

# Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

## Reading

### Section 1

#### Questions 1–6

**1 The correct answer is D:** Violeta finds leisure and tourism ‘fascinating’. She says, ‘the teacher is very knowledgeable, though I think we spend too much time listening to her’. **A, B and C are incorrect** because the pupils do not criticise the way the subjects are taught. **E is incorrect:** It may look possible because Walid says, ‘I was afraid the lessons might be a bit dull.’ However, he continues, ‘I needn’t have worried, though – our teacher gets us to do lots of fun things, so there’s no risk of getting bored.’

**2 The correct answer is B:** Lucy says, ‘My plan is to study history at university, and maybe go into the diplomatic service, so I can apply a knowledge of history.’ **C and D are incorrect:** Mark (**C**) says he would like to work as a computer programmer, but explains, ‘When I leave school, I’m going into my family retail business, so sadly I can’t see myself becoming a programmer.’ Violeta (**D**) says, ‘I’d like to meet more people working in the sector, and learn from their experience,’ but she is not referring to a career plan, just an interest in the subject.

**3 The correct answer is C:** Mark admits, ‘I didn’t think I’d have any problem with it (computer programming), but I was quite wrong!’ This means that he does find computer programming harder than he expected. **A is incorrect:** Krishnan says, ‘Mr Peckham (the teacher) really pushes us, and offers us extra assignments, to help us improve.’ That sounds as if he finds the subject too hard, but he continues: ‘That’s good for me, because otherwise I’d be quite lazy.’

**4 The correct answer is E:** Walid says, ‘our teacher gets us to do lots of fun things’. **B, C and D are incorrect:** The three pupils say that they like their subjects: Lucy (**B**) says, ‘History is my favourite subject’. Mark (**C**) says, ‘I love learning how to program.’ Violeta (**D**) says, ‘I find it (leisure and tourism) fascinating.’ None of them says, however, that they find the lessons entertaining.

**5 The correct answer is A:** Krishnan says, ‘Mr Peckham really pushes us, and offers us extra assignments, to help us improve. That’s good for me, because otherwise I’d be quite lazy.’ **C is incorrect:** When Mark says, ‘I didn’t think I’d have any problem with it, but I was quite wrong!’, he is explaining that the lessons are harder than he expected, not that he appreciates the benefit of doing challenging work.

**6 The correct answer is B:** Lucy says, ‘it’s fascinating to see how what we learn about the past is relevant to what’s going on in the world now.’ **C is incorrect:** When Mark mentions going into the ‘family retail business’, it may appear that he is making a connection between that and computer programming, but he continues, ‘so sadly I can’t see myself becoming a programmer’, indicating that there is no connection for him.

## Questions 7–14

**7 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, 'As usual, the festival will be held in the last weekend of June'. This is supported by the mention of 'last year's festival' in the second sentence.

**8 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, 'The theme is Ripton through the ages,' which means the town of Ripton through the centuries. The text goes on to explain that the festival will show 'how the town has developed since it was first established'.

**9 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says the craft fair features 'professional artists, designers and craftsmen and women, who will display their jewellery, paintings, ceramics, and much more', but there is no information that these goods are different from those found in shops. The text goes on to say, 'if you want one of them to make something especially for you, just ask! You'll get it within a month of the festival ending.' Such an item might be different from anything in a shop, but it is ordered specially and not on display at the craft fair.

**10 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'The barbecue will be held in Palmer's Field, or in the town hall if there's rain.' Rain is mentioned but the barbecue will not be cancelled if it rains; it will be moved to an indoor venue.

**11 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'adults can come for free until 6 pm and pay £5 after that'. **TRUE is incorrect** because the only people who can enter the barbecue free at any time are children: 'Entry for under 16s is free all day'.

**12 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'There'll be live music throughout, with local amateur bands in the afternoon and professional musicians in the evening,' so amateur musicians will only perform for part of the barbecue, not the whole of the barbecue.

**13 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, 'The spectator area by the bridge has plenty of room to stand and cheer the boats home, in addition to a number of benches.' 'Benches' are long seats for several people, so spectators can sit and watch the boat races if they wish.

**14 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text mentions 'all money raised by the festival will go to support the sports clubs in Ripton,' but it does not say that people will be specifically asked to give money to support the sports clubs. The money may come from entry tickets, profits from the barbecue, etc.

## Section 2

### Questions 15–20

**15 The correct answer is 'fertiliser':** The text says, 'Examples of tasks that involve this risk (carrying of an excessive load or weight) are moving 50-kilogramme fertiliser bags from one site to another'. **'Animal feed' is incorrect** for two reasons. First, it is two words and the task instructions say that one word only is to be used. Secondly, 'feed' is carried in 'buckets' not sacks or bags.

**16 The correct answer is 'animal':** The text says, 'If a load is bulky or hard to grasp, such as a lively or agitated (restless) animal, it will be more difficult to hold while lifting and carrying.'

**17 The correct answer is 'obstacle':** The text says, 'Sometimes a load has to be held away from the body because there is a large obstacle (a thing that is blocking the way) in the area,' which means that the load has to be carried around this large object.

**18 The correct answer is 'aids':** The text says, 'handling aids (pieces of equipment that help you do something) should be purchased (bought) that can take the weight off the load and minimise the potential for injury'.

**19 The correct answer is 'bending':** The text says, 'Another risk ... is repetitive bending when carrying out a task.' The word 'repetitive' indicates that the action is repeated a lot. **'Repairing' is incorrect** because it is an example of a task that farm workers may have to carry out, but it is the way they carry out the task not the task itself that is the risk.

**20 The correct answer is 'gate':** The text says, 'An example (of repetitive bending) might be repairing a gate that has collapsed (fallen) onto the ground.' **'Workbench' is incorrect** because the text says, 'The farmer should think about whether the job can be performed on a workbench', which is a special surface or table for doing practical tasks on like repairing wooden or metal items, and not something that might fall on the ground.

### Questions 21–27

**21 The correct answer is 'proactive':** The text advises sales staff to 'be proactive (take the lead) in offering help without being annoying (irritating)'. **'Sensitive' is incorrect** because the text suggests that 'sensitive' sales staff know exactly how much help customers want and so would never irritate them.

**22 The correct answer is 'special offers':** The text says, 'point out products for which there are special offers, but don't pressure a customer into buying an item they don't want'.

**23 The correct answer is 'brand names':** The text says, 'Build up a comprehensive knowledge of all the products in your shop, including the pros and cons (advantages and disadvantages) of products that are alike (similar) but that have been produced under a range of brand names.' **'Pros and cons' is incorrect** because the phrase consists of three words and the task instructions say that no more than two words can be used.

**24 The correct answer is ‘negativity’:** The text says, ‘Negativity can put customers off instantly (make them not want to buy anything). If a customer asks a question to which the answer is “no”, do not just leave it at that – follow it with a positive.’

**25 The correct answer is ‘presentation’:** The text says, ‘if you see a product in the wrong place on a shelf, don’t ignore it – put it back where it belongs. This attention to presentation keeps the shop tidy, giving the right impression to your customers.’ **‘Place’ is incorrect** because it is a singular countable noun which does not go with the plural noun goods. **‘Impression’ is also incorrect** because it needs to go with the verb make – the impression goods make on the shelves.

**26 The correct answer is ‘credit card’:** The text says, ‘if the customer’s credit card is declined (refused) at the till, keep your voice down’. That means sales staff should speak quietly so they do not draw other customers’ attention to the problem. **‘Payment method’ is incorrect** because this is a general term describing different ways of paying, such as cash or cheque, while a specific example of a means of payment is needed here.

**27 The correct answer is ‘rudeness’:** The text says, ‘Treat each person with respect at all times, even when you are faced with rudeness.’ **‘Respect’ is incorrect** because the sentence requires a word with a negative association to complete the gap. The text advises sales staff to show ‘good manners’ and ‘respect’ to their customers no matter how impolite they are.

### Section 3

#### Questions 28–34

**28 The correct answer is vi:** Paragraph A describes Carlos Ferrando seeing a piece of art in a museum ‘that profoundly affected him’. The paragraph goes on to say that it ‘left Ferrando angry’, indicating that he was disturbed by it. **Heading ii is incorrect:** It may look possible because it mentions ‘assorted plastic waste’ that could be why Ferrando’s product is needed, but the paragraph is more about Ferrando’s reaction to the waste.

**29 The correct answer is iv:** Paragraph B includes information on two products a ‘foldable bicycle helmet’ and a ‘glass water bottle’ that Ferrando has designed. It also includes physical details about the water bottle: it has ‘a stretchy silicone strap and magnetic closure mechanism that means it can be attached to almost anything’. **Heading viii is incorrect:** It may look possible because Paragraph B mentions a ‘water bottle’ and people filling ‘their bottles with water’. However, Paragraph B does not give any information on the reasons for bottling water.

**30 The correct answer is ii:** Paragraph C says that persuading people to use glass water bottles would involve ‘saving consumers money and reducing the plastic waste piling up in our oceans’. **Heading vii is incorrect:** It may look possible because it includes replacing a consumer item which is clearly stated in Paragraph C – replacing plastic bottles with recyclable glass ones. However, there is no mention of any problems that this would involve.

**31 The correct answer is viii:** Paragraph D describes how in ‘the closing decades of the 20th century ... water became a consumer item, sold in plastic bottles, instead of just emerging, for free, from a tap’. **Heading i is incorrect:** It may look possible because it clearly refers to a period in the past, but Paragraph D describes a time of ‘conspicuous consumption’ and ‘the purchase of luxuries’ and not a time when opportunities were limited.

**32 The correct answer is v:** Paragraph E describes ‘many millennials – young people born in the late 20th century’ preferring refillable bottles, while these feel ‘out-of-date to anyone over the age of 40’, indicating contrasting views between different generations. **Heading i is incorrect:** It may look possible because it mentions a particular time. However, the time is ‘today’ not a past period when opportunities were limited. Also, Paragraph E describes today as a time when views on extravagance have changed, rather than a period when opportunities are limited.

