

Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

Reading

Section 1

Questions 1–7

1 The correct answer is FALSE: The text says, ‘The competition is designed for students to enter the coursework they are currently working on rather than specifically producing different pieces of work.’ **TRUE is incorrect** because the text continues, ‘If you would like to add to your coursework, that is for you and your teacher to decide’, but this is something a student could choose to do, not a requirement.

2 The correct answer is TRUE: The text says, ‘You must include: – initial ideas about the clothing’.

3 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN: The text says, ‘Once the entry deadline has passed, the judges will select the shortlist of students who will be invited to the Finals’, but there is no information about the number of students who will be chosen to go on the shortlist.

4 The correct answer is TRUE: The text says, ‘Each finalist will have their own stand consisting of a table and tabletop cardboard display panels. Feel free to add as much creativity to your stand as possible.’

5 The correct answer is FALSE: The text says, ‘Some students bring tablets/laptops with slideshows or further images of work but it should be emphasised that these may not necessarily improve your chances of success.’ This means that students can bring photos if they want to, but the competition organisers are not recommending this.

6 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN: The text says, ‘You are welcome to ask the judges questions. In fact, you should make the most of having experts on hand!’ However, there is no mention about whether these questions will influence the judges’ decisions, either positively or negatively.

7 The correct answer is TRUE: The text says, ‘There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners for each category. The judges can also decide to award special prizes if the work merits (deserves) this.’

Questions 8–14

8 The correct answer is B: The Cherry MX 3.0 Keyboard is ‘solid, durable and you don’t need to push keys all the way down to activate them. It’s also rather loud though’. **C and F are incorrect** because they both mention keys that do not make much noise, which is the opposite of what the question is asking for – a keyboard which users who prefer almost silent keys would not like. The Logitech K780 (**C**) is ‘quiet to type on’, while the Corsair Strafe RGB Keyboard (**F**) is ‘also silent’. Take care if there is the same word in a question and in the text, in this case ‘silent’. It is not automatically the right answer. Check the meaning very carefully and look for other options before selecting it.

9 The correct answer is E: The review of the Microsoft Universal Bluetooth Keyboard says, ‘you can fold it in half and carry it around in your jacket pocket or bag, and it feels rather like a large wallet’. **B is incorrect:** The Cherry MX 3.0 Keyboard ‘looks simple and neat, thanks to its compact build’. The word ‘compact’ can be used to mean small, but a ‘compact build’ means that everything has been designed to fit together closely. The text does not suggest that it can fit into a small space.

10 The correct answer is C: The Logitech K780 has ‘an integrated stand for smartphones and tablets too’.

11 The correct answer is D: The Microsoft Sculpt Ergonomic ‘provides wrist support and lifts your forearms into a relaxed position so you don’t hurt yourself from typing for lengthy periods’. **A is incorrect:** The Logitech K120 is ‘spill-resistant, draining small amounts of liquid if you have an accident’, but this accident does not mean an injury to the user, it is referring to spilling liquid on the keyboard.

12 The correct answer is A: The review of the Logitech K120 says, ‘For the price, it’s a tempting (attractive) choice’, meaning that it is a reasonable price for a good-quality keyboard. **C and F are incorrect:** The review of the Logitech 780 (**C**) says, ‘For this price though, the lack of backlighting is disappointing.’ The reviewer means that this keyboard does not offer good value for money. The Corsair Strafe RGB Keyboard (**F**) ‘is expensive, flashy and extremely impressive’, so although it is a very good keyboard, it does not come at a reasonable price.

13 The correct answer is F: The review of the Corsair Strafe RGB Keyboard says, ‘it’s designed for gamers’, meaning people who like playing computer games.

14 The correct answer is C: The review of the Logitech K780 says ‘the circular keys are easy to familiarise yourself with’. **B and E are incorrect:** The review of the Cherry MX 3.0 Keyboard (**B**) says, ‘you don’t need to push keys all the way down to activate them. It’s also rather loud though, which can take some getting used to’. The reviewer is pointing out that it may take the user time to adapt to the noise the keys make, but does not mention the shape of them. The Microsoft Universal Bluetooth Keyboard (**E**) ‘has generously sized keys, though the two-piece spacebar takes some getting used to’. Here, it is the spacebar that may take the user time to adapt to, not the shape of the keys. In both **B and E**, the text is the opposite of the question, which is addressing keyboards where users can quickly learn to use the keys efficiently. The verb ‘get used to’ appears in the question and in **B and E**, but the same words do not necessarily indicate a correct answer.

