

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is C: ‘aware’ is the only option that fits grammatically. You can be ‘alert to the fact that’ something is the case, or ‘familiar with’ the idea of something, or ‘sensitive to’ the different meanings of bird calls.

2 The correct answer is B: The noun ‘source’ is the only option that collocates with (goes with) ‘food’. A food source is a place where food can be found.

3 The correct answer is D: The verb ‘tell’ means ‘know from what you hear’ in this sentence. ‘notice’ and ‘catch’ do not make sense in this sentence. ‘realise’ is not used with ‘can’ for ability (nor is ‘notice’).

4 The correct answer is C: The verb ‘respond’ means ‘do something in reaction to’. You can’t ‘reply’ to a situation, and you can’t behave/act ‘by doing something’.

5 The correct answer is D: The verb ‘imagine’ is the only option that makes sense in this sentence.

6 The correct answer is C: ‘in a similar manner’ means ‘in a similar way’. None of the other options have this meaning.

7 The correct answer is A: The noun ‘threat’ is the only option that can follow ‘under’. ‘at risk’ or ‘in danger’ would fit in this sentence, too (instead of ‘under threat’), and so would ‘they feel fear’ (instead of ‘they’re under threat’).

8 The correct answer is B: The phrasal verb ‘figure out’ means ‘work out’. None of the other phrasal verbs with ‘out’ make sense here.

Questions 9–16

9 The correct answer is ‘made/become’: The verbs ‘made’ or ‘become’ collocate with (go with) ‘friends’. The phrase ‘make/become friends with (someone)’ is tested here.

10 The correct answer is ‘so’: The phrase ‘so that’ is tested here. ‘so that I could speak to her’ means ‘in order to speak to her’.

11 The correct answer is ‘is/was’: The phrase ‘the thing is/was’ is tested here. Here, it is used to introduce some surprising information.

12 The correct answer is ‘which’: The determiner ‘which’ is used when there are a number of things or people to choose from. The structure here is a reported/indirect question after ‘remember’.

13 The correct answer is ‘at’: The phrase ‘at all’ is tested here. It is used for emphasis in a negative sentence, meaning ‘in any way’.

14 The correct answer is ‘with’: The phrasal verb ‘get on with’ is tested here. If you get on with someone, you have a good relationship with them.

15 The correct answer is ‘have’: The perfect infinitive form of ‘imagine’ after the modal verb ‘could’ is tested here. It means that at that time, it was impossible for the writer to imagine that Jennifer would be a good friend years later.

16 The correct answer is ‘one’: ‘one of + plural’ is tested here. The writer has several close friends, and Jennifer is one of them.

Questions 17–24

17 The correct answer is ‘existence’: The noun is needed here to complete the phrase ‘come into existence’. It means ‘start to exist’.

18 The correct answer is ‘industrial’: Another adjective is needed here (in addition to ‘major’) to describe the noun ‘city’.

19 The correct answer is ‘inhabitants’: A noun is needed after the possessive ‘city’s’. It needs to be plural because the gap is followed by ‘were’.

20 The correct answer is ‘inexpensive’: Another adjective is needed here (in addition to ‘nourishing’) to describe the noun ‘food’. Grammatically, either ‘expensive’ or ‘inexpensive’ would fit here, but ‘inexpensive’ is the only one which makes sense in this sentence.

21 The correct answer is ‘readily’: An adverb is needed here to qualify the adjective ‘available’.

22 The correct answer is ‘introduction’: A noun is needed here after ‘The’. The gerund ‘introducing’ can’t be used here.

23 The correct answer is ‘poisonous’: An adjective is needed here to describe the noun ‘fruit’.

24 The correct answer is ‘internationally’: An adverb is needed to qualify the adjective ‘known’.

Questions 25–30

25 The correct answer is ‘did not /didn’t hesitate | to put/in putting’: If you do something immediately, you don’t hesitate. The verb ‘hesitate’ can be followed by the full infinitive (‘to put’) or ‘in + an -ing form’ (‘putting’).

26 The correct answer is ‘had/’d better| ask’: ‘had better’ means ‘should’ and is followed by the infinitive without ‘to’ (‘ask’).

27 The correct answer is ‘with the | exception of’: ‘with the exception of’ means ‘apart from’.

28 The correct answer is ‘might not/mightn’t | have’: ‘*might not* + the perfect infinitive’ means that something possibly did not happen in the past.

29 The correct answer is ‘feel like | going’: If you ‘feel like’ doing something, you are in the mood to do it.

30 The correct answer is ‘unless he trains | harder/more /does more training’: ‘unless’ means ‘if not’ and the first conditional is tested here. A comparative form is needed before ‘than’.