**33 The correct answer is i:** Paragraph F says that if ‘an entrepreneur had wanted to fund a smart invention a few decades ago, he or she would have had to either raise a bank loan, borrow money from a family member or use a credit card,’ thus suggesting that it was a time when opportunities were limited for business entrepreneurs. **Heading ii is incorrect:** It may look possible as Paragraph E mentions one of Ferrando’s products – the ‘foldable bike helmet’ – but the paragraph does not include reasons why the helmet is needed.

**34 The correct answer is iii:** Paragraph G describes how Ferrando is funding his water bottle production through donations from the public. This system means that ‘none of the donors has a stake (share) in his idea, nor does he have any debt’; thus it is a solution without risks to him. **Heading vii is incorrect:** It may look possible because it deals with replacing a consumer item, that is, replacing a single-use plastic water bottle with a reusable glass one. However, Paragraph G covers the advantages of community funding and does not mention any problems of replacing a consumer item.

### Questions 35–37

**35 The correct answer is D:** In Paragraph C Ferrando says he wants the bottles to be ‘a status symbol’, something people are proud to own. He wants people to display them, ‘to clip their bottles onto what they are wearing, to show that they are recycling – and to look cool’. **A and B are incorrect** because there is no information in the text that the style of the bottle matches the bicycle helmet or any details on the cost of the bottle. **C is incorrect** because the text mentions the age of consumers – young people preferring refillable bottles – but it does not say that Ferrando designed the bottle to suit all ages.

**36 The correct answer is D:** In Paragraphs D and E the writer explains that he is fascinated by the change in people’s views of conspicuous consumption and claims that Ferrando’s story is ‘an indicator of something unexpected’ which is that ‘conspicuous extravagance no longer seems desirable’. **A is incorrect** because although the text mentions young people, it does not say that Ferrando’s ideas are youthful. **B is incorrect** because although the text says that the bottles may ‘feel oddly out-of-date to anyone over the age of 40’, it does not state that Ferrando’s products are old-fashioned – they just appear so to older people. **C is incorrect** because the text does not say that Ferrando is creating choice for consumers.

**37 The correct answer is A:** In Paragraph F the text says that the ‘foldable bike helmet is available in some outlets in New York, including the Museum of Modern Art’, suggesting that it is not only a useful product but it has also got a certain artistic style. **B is incorrect** because there is no mention of a particular age of consumer the helmet might appeal to. **C is incorrect** because the text says, ‘It is uncertain whether Closca will succeed in its goal’, meaning that it has not had great success yet. **D is incorrect** because there is no comparison between the helmet and the glass bottle.

### Questions 38–40

**38 The correct answer is ‘family’:** In Paragraph F the text says, ‘If an entrepreneur had wanted to fund a smart invention a few decades ago, he or she would have had to either raise a bank loan, borrow money from a family member or use a credit card.’ **‘Market’ is incorrect:** The text says, ‘it can be very hard for any design entrepreneur to really take off in the global mass market’, but it does not suggest entrepreneurs raised money from someone in the market.

**39 The correct answer is 'platform':** In Paragraph G it says, 'Ferrando posted details about his water-bottle venture on a large, recognised platform for funding creative projects.' This was because he wanted to raise money 'straight away'. **'Bank' is incorrect:** A bank would not advertise his product. Also, the summary goes on to say that people who gave a certain figure or over were offered a free gift. This refers to 'community funding' and not a bank loan.

**40 The correct answer is 'multicoloured' / 'multi-coloured' or 'multicolored' / 'multi-colored':** The text says, 'if \$60,000 was raised, a multicoloured one (bottle) would be made'. '\$60,000' is the more significant (larger) amount mentioned in the summary. **'Grey' and 'white' are incorrect** because the summary has already stated that the bottles would be made in two colours, that is grey and white, initially.

# Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

## Listening

### Part 1

#### Questions 1–10

**1 The correct answer is ‘egg’:** The woman says that the cover is to go ‘round an egg’, so that the children ‘can drop it from a height and it doesn’t break’. The gap has ‘an’ in front, so the answer must begin with a vowel. **‘Inside’ is incorrect** as an object is needed for this answer.

**2 The correct answer is ‘tower’:** The woman says that the competition is ‘to see who can make the highest (tallest) tower’. **‘Highest tower’ is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only.

**3 The correct answer is ‘car’:** The woman says that the Tiny Engineers ‘design and build a car that’s attached to a balloon’ and she explains that the air in the balloon ‘powers the car and makes it move along’. **‘Design’ is incorrect** as you cannot ‘power’ a design.

**4 The correct answer is ‘animals’:** The woman says that the Junior Engineers also learn ‘how to construct animals’ and ‘program them and make them move’. **‘Vehicles’ is incorrect** as cars and trucks are examples of vehicles.

**5 The correct answer is ‘bridge’:** The woman says that the Junior Engineers use ‘card and wood to build a bridge’ and that the ‘longest one gets a prize’. **‘Materials’ is incorrect** as you cannot ‘build’ long materials.

**6 The correct answer is ‘movie’ or ‘film’:** The woman says that the children ‘think up an idea for a five-minute (short) movie’. **‘Five-minute movie’ is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only.

**7 The correct answer is ‘decorate’:** The woman says that the children ‘build a robot in the shape of a human, and they decorate it and program it’. **‘Move’ is incorrect** as the robot is programmed to do this.

**8 The correct answer is ‘Wednesdays’:** The question gives a time and asks for a day. The woman tells the man that the classes were ‘moved ... to Wednesdays’. **‘Monday’ is incorrect** as the woman says that holding the classes on a Monday ‘didn’t give our staff enough time to clear up after the first workshop’.

**9 The correct answer is 'Fradstone':** The question asks for the name of an industrial estate. The spelling of Fradstone is given and so it must be correct. **'Grasford' is incorrect** as this is the location of the estate, not the name, and it is part of the question.

**10 The correct answer is 'parking':** The woman says that 'there's always plenty [of parking] available'. **'Problems' is incorrect** as the gap has the word is after it, so the answer must be singular.

## Part 2

### Questions 11–20

**11 The correct answer is C:** The speaker says that the founder of Stevenson's 'set up this company ... in 1926'. **A is incorrect** as he left school in 1923. **B is incorrect** as he started thinking (making plans) to set up the company in 1924.

**12 The correct answer is A:** The speaker says that for the first five years Stevenson's made 'goods for hospitals and other players in the healthcare industry'. **B and C are incorrect** as manufacturing for these industries was a 'long-term plan', and manufacturing for the machine tools industry 'never came about'.

**13 The correct answer is B:** The speaker says that the 'site is big enough'. **A is incorrect** as the speaker says that 'moving to a new location has never been necessary'. **C is incorrect** as the speaker says that the site will be refurbished (improved) 'over the next five years'.

**14 The correct answer is C:** The speaker says that the students will have 'a presentation (talk) from one of the managers'. **A is incorrect** as the speaker does not mention the students doing research. **B is incorrect** as the speaker says, 'your school isn't able to arrange [a teacher coming in] this year'.

**15 The correct answer is H:** The speaker directs you along a corridor to the left of the reception area and says, 'the door facing you at the end is the entrance to the coffee room'. The speaker says that it 'looks out onto the main road on one side, and some trees on the other'. **I is incorrect** as it does not look out onto the trees from either side.

**16 The correct answer is C:** The speaker says that the warehouse is next to the factory and it 'can be accessed (reached) by lorries going up the road to the turning area at the end'. The speaker also directs you across to 'the far side of the courtyard' and says, 'the door is on your right'. **E and G are incorrect** as they are not next to the factory.

**17 The correct answer is G:** The speaker says that the staff canteen is 'right next to reception' and explains that the 'windows on one side look onto a corridor and courtyard' and 'on the other [look] onto the access road'. **J is incorrect** as the windows look onto the main road, not the access road.

**18 The correct answer is B:** The speaker says that the meeting room is 'along the corridor to the left of the courtyard' and directs you to the end where it is 'the last one (room) on the right'. The speaker says, 'there's no natural daylight (windows) in the room'. **A is incorrect** as it is to the left of the corridor, not the right. **E is incorrect** as it is not the last room on the right.

**19 The correct answer is I:** The speaker directs you 'left along the corridor from reception', and says that it is 'the second room you come to' and that it 'looks out onto the main road'. **J and H are incorrect** as they are the first and third rooms you come to, respectively.

**20 The correct answer is A:** The speaker says that the boardroom 'looks out on to the trees' and directs you 'along the corridor past the courtyard, right to the end'. The speaker says that it is 'on the left, next to the factory'. **D and F are incorrect** as they are not right at the end of the corridor.

### Questions 21–30

**21 and 22 The correct answers are C and E (in either order):** Jess says that the more she read the handouts, the ‘more interested’ she got, and Tom agrees by saying, ‘Me too.’ Jess says that there were far more birds to see at the Natural History Museum than at the Bird Park and Tom says, ‘Yeah. I liked all the stuff about evolution there.’ **A is incorrect** as Jess says that the Bird Park was a ‘let down’ (disappointing). **B is incorrect** as Jess missed the workshop sessions. **D is incorrect** as Jess regrets not seeing the previous year’s projects.

**23 and 24 The correct answers are B and E (in either order):** Tom says that he has not ‘evaluated anything’ and Jess says, ‘I’ll have to look at that too.’ Jess says that she is going to make her proposal ‘a bit more vague’, and Tom says, ‘I’ll change that too then.’ **A is incorrect** as Jess does not say anything about changing her rationale. **C is incorrect** as Tom says that he has done the video diary presentation. **D is incorrect** as they have both done a timeline and a mind map.

**25 The correct answer is D:** Tom expresses his concern about only saying that the falcon is ‘a bit scary’ and Jess suggests he discusses ‘the possible (potential) danger (threat) suggested by the bird’s look’. **A is incorrect** as Tom is not talking about a memory from childhood.

