

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.