

Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

Reading

Section 1

Questions 1–6

1 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN: The text says, 'if it (the item) was left with your neighbour without your consent', but it does not give any information about a card.

2 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN: The text says, 'If the item doesn't turn up, you're legally entitled to a replacement or refund', but it does not give any information about whether it will be quicker or slower to get a refund.

3 The correct answer is TRUE: The text says, 'If the item doesn't turn up, you're legally entitled to a replacement or refund. You can ask for your money back if you don't receive the item within 30 days of buying it.' The phrase 'within 30 days' gives the time allowed.

4 The correct answer is TRUE: The text says, 'If you paid by debit card, contact your bank and say you want to use the 'chargeback' scheme. ... You should do this within 120 days of when you paid.' The phrase 'within 120 days' is the time limit.

5 The correct answer is FALSE: The text says, 'If the item cost more than £100 but less than £30,000, contact your credit card company and say that you want to make a "section 75" claim.' **TRUE is incorrect** because although you can use the 'chargeback' scheme if you paid by credit card, this is only if the item cost less than £100, not more than £100.

6 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN: The text says, 'If you paid using PayPal, use PayPal's online resolution centre to report your dispute. You must do this within 180 days of paying.' It does not give any information about the efficiency of the online resolution centre.

Questions 7–14

7 The correct answer is D: The VPN Rice Cooker has ‘a handle on each side’ but ‘the handles are tricky (hard) to grip’. **A, B, C and E are incorrect** because they do not have handles on the side. The Ezy Rice Cooker (**A**) has ‘a handle on the lid (top)’. On the Family Rice Cooker (**B**) ‘The lid locks when closed and becomes a secure handle to carry the cooker.’ The Mini Rice Cooker (**C**) ‘does not have any handles at the side’. The review of the S16 Rice Cooker (**E**) says, ‘the lack (absence) of handles on the base is a nuisance’.

8 The correct answer is E: The S16 Rice Cooker ‘is simple to use, not spitting or boiling over even when cooking brown rice’. **A and C are incorrect:** The Ezy Rice Cooker (**A**) may look possible, but it ‘tends to spit when cooking brown rice’. The Mini Rice Cooker (**C**) may look possible, but ‘water sometimes overflows (spills) when cooking brown rice’.

9 The correct answer is B: The Family Rice Cooker is ‘programmed to adjust the temperature once the rice is done so that it stops cooking but doesn’t get cold’. **D is incorrect:** The VPN Rice Cooker may look possible, but its ‘keep-warm setting must be manually (by hand) selected’.

10 The correct answer is A: The review of the Ezy Rice cooker says, ‘There are slight dirt traps around the rim of the lid (top)’. **B is incorrect:** The Family Rice Cooker may look possible because it mentions cleaning, but it is ‘the aluminium interior pot’ which is ‘quite difficult to clean’, not the top.

11 The correct answer is D: The VPN Rice Cooker ‘comes with a booklet including a range of ideas for rice dishes’. **E is incorrect:** The S16 Rice Cooker may look possible because the review mentions a recipe book, but it says, ‘a recipe book would have been useful’, which means that it does not have one.

12 The correct answer is B: The review of the Family Rice Cooker says, ‘The lid locks when closed and becomes a secure (safe) handle to carry the cooker.’ **A is incorrect:** The Ezy Rice Cooker may look possible because the review says that ‘the handle on the lid stays cool’, but it does not state whether you can carry the cooker safely with it.

13 The correct answer is E: The review of the S16 Rice Cooker says, ‘The exterior (outside) stays cool when in use, so there’s no danger of burning your hand.’ **A is incorrect:** The Ezy Rice Cooker may look possible because the review says, ‘the handle on the lid stays cool’, but it does not mention the outside of the rice cooker.

14 The correct answer is C: The review of the Mini Rice Cooker says, ‘The interior pot is made of non-stick aluminium and is dishwasher safe.’ **A and B are incorrect:** The Ezy Rice Cooker (**A**) may look possible, but ‘neither the pot nor the lid is dishwasher safe’. Similarly, the Family Rice Cooker (**B**) ‘is quite difficult to clean, and it can’t be put in a dishwasher’.