**26 The correct answer is C:** Jess says she will ‘concentrate on the impression of rapid motion it [the fish hawk] gives’. **D and E are incorrect** as she dismisses Tom’s suggestion regarding its relation to predators and does not focus on its colour.

**27 The correct answer is A:** Jess says, ‘I saw a real kingfisher once when I was little (a child) ... and I’ve never forgotten it’. **E is incorrect** as the bird’s colours are not the reason that it has personal meaning for Jess.

**28 The correct answer is H:** Tom says that the picture suggests the man who shot the bird is ‘not sure about what he’s done’. He adds that the picture is ‘about how ambiguous (unclear) people are in the way they exploit the natural world’. **D is incorrect** as the threat to the bird has passed. **G is incorrect** as nothing is said about protecting the bird.

**29 The correct answer is F:** Jess says that the picture is ‘a reference to the never-ending cycle (continuity) of existence (life)’. **B is incorrect** as there is no mention of hope for the future. **G is incorrect** as nothing is mentioned about protecting the lizard.

**30 The correct answer is G:** Tom says that he appreciates that the boy is ‘holding it (the bird) carefully so he doesn’t hurt it’. **A is incorrect** as nothing is stated about a memory. **D is incorrect** as the boy is holding the bird carefully.

## Questions 31–40

**31 The correct answer is 'practical':** The speaker says, 'Stoicism ... is the most practical of all philosophies and therefore the most appealing'. **'Greatest' is incorrect** as it does not make sense in the gap without a reason for (because of) its appeal (attraction).

**32 The correct answer is 'publication':** The speaker says, 'we still have access to these ideas, despite the fact that that the ... Stoics never wrote anything down for publication'. **'Meditations' is incorrect** as this is the title of a philosopher's work.

**33 The correct answer is 'choices':** To support this point, the speaker quotes Epictetus who said, 'external events I cannot control, but the choices I make with regard to them, I do control'. **'Emotions' is incorrect** as you cannot make emotions.

**34 The correct answer is 'negative':** The speaker refers to Nassim Nicholas Taleb who 'defines a Stoic as someone who has a different perspective on experiences which most of us would see as wholly negative'.

**35 The correct answer is 'play':** The speaker says that 'George Washington ... put on a play based on the life of Cato to inspire his men'. **'Neighbours' is incorrect** as these people introduced George Washington to Stoicism. Also, the gap has 'a' in front, so the answer must be singular.

**36 The correct answer is 'capitalism':** The speaker says that 'Adam Smith's theories on capitalism were significantly influenced by the Stoicism ...'. **'Theories' is incorrect** as this is another term for 'ideas' and you cannot have ideas on ideas.

**37 The correct answer is 'depression':** The speaker says that Stoicism had a profound influence on Albert Ellis, 'who invented Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, which is ... most commonly used to treat depression'. **'Irrational beliefs' and 'faulty thinking' are incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only.

**38 The correct answer is 'logic':** The speaker says, 'The idea is that we can take control of our lives by ... using logic instead.' **'Behaviours' is incorrect** as it is too general. **'Control' is incorrect** as people try to control their lives, not base their thinking on control.

**39 The correct answer is 'opportunity':** The speaker says, 'Stoics teach turning obstacles into opportunity. A lesson every business entrepreneur needs to learn.' **'Entrepreneur' is incorrect** as this is a term for someone in business.

**40 The correct answer is 'practice' or 'practise':** The speaker says that exercising Stoicism 'is not as easy as it sounds and will require considerable practice'. **'Master' is incorrect** as a noun is needed in the gap.

# Test 2 answer key with extra explanations

## Reading

### Section 1

#### Questions 1–7

**1 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘Before you look for a builder, it’s important to develop a comprehensive budget and have clear plans.’

**2 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text explains that it is important to check a builder’s qualifications and adds, ‘Most states [in Australia] have their own building authority who you can contact to check a builder’s licence.’

**3 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘You can also check if the builder is a member of an industry association such as the Housing Industry Association (HIA),’ but there is no information on whether the best builders belong to this association.

**4 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘the HIA runs a state and national awards programme, with a category that recognises the level of customer service that a builder delivers’. This means that the HIA checks the level of customer service that its members provide and gives prizes to those builders who do particularly well in this area.

**5 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘Display homes are usually offered by major project builders who work on a large scale’.

**6 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘Ask your builder to use a standard building contract that has been designed to comply with (follow) the Domestic Building Contracts Act’.

**7 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘You have five business days within which you may withdraw from the contract after signing it.’ This means that someone can change their mind in the first five days and terminate the contract without going against the law.

#### Questions 8–14

**8 The correct answer is F:** The text on tree climbing says, ‘Supported by a rope and harness, you can stand on branches no bigger than your wrist,’ which means that people will be given equipment (‘a rope and harness’) to ensure that they do not fall from the trees. **A, B, C, E and H are incorrect** because although the texts suggest that necessary equipment, such as a ‘Rigid Inflatable Boat’ or a ‘Segway’, will be provided for people wanting to do these adventure sports, there is no mention of safety equipment.

**9 The correct answer is H:** The text says, ‘mountain boarding has the speed of snowboarding but with a harder landing when you fall’ which may lead to ‘bruises’. These are the effects of minor injuries, shown by swelling and discoloured skin. Although it is probable that some of the other sports may cause such minor injuries, none of the texts mention them.

**10 The correct answer is C:** The text says that people trying out kayaking can paddle around ‘a deserted (unoccupied) military fort built on a rocky outcrop out at sea’. This building is on a rock at sea so it is isolated. **D is incorrect** because although the text mentions ‘cycle tracks on former railway lines’, there is no mention of any buildings on these disused railway lines.

**11 The correct answer is F:** The text on tree climbing describes ‘the opportunity to lie in a tree-top hammock and absorb the stunning bird’s eye views’. Bird’s eye views are the views of a person looking down as a bird does when flying. **C is incorrect** because the view of the disused fort is not seen from above. The kayaker will look up at the fort from sea level and will not be able to relax as they will have to focus on paddling the kayak. **G is incorrect** because although the people doing this activity may be looking down at the ‘spectacular coast’, they will be moving fast over rocks and cliffs, which is not relaxing.

**12 The correct answer is A:** The text says that the RIBs ‘cut through choppy (rough) waters’. It continues, ‘You’ll need to hold on tight as the boat bounces across the wake of awesome cruise liners’. This means the RIB will cross over water disturbed by big ships, so it will pass close to them. **C is incorrect** because although this text deals with going to sea in a kayak and exploring ‘busy harbours’, there is no mention of rough water or going close to big ships.

**13 The correct answer is D:** The text on cycling says, ‘Grit your teeth and tackle the brutal hills in the south of the island, or for something less challenging, discover our car-free cycle tracks’. This means that cyclists have a choice between difficult trails where they will need to be determined to get up the ‘brutal’ (very hard) hills and much easier trails. **B is incorrect** because although different routes are mentioned, ‘peaceful country lanes and secluded bridleways (sheltered paths)’, neither of these types of routes is challenging. **G is incorrect** because the routes it describes are all challenging. As the text says, ‘This is a thrilling experience, but not an adventure to attempt alone.’

**14 The correct answer is E:** The text says, ‘In theory, these quirky electric machines are simple to control ... In reality, you’ll need some practice before you can master the skill’. This indicates that it will take time to learn to use a Segway, something that many people do not expect. Most of the other adventure sports, such as rib riding (**A**), coasteering (**G**) and mountain boarding (**H**) are described as hard to do, but none of these texts says that the activities are more difficult than participants expect.

## Section 2

### Questions 15–20

**15 The correct answer is ‘festivals’:** The text says, ‘The Service also arranges a number of music-related events, including festivals bringing together choirs and soloists from schools in both Barrington and other areas.’ **‘Lessons’ is incorrect** because lessons are not special events and they do not involve visiting schools. Also, lessons are already included in the first note under Activities and therefore cannot be repeated.

**16 The correct answer is ‘budget’:** The text describes the duties of the Business and Development Manager of the Music Service as ‘ensuring it does not exceed its budget’, which means not going over the money available to spend. **‘Income’ is incorrect** because it does not follow the verb keep to.

**17 The correct answer is ‘partnerships’:** The text says, ‘The Music Service is involved in several partnerships with schools ... and you will be expected to increase the number and scope of these’. **‘Fundraising’ is incorrect** because it does not go with the verb build. Also, the word fundraising appears in the next line of the notes and a key would not be repeated.

**18 The correct answer is ‘diversity’:** The text says, ‘The Service recently embarked on a programme to broaden what is taught in school music lessons, to include ... musical styles from around the world, and [the Manager] will be required to further develop this emphasis (focus) on diversity.’ **‘Instruments’ is incorrect** because they are not examples of international styles.

**19 The correct answer is ‘database’:** The text says that the Manager will need to ‘maintain a database of all music teachers, students, and instruments belonging to the Service’. **‘Systems’ is incorrect** because it has too general a meaning to fit with records. Also, a singular noun is required after the article a.

**20 The correct answer is ‘accounting’:** The text says that the Manager ‘will have an understanding of accounting, at a non-specialist level,’ which means a basic knowledge of accounting. **‘Skills’ is incorrect** because people have or develop skills, they do not have a knowledge of skills. Also ‘skills’ appears in the next line of the notes and would not be repeated. **‘Education’ and ‘field’ are incorrect** because the text says that ‘experience in music education is not crucial (essential)’. It continues: a ‘good knowledge of the field, or of other areas of arts management, would be an advantage (benefit)’, but the notes say that the person appointed *must* have a basic knowledge of ‘accounting’.

### Questions 21–27

**21 The correct answer is ‘knowledge’:** The text says, ‘many managers of small businesses have an inadequate knowledge of health and safety issues’.

