

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Reading

Section 1

Questions 1–7

1 The correct answer is E Shelford Family Wild Outing: The text says, ‘Go bird-watching or catch insects as daylight fades (declines), then have a gentle jog (run) along the River Wale by moonlight’.

2 The correct answer is B Pugsley Beach Nature Reserve: The text says, ‘the autumn is when hundreds of grey seals arrive on the beach to have their young (give birth to their pups). The covered viewing area offers spectacular close-up views of all this’. **D Craven Discovery Centre is incorrect** because although the text says, ‘youngsters are introduced to the animals in our petting zoo, where they can stroke or feed the sheep, rabbits, ponies and other residents’, there is no mention of newborn animals.

3 The correct answer is D Craven Discovery Centre: The text says, ‘youngsters are introduced to the animals in our petting zoo ... Then they’re taken on a walk through the wood. *Meanwhile*, the adults can take part in one of our woodland activities’. **E Shelford Family Wild Outing is incorrect** because although the text mentions a range of activities including bird-watching, jogging and toasting marshmallows on a campfire, it says these are ‘Ideal for both adults and children’. This means parents and children do the activities together.

4 The correct answer is A Perry Forest: The text says, ‘whether you want a short stroll (easy walk) on level ground, or a more challenging walk to the top of Shepherds Hill, we have something for you’. **C Marston Hall and D Craven Discovery Centre are both incorrect** because they both mention one walk, rather than a choice of different walks.

5 The correct answer is C Marston Hall: The text says, ‘our rangers will show you how they manage wildlife habitats, from providing feeding boxes for squirrels to creating ponds for frogs and many other creatures’. **B Pugsley Beach Nature Reserve and D Craven Discovery Centre are both incorrect** because although they both mention animals, they do not say that visitors can learn how people help these animals.

6 The correct answer is B Pugsley Beach Nature Reserve: The text says, ‘the autumn is when hundreds of seals arrive on the beach to have their young’.

7 The correct answer is C Marston Hall: The text says that visitors are taken ‘on a short walk through the ancient pine forest in search of animal tracks and signs’. These tracks and signs could include, for example, marks left on the ground by animals showing that they have walked there.

Questions 8–14

- 8 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘In the sixth form we provide a strong programme of guidance for students, whether they are planning on going to university, into training, or straight (immediately) into the workplace.’
- 9 The correct answer is TRUE:** The text says, ‘We have a high rate of success with applications to universities, including *growing success* in recent years for medical school applicants.’
- 10 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘the majority of sixth-form students enter from the lower school’, which means they have studied in lower classes in the same school. **TRUE is incorrect** because although the text mentions ‘an increase in applicants from other schools in the area’, these students do not make up the majority of students in the sixth form.
- 11 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘We pride ourselves on giving ... external students a particularly warm welcome’ and goes on to say that students must ‘satisfy our minimum entry requirements’, but there is no information that these requirements include an interview.
- 12 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘If you are an external student whose current school does not use MyChoice16 for online applications, please see our website for an application form to the school.’ This means that applications can also be made using an application form.
- 13 The correct answer is NOT GIVEN:** The text says, ‘We hold an annual Open Evening in the autumn term when you can come and view our facilities and ask any questions you may have’, but there is no mention of external applicants being able to talk to students currently studying at the school during the Open Evening.
- 14 The correct answer is FALSE:** The text says, ‘You will meet with your tutor at a fixed time every fortnight to discuss progress and any concerns you or your subject teachers may have about your effort and achievement.’ The meetings take place at pre-arranged times, not when the tutor or student ask to have a meeting.

