

Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–10

1 The correct answer is 'Jamieson': William gives the agent's surname, then spells it out.

2 The correct answer is 'afternoon': The question asks for the best time to call the agent. William advises Amber, 'I wouldn't call her until the afternoon if I were you.' **'Morning' is incorrect** as William says that the agent is 'busy in the morning'.

3 The correct answer is 'communication': William tells Amber, 'it's communication that really matters', meaning that good communication skills are needed. **'Business' and 'computer' are incorrect** as William says that these are not so important. **'Office' is incorrect** as he says that Amber does not need office skills to apply for the job, she'll pick them up 'on the job'.

4 The correct answer is 'week': William tells Amber, 'you're more likely to be offered something for a week at first'. **'Day' is incorrect** as William says that it is 'unusual' for this to be offered. Although Amber mentions 'at least a month', **'month' is incorrect** as William says that a week is more likely.

5 The correct answer is '10' or 'ten': William says, 'the hourly rate is about £10'. **'11' is incorrect** as William says that you have to be lucky to get this, suggesting this is not the usual pay. **'8' or '9' are incorrect** as that is what Amber was 'expecting', not what is actually offered.

6 The correct answer is 'suit': Amber says that she can 'borrow a suit' from her mother for the interview. **'Smart suit' is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only. **'Smart clothes' is incorrect** for the same reason, and also because the gap has 'a' in front so the answer must be singular.

7 The correct answer is 'passport': Amber asks whether to bring her passport, and William says that the interviewers 'will ask to see that'. **'Certificates' is incorrect** as William says that they probably 'don't need to see these'.

8 The correct answer is 'personality': William tells Amber, 'there are questions about personality that they always ask candidates'. **'Plans' and 'future' are incorrect** as William says that the interviewers probably won't ask about these.

9 The correct answer is 'feedback': William tells Amber, 'the interview will be useful because they'll give you feedback'. **'Performance' is incorrect** as you cannot 'receive' a performance. **'Experience' is incorrect** as this is not mentioned in the text.

10 The correct answer is 'time': Amber says, 'I expect finding a temporary job this way takes a lot less time'. **'Ringing' is incorrect** as it does not make sense without 'up' in this context and does not reflect what Amber says.

Part 2

Questions 11–20

11 The correct answer is A: The speaker refers to ‘our many years’ experience – more than almost any other rail holiday company’. **B is incorrect** as her company only arranges holidays in ‘a small number of destinations (places)’. **C is incorrect** as she says that they ‘don’t aim (try) to compete ... on the number of customers’, meaning other companies might have more customers.

12 The correct answer is B: The speaker says that the holiday: ‘starts in Heysham, where your tour manager will meet you’. **A and C are incorrect** as the tour manager will only meet customers who travel via Heysham, not via Liverpool or Luton.

13 The correct answer is A: The speaker says that the price of the holiday includes ‘lunch on the three days when there are organised trips’. **B is incorrect** as day four is ‘free’, meaning there are no organised trips and no lunch is provided. **C is incorrect** as five breakfasts and dinners are provided but not five lunches.

14 The correct answer is C: The speaker says that there is ‘a small administrative fee’ (a small extra cost) if you make a booking then change the date. **A is incorrect** as the speaker does not mention larger rooms, only single rooms. **B is incorrect** as she says that the price is the same even if you book at the last minute (at short notice).

15 The correct answer is ‘river’: The speaker says, ‘The dining room looks out at the river ...’. **‘Harbour’ is incorrect** as although the speaker mentions this, she does not say that there is a view of it from the dining room.

16 The correct answer is ‘1422’: The speaker says, ‘the earliest surviving reference to [the Tynwald Parliament] is from 1422’. **‘Peel’ is incorrect** as a date is needed for this answer.

17 The correct answer is ‘top’: The day’s trip is to Snaefell Mountain, with two railway journeys, the first to Laxey and the second ‘in the Snaefell Mountain Railway to the top’ of the mountain. **‘Mountain’ is incorrect** as the train starts at the bottom of the mountain, so does not go ‘to’ it. **‘Café’ is incorrect** we do not know the railway goes all the way to the café, and ‘of’ after the space also makes it grammatically incorrect.

18 The correct answer is ‘pass’: The speaker says that visitors will be given a pass so they ‘won’t have to pay’. **‘Travel’ and ‘shopping’ are incorrect** as neither of these is provided and ‘a’ before the space also makes both answers grammatically incorrect.

19 The correct answer is ‘steam’: The ride is described as ‘on the steam railway’. **‘Ride’ is incorrect** as an adjective is needed for this answer.