Section 2

Questions 15–20

15 The correct answer is ‘familiar’: The text says, ‘It won’t be long before you’re familiar with the staff and the departments that you need to deal with.’

16 The correct answer is ‘abilities’: The text says the new employee will have ‘opportunities to work in different areas of the company, which will allow you to identify abilities that you didn’t know you had’. **‘Opportunities’ and ‘variety’ are incorrect** because the text does not say that the new employee was not aware of the opportunities on offer or the variety in the job.

17 The correct answer is ‘stimulating’: The text says, ‘This variety in your work will help to make it stimulating, so you have a good reason for getting out of bed in the morning.’ In other words, the person will want to get up because they enjoy the job and are keen to go to work.

18 The correct answer is ‘potential’: The text says, ‘your efforts are more likely to attract the attention of those higher up. You’ll have plenty of opportunity to show what you can do, and to have your potential noticed’. **‘Abilities’ is incorrect:** The text says these are ‘abilities that you didn’t know you had’, whereas the question focuses on what other people realise about you. **‘Efforts’ is incorrect:** Although it is followed by ‘are more likely to attract the attention of those higher up’, ‘efforts’ does not go with the verb ‘have’ in the question.

19 The correct answer is ‘promotion’: The text says, ‘The result is very likely to be that promotion comes to you faster.’

20 The correct answer is ‘flexible’: The text says, ‘Small businesses are usually flexible, something that is rarely true of large organisations.’ **‘Ideal’ is incorrect** because it is not a word that can follow ‘more’. It is an absolute that cannot work as a comparative.

Questions 21–27

21 The correct answer is C: In Paragraph C, it says, ‘It can be a shock to join a new organisation. When you are a newcomer, feeling uncertain and perhaps a little confused ...’.

A and D are incorrect: In Paragraph A, it says, ‘the normal first activity in a new job is a meeting with your boss, and it would be embarrassing to be late’. This is incorrect for two reasons: Firstly, the question asks for the emotions (in the plural) that new employees are likely to feel, and ‘embarrassing’ is just one emotion. Secondly, the text does not suggest that a new employee is likely to feel embarrassed, but that they would do if they arrived late.

22 The correct answer is F: In Paragraph F, it says, ‘Don’t try to do the job too soon ... in your first few weeks your task is to learn what the job really is, rather than immediately starting to do what you assume it is.’ **G is incorrect:** In Paragraph G, it says, ‘Starting a new job is one of life’s major transitions. Treat it with the attention it deserves ...’. This means to give the new job the care and concentration it needs, but not to be patient at the beginning.

23 The correct answer is C: In Paragraph C, it says, ‘there can be a strong temptation to talk about your old job and organisation as a way of reminding yourself and telling others that you really know what you are doing ... Unfortunately, [this] has enormous power to annoy, so don’t do it.’ **D is incorrect:** In Paragraph D, it says, ‘Understanding [the colleagues’] concerns and passions is essential for understanding why your own role exists, and for knowing how to work alongside these colleagues.’ This paragraph describes how the new employee should react to their colleagues, by understanding what they feel about their work. It is not about how the colleagues may react to the behaviour of the new employee.

24 The correct answer is A: In Paragraph A, it says, ‘Make sure you know when and where you are expected to report on your first day. If the route from home is unfamiliar to you, make a practice run first’. This means going there before you start working for the new company.

25 The correct answer is E: In Paragraph E, it says, ‘When I worked for a television company, all of us, whatever our job, were strongly encouraged to visit a studio and see how programmes were made.’ **D is incorrect:** In Paragraph D, it says, ‘All employers have a core product or service ... you must see this product or service in action.’ Here the text is giving advice that it can be useful for a new employee to observe a business activity, but it is not giving an example of someone actually observing an activity.

26 The correct answer is B: In Paragraph B, it says, ‘You should expect to have an induction programme planned for you: a security pass; visits to whatever parts of the organisation you need to understand to do your job properly; meetings with anyone who could affect your success in the role; and someone to show you where everything is’. **A is incorrect** because Paragraph A only mentions one thing that the organisation should arrange – a meeting with the boss. **D and E are incorrect:** Although they both mention observing an activity that is part of the business, neither paragraph says that this is something the organisation should arrange.

27 The correct answer is D: In Paragraph D, it says, ‘All employers have a core product or service paid for by customers which justifies their existence. If you are not part of this core (central) activity, remember that your role is to provide a service to the people who *are* part of it.’ So those are the two main categories of jobs in an organisation.