Section 2

Questions 15–22

15 The correct answer is ‘3 metres’, ‘three metres’, ‘3 meters’ or ‘three meters’: The text says, ‘... more than 50 percent of falls are from under three metres’. The phrase **‘ladders and roofs’ is incorrect** because the text says that ‘most of these [falls] are from ladders and roofs’ and ‘most’ is not the same as over half. Also, ‘ladders and roofs’ does not fit with the phrase ‘less than’. Note also that ‘ladders and roofs’ is in the following line of the question text, so it is unlikely to be the answer.

16 The correct answer is ‘residential building sites’: The text says, ‘More injuries happen on residential building sites than any other workplace ...’. The phrase **‘the construction sector’ is incorrect** because it does not follow the preposition ‘on’.

17 The correct answer is ‘eliminate’: The text says, ‘The first thing to be considered is whether it is possible to eliminate this hazard completely ... This can sometimes be done at the design, construction planning, and tendering stage.’ **‘Identified’ and ‘identification’ are incorrect** because they are not the correct part of speech. An imperative is needed in the gap to match the following two notes, which begin with imperatives (prevent and reduce).

18 The correct answer is ‘temporary work platforms’, ‘work platforms’, ‘temporary platforms’ or ‘platforms’: The text says, ‘It may be possible to use the existing scaffolding as edge protection. If this is not practicable, then temporary work platforms should be used.’

19 The correct answer is ‘safety nets’: The text says, ‘steps should be taken to minimise (reduce as far as possible) the likelihood of any harm resulting. This means considering the use of safety nets’. The phrase **‘other similar systems’ is incorrect** because the words before the gap (by using) indicate that a specific example is required, not a general description.

20 The correct answer is ‘maintenance work’ or ‘work’: The text says, ‘Ladders should only be employed for short-duration maintenance work’.

21 The correct answer is ‘selection’: The text says, ‘People using ladders should be trained and instructed in the selection and safe use of ladders.’ **‘Maintenance’ and ‘inspection’ are incorrect** because the text does not say that training is needed for these aspects of ladder use.

22 The correct answer is ‘inspection’: The text says, ‘There should be inspection of all ladders on a regular basis’. The words **‘maintenance’ and ‘selection’ are incorrect** because the text does not say that these should be carried out regularly.

Questions 23–27

23 The correct answer is ‘140.98’: The text says, ‘You could get either: £140.98 a week or 90% of your average weekly earnings (whichever is less)’. **‘£27’ is incorrect** because it is not the maximum amount (most) that a woman can get per week.

24 The correct answer is ‘unemployed’: The text says, ‘You may still qualify even if you’ve recently stopped working. It doesn’t matter if you had different jobs, or periods when you were unemployed.’ **‘Employed’ and ‘self-employed’ are incorrect** because they do not fit with the negative verbs in the sentence given. It is likely to be more straightforward for women who are employed or self-employed to get maternity allowance than for women who are unemployed.

25 The correct answer is ‘payslip’: The text says, ‘You also need to provide a payslip or a Certificate of Small Earnings Exemption as proof (evidence) of your income’.

26 The correct answer is ‘doctor’s letter’: The text says, ‘You also need to provide ... proof of the baby’s due date, such as a doctor’s letter.’

27 The correct answer is ‘circumstances’: The text says, ‘You should report any changes to (differences in) your circumstances, for example, if you go back (return) to work, to your local Jobcentre Plus as they can affect how much allowance you get.’

Section 3

Questions 28–31

28 The correct answer is D: In Section A, it says, ‘just days after Marshall’s discovery, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican–American War and transferring California, with its mineral deposits, into the ownership of the United States.’ **A is incorrect:** Although it is true that the Mexican–American war was ending, the text does not say that there were a lot of people who needed work. **B is incorrect** because the text does not mention that Marshall’s experience of building a water-powered sawmill would help in mining for gold. **C is incorrect** because there is no suggestion in the text that the population of California had already begun to grow.

29 The correct answer is C: In Section B, it says, ‘Though the initial reaction in San Francisco was disbelief, storekeeper Sam Brannan set off a frenzy (uncontrolled excitement) when he paraded through town displaying a small bottle containing gold from Sutter’s Creek.’ **A is incorrect:** Although the text says that ‘at least one newspaper was reporting that large quantities of gold were being found’, it does not go on to say that this convinced people that they could make money by looking for gold. **B is incorrect:** Although ‘By mid-June’, ‘some three-quarters’ of the men had left, we do not know if they left immediately. **D is incorrect** because there is no mention of people in other mines in the US.

