

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–10

1 The correct answer is ‘journalist’: When asked what she does, Sophie says, ‘I’m a journalist.’

2 The correct answer is ‘shopping’: Sophie says, ‘I came here to do some shopping.’ **‘Work’ is incorrect** as she says that it is her day off.

3 The correct answer is ‘Staufirth’: Remember that proper names like this will usually be spelt out.

4 The correct answer is ‘return’: Sophie says, ‘I just got a normal return ticket.’ **‘Season’ is incorrect** as Sophie says that she did not buy a season ticket, nor did she get a discount.

5 The correct answer is ‘23.70’: **‘45’ is incorrect** as this is not the price she paid but the length of the journey.

6 The correct answer is ‘online’: This comes just before the pause when Sophie says, ‘So to answer your question ... I got an e-ticket online.’ **‘Station,’ ‘ticket office’ and ‘machines’ are incorrect** as although she mentions these, she did not buy her ticket in any of these places. **‘Ticket office’ is incorrect** as it is two words and you are told to use one word only.

7 The correct answer is ‘delay’: When asked what she was not satisfied with, Sophie says, ‘today there was a delay’.

8 The correct answer is ‘information’: Sophie says, ‘the best thing is that they’ve improved the amount of information about train times etc. that’s given to passengers’.

9 The correct answer is ‘platform’ or ‘platforms’: Sophie says, ‘there aren’t enough places to sit down, especially on the platforms’. **‘Trains’ and ‘café’ are incorrect** as she does not say anything about the seating in these places.

10 The correct answer is ‘parking’: When asked, ‘What about the parking at the station?’ Sophie says, ‘I don’t really have an opinion’ about it – and confirms that she is neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with it.

Part 2

Questions 11–20

11 The correct answer is D: The speaker says that the café looks ‘out over the lake’ and is ‘next to the old museum’. **G is incorrect** as although it is fairly close to the lake, it is not next to the museum.

12 The correct answer is C: The speaker says that the toilets are ‘near the adventure playground, in the corner of your map’. **D is incorrect** as although the speaker says that they are hoping to move the toilets so they are ‘nearer to the centre of the park’, this has not been done yet.

13 The correct answer is G: The speaker says that now the gardens are ‘near the south gate – between the park boundary and the path that goes past the lake towards the old museum’. **B and D are incorrect** as the speaker says that the gardens used to be behind the museum, but now they are in a different space.

14 The correct answer is H: The speaker says that the gym is ‘by the glass houses, just to the right of the path from the south gate’. **F is incorrect** as the speaker also says the gym is ‘a bit hidden in the trees’.

15 The correct answer is A: The speaker says that the skateboard ramp is ‘near the old museum at the end of a little path that leads off from the main path between the lake and the museum’. **D is incorrect** as although this is near the old museum, it is not at the end of a little path.

16 The correct answer is E: The wild flowers are ‘on a bend in the path ... just south of the adventure playground’. **F is incorrect** as although it is also south of the adventure playground, it is not on a bend in the path.

17 and 18 The correct answers are A and D (in either order): The speaker says, ‘we do ask adults not to leave them (children) on their own’ meaning that children must be supervised, and that ‘entrance is completely free’, so no payment is required.

B is incorrect as there is no payment. **C is incorrect** as we are told that ‘Children can choose whatever activities they want to do, irrespective of their age’. **E is incorrect** as the playground is ‘a completely new facility’.

19 and 20 The correct answers are A and C (in either order): The glass houses are only open ‘Mondays to Thursdays’, meaning they are closed at weekends (although they may be open at weekends in future). The speaker also mentions ‘the disastrous fire that recently destroyed their western side’.

B is incorrect as although the speaker thanks people who have helped in the past, she does not say that volunteers are needed now. **D is incorrect** as the glass has now been replaced. **E is incorrect** as the palm trees destroyed in the fire have not yet been replaced.

