

Test 2 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–10

1 The correct answer is 'Eustatis': Tim says that the ballet company is called 'Eustatis' and then spells it out. Note, when proper names like this are tested in Part 1, they are usually spelt out, so be ready to listen for the spelling.

2 The correct answer is 'review': The notes on the question paper tell you that you are listening for something good and Tim says, 'the review in the local paper was very good'. **'Paper' is incorrect** as the local paper is not described as 'good'.

3 The correct answer is 'dance': Jean says, 'And what about dance? Will there be any performances?'. You also have to listen to Tim's reply of 'Yes' to confirm the answer. **'Evening' is incorrect** as this information is already in the Date column. **'Modern' is incorrect** as the answer needs to be a specific type of event (like concert, ballet and play).

4 The correct answer is 'Chat': Tim says, 'it's got the rather strange name, *Chat*'. A clue to the answer is given before this when he says, 'The show is about how people communicate, or fail to communicate, with each other,' and also when Jean says, 'that's something we do both face to face and online'.

5 The correct answer is 'healthy': Tim says that the cookery workshop is 'going to focus on how to make food part of a healthy lifestyle', so the food they cook will be healthy. **'Sweet' is incorrect** as we are not told whether they will make only 'sweet things like cakes' or other food in the workshop.

6 The correct answer is 'posters': Tim says that children will be 'creating posters to reflect the history of the town'. **'History' is incorrect** as the children will not be 'making' history.

7 The correct answer is 'wood': Tim says, 'participants will be making toys out of wood.' **'Carpentry' is incorrect** as this is the process by which the toys are made, not the material.

8 The correct answer is 'lake': This answer is suggested by Jean who says, 'In a lake, for instance' and confirmed by Tim who says, 'Yes, there's a beautiful one just outside the town'. **'Natural' is incorrect** grammatically because a noun is needed for the answer, not an adjective. **'Pool' is incorrect** as Tim says that the swimming is in a lake 'rather than a swimming pool'. **'Swimming pool' is incorrect** because it is two words.

9 The correct answer is 'insects': Tim says, 'The leader is an expert on insects.' **'Insect' (singular) is incorrect** grammatically because you must have a plural noun here.

10 The correct answer is 'blog': Tim says, 'the festival organiser is keeping a blog'. **'Website' is incorrect:** Although there is also a festival website, we do not know if the festival organiser is responsible for this.

Part 2

Questions 11–20

11 The correct answer is C: Mark says that originally the park was ‘some waste land, which people living nearby started planting with flowers’. **A is incorrect** as we are told it was unclear who originally owned the land. **B is incorrect** as although other gardens started in private ownership, this one did not.

12 The correct answer is A: We’re told that many local people wanted to preserve the park and that Diane Gosforth was ‘one of these people’, so she was a resident. We are also told she ‘organised petitions and demonstrations’ meaning she helped to lead a campaign. **B is incorrect** as Diana was not a council member; she was opposing the plans of the council. **C is incorrect** as we are not told she worked at the park.

13 The correct answer is B: Mark says that when the First World War broke out, ‘most of the park was dug up and planted with vegetables’. **A is incorrect** as although the army considered using the park for troop exercises, they did not actually do this. **C is incorrect** as there were only ‘occasional public meetings’, so this was not what the park was mainly used for.

14 The correct answer is C: After the plans had been made and revised, the changes ‘finally got going in 2016’. **A is incorrect** as 2013 was one year when plans were drawn up. **B is incorrect** as 2015 is when the plans were revised, not when the changes were begun.

15 The correct answer is E: The statue is ‘immediately to the north of the lily pond’. **B is incorrect** as although it is to the north of the lily pond, it is not immediately to (just close by) the north.

16 The correct answer is C: The man says that the sculptures are ‘on the river bank, where the path from the east gate makes a sharp bend’. **B is incorrect** as the path does not bend there. **F is incorrect** as it is not by the river bank.

17 The correct answer is B: The playground is ‘between the river and the path that leads from the pond to the river’. **E is incorrect** as this is not between the river and the path.

18 The correct answer is A: The man says, ‘you go north from there (the west gate) towards the river and then turn left’.

19 The correct answer is G: The tennis courts are ‘in the south-west corner of the park’.

20 The correct answer is D: The fitness area is ‘right next to the lily pond’. **E is incorrect** as the man also says that the fitness area is ‘on the same side as the west gate’.