**22 The correct answer is ‘regulations’:** The text says that managers ‘claim ... that the huge number of regulations ... makes their work difficult’. **‘Bureaucracy’ is incorrect** because it is a singular noun that cannot follow the words too many.

**23 The correct answer is ‘responsibilities’:** The text says, ‘Many managers are simply not aware of (do not understand) their responsibilities.’ **‘Manuals’ is incorrect** because the text says that many managers ‘are too busy running their companies to read manuals,’ so it is not a question of understanding what is in the manuals as they probably do not even open them. **‘Consultants’ and ‘seminars’ are incorrect** because the text says that managers ‘are too busy running their companies to ... employ consultants or go to seminars’. This means they never engage with them so do not get as far as trying to understand them.

**24 The correct answer is ‘leaflets’:** The text says, ‘inspectors could make employers aware of what they really need to know, rather than swamping (overloading) them with mountains of leaflets’. **‘Enforcement’ is incorrect** because it is a singular word which cannot follow the phrase far too many and does not fit with the verb give.

**25 The correct answer is ‘statement’:** The text says, ‘All employers must have their own health and safety policy statement and, for businesses with more than five employees, this must be in writing.’ **‘Organisation’ is incorrect** because a written organisation does not make sense.

**26 The correct answer is ‘contractors’:** The text says, ‘businesses must train their employees about health and safety, and provide information to others who need to know, such as the contractors working for them’. **‘Companies’ is incorrect** because although it could grammatically follow its (belonging to) in the notes, the text does not suggest that a small business owns other companies.

**27 The correct answer is ‘stress’:** The text says, ‘Other advice from the Health and Safety Executive for small businesses tackles specific issues, such as helping small companies to deal with work-related stress.’

### Section 3

#### Questions 28–32

**28 The correct answer is B:** The text says that scribes ‘noted the everyday activities in ancient Egypt and wrote about everything from grain stocks to tax records’ which indicates a varied range of topics. **A is incorrect** because the text does not mention the length of the scribes’ working days; it only refers to their apprenticeship being long: lasting ‘many years’. **C is incorrect** because the text says, ‘Most scribes were men from privileged backgrounds.’ **D is incorrect** because the text says, ‘The occupation of scribe was among the most sought-after (most wanted) in ancient Egypt.’ This means that people did realise the value of working as a scribe.

**29 The correct answer is A:** The text says, ‘The commonplace items ... had to be made by hand; laundry had to be washed by hand, clothing sewn ... and all these jobs needed workers’, indicating why there were so many jobs available. **B is incorrect** because there is no mention of workers’ honesty in the second paragraph. **C is incorrect** because the paragraph deals with a number of manual jobs and there is no comparison with professional jobs. **D is incorrect** because the paragraph outlines a range of manual jobs and although it refers to an individual worker, ‘the reed cutter’, it does not mention the range of duties that such a worker does.

**30 The correct answer is C:** In the fifth paragraph the text says, ‘Although it is commonly believed that the great monuments and temples of Egypt were achieved through slave labor, there is absolutely no evidence to support this.’ **A is incorrect** because the fifth paragraph explains how the pyramids were built but does not say that this was a problem. **B is incorrect** because the paragraph does not mention any change in the way the pyramids were built. Instead it outlines two alternative ways in which the labourers worked; they ‘either donated their time as community service or were paid for their labor’. **D is incorrect** because the paragraph describes the past activity of pyramid building, but it does not express any criticism of the methods used.

**31 The correct answer is B:** The text says, ‘everyone ... was expected to contribute to communal projects. This practice was in keeping with the value of *ma’at* (harmony and balance) which was central to Egyptian culture. One was expected to care for others as much as oneself’. **A is incorrect** because although artists are mentioned with reference to their work inside the pyramids, this work is not linked to the value of *ma’at*. **C is incorrect** because although the text says, ‘There is no doubt there were many people who did not love their job every day,’ indicating that they may have had a poor opinion of having to work on communal projects, this is not linked to the ideas of harmony and balance in *ma’at*. **D is incorrect** because there is no mention of people expressing their opinions readily.

**32 The correct answer is D:** The text says, ‘the Egyptian government was aware of how hard the people worked and so staged a number of festivals throughout the year to show gratitude’. This shows that they appreciated the workers’ commitment. **A, B and C are incorrect** because there is no suggestion in the text that the Egyptian government were strict, patient or negligent (not taking care) when dealing with the workers.

## Questions 33–36

**33 The correct answer is C:** The text says, farmers ‘could do nothing with their land during the months when the Nile River overflowed its banks’, meaning that they could not work for certain periods of the year. **A, B, D, E, F and G are incorrect** because the text does not say that any of these workers could not do their jobs at certain times.

**34 The correct answer is F:** The text says, ‘Overseers organized the men into teams to transport the stones’. **The other letters are incorrect** because there is no mention in the text of any of the other workers dividing people into groups.

**35 The correct answer is B:** In the second paragraph, the text says, ‘The reed cutter ... who harvested papyrus plants along the Nile, had to bear in mind that he worked in an area that was also home to wildlife that, at times, could prove fatal (could kill).’ This means that any time reed cutters worked by the River Nile they were at risk. **The other letters are incorrect** because, although it is obvious that the work of cutting and moving heavy stones might be dangerous on occasions and the text says, ‘The details of lower-class jobs are known from medical reports on the treatment of injuries,’ there is no mention of, for example, all farmers or stonemasons facing hazards (risks) on a daily basis.

**36 The correct answer is A:** In the first paragraph concerning the scribe’s work, the text says, ‘The apprenticeship for this job lasted many years’. **The other letters are incorrect** because there is no mention in the text of any other periods of training.

## Questions 37–40

**37 The correct answer is ‘community service’:** In the fifth paragraph, the text describes ‘Egyptian laborers who either donated their time as community service or were paid for their labor’. **‘Slave labor’ is incorrect** because the text says, ‘there is absolutely no evidence to support this (slave labor)’. Also, working as a slave is not something a worker would choose to do.

**38 The correct answer is ‘shifting sand’:** The text says, ‘The often huge blocks were then pushed onto sleds, devices better suited than wheeled vehicles to moving weighty objects over shifting sand.’ **‘Location’ is incorrect**, because it is a word that just means a place and so is not precise enough.

**39 The correct answer is ‘copper’:** The text describes how the stone was ‘cut and shaped. This job was done by skilled stonemasons working with copper (a red-brown metal) chisels (hand tools used to cut or shape wood, stone or metal) and wooden mallets (a type of hammer).’ **‘Stone’ is incorrect** because the tools used to cut and shape the blocks of stone were made of metal or wood.

**40 The correct answer is ‘farmers’:** The text says, ‘The blocks were then moved into position by unskilled laborers. These people were mostly farmers’. **‘Overseers’ is incorrect** because they ‘organized the men into teams to transport the stones’; they did not move the stones themselves. **‘Sculptors’ is incorrect** because although they worked on the stones, they did not move them. They were skilled artists who worked in the inner chambers of the pyramid.

# Test 2 answer key with extra explanations

## Listening

### Part 1

#### Questions 1–10

**1 The correct answer is 'frame':** The customer asks if she should take photos out of their frame and the man says, 'yes please'. **'Album' is incorrect** as the gap has 'a' in front so the answer must begin with a consonant. Also, 'album' is already provided after the gap.

**2 The correct answer is '195':** The man tells the customer, 'we charge £195 for 300 to 400 photos'. **'300' and '400' are incorrect** as these figures refer to the number of photos, not the cost. **'5' is incorrect** as this is the cost of an extra disk.

**3 The correct answer is 'payment':** The man says, 'once we've received the payment, we'll send the parcel off to you'. **'Pictures' is incorrect** as the gap has the word is after it so the answer must be singular or uncountable.

**4 The correct answer is 'Grandparents':** The customer suggests, 'so I could have [a folder] called "Grandparents" for instance?' The man agrees. **'Groups' is incorrect** as the folders will contain groups of photos, not be called 'groups'.

**5 The correct answer is 'colour' or 'color':** The man says, 'we can sometimes touch up the colour a bit, or improve the contrast'. **'Scan' and 'service' are incorrect** as these are provided but not improved upon by the company.

**6 The correct answer is 'hand':** The man says, 'if any [photos] look particularly fragile, we'd do them by hand'. **'Process' is incorrect** as you cannot 'scan by process'.

**7 The correct answer is 'background':** The man says that it is possible to 'remove an object from a photo, or maybe alter (change) the background'. **'Photo' is incorrect** as it is too vague as an answer.

**8 The correct answer is 'focus':** The customer asks, 'I've got a few that aren't properly in focus. Can you do anything to make that better?' The man says that he cannot. **'Anything' is incorrect** as there is no need for the photos to be inside something.

**9 The correct answer is 'ten days' or '10 days':** The man says, 'we aim to get the copying done in (within) ten days'. **'A box' is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only, and nothing is said about the company putting them in a box.

**10 The correct answer is 'plastic':** The man says that a 'cardboard box' is best because plastic ones sometimes break in the post. **'Cardboard' is incorrect** as a cardboard box is recommended.

Part 2

Questions 11–20

**11 The correct answer is C:** The speaker says that the owner's heir (the person who inherited the property) 'chose to sell [Dartfield House] to the local council, who turned it into offices'. **A is incorrect** as the speaker says that this 'didn't come about (happen)'. **B is incorrect** as the speaker says that it was 'intended' as a family home but the owner 'died before it was completed'.

**12 The correct answer is B:** The speaker says, 'Developers will construct houses on the existing lower school site.' **A is incorrect** as although planning permission has been granted for the main site, nothing is said about all buildings on it being improved. **C is incorrect** as there is no mention of additional school buildings being built on the lower school site.

**13 The correct answer is A:** The speaker describes the canteen as 'very busy' and says, 'most pupils have to wait a considerable time to be served'. **B is incorrect** as nothing is said about a timetable change. **C is incorrect** as many pupils 'like the food that's on offer'.