Section 2

Questions 15–21

- 15 The correct answer is ‘tools’:** The text says, ‘things like petrol-driven chainsaws of varying sizes, helmets and waterproofs, spades, rakes and other tools, etc. must all go on the truck’. **‘Equipment’ is incorrect** because it is an uncountable noun and so cannot be followed by the plural verb (are).
- 16 The correct answer is ‘procedure’:** The text says, ‘On arrival at the site, we have a quick discussion on the procedure for the day.’
- 17 The correct answer is ‘strength’:** The text says that Gary ‘goes up the tree to quickly select his anchor point. ... It must be high enough to enable access throughout the tree’s branches, but also have sufficient strength to support the climber.’ **‘Access’ is incorrect** because it cannot follow the verb ‘have’ in this context. The text says that the anchor point should ‘enable access throughout the tree’s branches’.
- 18 The correct answer is ‘rope’:** The text says that they ‘set up a simple system to reach the smaller upper branches. This involves placing a pulley in the tree and using thick rope to drag the branches down.’
- 19 The correct answer is ‘footpath’:** The text says, ‘On the other side of the perimeter fence is a wide grass verge (strip) and then a footpath, where I set up a number of signs to alert the public to our activities.’ **‘Verge’ is incorrect** because it is clear from the word ‘then’ in the text that the verge is separate from the footpath. The word ‘where’ links back to ‘footpath’ indicating that is the location of the signs.
- 20 The correct answer is ‘pedestrians’:** The text says, ‘I monitor the movements of pedestrians, and as Gary starts work, I watch what he’s doing, so I can ensure safety.’ **‘Gary’ is incorrect** because he is the tree cutter who has already been mentioned before the gap.
- 21 The correct answer is ‘chippings’:** The text says, ‘Once the branches are on the ground, I throw them back over the fence to Mikael, who cuts them up and feeds the machine that dices them into very small pieces called wood chippings.’ **‘Pieces’ is incorrect** because the word is not precise enough. The machine cuts the wood into ‘chippings’ which the text explains is the name for these very small pieces of wood.

Questions 22–27

- 22 The correct answer is ‘narrow’:** The text says, ‘In a residential building, such as a block of flats, underfloor jobs that involve plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems are common. They may need to take place in a narrow space that is often only about 35 centimetres deep.’ **‘Deep’ is incorrect** because the text explains that the spaces are not deep – they may be only ‘35 centimetres’ from top to bottom.
- 23 The correct answer is ‘cutting chart’:** The text says that the plumber ‘must first think about what he is doing, read and understand the cutting chart that accompanies each of his tools’.
- 24 The correct answer is ‘tradespeople’:** The text says that the plumber must also ‘visualise how his work will impact on other tradespeople, before proceeding’.
- 25 The correct answer is ‘(reinforcing) steel’:** The text says, ‘the floors and walls must be x-rayed prior to drilling in order to avoid hitting key elements such as reinforcing steel’.
- 26 The correct answer is ‘cost-effective’:** The text says that plumbers ‘must have the ability to translate the symptoms (signs) they can see, such as leaks and blockages, into the actual problem and then take the appropriate action to rectify the issue in a fast and cost-effective way’. In other words, they must produce good results that do not cost too much.
- 27 The correct answer is ‘inconvenience’:** The text says, ‘Often service plumbers encounter residential or commercial customers who are either facing great inconvenience or have had their operations severely disrupted because of a plumbing issue.’ **‘Support’ is incorrect** because it means assistance and thus has a positive association, but the gap requires a word with a negative association to go with disruption (disturbance).

Section 3

Questions 28–31

28 The correct answer is ‘vets’: The text says, ‘the PTES found a site of dense, good-quality woodland while the captive-bred dormice waited in quarantine. After examination by vets, the dormice were placed in their “soft release” accommodation’.

29 The correct answer is ‘pairs’: The text says, ‘the dormice were placed in their “soft release” accommodation in pairs. This consisted of secure wooden boxes fitted to trees and surrounded by a metre-square cage.’ **‘Boxes’ is incorrect** because the boxes were part of the temporary accommodation where the dormice were put initially. The sentence around the gap is describing how the PTES split the large group of dormice into smaller units before placing them in their temporary accommodation.

30 The correct answer is ‘food’: The text says, ‘For 10 days, the dormice were checked and given food daily.’

31 The correct answer is ‘hibernation’: The text says, ‘Everything was removed in October, when the animals started preparing to go into hibernation for the winter.’ Hibernation is a dormant state which some animals, such as bears, go into every winter.