20 The correct answer is ‘capital’: The speaker says that Castletown ‘used to be the capital of the Isle of Man’. **‘Isle’ is incorrect** as this is part of the name of the island.

Part 3

Questions 21–30

21 The correct answer is G: Ruth says, ‘they were thought to be good at nurturing’. ‘Nurturing’ is an academic word meaning ‘caring’. This is explained later when Ruth says, ‘when people had large families they would have been expected to look after the younger ones’.

22 The correct answer is F: Ed says a lot of studies mention that middle children ‘are easier to get on with than older or younger siblings’, and Ruth agrees that they are ‘Generally eager to please and helpful’. **B is incorrect** as although Ruth suggests that her own brother was selfish, this is not a research finding.

23 The correct answer is A: According to Ed, studies say that youngest children are ‘sociable and confident’ and make friends easily. **E is incorrect** as although Ed says that he was ‘terribly shy’, this is not a research finding.

24 The correct answer is E: Ed says that ‘a twin is likely to be quite shy in social situations’.

25 The correct answer is B: Ed says that only children are seen as ‘loners who think the world revolves around them’. **H is incorrect** as although Ed mentions fighting for parents’ attention, he says that only children do not have to do this.

26 The correct answer is C: Ruth says that these children ‘are expected to do basic things for themselves’. **D is incorrect** as although Ed mentions ‘clamouring for special treatment’, this is not a research finding.

27 The correct answer is C: Ed says, ‘what many [studies] didn’t take into consideration was family size’. **A is incorrect** as Ruth says that it has been proved that eldest children do best in intelligence tests (so the evidence is not conflicting). **B is incorrect** as although Ed mentions socio-economic status, he relates this to numbers of children in the family, not to birth order.

28 The correct answer is A: Ruth says that oldest children ‘benefit from being teachers for their younger siblings’. **B and C are incorrect** as she does not say that she is surprised about either of these.

29 and 30 The correct answers are B and D (in either order): Ruth says that arguing with her brother has made her ‘a stronger person’. She says, ‘I know how to defend myself’ and that she and her brother ‘had to put up with each other’, and Ed agrees his own situation was similar.

A is incorrect as Ed did not let his brother share his stuff, **C is incorrect** as neither speaker talks about being a loser in arguments, and **E is incorrect** as Ruth says that she never apologised to her brother.

Questions 31–40

31 The correct answer is ‘shelter’: The speaker says that the tree ‘gives shelter to creatures like birds and bats’. **‘Birds’ and ‘bats’ are incorrect** as these are examples of species, not things the tree provides.

32 The correct answer is ‘oil’: The speaker says that a disinfectant is ‘made from oil extracted from eucalyptus leaves’. **‘Germs’ is incorrect** as the leaves of the tree do not provide these. Instead, the disinfectant is used to kill germs.

33 The correct answer is ‘roads’: The speaker says that the cause of the disease called Mundulla Yellows is lime (calcium hydroxide) ‘which was being used in the construction of (for making) roads’. **‘Roots’ is incorrect** as the lime was not used for making these.

34 The correct answer is ‘insects’: The speaker says, ‘insects ... eat their way round [the leaves]’. **‘Birds’ is incorrect** as the birds do not feed on the leaves, they feed on the sugar produced by the insects.

35 The correct answer is ‘grass’ or ‘grasses’: The speaker says that very frequent bushfires encourage grass to grow. **‘Vegetation’ is incorrect** as it is too general. **‘Forests’ is incorrect** as this is not true of high-frequency fires.

36 The correct answer is ‘water’: The speaker says that ‘fairly frequent (mid-frequency) bushfires’ destroy other species and as a result more water is available for the eucalyptus trees.

37 The correct answer is ‘soil’: The speaker says that other bushes and plants may affect ‘the composition of the soil ... removing nutrients’, so if these other plants are destroyed by fire, the quality of the soil is maintained. **‘Land’ is incorrect** as it is too general.

38 The correct answer is ‘dry’: The speaker says that low levels of bushfires ‘has led to what’s known as “dry rainforest”’. **‘Wet’ is incorrect** as this type of rainforest is not wet.

39 The correct answer is ‘simple’: The speaker says that ‘unlike tropical rainforest ... this type of ecosystem is usually a simple one [rainforest]’. **‘Rich’ is incorrect** as this is true of tropical rainforests, but not of the one being described here.

40 The correct answer is ‘nest’ or ‘nests’: The speaker says that the environment is ideal for ‘the bell-miner bird, which builds its nests in the undergrowth there’. **‘Shade’ is incorrect** as this is not the point being made – it is not the bird that’s being shaded but the nest.