**14 The correct answer is A:** The speaker asks parents to discuss their children's food preferences 'each morning ... so they can go straight to the relevant serving point'. **B is incorrect** as the lunches are paid for 'by topping up your child's electronic payment card online'. **C is incorrect** as the speaker says, 'everything on offer will be healthy'.

**15 The correct answer is C:** The speaker says, 'pupils can eat food from the Food Hall or lunch they've brought from home' in the old canteen. **A is incorrect** as there is no mention of food being served in the old canteen. **B is incorrect** as the speaker refers to pupils, not staff, using the old canteen.

**16 The correct answer is D:** The speaker says that the serving point 'will serve a different country's cuisine each day'. **A is incorrect** as pupils will know what is on offer each week but they will not plan this. **B is incorrect** as nothing is mentioned about vegetarian food. **C is incorrect** as the food will change daily, rather than weekly.

**17 The correct answer is A:** The speaker says, 'We'll ask pupils to make suggestions' (about the food). **B is incorrect** as nothing is mentioned about vegetarian food. **C and D are incorrect** as the speaker suggests there may be 'Jamaican food for a week or two' but does not mention a weekly or daily change in menu.

**18 The correct answer is B:** The speaker says that the Speedy Italian will cater for pupils 'who don't eat meat or fish'. **A is incorrect** as nothing is mentioned about pupils planning the menu. **C and D are incorrect** as the speaker says, 'There'll be plenty of variety' but does not mention a weekly or daily change in menu.

**19 and 20 The correct answers are B and C (in either order):** The speaker says, 'we're going to start drama classes', so this is a new activity. The speaker also says, 'a few pupils will be able to learn [piano] at the school instead of going to the local college, as many of them do at the moment'. **A, D and E are incorrect** as these lessons are already available at the school.

### Questions 21–30

**21 The correct answer is B:** Luke says that the article points out that remembering dreams might make us ‘mixed up (confused) about what actually happened and what we dreamed’. **A and C are incorrect** as Luke does not say that he read about these ideas.

**22 The correct answer is A:** Susie says that ‘for each dream that comes true, we have thousands that don’t’. Luke agrees saying, ‘it’s just a coincidence really’. **B is incorrect** as nothing is said about events. **C is incorrect** as Susie says that many dreams don’t come true.

**23 The correct answer is C:** Susie says that the experiment on pre-school children ‘didn’t really find an answer’. **A is incorrect** as people did not disagree about the results. **B is incorrect** as she says that the methodology was carefully thought out.

**24 The correct answer is C:** Luke says that he had problems describing ‘how successful we thought we’d been’. Susie agrees: ‘I got marked down for the self-assessment as well’. **A is incorrect** as only Susie mentions the statistics. **B is incorrect** as only Luke had difficulty with the planning.

**25 The correct answer is ‘history’:** Luke suggests history and Susie agrees with him. **‘Literature’ is incorrect** as Susie says, ‘forget that idea’.

**26 The correct answer is ‘paper’:** Susie says, ‘paper might be better as they’ll be doing it straight after they wake up’, and Luke agrees to this. **‘Online’ is incorrect** as although Luke suggests it, Susie disagrees.

**27 The correct answer is ‘humans’ or ‘people’:** Luke says that they will need to ‘check the ethical guidelines’ and Susie agrees, ‘because our experiment involves humans, so there are special regulations’. **‘Research’ is incorrect** as it is too general and does not fit in the gap grammatically.

**28 The correct answer is ‘stress’:** Luke says that it is important to make sure the subjects ‘aren’t put under any unnecessary stress’. **‘Dreams’ is incorrect** as the gap has the word is after it so the answer must be singular or uncountable.

**29 The correct answer is ‘graph’:** Susie says that they must do the analysis and calculations and then present their ‘results visually in a graph’. **‘Number’ is incorrect** as you cannot make a number.

**30 The correct answer is ‘evaluate’:** Luke says, ‘and the final thing is to think about our research and evaluate it’. **‘Final’ is incorrect** as a verb is needed in the gap.

## Questions 31–40

**31 The correct answer is 'creativity':** The speaker says that those dancing in the experiment 'showed much more creativity when doing problem-solving tasks'. **'Problem-solving' is incorrect** as the dancers did not do more of this activity than others.

**32 The correct answer is 'therapy':** The speaker refers to a university doctor who believes 'dance should be prescribed as therapy to help people overcome issues such as depression'. **'Depression' is incorrect** as it is an example of mental illness.

**33 The correct answer is 'fitness':** The speaker says that an advantage of dance is that 'Anyone can have a go, even those whose standard of fitness is quite low'. **'Standard' is incorrect** as it has the same meaning as level(s), which comes before the gap.

**34 The correct answer is 'balance':** The speaker says that dance reduces the risk of falls (accidents) among the elderly 'by helping people to improve their balance'. **'Dancing' is incorrect** as the quality of the dancing is not mentioned.

**35 The correct answer is 'brain':** The speaker says that remembering steps and dance routines 'forces [the] brain to process things more quickly and to retain more information'. **'Process' and 'information' are incorrect** as the word it in the question has to refer to the word in the gap.

**36 The correct answer is 'motivation':** The speaker says that older participants report 'greater motivation to be more active and do daily activities'. **'Gardening' and 'walking' are incorrect** as they are examples of activities or exercise.

**37 The correct answer is 'isolation':** The speaker says that dance can 'reduce older people's sense of isolation, which is a huge problem in many countries'. **'Collaboration' is incorrect** as the speaker says that dance requires this.

**38 The correct answer is 'calories':** The speaker says that the study showed that a 40-minute Zumba class 'burns about 370 calories' and he compares this to 'moderately (quite) intense exercises like step aerobics or kickboxing'.

**39 The correct answer is 'obesity':** The speaker says that the journal showed weight loss among 'women with obesity' who did Zumba. **'Body fat' is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only.

**40 The correct answer is 'habit':** The speaker says, 'the women enjoyed the class so much that they made it a habit'. **'Programme' is incorrect** as it does not mean they did Zumba classes regularly and Zumba already was an exercise programme.

# Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

## Reading

### Section 1

#### Questions 1–5

**1 The correct answer is E:** The text says that this walk ‘passes the entrance to the famous Butter Caves visitor attraction, so you can combine a visit there with the walk’. **B is incorrect** because although the text mentions caves: ‘you can see for a great distance to the north and west, across a landscape that includes ... the entrance to Butter Caves’, walkers cannot go into these caves as they are too far away.

**2 The correct answer is D:** The text says that this walk ‘takes you to the shore (edge) of a lake, at a spot convenient for swimming’. **C is incorrect** because the lake that it mentions no longer exists: it ‘has since been filled in and turned into an adventure playground’. **B is incorrect** because on this walk there are ‘half a dozen lakes’, rather than one. Also, these lakes are ‘a great distance away’, so walkers cannot spend time beside them.

**3 The correct answer is C:** The text says that this walk goes through a village which is ‘famous for its strange-looking houses and ceramics factory’. **A is incorrect** because although it mentions a brickworks which ‘is now the largest and best-known nature reserve in the area’, it does not say anything about the architecture of this former factory or how much of the building remains. **D is incorrect** because it just describes the building ‘Starling Cottage’ as ‘the home, from 1920 to 1927, of the poet Barbara Cottam’ and does not mention its style. **E is incorrect** because it mentions a village ‘where Richard Merton, the architect of a number of local buildings, lived for much of his life’, but it does not say that the buildings are unusual.

**4 The correct answer is A:** The text says, ‘Please note that the ground is very uneven, and under-sixes (children younger than six) should not be taken on this walk.’ **D is incorrect** because it says, ‘Children will want to enjoy themselves in the adventure playground nearby’, which indicates that this walk is suitable for children.

**5 The correct answer is C:** The text says, ‘you have a choice of routes to return to the starting point, so either continue via Thurley Park, or if it’s raining, take the shorter direct route’. **B is incorrect** because although it mentions bad weather in ‘mist (light fog) often comes in from the sea and covers the hilltop’, it does not suggest changing the length of walk because of this. **D is incorrect** because although it says, ‘This walk is ideal in fine weather’, it does not mention varying the route depending on weather conditions.

## Questions 6–14

**6 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘A traditional scarecrow was a model – usually life-size – of a man or woman’.

**7 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘Maplehampton’s scarecrow competition took place on September 12th,’ but the text does not say whether this was the first scarecrow competition or not.

**8 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘Local farmers supplied everything needed to make a scarecrow – like pieces of wood to form a frame, and straw to stuff the scarecrow.’ However, there is no information about whether the farmers could enter the competition or not.

**9 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘The scarecrows were dressed in old clothes which the competitors brought with them.’ **TRUE is incorrect** because old clothes were not supplied (given) to competitors; they provided their own.

**10 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘The festival was held in the village hall, instead of outdoors as planned, due to the unusually high temperature.’ This means that the hot weather caused the organisers to change their decision on where in the village they would hold the scarecrow festival.

**11 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text explains that the teams of competitors ‘had ideas and guidance (advice) from local artist Tracey Sanzo’.

**12 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text describes the giant bird scarecrow which won the children’s prize and the alien scarecrow which won the adults’ prize, but it does not say which one the judges thought was better.

**13 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘many of the participants and the spectators had a picnic which they had brought.’ **TRUE is incorrect** because although there was a picnic, the competition organisers did not provide the food for it.

**14 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘Alice Cameron ... bought [a scarecrow] to stand on her balcony: she said she didn’t need it to scare birds away from her crops’. **TRUE is incorrect** because although Alice Cameron bought a scarecrow, her purpose was not to frighten (scare) birds away; she just liked it.

## Section 2

### Questions 15–22

**15 The correct answer is 'correct':** The text says that baristas must 'make sure the drinks [they] produce are correct in all respects'. **'Highest possible quality' is incorrect** because the task instructions state that only one word is required. **'Quality' is incorrect** because the type of word needed to fill the gap is an adjective, not a noun.