Questions 32–36

32 The correct answer is D: The text says ‘a distinctive factor of this release, White explained, is the intention of linking up with another released dormouse population three miles away’.

A is incorrect because Ian White makes no reference to the public observing the dormice.

B is incorrect because Ian White is reported as saying, ‘The goal is to create a wider landscape for dormice and that will make the population more robust’, but he does not mention that an aim of the project is to check whether the land area is large enough for a large group of dormice.

C is incorrect because although the third paragraph mentions that ‘incorrect management could ... ruin the chances of success’, it does not say that the project will experiment with new ways of caring for or managing the dormice.

33 The correct answer is A: The text says, ‘Woodlands were traditionally managed through regularly cutting back certain trees to ground level ... This system was known as coppicing, and as an added bonus it happened to provide varied food and plenty of light for dormice. But the practice has been largely lost ... this has had an adverse effect on dormouse populations.’

B is incorrect because coppicing was not practised to help dormice. The text explains that it was done ‘to stimulate [tree] growth and provide firewood or timber for local residents’.

C is incorrect because coppicing was an example of how ‘woodlands were traditionally managed’, not of the relative importance of woodland and hedges in the English countryside.

D is incorrect because there is no mention in the fourth paragraph of particular types of trees.

34 The correct answer is B: The text quotes Ian White as saying, ‘what’s good for dormice is good for a large range of species ...’.

A is incorrect because there is no mention in the text that it is easy to breed dormice in captivity.

C is incorrect because the text says, ‘they are a good species to get people involved with conservation’, but it does not say that people will be more likely to go for walks in woods and fields because of the dormice.

D is incorrect because there is no mention of younger children.

35 The correct answer is B: The text quotes Helen Meech as saying that she hoped that ‘such reintroductions would increase people’s familiarity with living with more wild animals once again’.

A is incorrect because although Helen Meech says, ‘People’s everyday wildlife experience is becoming limited to seeing grey squirrels and pigeons’, indicating that these are the most common species nowadays, she does not say that she hopes their populations will increase.

C is incorrect because she says, ‘In 30 to 40 years’ time, we might get to the point where we can start to think about bringing back wolves, bison or moose’, so she does not think that the reintroduction of large animals will be something the general public will feel should happen soon.

D is incorrect because the text reports that Helen Meech is ‘the director of Rewilding Britain, an organisation campaigning to restore lost species and habitats to the British countryside’, but she does not say that the dormice project will lead to people wanting to spend time improving the UK’s natural landscapes.

36 The correct answer is D: The text says, ‘But they [wolves] are critical to the restoration of ecosystems that have been overgrazed (where too much of the vegetation has been eaten) by deer.’

A is incorrect because the text mentions the wolf’s ‘potential to kill agricultural livestock’ but there is no mention of keeping wolves in secure wildlife parks.

B is incorrect because the text says, ‘Despite their [wolves’] fearsome reputation, they present a low risk to people.’

C is incorrect because the text says, ‘the Scottish Highlands would be *an* obvious place for their reintroduction’, but it does not say that this area would accept wolves or that it would be the only place where wolves would be accepted.

Questions 37–40

37 The correct answer is E The wild boar: The text says that the wild boar ‘has been quietly re-establishing itself in the woodlands of Britain for several decades’.

38 The correct answer is A The lynx: The text says, ‘The preference of the lynx, a shy animal, to stay in its woodland habitat would make a threat to livestock or humans unlikely.’ **C The wolf is incorrect** because although the text says, ‘Despite their fearsome reputation, they present a low risk to people’, it does not say that the wolf will keep away from people, just that it is unlikely to harm them.

39 The correct answer is C The wolf: The text says that the reintroduction of the wolf ‘could generate millions of pounds in tourism’.

40 The correct answer is D The sea eagle: The text says, ‘Proposals to bring [the sea eagle] back to the east of England failed following concerns from landowners about the threat to livestock (farm animals). Successful schemes in Europe have offered compensation for this.’ **C The wolf is incorrect** because although the text mentions ‘its potential to kill agricultural livestock’, it does not mention any schemes to compensate farmers whose animals are killed.