

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.