**16 The correct answer is 'conversation':** The text warns baristas not to be 'distracted by the conversation that is going on nearby'.

**17 The correct answer is 'filter':** The text says, 'You will often catch a great barista rinsing out (cleaning with hot water) the filter in their machines,' suggesting that this is an important task to do regularly.

**18 The correct answer is 'fresh':** The text says that great baristas want to 'make every drink with completely fresh ground coffee'.

**19 The correct answer is 'flavour' or 'flavor':** The text says that baristas who finish the extraction of espresso 'too soon are left with a drink without flavour'. **'Levels' is incorrect** because although the text mentions, 'the point when the balance of flavour has reached its optimum levels', the word 'levels' by itself does not make sense.

**20 The correct answer is 'bitter':** The text says that baristas who 'delay the finish risk burning the beverage and tainting (spoiling) it with a bitter after-taste'.

**21 The correct answer is 'day':** The text says, 'Great baristas ask their customers how their day is going'. **'Experience' is incorrect** because it does not make sense by itself.

**22 The correct answer is 'issues':** The text says that great baristas 'keep up with issues (topics or subjects) that really matter'. **'Newspapers' is incorrect** because it is not the newspapers that are important to know about, but the 'issues' they report.

### Questions 23–27

**23 The correct answer is '(relevant) information':** In the second paragraph, the text says, 'If the meeting is small, start by requesting everyone to introduce themselves and to give a bit of relevant information,' **'Name' is incorrect** because the verb 'introduce' means to give your name. Also, the word 'name' would not follow some.

**24 The correct answer is '(meeting) agenda':** The text says, 'make sure everyone can see the agenda'. **'Items' is incorrect** because they are the points on the meeting agenda. Also 'items', which is plural, cannot be followed by the singular verb is.

**25 The correct answer is 'conflicts':** The text says, 'Encourage participation ... so that attendees can contribute ... Try to keep discussions positive, but don't ignore conflicts – find a solution for them and make sure they are resolved before they grow.' **'Tension' is incorrect** because although it means a negative state of anxiety or pressure, it is a singular noun and so cannot be followed by the plural pronoun they.

**26 The correct answer is 'tension':** The text says, 'don't let the same people take on all the work as this can lead to tension within the group'.

**27 The correct answer is 'social activity':** The text concludes by suggesting, 'It can be nice to follow the meeting with a social activity'. **'Meal' is incorrect** because it is an example of a particular social activity that might be held, but it is not general enough to express the meaning in the last paragraph of the text.

### Section 3

#### Questions 28–33

**28 The correct answer is vii:** Section A starts by mentioning women wearing feathered hats today but goes on to deal with the use of feathers in military headgear. The text says, “Historically, feathers were an incredibly expressive accessory for men,” observes Cambridge historian, Professor Ulinka Rublack. “Nobody has really looked at why this was the case. That’s a story that I want to tell.” This indicates that she is interested in the relationship between wearing feathers and the gender of the people wearing them. **Heading ii is incorrect** because there is no mention in Section A of feathers being an unsuitable decoration for military purposes. **Heading viii is incorrect** because although Section A mentions that the ‘Bersaglieri of the Italian Army ... still wear a bunch of long black feathers in their hats’, there is no mention of a reason for this.

**29 The correct answer is iii:** The text in Section B says, ‘In 1500, [feathers] were barely worn at all ... 100 years later they had become an indispensable (essential) accessory for the fashionable European man.’ **Heading i is incorrect** because although the text mentions a range of European cities, ‘From Prague and Nuremberg to Paris and Madrid,’ there is no link made between the use of feathers and international awareness.

**30 The correct answer is i:** The text in Section C describes Duke Frederick of Württemberg (a historical German state) holding ‘a display at his court at which he personally appeared wearing a costume covered in exotic feathers and representing the Americas. This was not just a symbol of power, but of cultural connectedness,’ indicating that he was aware of the wider world. **Heading iv is incorrect** because although the text mentions exotic birds being ‘captured, transported and kept’, Europeans clearly did not disapprove of this custom. In fact, it was just the opposite, they ‘experienced a sudden “bird craze”’ for these exotic species.

**31 The correct answer is vi:** The text in Section D mentions the belief that feathers ‘could keep the wearer safe from “bad” air – cold, miasma, damp or excessive heat – all of which were regarded as hazardous’. It goes on to describe feathers coming ‘to indicate that the wearer was healthy and civilised’. **Heading i is incorrect** because although places in different nations are mentioned – ‘Augsburg’ (Germany) and ‘Toledo’ (Spain), there is no indication of growing international awareness.

**32 The correct answer is viii:** The text in Section E deals with the continued use of feathers in military uniform. It goes on to give Rublack’s opinion of why they continued to be used, ending with, ‘European soldiers saw the feathers as imparting noble passions, bravery and courage’. **Heading ii is incorrect** because although the text says, ‘By the mid-17th century, feathers were out of style,’ suggesting they were considered unsuitable, this is among the general public. The text continues, ‘Within the armies of Europe feathers remained an essential part of military costume.’

**33 The correct answer is v:** The text in Section F describes Rublack’s research as demonstrating ‘a sea-change (transformation) in methodologies’. **Heading vii is incorrect** because although the text mentions in a general way the fact that historians’ research now explores how ‘our identities are shaped through deep connections with “stuff” – the material objects that are parts of our lives’, there is no mention of a precise relationship between feathers and gender.

## Questions 34–36

**34 The correct answer is B:** In Section B, the text says, ‘Impressive efforts went into dyeing (colouring) [feathers]. A 1548 recipe recommends using ashes, lead monoxide and river water to create a “very beautiful” black, for example.’ **A is incorrect** because there is no mention in the section of artificial feathers. The text says that feathers from ‘cranes and swallows’ were used which are both types of bird. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention of breeding birds for their feathers. **D is incorrect** because although the text refers to a dictionary including ‘words to describe people who chose not to wear [feathers]’, there is no suggestion that they disapproved of them as a decoration; they may have thought they did not suit them personally.

**35 The correct answer is C:** The text in Section C describes Duke Frederick’s costume as ‘not just a symbol of power, but of cultural connectedness’. It goes on, ‘Rublack suggests: “The message seems to be that he was embracing the global,”’ where the word ‘embracing’ indicates a positive attitude towards the culture of America. **A is incorrect** because there is no mention of American traditions and the overall message of this section is that Duke Frederick’s attitude was positive. **B is incorrect** because there is no indication in the text that Duke Frederick was rejecting the beliefs of his people. **D is incorrect** because the text says that Duke Frederick chose to wear the feathered costume as a symbolic gesture and there is no mention of him following fashion.

**36 The correct answer is B:** In Section E, Rublack says that the authorities wanted to make the military of that time (the 17th century) ‘seem graceful and powerful’ in order to attract more men to become soldiers: ‘Feathers became associated with the idea of an art of warfare.’ **A is incorrect** because although the text mentions that some cultures ‘considered ... certain birds to be ... sometimes sacred (of religious importance)’, these were some ‘native American peoples and ... the Ottoman empire’ but not Europeans. **C is incorrect** because European soldiers wore feathers as they thought they transmitted ‘noble passions, bravery and courage’ and not because other cultures feared them. **D is incorrect** because no particular birds’ feathers are mentioned in connection with warlike qualities.

## Questions 37–40

**37 The correct answer is C:** The text in Section A explains that the ‘Bersaglieri of the Italian Army, for example, still wear a bunch of long black feathers in their hats hanging down to one side’. **B is incorrect** because although the text says ‘Eleanor of Toledo had hats made from peacock feathers to keep her dry in the rain’, those feathers were from peacocks, so mainly blue, not black. **E is incorrect** because although an outfit made of feathers worn by Duke Frederick is described and he was clearly a person of high status, the outfit was ‘a costume covered in exotic feathers’ and there is no mention of a hat or the colour of the feathers.

**38 The correct answer is G:** In Section B, the text says that ‘something unusual started to happen with feathers during the 16th century ... In prosperous trading centres, the citizens started wearing hats bedecked with feathers from cranes and swallows.’ ‘Prosperous trading centres’ would be towns and cities, and urban dwellers are people who live in such places, not in rural areas. **A is incorrect** because these feathers gained popularity in the 16th century. **C is incorrect** because the text does not specify which feathers are used in soldiers’ hats today.

**39 The correct answer is E:** The text in Section C describes Duke Frederick as wearing ‘a costume covered in exotic feathers’. **B is incorrect** because the hats Eleanor of Toledo wore to protect her from the rain were made of ‘peacock feathers’, that is, feathers from one type of exotic bird, not from different exotic birds. **D is incorrect** because Eleanor of Toledo, a Spanish noblewoman, wore exotic bird feathers.

**40 The correct answer is B:** The text in Section D describes Eleanor of Toledo having ‘hats made from peacock feathers to keep her dry in the rain’. **C, E and G are incorrect** because peacock feathers are not specified. **D is incorrect** because Eleanor of Toledo was a woman.

# Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

## Listening

### Part 1

#### Questions 1–10

**1 The correct answer is 'park':** Jake says, 'first they're taken to ride in the park'. **'Road' is incorrect** as Jake says that Charlie 'needs ... more training before he's safe to go on the road'. **'Site' is incorrect** as the children start at the site.

**2 The correct answer is 'blue':** Jake says, 'the instructors ... are in blue shirts.' **'Red' is incorrect** as he says that the supervisors wear red shirts.

**3 The correct answer is 'reference':** Jake says, 'all our instructors have to submit a reference'. **'Babysitter' is incorrect** as this is an example of a job an instructor might have had. **'Lesson plans' is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only.

**4 The correct answer is 'story':** Jake says that during the quiet times 'their instructor might tell them a story'. **'Cycling' is incorrect** as this is an example of a topic within a story, not an activity the children do at quiet times.