30 The correct answer is C: In Section C, it says, ‘[the miners’ wives] had no option but to shoulder different responsibilities such as running farms or businesses’. **A is incorrect** because the text says that San Francisco ‘developed a bustling economy and became the central metropolis of the new frontier’. In other words, it coped well with the people who came from different countries. **B is incorrect** because the text says that many people went to California ‘In pursuit of (looking for) the kind of wealth they had never dreamed of’, but it does not say that many of them made more money than they could have done at home. **D is incorrect** because the new towns were ‘overcrowded’ and ‘grew ever more lawless (without law and order)’, so they were not good places to live.

31 The correct answer is D: In Section E, it says, ‘the rocker had difficulty in trapping the smallest particles of gold, commonly known as “flour”. Some miners added small amounts of mercury to the bottom of the rocker. Due to its chemical composition, it had a facility to trap fine gold.’ **A is incorrect** because only the rockers needed mercury adding to them, not the pans. **B is incorrect** because the text says that ‘a miner could process more dirt and rock than with a pan’, so one miner was enough to operate a rocker. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention in the text of novice (new or inexperienced) miners. Also, in Section D, the text says, ‘Gold panning was slow even for the most skillful miner’, which suggests that panning was not a good system for new miners.

Questions 32–36

32 The correct answer is C: In Section C, the text refers to miners' wives running 'farms or businesses' and in the new towns 'shops and other businesses' were established. **A is incorrect** because it mentions Marshall building 'a water-powered sawmill', but this is only one way, not a number of ways, of earning money in California.

33 The correct answer is F: In Section F, it says, 'Mining had always been difficult and dangerous labor, and striking it rich required good luck as much as skill and hard work. Moreover, the average daily pay for an independent miner had ... dropped sharply from what it had been in 1848.' Miners had to work hard, be lucky and earned less.

34 The correct answer is B: Section B mentions Sam Brennan who displayed a bottle of gold around San Francisco. He 'set off a frenzy', while before there had been 'disbelief'. Having seen the bottle, many people were convinced of the existence of gold and went off to become miners. **A is incorrect** because it mentions an individual, Marshall, who discovered gold, but he tried to keep the news quiet and so did not convince people that there was gold in California.

35 The correct answer is A: Section A states, 'At the time (1848 – before the Gold Rush began), the population of the territory consisted of 6,500 Californios (people of Spanish or Mexican descent); 700 foreigners (primarily Americans); and 150,000 Native Americans.' **C is incorrect** because it covers the non-native population of California, not the total population, and it gives figures for 1849 which is after the Gold Rush had started. **G is incorrect** because it mentions the population of California, but the figures are for the end of the 1850s when the Gold Rush was declining.

36 The correct answer is G: In Section G, it says, 'gold mining ... had reached its peak by 1852, when gold worth some \$81 million was pulled from the ground. After that year, the total take (revenue) declined gradually, leveling off to around \$45 million per year by 1857. Settlement in California continued, however, and by the end of the decade the state's population was 380,000.' This compares to a population of about 7,000 in 1848 (Section A). **F is incorrect** because it says that 'the average daily pay for an independent miner had by then (after 1850) dropped sharply from what it had been in 1848', but there is no mention in this section of a growing population in California.

Questions 37–40

37 The correct answer is 'gravel': In Section D, it says, 'The basic procedure (method) was to place some gold-bearing materials, such as river gravel, into a shallow pan'. **'Materials' is incorrect** because it is not specific enough. It could mean anything that is found in a river, like rocks or mud. The miners found gold in the small pieces of gravel from the river bed.

38 The correct answer is 'nuggets': Section D describes how 'heavier gold nuggets or gold dust would settle to the bottom of the pan'. **'Water' is incorrect** because it did not weigh as much as gold and did not stay in the bottom of the pan. It was also not valuable, so the miners would not have wanted it.

39 The correct answer is 'sieve': In Section E, it says, 'The big rocks were caught in a sieve at the top'. **'Top' and 'box' are incorrect** because they are not precise enough. The big rocks were held in a specific part of the rocker: the sieve.

40 The correct answer is 'mercury': In Section E, it says, 'Some miners added small amounts of mercury ... [which] had a facility to trap fine gold.' **'Chemical' is incorrect** because it does not fit well in the gap. It would need to have 'a' before it. Also, **'chemical' is incorrect** because it is not specific enough. The text tells us precisely which chemical the miners used to trap fine pieces of gold.