

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–10

1 The correct answer is '28th': Shirley says, 'It's free the week beginning the 28th'. **'14th' is incorrect** as the woman says, 'it's already booked that week'. **'7th' is incorrect** as seven is the number of nights that the cottage is available, not the date.

2 The correct answer is '550': Shirley says, 'it'd be £550 for the week' for Granary Cottage. **'500' is incorrect** as that is the amount Tom had budgeted to pay, not the actual cost.

3 The correct answer is 'Chervil': Shirley gives the name of another cottage and then spells it out.

4 The correct answer is 'garage': Shirley tells Tom that Chervil Cottage 'was built as a garage'. **'Cottage' is incorrect** as that is what it is now.

5 The correct answer is 'garden': Shirley tells Tom that 'you get to [the garden] from the living room through French doors'. **'Deckchairs' is incorrect** as the gap has 'a' in front so the answer must be singular. **'Patio' is incorrect** as that has not been built yet.

6 The correct answer is 'parking': Shirley says, 'parking isn't a problem – there's plenty of room at the front for that'. **'Farmyard' is incorrect** as this is the area where the parking spaces are located.

7 The correct answer is 'wood': Shirley says, 'We can provide all the wood you need for [the stove]'. **'Coal' is incorrect** as Shirley only mentions coal when saying that wood 'smells so much nicer than coal'.

8 The correct answer is 'bridge': Shirley says, 'There's a famous stone bridge ... and you can see it from the living room.' **'Hills' and 'monument' are incorrect** as these can be seen from the 'opposite direction'.

9 The correct answer is 'monument': Shirley says, 'The bedroom window ... has a lovely view of the hills and the monument at the top.'

10 The correct answer is 'March': Shirley asks Tom for the rest of the money on 'the last day of March, please'. **'May' is incorrect** as that is when Tom and his wife are arriving.

Questions 11–20

11 The correct answer is C: The councillor says that ‘a significant number of people complained about the increasing number of heavy vehicles using our local roads’. **A is incorrect** as she says that the reduction in the train service (a type of public transport) has not ‘affected people too much’. **B is incorrect** as there were only ‘one or two complaints about potholes’.

12 The correct answer is A: The councillor says that they are going to ‘add a bit on the side to make [the path] wider’. **B is incorrect** as she says that extending the path ‘won’t be happening in the immediate future’. **C is incorrect** as the surface ‘was improved last year’.

13 The correct answer is B: The councillor says that they have been told it would be ‘dangerous to have a pedestrian crossing where we’d originally planned it’. **A is incorrect** as this was a rumour that did not happen. **C is incorrect** as the council ‘budgeted for [the crossing] this financial year’ so funding was available.

14 The correct answer is B: The councillor refers to motorists and says, ‘we’ve now got signs up requesting them not to leave their engines running at that time’. **A and C are incorrect** as cyclists and pedestrians are mentioned, but no signs or notices are being put up for them.

15 The correct answer is C: The councillor says, ‘we’re suggesting a new car park on the opposite side of the Community Hall [from the line of trees], right next to it’. **G is incorrect** as that is where cars can park at present.

16 The correct answer is F: The councillor says that the new cricket pitch will be ‘to the east of the recreation ground, beyond the trees’. **H and I are incorrect** as this area ‘near the road’ is where the cricket ground is currently located.

17 The correct answer is A: The councillor says that the children’s playground ‘will be accessible by a footpath from the Community Hall and will be alongside the river’. **B and D are incorrect** as they are not by the river.

18 The correct answer is I: The councillor says, ‘in the end we decided to have [the skateboard ramp] in the southeast corner near the road’. **A and E are incorrect** as these are locations ‘towards the river’ that they considered at first, but then decided against.

19 The correct answer is E: The councillor says, the pavilion ‘will stay where it is now – to the left of the line of trees and near to the river’. **G is incorrect** as it is not near the river. **A is incorrect** as it is too far from the line of trees.

20 The correct answer is H: The councillor says that the notice board ‘will be directly on people’s right as they go from the road into the recreation ground’. **C is incorrect** as this is to the left of the entrance.

Questions 21–30

21 and 22 The correct answers are B and C (in either order): The man asks, ‘doesn’t the impact of reduced emissions on air pollution have a more significant effect on people’s health?’ The woman agrees and adds that bike sharing has also ‘cut the number of cars on the road significantly’. Both speakers agree that this is the ‘main point’. **A, D and E are incorrect** as the students do not agree on the importance of these points.