**5 The correct answer is 'rain':** Charlie's mother asks, 'what happens if there's rain?' Jake replies, 'We don't let that put us off (stop us)'. **'Waterproofs' is incorrect** as these are clothes. Also, the gap has 'is' before it so the answer must be singular.

**6 The correct answer is 'snack':** Jake says that Charlie should bring 'a snack for break time'. **'Drink' is incorrect** as Jake says that they will provide that.

**7 The correct answer is 'medication':** Charlie's mother says that Charlie 'has to take medication every few hours' and Jake agrees with her that Charlie should bring it with him. **'Details' is incorrect** as Jake needs the medication details, not Charlie's details.

**8 The correct answer is 'helmet':** Jake says that extra time is needed before class to 'make sure that every child's helmet fits properly'. **'Bike' is incorrect** as Jake does not mention checking this.

**9 The correct answer is 'tent':** Jake says, 'all the instructors will be waiting to meet their classes ... in the tent'. **'Class' is incorrect** as it refers here to the group of children, not a place.

**10 The correct answer is '199':** Charlie's mother asks how much the course costs and Jake replies, 'one hundred ninety-nine dollars'. No other prices are mentioned.

Part 2

**Questions 11–20**

**11 and 12 The correct answers are A and C (in either order):** Megan says that the work suits people who ‘don’t want to be stuck with a 40-hour week’ and who want a job ‘where you’re not sitting all day looking at a screen’. **B, D and E are incorrect:** Although she mentions ‘good’ salaries, ‘travel overseas’ and working in a ‘rural setting’, she does not guarantee any of these advantages.

**13 and 14 The correct answers are B and C (in either order):** Megan says that the work ‘can be extremely unpleasant when it’s cold and windy’. She also says that the jobs are ‘often in pretty remote areas’. **A, D and E are incorrect:** Although she mentions ‘work-related accidents’, ‘finding a suitable place to live’ and the ‘need to be pretty fit’, she reassures her listeners that these are not problems or disadvantages.

**15 The correct answer is D:** Megan says, ‘the staff there work hard, but they play hard as well’. **B is incorrect** as although the job is at management level, there is no mention of leadership. **E is incorrect** as Megan mentions ‘profit margins’ but not staff pay or overtime.

**16 The correct answer is F:** Megan says, ‘there are good opportunities for the right person to quickly make their way up the career ladder’. **B is incorrect** as the position involves giving advice to farmers, not leading a team of employees. **D is incorrect** as Megan refers to the amount of knowledge applicants need, rather than the intensity of the job.

**17 The correct answer is A:** Megan says that the opportunity is for ‘a 12-month maternity cover contract’. **E is incorrect** as although she mentions a ‘competitive salary’, she does not say anything about overtime earnings.

**18 The correct answer is H:** Megan says that the sales manager will go to ‘centres in the region’. **G is incorrect** as she mentions where the applicant must be prepared to live (in the region) but does not say that accommodation is available for them.

**19 The correct answer is C:** Megan says that ‘experience would be preferred but the company might be prepared to consider someone who has just completed an appropriate training course’. **H is incorrect** as she mentions the need for a driving licence but does not refer to any travel in the area.

**20 The correct answer is G:** Megan says that the successful applicant may be able to rent ‘a small cottage on the estate’. **E is incorrect** as she mentions a ‘competitive salary’ but not overtime earnings. **H is incorrect** as although she says that the job requires a ‘driving licence and tractor driving experience’, she does not mention local travel.

### Questions 21–30

**21 and 22 The correct answers are C and D (in either order):** Adam says that he ‘had so many people doing [the experiment]’. He also says, ‘people didn’t know which drink I was giving them’. **A is incorrect** as he ‘hadn’t thought [the subjects] would be able to’ tell the difference. **B is incorrect** as he says that it took him ages to decide how to organise it and ‘it was hard to keep track of it all’. **E is incorrect** as there is no mention of individuals repeating the test.

**23 and 24 The correct answers are C and E (in either order):** Rosie says, ‘I should probably have ground up the nuts more than I did’. She also says that it was possible that the scales ‘weren’t accurate enough’. **A and B are incorrect** as she does not mention using the wrong nuts or an unsuitable chemical. **D is incorrect** as she says, ‘I reckon the package information was right’.

**25 The correct answer is C:** Adam recommends putting ‘low-calorie items at the beginning and end of the menu’ as his reading suggests people pay less attention to the middle of the menu. **A and B are incorrect** as he does not mention increasing the options or the number of low-calorie foods.

**26 The correct answer is A:** Rosie says that calorie counts on food labels are ‘sometimes really confusing’ and that she suspects manufacturers ‘do it on purpose (deliberately)’. Adam gives the example of pizza labelling to support her view. **B and C are incorrect** as nothing is said about the accuracy of calorie counts or reducing calorie intake.

**27 The correct answer is B:** Rosie says that ‘when you objectively *measure* the amount of walking [people] do ... you find that only 6% of men and 4% of women do the recommended amount of exercise’ even though many more say they do. **A is incorrect** as she states, but does not criticise, the recommended amount. **C is incorrect** as she says nothing about women exercising more now than in the past.

**28 The correct answer is A:** Adam says that the changes are ‘minor modifications’ that would encourage more people to use station stairs. **B and C are incorrect** as there is no mention of people having mobility problems or accidents.

**29 The correct answer is A:** Adam says, ‘I’m not sure if we should be talking about exercise in our presentation’ and Rosie eventually agrees: ‘OK, well that will be simpler.’ **B is incorrect** as Rosie points out that they have ‘done quite a bit of reading about [exercise]’. **C is incorrect** as they have already talked to their tutor.

**30 The correct answer is C:** Rosie says, ‘Let’s think about what we’re going to include and what will go where.’ **A is incorrect** as she suggests they do the slides afterwards. **B is incorrect** as they say nothing about how long their presentation will be.

## Part 4

### Questions 31–40

**31 The correct answer is 'grandmother':** The lecturer says that we picture (imagine) 'a grandmother perhaps' knitting. **'Elderly person' is incorrect** as the instructions tell you to write one word only. **'Person' is incorrect** as it is too vague.

**32 The correct answer is 'decade':** The lecturer says, 'during the previous decade, [knitting] was one of the skills that was predicted to vanish from everyday life'. **'Generation' is incorrect** as it represents a longer period than a decade.

**33 The correct answer is 'equipment':** The lecturer says, 'we're ... seeing an increase in the sales figures for knitting equipment'. **'Instruction' and 'classes' are incorrect** as there is no mention of paying for these.

**34 The correct answer is 'economic':** The lecturer says that 'knitting can be helpful if you're experiencing economic hardship (difficulty)'. **'Money' is incorrect** as an adjective is needed in the gap.

**35 The correct answer is 'basic':** The lecturer says that 'the skills you need to get going are really quite basic'. **'Minimal' is incorrect** as it is used with amounts or quantities and does not collocate with 'skills'.

**36 The correct answer is 'round':** The lecturer says that 'the earliest pieces of clothing that have been found suggest that most of the items produced were round rather than (not) flat'. **'Flat' is, therefore, incorrect.**

**37 The correct answer is 'bone':** The lecturer says that 'the very first needles people used were hand carved out of wood and other natural materials, like bone'. **'Steel' and 'plastic' are incorrect** as these materials are used for 'today's needles' and are not natural materials.

**38 The correct answer is 'rough':** The lecturer names some yarns used by ancient (early) people and says that 'these were often very rough on the skin'. **'Warmth' is incorrect** as this is a quality of wool, not of all the early yarns. It is also a noun and the gap requires an adjective.

**39 The correct answer is 'style':** The lecturer says, 'regional differences in style developed'. **'Purposes' is incorrect** as the lecturer does not relate purposes to regions of the world. Also, the gap is followed by the preposition of, not for.

**40 The correct answer is 'sheep':** The lecturer gives 'watching over sheep' as an example of the activities people used to do while knitting. **'Children' and 'boats' are incorrect** as although they are mentioned, nothing is said about knitters looking after them.

# Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

## Reading

### Section 1

#### Questions 1–8

**1 The correct answer is D:** The text says that Danner Jag boots are ‘for the style conscious’, which means they would suit people who want to look smart when they are out walking. **G is incorrect** because although the text says that ‘they performed well in heavy rain’, this does not refer to their style. It means they worked well and did not let the rainwater in.

**2 The correct answer is B:** The text says, ‘They are warm and comfortable to wear straight out of the box,’ which means that the wearer will be able to use them on a long walk straightaway and the boots will not make their feet sore. **D is incorrect** because the text says, ‘They take a week or two for your feet to get used to them,’ so users will need to be careful for a while before their feet are accustomed to (used to) the new boots. **E and F are incorrect** because although they both mention the boots being comfortable, they do not say whether it will take time for the user’s feet to get accustomed to them or not.

**3 The correct answer is A:** The text says that the Hanwag Tatra boots ‘will give you a lifetime of wear’, that is they will last for many years. **B is incorrect** because although the text says that the Scarpa Peak boots are comfortable and will ‘continue to be so even after many kilometres’, that does not mean that they will last for many years.

**4 The correct answer is C:** The text says that these boots ‘are meant for ... putting in your backpack for treks in hot climates. They will never weigh you down,’ which means they are light enough for packing to go on journeys to other countries. **A is incorrect** because it says that the boots ‘are a bit heavy’, which is the opposite of what Question 4 states (not heavy). **D is incorrect** because similarly it says, ‘Danner’s retro boots are one of the heavier ones we reviewed’.

**5 The correct answer is F:** The text says that these boots are ‘waterproof, but we found this wore off (decreased) after about 20 wet walks’. **A is incorrect** because although it mentions two useful features of the Hanwag Tatra boots, which are that ‘They are a wide fit and offer excellent ankle support’, there is no mention of either of these features becoming less effective over time.