Part 3

Questions 21–30

21 and 22 The correct answers are B and D (in either order): Graham says that the display will be ‘publicised in the city to encourage local people to come’, and that information about it will be sent to ‘people who are considering applying to study here’.

A and E are incorrect: Although Cathy mentions them, Graham tells her that was only done in the past, and this year will be different. **C is incorrect:** Cathy mentions ‘lecturers’, but Graham tells her this is not who the display is mainly intended for.

23 and 24 The correct answers are B and C (in either order): Graham mentions ‘the awful conditions that most people had to live in’ and says that Dickens wanted ‘to shock people into doing something about it’ so B is correct. Cathy says that most people ‘have probably read some of his (Dickens’) novels, or seen films based on them’ so C is correct.

A is incorrect as we are not told anything about Dickens’ speeches. **D is incorrect** as although Graham says Dickens campaigned for social reforms, he does not say Dickens was consulted on these issues. **E is incorrect** as nothing is said about Dickens’ reputation in recent times.

25 The correct answer is G: Graham says that the ‘medical condition’ that one character has was ‘named after the book – Pickwickian Syndrome’. **D is incorrect** as although Cathy mentions the theatre, this is not a topic they will illustrate with this book.

26 The correct answer is B: Cathy says, ‘we could use that (the fact that Oliver is taught how to steal) to illustrate the fact that very few children went to school ... so they learnt in other ways’. **A is incorrect** as although Graham mentions poverty, he suggests they focus on ‘something less obvious’.

27 The correct answer is D: Graham suggests they could ‘do something on theatres and other amusements of the time’ and Cathy agrees. **B is incorrect:** Although Cathy mentions that Nicholas Nickleby ‘taught in a really cruel school’, they decide not to focus on this.

28 The correct answer is C: Cathy says, ‘Dickens himself had been there (to the USA) a year before, and drew on his experience there’. Graham first rejects this idea, then changes his mind and says, ‘let’s keep to your idea’.

29 The correct answer H: The students agree to focus on the life of Esther, the heroine. **E is incorrect:** Although Graham originally suggests focusing on the legal system, in the end, he says that he prefers Cathy’s suggestion.

30 The correct answer is F: Graham mentions focusing on Mr Dorrit’s inheritance of a fortune, and his pretence that ‘he’s always been rich’. **A is incorrect:** Although poverty is suggested by the reference to ‘a debtors’ prison’, this is not the focus they choose.

Questions 31–40

31 The correct answer is 'irrigation': The speaker says, 'the programme focused primarily on ... systems of irrigation'. **'Agriculture' is incorrect** as this *needed* water, whereas the question is about what ensured the supply of water.

32 The correct answer is 'women': The speaker says, 'in general, women formed the majority of the workforce', meaning that they did most of the work. **'Farmers' is incorrect** as it is too general and it is not the point the speaker is making. **'Government' is incorrect** grammatically and is not what the text says.

33 The correct answer is 'wire' or 'wires': The speaker says that the programme provided 'the necessary wire for making them (these fences)'.

34 The correct answer is 'seed' or 'seeds': The speaker says that the programme provided 'seeds for this (for growing fruit and vegetables)'. **'Fruit' and 'vegetables' are incorrect** as the programme did not provide these directly.

35 The correct answer is 'posts': The speaker says, 'they also provided and put up the posts'. Here, 'they' refers to 'local people', meaning the farmers.

36 The correct answer is 'transport': The speaker says that the farmers 'did not have access to transport'. **'Produce' is incorrect** as a lack or shortage of produce was not the problem.

37 The correct answer is 'preservation': The speaker says that the farmers had to learn 'techniques for its preservation'. **'Techniques' is incorrect** as it means the same as methods, which is already in the question.

38 The correct answer is 'fish' or 'fishes': The speaker says that the farmers made holes and filled them with water 'for breeding fish'. **'Food' is incorrect** as only fish were kept in the water, not other types of food.

39 The correct answer is 'bees': The speaker says, 'another suggestion' was made to set up 'colonies of bees'. **'Bee' is incorrect** as the plural is needed here. **'Fish' is incorrect** as they were not suggested later.

40 The correct answer is 'design': The speaker says that 'realistic timelines (enough time)' are needed 'for each phase of the programme, especially for its design'.