23 and 24 The correct answers are B and C (in either order): The woman says that ‘a fully functional app – so people can make payments and book bikes easily’ is ‘really important’. She also stresses the need for ‘a big publicity campaign’. The man agrees that both these points are important. **A, D and E are incorrect** as the students do not agree that these things are necessary for a successful scheme.

25 The correct answer is C: The woman says, ‘it’s strange that there was such a demand for bike-sharing’. The man’s response ‘And yet ...’ shows that he agrees the demand was unexpected (surprising). **F is incorrect** as they do not disagree.

26 The correct answer is F: While the woman thinks the scheme’s success ‘must be because the public transport system’s quite limited’, the man disagrees and says, ‘price has a lot to do with it’. **B is incorrect** as the scheme is already cheap.

27 The correct answer is D: The woman says that the scheme ‘isn’t expanding quickly enough’ and the man says, ‘not enough’s been spent on increasing the number of cycle lanes’. **A is incorrect** as they agree that the scheme has been ‘a really good thing for the city’ and they praise its popularity.

28 The correct answer is E: The woman says, ‘they built a huge network of cycle lanes to support the introduction of the scheme’, and the man refers to this as ‘An example of good planning (design).’ **G is incorrect** as although the scheme developed quickly, they agree this has been a good thing.

29 The correct answer is B: The woman implies she is going to be critical by saying, ‘New York is a good example of how not to introduce a scheme’. She goes on to say, ‘it was more than ten times the price of most other schemes’. The man adds, ‘more than it costs to take a taxi’ and refers to this as ‘crazy’. **A is incorrect** as neither speaker expresses disappointment.

30 The correct answer is A: Both speakers express disappointment. The woman says, ‘I would have expected it to have grown pretty quickly’ and the man agrees: ‘Yes. I can’t quite work out why [the scheme] hasn’t been an instant success like some of the others.’

Questions 31–40

31 The correct answer is 'spice(s)': The speaker says that in 1507 'the sailors were carrying spices back to Europe'. **'Sailors' is incorrect** as the ships were not transporting sailors, the sailors were in command of the ships.

32 The correct answer is 'colony' or 'settlement': The speaker says that the Dutch 'set up a colony [on the island]', whereas the Portuguese 'didn't settle on Mauritius'. **'Inhabitant(s)' is incorrect** as this word refers to people, not places.

33 The correct answer is 'fat': The speaker says that 'the bird appears to be extremely fat' in the Dutch painting. **'Thin' is incorrect** as it is the Indian painting that 'shows a much thinner bird'.

34 The correct answer is 'head': The speaker says, 'only one example of soft tissue from the dodo survives, a dodo head'. **'Skeleton' and 'bone(s)' are incorrect** as these are made of hard, not soft, tissue.

35 The correct answer is 'movement': The speaker says that 'scientists now believe the bird's strong knee joints would have made it capable of movement which was not slow, but actually quite fast (rapid)'. **'Slow' and 'clumsy' are incorrect** as a noun is needed in the gap; they are also the opposite of the answer. **'Accounts' and 'joints' are incorrect** as they do not make sense in the gap.

36 The correct answer is 'balance' or 'balancing': The speaker says that the bird's wings 'were probably employed for balance while going over uneven ground'. **'Flight' and 'flying' are incorrect** as the speaker says that 'the dodo's small wings wouldn't have allowed it to leave the ground'.

37 The correct answer is 'brain': The speaker refers to research suggesting 'the bird's brain was not small, but average in size'. **'Skull' is incorrect** as there is no mention of the size of the bird's skull. **'Intelligence' is incorrect** as this is not measured in terms of physical size.

38 The correct answer is 'smell': The speaker says that 'one sense which was particularly well-developed (in the dodo) was that of smell' and that 'the dodo may also have been particularly good at locating ripe fruit and other food'. **'Locating' is incorrect** as this is not a sense but an ability.

39 The correct answer is 'rats': The speaker says that 'rats, which came to land from the ships ... were a particular danger to the dodos because they consumed their eggs'. **'Species' is incorrect** as it is too general.

40 The correct answer is 'forest': The speaker says, 'the introduction of agriculture (farming) ... meant that the forest that had once covered all the island, and that had provided a perfect home for the dodo, was cut down'. **'Home' is incorrect** as it is too general. **'Sugar' is incorrect** as crops such as sugar replaced the forest.