**6 The correct answer is C:** The text says that these boots ‘despite *not* being waterproof ... are quick-drying when they get wet’. **A is incorrect** because the text mentions that these boots ‘passed our waterproof test when worn on long, rainy walks’, which means that they were waterproof in rain. **F is incorrect** because although it mentions the waterproofing wearing off after a while, it says, ‘You can, however, get round this problem by using a protective spray on them,’ so these boots will keep the rain out if they are treated with a special product. **G is incorrect** because the boots ‘performed well in heavy rain’.

**7 The correct answer is E:** The text warns the users of these boots, ‘Remember to pull the laces firmly when you put these boots on as they are rather wide around the ankles.’ **A is incorrect** because although the text says that the boots ‘are a wide fit’, it adds that they ‘offer excellent ankle support’, so there is no need to take special care to do them up tightly.

**8 The correct answer is G:** The text describes the Regatta boots as ‘reasonably priced’, which means that they are not expensive. **A is incorrect** because the Hanwag Tatra boots are described as ‘expensive’.

## Questions 9–14

**9 The correct answer is FALSE:** In the second paragraph, the text says, ‘Whether you’re keen to learn everything you need to know to get you started, or simply extremely interested in the idea of keeping bees, this one-day interactive workshop will teach you ... how to care for and keep bees.’ This means that people who do not already keep bees can attend the workshop.

**10 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘You’ll learn about ... how to harvest honey for your personal use or for sale’, but there is no information about meeting people who sell honey.

**11 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘We’ll provide everything you need, including unlimited organic tea or coffee, lunch cooked in our outdoor, wood-fired oven ...’ but there is no information about whether vegetarian food can be requested or not.

**12 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘We’ll provide everything you need, including ... beekeeping suits for the day.’ This means that the suits which are needed when working with bees will not cost extra.

**13 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘Just bring a pair of thick boots with you’, indicating that boots which are thick enough to protect the participants’ feet are needed.

**14 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘Your booking secures a very limited place, so is non-refundable (will not be returned)’. **TRUE is incorrect** because although the text continues, ‘if you can’t make it, you can send a friend or colleague instead’, this does not mean that the money will be repaid by the organisers of the workshop. If the participant who cannot attend asks a friend or colleague to pay all or part of the fee, that would be a personal arrangement which would not involve the organisers.

## Section 2

### Questions 15–20

**15 The correct answer is 'highlight':** The text says that some people 'struggle with a variety of problems initially, such as not knowing ... how to highlight their most relevant strengths' (strong points or qualities). **'Structure' is incorrect** because you cannot 'structure' qualities, but you can structure or construct a CV.

**16 The correct answer is 'details':** The text says that a professional CV writer can 'cut out unnecessary or irrelevant details'. **'History' is incorrect** because it should be 'career history' which is two words, and as a singular noun it would not go with the plural verb (are) which follows. **'Qualities' is incorrect** because the text indicates that professional writers know how 'to choose the most appropriate qualities' to include in a CV, while Question 16 is targeting things that are best left out of a CV.

**17 The correct answer is 'insights':** The text says that 'a CV writer who has experience in your sector ... can also have valuable insights (understanding) into what companies are looking for'. **'Experience' is incorrect** because experience cannot be provided to another person; it is gained over time by an individual. Also 'experience' is followed by 'in' or 'of', not 'about'.

**18 The correct answer is 'samples':** The text says, 'Ask to see samples of their (professional CV writers') work'. **'Recommendations' is incorrect** because it means advice and cannot be followed by 'of'.

**19 The correct answer is 'questionnaire':** The text says, 'You'll probably need to answer an in-depth email questionnaire or be interviewed before any writing actually starts.' **'Aims' and 'successes' are incorrect** because they are plural nouns and so cannot follow 'a'.

**20 The correct answer is 'authentic':** The final sentence of the text is, 'Being involved in the writing process means your CV sounds authentic.' **'Happy' is incorrect** because although it would fit with the word tone, the meaning is not right. The text says, 'make sure you feel happy with the way it's being written and with the choice of words' with 'happy' referring to the person looking for a CV writer, not the style of the writing.

### Questions 21–27

**21 The correct answer is 'routine':** The text says, 'A new job is a great opportunity to hit the reset button. If you got into the habit of skipping breakfast at your last job, fit it in now ... Having a routine you like and sticking to it definitely impacts on your overall happiness.' **'Breakfast' and 'workout' are incorrect** because although they are both examples of morning habits which the text suggests the individual did not follow before, the text is advising experimenting with a new set of morning habits.

**22 The correct answer is 'dress code':** The text says, 'you'll have some idea of what the dress code is. While you definitely want to feel comfortable, it's best to play it safe', which means that the new recruit should conform or stick to the dress code. **'Look' is incorrect** because the collocation is 'company dress code' and it means a set of rules about the type of clothing that should be worn at work, while 'look' is less formal and means style or fashion.

**23 The correct answer is 'personalities':** The text says, 'It will also help you get a handle on (understand) personalities and work styles.' **'Work styles' is incorrect** because that is already expressed in the phrase after the gap: the way they operate.

**24 The correct answer is 'conversation starters':** The text advises, 'To ensure the lunch goes well, have a few conversation starters in mind.'

**25 The correct answer is 'goals':** The text says, 'take some time over the initial period to think about what goals you have for your new role'. **'Skills' is incorrect** because you cannot fulfil (achieve) skills.

**26 The correct answer is 'open mind':** The text says, 'It's important that you approach your new job with an open mind'. **'Understanding' is incorrect** because it cannot go with an adverb like completely; it would need to follow an adjective. It also does not go with a verb like keep.

**27 The correct answer is 'improvements':** The text says, 'make sure you understand the way things are done before rushing into giving suggestions on improvements'. **'Suggestions' is incorrect** because 'suggestions' is a synonym for the word proposals which appears before the gap.

### Section 3

#### Questions 28–31

**28 The correct answer is D:** The text suggests ‘that the games were watched by a crowd of single men, who hoped to pick out a potential bride based on her footballing ability’. **A is incorrect** because the text mentions that ‘single women played an annual match against their married counterparts’, that is married women. **B is incorrect** because the women’s match described in the text was ‘an annual match’, suggesting that women’s football was much less common than men’s football. **C is incorrect** because although the text says that the annual women’s match was watched by ‘a crowd of single men’, there is no mention of women not being allowed to watch football matches.

**29 The correct answer is C:** The text says that ‘Honeyball was an alias (false name) ... [she] was not keen to publicise her involvement with a contact sport played on muddy fields’, which was football. **A is incorrect** because Nettie J Honeyball was one of the ‘early pioneers’, which means that she did take an active part in the sport. **B is incorrect** because, although the text describes her as ‘like many of the middle- and upper-class women who played in the late 19th century’, it does not go on to say that she did not want to mix with lower-class women. **D is incorrect** because the text says that she ‘founded the British Ladies’ Football Club’, so she definitely took a leadership role in the club.

**30 The correct answer is A:** The text says, ‘In a country where women were not yet allowed to vote, it would take extraordinary circumstances for their efforts on the football pitch to attract widespread attention. Those circumstances arose in 1914’. This section of text means that between 1895, when the BLFC was founded, and 1914, the British public were not interested in watching women’s football. **B is incorrect** because although the text suggests at first that newspaper reports ‘were not particularly generous, with one reporter suggesting “when the novelty has worn off, I do not think women’s football will attract the crowds”’, it goes on ‘And crowds did drop off’, which means there were fewer spectators, so the reports in the media were not false. **C is incorrect** because there is no suggestion in the text that the media felt women’s football should not be allowed, although they did not give it very much support. **D is incorrect** because the text suggests that crowds supported early women’s football matches as ‘money would be raised for those in need’, in other words for charity. The text does not suggest supporters came because the matches were unusual.

**31 The correct answer is D:** The text mentions that when women working in factories started playing football, ‘their superiors (the factory managers) came to see these games as a means to boost morale (make the workers feel happier) and thus increase productivity’, both of which were positive effects. **A is incorrect** because there is no mention in the text that factory managers did not want to employ women. **B is incorrect** because the text does not say that the factory managers played in matches. **C is incorrect** because the text says that the matches took place during ‘lunch breaks’, which were the normal break times at the factory, rather than extra time off.

## Questions 32–37

**32 The correct answer is C:** The text says that the Football Association which was ‘really only concerned with men’s competitions’ was ‘driven by the fear that the women’s game could affect Football League attendances’.

**33 The correct answer is B:** The text says that ‘office worker Alfred Frankland spotted [the female workers’] talent and he set about forming a team’, which became known as Dick, Kerr’s Ladies.

**34 The correct answer is A:** The text says, ‘The BLFC arranged games between teams representing the north and the south of England, where money would be raised for those in need.’

**35 The correct answer is D:** The text says, ‘It took pressure from the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), to finally force the FA to end restrictions on women’s football in 1971.’

**36 The correct answer is C:** The text describes ‘the captain of Plymouth Ladies remarking that the FA was “a hundred years behind the times”’.

**37 The correct answer is A:** The text mentions ‘Lady Florence Dixie, who was appointed president of the BLFC in 1895 and who was an ardent (strong) believer in equality between the sexes.’ **B is incorrect** because Albert Frankland, who formed the Dick, Kerr’s Ladies Team, is not described as someone who believed in women’s rights. He formed the team because he thought the women had ‘talent’.

## Questions 38–40

**38 The correct answer is ‘grounds’:** The text says, ‘On 5 December 1921, the FA banned its members from allowing women’s football to be played at its grounds.’ **‘Referees’ is incorrect** because ‘referees’ fits into the next gap and there would not be two identical answers.

**39 The correct answer is ‘referees’:** The text says, ‘The FA also forbade its members from acting as referees at women’s games.’

**40 The correct answer is ‘prejudice’:** The text refers to ‘the captain of Plymouth Ladies remarking that the FA was “a hundred years behind the times” and calling its decision “purely sex prejudice”.’ **‘Mismanagement’ is incorrect** because it was the FA which accused the women’s football clubs of not managing their finances properly, not the other way round.

# 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.

Part 2

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.