Questions 31–36

31 The correct answer is B: In the first paragraph, Amber says: ‘tough is definitely the word you’d use to describe it. I think that’s what appeals to me so much about it.’ **A** is incorrect because Amber does not say she actually takes part in motorsports events. **C** is incorrect because Amber does not say that the jeep she and her father are working on is intended to be used in the Dakar Rally. **D** is incorrect because Amber says she has watched the rally on TV with her father, not that he has taught her about it.

32 The correct answer is B: Amber says that ‘an ordinary car ... would just fall apart’ so the adapted cars need to be strong enough not to fall apart during the difficult journey. **A** is incorrect because the amount of petrol needed is not mentioned. **C** is incorrect because the size of the vehicles is not mentioned. **D** is incorrect because the idea of being advanced is not mentioned.

33 The correct answer is C: Amber says: ‘everyone [was] getting on quietly with the task at hand, helping each other out’. **A** is incorrect because Amber says that some preparations ‘could only be done at the last minute’. **B** is incorrect because although Amber says that ‘there was a definite tension in the air’ and there were ‘obvious nerves’, these refer to people feeling anxious, not excited. **D** is incorrect because Amber does not say that the number of people was particularly large, or that it impressed her.

34 The correct answer is D: Amber says: ‘I’d expected the vehicles to set off all at once, and when they left one by one, I really didn’t know what was going on’. **A** is incorrect because although Amber says she heard another spectator explaining what was happening, Amber does not suggest that she felt grateful. **B** is incorrect because although Amber mentions the ‘incredible volume’ of the engines, she does not say that this concerned her. **C** is incorrect because Amber mentions learning about the race, not about the vehicles themselves.

35 The correct answer is B: Amber says: ‘You mustn’t lose concentration for a minute and that’s what really puts the drivers to the test’. The ideas in **A** and **D** are mentioned (and the opposite of the idea in **C**), but ‘that’s what really puts the drivers to the test’ refers to the idea in **B**, making it the key.

36 The correct answer is A: Amber says: ‘Comprehensive instructions are included on the map’. **B** is incorrect because although Amber says that people get lost, she does not say that this is because the guidance (the map and instructions) can be interpreted in different ways. **C** is incorrect because Amber suggests that following the route is difficult. **D** is incorrect because although Amber mentions hazards, she does not say that the guidance draws attention to these.

Questions 37–42

37 The correct answer is F: ‘discovery’ in the sentence before the gap refers to ‘identified new species’ in option F. ‘penguins can be added too’ in the sentence after the gap means ‘added to the giraffes, dolphins, birds and orangutans’ (in option F).

38 The correct answer is A: ‘This’ in option A refers to ‘gentoo penguins from these various regions don’t interbreed’ in the sentence before the gap. After the gap, the information about king penguins is an example of ‘the behaviour of other species’ in option A.

39 The correct answer is D: ‘their’ in option D refers to ‘the four groups of gentoo penguins’ in the sentence before the gap. ‘In fact’ in the sentence after the gap introduces more information to support the statement in option D. Also, ‘the physical and genetic distinctions’ in the sentence after the gap refers to ‘significant differences’ in option D.

40 The correct answer is B: ‘their’ in option B refers to ‘The four species’ in the text before the gap. ‘their habitat’ in option B refers to the information in the text before the gap about the places where the four species live. The text after the gap describes differences between the species which show that it is ‘not just their habitat which is different’ (in option B).

41 The correct answer is G: ‘This’ in option G refers to ‘Gentoo penguins have been categorised as ‘of least concern’ on the international list of endangered species.’ in the sentence before the gap. And ‘these penguins’ in option G refers to ‘Gentoo penguins’ in the sentence before the gap. ‘the increase’ in the sentence after the gap refers to ‘the total number of these penguins has risen’ in option G.

42 The correct answer is E: ‘the four new species’ in the sentence after the gap refers to ‘Penguins’ in option E. ‘However’ in the sentence after the gap introduces a contrast with the statement in option E: penguins are greatly loved and easily recognisable, but we are still discovering new things about them, which shows how little we still understand about the diversity of life on Earth.

Questions 43–52

43 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘the stuff I read had a profound effect on my fiction writing ... I definitely owe a great debt of gratitude to Ursula Waters’.

44 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘it was the first book I’d read on philosophy that provided me with fresh insights into the topic’.

45 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘Thanks to this book, I became aware that my obsession with technology was never going to help me achieve many of the things I wanted out of life’.

46 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘it totally changed what I chose to read afterwards’.

47 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘As a result, ... I began to explore a few other sci-fi writers’ work’.

48 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘I realised after reading his book that it was essential for authors to be extremely well-read before they ever start to create anything themselves’.

49 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘if people ask me for ideas about something good to read, I hardly ever mention it’.

50 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘reading this has encouraged me to become a short story writer’.

51 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘it was required reading for a philosophy assignment I needed to do – otherwise I’d never have bothered picking it up’.

52 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘It was obviously sci-fi – something I’m not usually a fan of and didn’t really think I’d appreciate much ... Anyway, I started reading and instantly took to it’.