

Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

Reading

Section 1

Questions 1–6

- 1 The correct answer is E Brownwater Trail:** The text says, 'The path itself is open and unprotected, so be sure to wear a hat or you could get sunburnt.' **B Blackhill Trail is incorrect** because although it mentions that 'The sun may be shining', it also says that the path goes 'through some dense forest', indicating that there will be plenty of shade from the trees.
- 2 The correct answer is D Bay Red Valley:** The text says, 'Be prepared to go up and down a bit on this route. The first section is uphill, then the path flattens out – but not for long, so you need to be fairly fit.'
- 3 The correct answer is A Grove Mill:** The text says, 'Take either the yellow path or the blue path – both eventually come out at the Old Water Mill'. **B Blackhill Trail is incorrect** because although the text says, 'If you take a wrong turn, as walkers often do, your walk could end up being a lot longer than you expected', it is not referring to two different routes that walkers could choose from, but warning that walkers may wander off the one marked path and get lost.
- 4 The correct answer is D Bay Red Valley:** The text says, 'There is a viewing platform, from which you may be lucky enough to see one of the herds of deer that roam the area.' **C is incorrect** because although the text mentions that 'The path is lined on both sides by firs and some majestic redwoods (trees) that date back to the nineteenth century. There are benches along the way, where you can rest and admire the beauty of the area', these are places for looking at trees and not for observing wild animals.
- 5 The correct answer is E Brownwater Trail:** The text says, 'If you bring your dog, keep it on a lead (a cord or strap attached to the dog to control it on a walk)'. **B Blackhill Trail is incorrect** because the text says, 'It isn't advisable to take small dogs on this trail.' This means that this trail is not suitable for small dogs, whether they are on a lead or just walking by themselves.
- 6 The correct answer is C Fern Way:** The text says, 'There are benches (outdoor seats) along the way, where you can rest'. **D Bay Red Valley is incorrect** because although it mentions 'a viewing platform', it does not state whether there are any seats there.

Questions 7–14

- 7 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'I have had a terrible experience with Poppi Properties and as an *ex-tenant* (former tenant), I advise you to go elsewhere if you want to rent or buy a property – as I have now done.'
- 8 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, 'When I initially viewed my Poppi Properties flat, I was accompanied by Lillie Eggerton, one of the two staff who run the company', so the reader knows who Sally Hanugoldi went with when she first looked at the flat, but there is no information in the text about whether she was the first person to see it.
- 9 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, 'I knew immediately that it was the right property for me because of the convenient location, and a few days later I paid the deposit and the first two months' rent.'
- 10 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'The flat was on the 12th floor, which I admit was a surprise to me as I thought it was lower when I first read about it.' **TRUE is incorrect.** It may be tempting because the word 'lower' is in the text and in the question, but in fact Sally Hanugoldi had not expected the flat to be on such a *high* level as the '12th floor'.
- 11 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, 'At this point, she (Lillie) was professional and kind, but once I had moved into the property, I discovered that she was far less approachable (much less friendly) than she had been during the viewing period and whenever I tried to contact her, she was unavailable.'
- 12 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text mentions the dirty condition of the carpets and the oven, but does not give any information on whether the flat was furnished or unfurnished.
- 13 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, 'carpets should be professionally cleaned, but mine had not even been hoovered (vacuumed or cleaned). I had hoped that this problem would be addressed quickly, but nothing happened and so I did the job myself.'
- 14 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says that 'Poppi Properties charge such high rents', but it does not say that the landlord raised Sally's rent during the time she lived in the flat.

