

GT Reading Mock Test 13:

Part 2: Question 16-25

You should spend about **20** minutes on Questions **16-25** which are based on the text below.

GT Reading: Student Accommodation at Northside University

Read “***Student Accommodation at Northside University***” below and answer the questions that follow.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AT NORTHSIDE UNIVERSITY

Situated about 20km from the city centre, ***Northside University*** is not easy to get to by public transport. However, students have several different alternatives for accommodation on or near the University campus.

Firstly, the University has several residential colleges; Burnside College, Boronia College and Helen Turner College. Each of these colleges provides a single fully furnished room with shared bathroom facilities, and meals. Burnside College is the most expensive, with 1996 fees ranging from \$154 – \$165 per week. However, each student room is equipped with a private telephone and voice-mailing facilities, and within the next few months, college students will have access to E-MAIL, On-Line library, INTERNET and AARNET via a network with the University. Boronia College has similar room facilities but does not offer the same computer access. It also offers only 17 meals per week, compared to Burnside’s 21. Fees vary from \$147- \$ 157 per week. Helen

Turner College is a college exclusively for women, with similar fees to Boronia College. To attend classes, students have a short walk from the residential Colleges to the main University campus.

The University also provides 23 self-contained furnished townhouses. These townhouses have either 3, 4 or 6 bedrooms each and student residents are expected to be studying full-time. Rents in 1996 ranged from \$54 per week for a room in a six bedroom flat to \$68.50 per week for a room in a three-bedroom house. Students wanting to live in university housing should apply to the university housing officer in August of the previous year, as it is in high demand. Smoking is banned in University housing.

Off campus, there are many flats, townhouses and houses for rent in the local area. These can be found by looking in the local newspaper under ACCOMMODATION, or by checking notices pinned up on the boards around the university. There are always students advertising for housemates and you can even add a notice of your own to the board. However, even sharing accommodation with others can be expensive; tenants are usually required to pay a rental bond, rent in advance, and telephone/electricity/gas bills in addition to food bills. Be sure that you know what you will be required to pay before you enter into any written agreement.

Questions 16 – 19

Choose the appropriate letter **A-C** and write it in boxes **16-19** on your answer sheet for questions 16-19.

16. The University Residential Colleges provide

- A a place to live and regular classes
- B regular classes only
- C a place to live only.

17. Smoking is

- A allowed in University housing
- B not allowed in University housing
- C allowed only in certain areas in University housing.

18. University townhouses are available for

- A full-time students only
- B part-time students only
- C all students.

19. Accommodation in the area surrounding the university is

- A scarce

B plentiful

C scarce and expensive.

Questions 20 – 25

Complete the following sentences with information from the passage "*Student Accommodation at Northside University*".

Write your answers in boxes **20-25** on your answer sheet.

A student living in a 3-bedroom University townhouse would pay **(20)** _____ per week for a room; in comparison, the cheapest accommodation available at Burnside College is **(21)** _____ per week. The fee charged at Burnside College includes **(22)** _____ meals per week, but at Boronia College only **(23)** _____ meals per week are included in the fee. Helen Turner College has a similar fee structure to **(24)** _____ College, but only **(25)** _____ may live there.

ANSWER
16. C 17. B 18. A 19. B 20. \$68.50 21. \$154 22. 21 23. 17 24. Boronia 25. women