Section 3

Questions 28–30

28 The correct answer is D: At the beginning of the text, the writer describes a runner doing training for a marathon and compares this to a barnacle goose sitting and eating before its long migration. The text continues, ‘Until recently, nobody had really asked whether exercise is as tightly connected to fitness in the rest of the animal kingdom as it is for us.’ This introduces the idea that training before physical challenges may not be necessary for all animals. **A is incorrect** because although the text mentions marathon runners ‘making a serious effort to train’, it does not mention whether the training methods are efficient or not. **B is incorrect** because there is no comparison in the text between the diet of marathon runners and the diet of barnacle geese. **C is incorrect** because the only reference to the time barnacle geese spend preparing for their migration is ‘Do they spend months gradually building up fitness? That’s not really the barnacle goose’s style.’

29 The correct answer is A: The text says, ‘muscle is biologically expensive. Each kilogram contributes about 10 to 15 kilocalories a day to our metabolism when resting ... “Most of us are spending 20 percent of our basic energy budget taking care of muscle mass”’. **B is incorrect** because the text says that ‘muscles account for about 40 percent of the average person’s body mass’, but it does not state that muscles are heavier than other body tissue. **C is incorrect** because the text says that ‘long ago on the African savannah, natural selection made us into “supremely adapted” endurance athletes’, but there is no comparison between these humans from the past and humans today. **D is incorrect** because there is nothing in the text to say that human muscles have become weaker than they were long ago.

30 The correct answer is B: The text says that early humans ‘needed to adapt to run slower, but for longer’. They were capable of ‘ranging over long distances with unusual efficiency’. **A is incorrect** because the text mentions that early humans were capable of ‘running prey into the ground’, but it does not mention that they became able to hide from prey. **C is incorrect** because the only mention in the text of early humans adapting their speed is that they ‘needed to adapt to run slower, but for longer’. They had to find a speed that suited the requirements of their hunting lifestyle and not adapt their speed to different situations. **D is incorrect** because there is no mention in the text of early humans becoming able to predict the movements of different animals.

Questions 31–35

31 The correct answer is 'efficient': In the sixth paragraph, it says, 'Biologically speaking, all it means is that the body has undergone changes that make it stronger and more efficient.' **'Stronger' is incorrect** because the meaning is the same as 'more powerful' so it would just be repetition and therefore incorrect.

32 The correct answer is 'food': The text says, 'In animals such as bears these changes appear to be triggered by cues such as falling temperatures or insufficient food.' 'Insufficient' means 'not enough', which means the same as 'a lack of' in the summary.

33 The correct answer is 'hibernation': The text says, 'In the months of hibernation, these factors seem to prompt the release of muscle-protecting compounds'.

34 The correct answer is 'blood': The text continues 'muscle-protecting compounds ... are then carried to the bears' muscles in their blood and prevent muscle loss.'

35 The correct answer is 'temperature': In the seventh paragraph, it says, 'Barnacle geese ... may be responding to an environmental change such as temperature'. **'Daylight' is incorrect** because it is an environmental change that affects birds called yellow-rumped warblers and not barnacle geese.

Questions 36–40

36 The correct answer is A: In the third paragraph, it says there is an assumption that ‘animals maintain fitness because of the exercise they get finding food and escaping predators’. The text goes on to say, ‘Halsey points out that this may not necessarily be the case.’

37 The correct answer is D: In the final paragraph, Ross Tucker is quoted as saying, ‘Other than racehorses and greyhounds, both of which we have bred to race, animals aren’t directly competing against one another ... and we don’t know whether training would enhance their ability’.

38 The correct answer is B: In the seventh paragraph, Chris Guglielmo is describing an experiment conducted on songbirds known as yellow-rumped warblers. He explains that if they are subjected to the right daylight cycle, ‘we can take them out of the cage and put them in the wind tunnel, and they fly for 10 hours’. **A is incorrect:** In the second paragraph, it says, ‘Every year this bird (the barnacle goose) carries out a 3000-kilometre migration. So how do the birds prepare for this?’ Lewis Halsey answers, ‘They just basically sit on the water and eat a lot.’ He is describing how a bird, the barnacle goose, demonstrates fitness, but not in laboratory conditions.

39 The correct answer is C: In the tenth paragraph, it says, ‘our physiology evolved to let our weight and fitness fluctuate, depending on how much food was available. “This makes us evolutionarily different from most other animals,” says Lieberman.’

40 The correct answer is A: In the seventh paragraph, it says, ‘Barnacle geese, Halsey suggests, may be responding to an environmental change such as temperature, which helps their bodies somehow ‘know’ that a big physical challenge is looming (coming close)’. They start to prepare for this challenge by getting stronger.