Questions 15–21

- 15 The correct answer is 'informal':** The text says, 'Often the best way to sort out a problem is to request an informal meeting with your immediate manager to explain your concerns.' **'Formal' is incorrect** because a formal grievance (complaint) would be raised later in the process. Also, the word 'formal' could not fit in the gap after the indefinite article (an) because it begins with a consonant rather than a vowel.
- 16 The correct answer is 'manual':** The text says, 'You should be able to find details of this [grievance procedure] in your Company Handbook, HR or Personnel manual, or on your company's HR intranet site.' **'HR or Personnel manual' is incorrect** because that consists of four words and the task instructions are to use only one word and/or a number.
- 17 The correct answer is 'solution':** The text says, 'The next step will probably be to write to your employer ... if you can think of (suggest) a possible solution for resolving it, give details of this (the solution).'
- 18 The correct answer is 'colleague':** The text says, 'You are entitled (have the right) to ask either a colleague from work or a trade union representative to go to the meeting with you.'
- 19 The correct answer is 'senior':** The text says, 'A further meeting should then be called, which should be led by a more senior manager if possible.'
- 20 The correct answer is 'mediation':** The text says, 'If you are still not satisfied with the decision made at this meeting, you may consider whether one way to solve the problem might be through mediation (someone who is not involved in the dispute talking to you and your employer in order to find a solution).'
- 21 The correct answer is '3' or 'three' 'months':** The text says, 'Alternatively, you can make an employment tribunal claim. You must do this no more than three months after the time when the event you are complaining about happened.'

Questions 22–27

22 The correct answer is ‘operator’: The text says, ‘As a private hire driver, you can only collect passengers who have pre-booked through your operator.’

23 The correct answer is ‘physical’: The text says, ‘When working in a taxi or private hire vehicle, you would ... assist passengers with any physical conditions that make it difficult for them to get in and out of the vehicle.’ **Luggage’ is incorrect** because the text does not say that the driver should help passengers who have problems concerning their luggage, just that they should help to load and unload people’s luggage.

24 The correct answer is ‘evenings’: The text says, ‘The job allows you to choose your hours, but you will find more work in the evenings.’

25 The correct answer is ‘self-employed’: The text says, ‘In the UK, 17% of taxi drivers are employed full time, 17% are employed part time and 66% are self-employed.’

26 The correct answer is ‘geography’: The text says that drivers need to pass ‘a test of knowledge about the local geography’.

27 The correct answer is ‘mechanical’: The text says, ‘Evidence of basic mechanical skills, such as RQF level 4, would also be welcome.’ **‘Training’ is incorrect** because although the text says, ‘Many employers value additional driver training which could include the Advanced Driving Test’, this means that employers want drivers to have extra driving qualifications and not that they are able to train other drivers.