Part 3

Questions 21–30

21 The correct answer is B: Annie says, ‘I didn’t realise that insulating the blocks ... meant they didn’t melt for months.’ **C and A are incorrect** as she had already read an article about where the icehouses were located (‘close to lakes that might freeze in the winter’) and why (so that ‘blocks of ice could be cut and stored in the icehouse’).

22 The correct answer is A: Annie talks about the cost of the ice, ‘Both the ice and the snow were then sold’, and how ‘only the wealthy ... could afford it’, meaning that it was a commercial business. **B is incorrect** as the snow came from ‘quite a distance’. **C is incorrect** as there is no information about how long it took for refrigeration to become popular.

23 The correct answer is B: Annie says, ‘some people just dump old fridges in the countryside’ and Jack agrees, saying ‘It’s hard to see how they can be stopped unfortunately.’ **A is incorrect** as Jack mentions the complexity of the technology, but Annie does not give an opinion about this. **C is incorrect** as the students agree that ‘fridges hardly ever break down’.

24 The correct answer is A: Jack says, ‘if you divide the cost by the number of years you can use a fridge, they’re not expensive’, and Annie agrees. **B is incorrect** as although they discuss variations in colour and design, they do not say that these are useful. **C is incorrect** as they do not mention other domestic appliances.

25 The correct answer is A: Annie says, ‘I could do that, unless you particularly want to’ and Jack replies ‘that’s fine by me’.

26 The correct answer is A: At first Annie says, ‘I’m not terribly keen’ about doing this. However, when Jack says, ‘Nor me’, she says, ‘Oh, all right then, I’ll do you a favour’, meaning she agrees to do it.

27 The correct answer is B: Annie says, ‘Something for you, maybe?’ and Jack replies ‘I don’t mind’, meaning he agrees to do it.

28 The correct answer is B: Annie says that she does not particularly want to do this. Jack replies, ‘OK, leave it to me, then’, meaning he will do it.

29 The correct answer is A: Annie says, ‘I wouldn’t mind having a go at that.’ **B is incorrect** as although Jack suggests an idea she could include, he does not offer to do the research with her.

30 The correct answer is C: Annie suggests, ‘What about splitting it into two?’ and Jack agrees, saying, ‘OK, that’d suit me.’

Questions 31–40

31 The correct answer is 'wealth': The speaker says that people's possessions were 'used as an indication of the wealth of the country'. **'Consumerism' is incorrect** as possessions were not used to measure consumerism.

32 The correct answer is 'technology': The speaker says, 'improvements in how goods were made (production of goods) as well as in technology triggered massive social changes (greatly changed lives)'.

33 The correct answer is 'power': The speaker says, 'the Industrial Revolution couldn't have taken place ... if it weren't for these new sources of power'. **'Machines' is incorrect** as although they are mentioned later, the speaker does not say that the industrial revolution would not have happened without them.

34 The correct answer is 'textile' or 'textiles': The speaker says, 'The most advanced industry ... was textiles.' **'Fabrics', 'lace' and 'ribbons' are incorrect** as they are given as different examples of textiles, not as leading industries on their own.

35 The correct answer is 'machines': The speaker says, 'new machines were now being created ... and these required a lot more space', meaning that factories had to be built. **'Goods' is incorrect** as we are not told that new goods were produced or that they required more space.

36 The correct answer is 'newspapers': The speaker says that these ... meant that thousands of people ... could also read about what was available in the shops. **'Transport', 'canals' and 'railways' are incorrect** as the notes require information about something that happened because of the new transport.

37 The correct answer is 'local': The speaker says, 'goods could now be sold all over the country, instead of just in the local market'.

38 The correct answer is 'lighting': When discussing new department stores, the speaker says that these had 'improved lighting inside'. **'Visibility' is incorrect** here as this information has already been given in the previous line of the notes.

39 The correct answer is 'windows': The speaker says that goods were more visible from outside because 'plate glass ... made it possible for windows to be much larger'.

40 The correct answer is 'Advertising': The writer refers to 'an explosion in advertising trying to *persuade* people to go shopping'. **'Luxuries' is incorrect** as it does not work with the singular verb and does not reflect what the speaker says about persuasion.