week.’ Here ‘it’s’ refers to closing the road. **B is incorrect** as although Alice says that they would love to do this, they do not at present. **C is incorrect** as this was only true in the past, not now.

13 The correct answer is C: Alice refers to ‘volunteer wardens, mostly parents but some elderly residents’, meaning that the wardens are local people, and tells us that they ‘block off our road at either end’. **A is incorrect** as the council have only provided signs. **B is incorrect** as the police are only involved when there is a problem.

14 The correct answer is B: Residents who need to get in and out of the road have to ‘drive at under 20 kilometres per hour’. **A is incorrect** as although many residents do park in another street when the road is closed, they do not have to. **C is incorrect** as we are not told they need to get permission from a warden.

15 The correct answer is C: Alice says that they especially want to include children ‘who live on busy roads’. **A is incorrect** as she says that there is less demand in wealthier areas. **B is incorrect** as she says that there are usually other places where children can play in the suburbs.

16 The correct answer is B: Alice says that most people are ‘very happy to see children out on the street’. **A is incorrect** as there was only a small number of complaints, and we do not know when these were made. **C is incorrect** as we are told that ‘it does get quite noisy’.

17 and 18 The correct answers are B and D (in either order): Alice says, ‘the biggest advantage is that kids develop confidence in themselves to be outside without their parents’, so **B is correct**. She says, ‘The other really fantastic thing is that children get to know the adults in the street – it’s like having a big extended family’, so **D is correct**.

A is incorrect as she mentions fresh air, but says that they may not be doing anything energetic. **C is incorrect** as there is no reference to new games. **E is incorrect** as there is no reference to ‘new’ friends.

19 and 20 The correct answers are A and E (in either order): Alice says that they were surprised that there were more shoppers in the streets, so **A is correct**. She says that she ‘hadn’t expected [it to be so] much quieter’, so **E is correct**.

B and C are incorrect: Although she mentions air quality and feeling safer, she does not say that the impact of the scheme on these surprised her. **D is incorrect** as she does not mention a relaxed atmosphere.

Part 3

Questions 21–30

21 The correct answer is 'page': Tom says that the 'page of the newspaper the item appears on ... shows how important the editor thinks the story is'.

22 The correct answer is 'size': Tom says that both 'how many column inches (the length of the columns)' and 'how many columns it spreads over (the number of columns)' should be considered. **'Columns' is incorrect** as this does not include the headline.

23 The correct answer is 'graphic' or 'graphics': Hazel suggests 'graphics', and Tom confirms that they need to be considered or analysed too. **'Headline' is incorrect** as Tom does not say that this should be analysed.

24 The correct answer is 'structure': Tom says that Hazel will need to analyse 'how the item is put together: what structure is it given?' **'Understanding' is incorrect** here as this refers to the reader's understanding, which Hazel cannot analyse directly.

25 The correct answer is 'purpose': Tom says that a very important point is 'what's the writer's purpose'. **'Fear' and 'controversy' are incorrect** as these are not the most important things the writer wants to do, but effects the writer may want to create.

26 The correct answer is 'assumption' or 'assumptions': Hazel says, 'I suppose the writer may make assumptions about the reader' and Tom confirms that this is true. **'Attitudes' and 'patronised' are incorrect** as these words do not fit the statement. They are not things a writer would 'make' about a reader.

27 The correct answer is A: When a 'national news item' is mentioned, Hazel says, 'I'll try and find a suitable topic'.

28 The correct answer is C: Hazel says, 'I won't even bother to look' [for an editorial]'.

29 The correct answer C: When Tom describes an example of a human interest story, Hazel says, 'I'll avoid that.'

30 The correct answer is B: Hazel says that she will 'think about' an arts topic.

Part 4

Questions 31–40

31 The correct answer is 'mud': The speaker says that in prehistoric times, water 'rinsed mud off their hands'.

32 The correct answer is 'clay': The speaker says, 'Archaeologists discovered cylinders made of clay'. **'Fats' and 'ashes' are incorrect** as the cylinders were not made of these materials.

33 The correct answer is 'metal': The speaker refers to 'a metal instrument known as a strigil'. Other materials, such as **'sand', 'pumice', 'ashes' and 'oil', are incorrect** as the strigil was not made of these.

34 The correct answer is 'hair': The speaker says, 'The ancient Germans and Gauls ... used this mixture to tint their hair red.'

35 The correct answer is 'bath' or 'baths': The speaker refers to 'the famous Roman baths, supplied with water from their aqueducts'.

36 The correct answer is 'disease' or 'diseases': The speaker says that the 'decline in bathing habits' was linked to 'the outbreaks (occurrence) of disease in the Middle Ages'. **'Black Death' is incorrect** as it is two words: you are told to use one word only for each answer.

37 The correct answer is 'perfume': The speaker says, 'Vegetable and animal oils were used with ashes of plants, along with perfume, apparently for the first time.' We have been told that oil and ashes were used earlier, so the substance that began to be added to soap was perfume.

38 The correct answer is 'salt': The speaker says, 'Nicholas LeBlanc patented a process for turning salt into soda ash, or sodium carbonate. Soda ash is the alkali obtained from ashes that combines with fat to form soap.' **'Alkali' is incorrect** as this was what the soda ash was and not something that soda ash was made from.

39 The correct answer is 'science': The speaker says that as a result of Chevreul's work, 'soapmaking became a science'. The adjectives **'easier' and 'cheaper' are incorrect** as they do not fit grammatically, and also because these changes were later developments.

40 The correct answer is 'tax': The speaker says that in the 19th century (in the 1800s) the 'high tax [on soap] was removed'.