

TEST 3

SECTION 1

- LINDA: Hello, Linda speaking.
- MATT: Oh hi, Linda. This is Matt Brooks. Alex White gave me your number. He said you'd be able to give me some advice about moving to Banford.
- LINDA: Yes, Alex did mention you. How can I help?
- MATT: Well, first of all – which area to live in?
- LINDA: Well, I live in Dalton, which is a really nice suburb – not too expensive, and there's a nice park. *Example*
- MATT: Sounds good. Do you know how much it would be to rent a two bedroom flat there?
- LINDA: Yeah, you should be able to get something reasonable for 850 pounds per month. *Q1*
That's what people typically pay. You certainly wouldn't want to pay more than 900 pounds. That doesn't include bills or anything.
- MATT: No. That sounds alright. I'll definitely have a look there. Are the transport links easy from where you live?
- LINDA: Well, I'm very lucky. I work in the city centre so I don't have to use public transport. I go by bike. *Q2*
- MATT: Oh, I wish I could do that. Is it safe to cycle around the city?
- LINDA: Yes, it's fine. And it keeps me fit. Anyway, driving to work in the city centre would be a nightmare because there's hardly any parking. And the traffic during the rush hour can be bad. *Q3*
- MATT: I'd be working from home but I'd have to go to London one or two days a week.
- LINDA: Oh, that's perfect. Getting to London is no problem. There's a fast train every 30 minutes which only takes 45 minutes. *Q4*
- MATT: That's good.
- LINDA: Yeah, the train service isn't bad during the week. And they run quite late at night. It's weekends that are a problem. They're always doing engineering work and you have to take a bus to Hadham and pick up the train there, which is really slow. But other than that, Banford's a great place to live. I've never been happier. *Q5*
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- LINDA: There are some nice restaurants in the city centre and a brand new cinema which has only been open a couple of months. There's a good arts centre too. *Q6*
- MATT: Sounds like Banford's got it all.
- LINDA: Yes! We're really lucky. There are lots of really good aspects to living here. The schools are good and the hospital here is one of the best in the country. Everyone I know who's been there's had a positive experience. Oh, I can give you the name of my dentist too in Bridge Street, if you're interested. I've been going to him for years and I've never had any problems. *Q7*
- MATT: Oh, OK. Thanks! *Q8*
- LINDA: I'll find his number and send it to you.
- MATT: Thanks, that would be really helpful.
- LINDA: Are you planning to visit Banford soon?
- MATT: Yes. My wife and I are both coming next week. We want to make some appointments with estate agents.
- LINDA: I could meet you if you like and show you around.
- MATT: Are you sure? We'd really appreciate that.
- LINDA: Either a Tuesday or Thursday is good for me, after 5.30. *Q9*
- MATT: Thursday's preferable – Tuesday I need to get home before 6 pm.