Questions 28–33

- 28 The correct answer is vi:** Paragraph A says, ‘Westwood, a softly spoken Yorkshireman ... [has] been growing and selling rhubarb for 62 years, since he started picking on the farm aged 11. His son Jonathan works on the farm too, making him the sixth generation of the Westwoods to grow the pink stems [of rhubarb] or “petioles” as they are otherwise known.’ **Heading vii is incorrect** because although Paragraph A mentions ‘the north of England’ and goes on to quote David Westwood saying, ‘this year’s forced rhubarb is the best for years’, it does not say that the north of England is the best area to grow forced rhubarb.
- 29 The correct answer is vii:** Paragraph B states that ‘the city of Wakefield, ... with the cities of Bradford and Leeds form the three points of the Rhubarb Triangle, the heart of the British rhubarb industry. “It doesn’t grow as well anywhere else,” insists Westwood’. **Heading iii is incorrect** because although Paragraph B mentions ‘the high levels of pollution in the air’ in the Yorkshire rhubarb triangle, this pollution occurred in ‘the mid-to-late 1800s’. The text does not say that the air quality is declining now.
- 30 The correct answer is ii:** Paragraph C says that forced rhubarb is ‘the “cream of the crop”, the upper class of the rhubarb family. Forced rhubarb is the one that’s most likely to convert rhubarb-haters’. In other words, forced rhubarb is the rhubarb that people like best, even those who don’t like other types of rhubarb.
- 31 The correct answer is i:** Paragraph D says, ‘First the plant roots, or crowns, are grown outside for more than two years. Then, at the start of their third winter, they are left in the ground until it is cold enough to break the crowns’ dormancy. This is one of the factors that gives British rhubarb the edge (puts it in a superior position) over imports from the Netherlands, which arrive in the country a scene-stealing (dramatic) couple of weeks before the Yorkshire crop.’ In other words, Yorkshire farmers allow rhubarb extra time to grow in the ground compared to farmers in the Netherlands and this extra time is worth it because it leads to a better tasting rhubarb.
- 32 The correct answer is iv:** In Paragraph E, the writer describes watching ‘a team of “pullers” arrive’. The text continues, ‘The men walk the beds plucking (picking) the satiny (smooth like the material satin) stems expertly, choosing only the ones that have reached the length of an arm.’
- 33 The correct answer is v:** Paragraph E says, ‘So how was this arcane (mysterious) cold-dark-heat process ... discovered? Westwood’s story is appealingly earthy. A gardener threw an old crown (rhubarb root) onto the horse stable muck pile. The manure was hot, and the plant was soon covered. The stable boy must have been puzzled by the startling pink spears (rhubarb stalks) that came pushing through the dirt a week or two later, but happily he had the good sense to gather them.’ In Paragraph E, the writer is telling the ‘story’ he heard from Westwood about how this method of forcing rhubarb began. The writer is not stating that it is the true explanation but saying that it is a possible one.

Questions 34–36

34 The correct answer is C: The text describes forced rhubarb as ‘the “cream of the crop”, the upper class of the rhubarb family’.

A is incorrect because the text mentions ‘harshly flavoured pies made from green overgrown outdoor stems’, not forced rhubarb.

B is incorrect because the text mentions ‘The slender magenta spears (stems), with a sherbet-tangy flavour and delicate texture’, but it does not say the forced rhubarb stems are smooth.

D is incorrect because Paragraph C does not include any information on the number of places forced rhubarb can be grown.

35 The correct answer is B: The text says, forced rhubarb has ‘a sherbet-tangy flavour and delicate texture’, and it provides ‘a welcome splash of colour in the drab (dull) winter months. No wonder chefs and food writers have fallen in love with forced rhubarb all over again.’

A and C are incorrect because there is no mention in Paragraph C of the cost of growing forced rhubarb influencing chefs or whether local farmers are growing more forced rhubarb.

D is incorrect because the text mentions that ‘imports dominate’, which means there is a lot of imported rhubarb available rather than not enough.

36 The correct answer is A: The final paragraph says, ‘A gardener threw an old crown onto the horse stable muck pile.’ This means that the gardener was throwing an old rhubarb plant away. However, the plant happened to grow well in the dark, warm conditions and produced some early pink stems. This was an accident not an intentional planting.

B is incorrect because the only animal that is mentioned is a horse in ‘the horse stable muck pile’. This is a heap of waste products from horses and would not be used to feed animals.

C is incorrect because the forced rhubarb grew by accident not as part of an experiment, that is through trial and error.

D is incorrect because the old rhubarb was thrown away on a ‘muck pile (rubbish heap)’, where nothing else was growing.

Questions 37–40

37 The correct answer is ‘popping’: In Paragraph D, the text says, ‘In the warm and dark, the shoots appear so quickly that the buds can be heard gently popping.’

38 The correct answer is ‘pullers’: In Paragraph E, the text describes ‘a team of “pullers”, ... all local men ... The men walk the beds plucking (picking) the satiny stems expertly’.

39 The correct answer is ‘candle’: The text says, ‘Each [of the pullers] carries a sturdy candle, and their pale, flickering light reveals a sea of yellow leaves stretching 40 metres to the far wall.’

40 The correct answer is ‘arm’: The text says that the pullers choose ‘only the [stems] that have reached the length of an arm’.