

Test 2 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is B: The boy was disappointed because he'd seen 'awesome photos' of the site but when he visited, 'the ancient stones were crumbling away' (were in a bad condition). **A** is incorrect because he normally finds guided tours 'slightly boring' but on this tour the guide 'seemed to know his stuff'. **C** is incorrect because he had been warned to expect poor weather.

2 The correct answer is A: The boy says he reads 'stories you think could actually happen', and the girl replies 'that's what I thought', which is why she doesn't know if he would enjoy reading this novel. **B** is incorrect because the girl says that some people in the book might find the main character hard to deal with, but she doesn't say the boy would too. **C** is incorrect because the girl says 'a lot goes on' on the rooftops described in the book.

3 The correct answer is C: the speaker explains that when the amber was analysed more closely, it was found that the stone contained a dinosaur egg and was ninety nine million years old. **A** is incorrect because the speaker doesn't give a reason for the popularity of amber. **B** is incorrect because no exact location is given.

4 The correct answer is A: The boy says his brother 'appreciates [spending] time with some quite famous people. And ... helping them ... after an injury is rewarding'. **B** is incorrect because the boy only says it's hard to get a job like his brother's. **C** is incorrect because the boy says being a sports therapist can be hard because famous people can be demanding, but his brother's 'not one to be put off by that'.

5 The correct answer is A: The boy says he found it hard to take in the lecture because 'the speaker just read from his notes'. And the girl says 'he didn't really try and bring it to life'. **B** is incorrect because the boy and girl had prepared for the lecture but that didn't help them. **C** is incorrect because only the boy couldn't understand everything.

6 The correct answer is B: The boy says the team he's playing against 'are a bit of an unknown quantity' and 'if they happen to be on top form ... [his team] may struggle'. **A** is incorrect because he feels his team may not do well in the final. **C** is incorrect because, although there is a lot of interest in the final, the boy doesn't say he finds this surprising.

7 The correct answer is C: The girl says 'it never occurred to me there'd be such crowds of people there'. **A** is incorrect because she generally likes places like that. **B** is incorrect because, although the displays were attractive, the girl doesn't say this was surprising to her.

8 The correct answer is A: The teacher says the competition judges were 'impressed when the team admitted that the experiment wasn't perfect' and that the students should '[bear this' in mind for [their] own work'. **B** is incorrect because the winning team's equipment, not topic, was unusual, and the teacher doesn't congratulate the winning team. **C** is incorrect because there are no words of encouragement in the teacher's speech to the class.

Questions 9–18

9 The correct answer is ‘sports centre’/‘sports center’: Mark says they arranged to meet in a carpark, but eventually found them ‘next to a sports centre’. ‘Supermarket’ is wrong because they went there by mistake when Mark’s dad got the directions wrong.

10 The correct answer is ‘light’: Mark says that mountain bikes are strong and quite heavy and they have extra suspension to make them more comfortable. He also says his bike was ‘very light ... much more than [he] expected’.

11 The correct answer is ‘brakes’: Mark talks about bike tyres, pedals and handlebars, but says the brakes ‘took [him] quite a while to adapt to’.

12 The correct answer is ‘(tree) root’: Mark managed to avoid a pool of water and a huge rock, but he ‘hit a massive tree root [that] was sticking out of the ground’.

13 The correct answer is ‘wolves’: Mark saw rabbits and deer but not wildcats, and he ‘couldn’t believe’ that wolves once lived there and preyed on the deer.

14 The correct answer is ‘ghost’: Mark says he was told a legend about a ghost and that he ‘couldn’t get the idea out of [his] head’. Mark thought the story about ‘a monster’ was ‘entertaining but highly unlikely’ so this didn’t make a big impression on him.

15 The correct answer is ‘(the) (thick) mud’: Mark nearly gave up where the track was covered in leaves, but it was ‘when [they] reached some thick mud’ that they had to push their bikes (not ride them) for a while.

16 The correct answer is ‘distraction’: On the ‘hardest part of the trip’, Mark saw an eagle which was ‘a welcome distraction for the hard cycling’.

17 The correct answer is ‘hail’: Mark says they were lucky that there was no rain or strong winds, but they were ‘hit by hail’, which was horrible.

18 The correct answer is ‘canal’: ‘For the last stage, [they] rode on a track which went alongside a canal.’ ‘Old railway line’ is wrong because they were on it and not next to it.

Questions 19–23

19 The correct answer is G: The speaker reached an advanced level in dancing but now doesn't 'have the feeling [she's] improving anymore'. **C** is incorrect because it would be expensive to go to a specialist school, but she doesn't intend to do that. **E** is incorrect because giving up dancing means she now has more time for her other hobbies.

20 The correct answer is A: Playing the trumpet and learning 'tons of music' got the speaker interested in composing music, which is 'really what [he wants] to concentrate on now'. **F** is incorrect because he continued playing the trumpet 'even when the buzz ... had worn off'. **C** is incorrect because he only refers to money to say that his parents paid a lot for his trumpet.

21 The correct answer is D: The speaker says she 'started to resent how much was expected of [them]' and that it was difficult to even miss one week of doing the free time activity. **E** is incorrect because she had enough time to do the activity, but it took up a lot of her free time.

22 The correct answer is B: The speaker still enjoyed making model aeroplanes but he gave it up because he felt that '[he'd] outgrown it' (was too old for it). **C** is incorrect because the boy's father 'didn't seem to mind' that the models cost a lot of money. **E** is incorrect because the boy gave up model making and started a band with friends, and the band took up so much of his time that it was hard for him to fit in homework. **H** is incorrect because, although the boy started a band with 'some mates', he doesn't say that model making made him feel isolated.

23 The correct answer is H: The speaker says that writing is 'solitary activity' and that doing this in her free time made her 'feel cut off from' her mates. **B** is incorrect because her friends told her she was too young to do writing as a hobby. **C** is incorrect because the writing classes would have been expensive, but she didn't go to these.

Questions 24–30

24 The correct answer is C: Daniella says that John Baker ‘feels we’ve lost ... photography skills because we spend too much time in front of screens and not enough in the natural world’. **A** is incorrect because John Baker thinks people give up too easily when their photos don’t turn out well. **B** is incorrect because John Baker thinks people don’t bother to prepare what they’re going to take photos of.

25 The correct answer is A: Daniella didn’t manage to photograph an otter but says ‘I wouldn’t have caught what turned out to be a stunning ... shot of the dog if it hadn’t come along just then’. **B** is incorrect because she says you have to ‘accept that wildlife will sometimes be scared off’. **C** is incorrect because there is no information about Daniella being worried about the otter that swam away because of a dog.

26 The correct answer is C: Daniella learnt that ‘the only sure way [to film water birds] was to specially prepare a branch, and leave some food for them’. **A** is incorrect because it wasn’t long before she managed to film the water birds. **B** is incorrect because the birds were fast-moving, not the filming.

27 The correct answer is B: Daniella says John Baker ‘showed [her] features on [her] camera that [she] didn’t even know existed’. **A** is incorrect because she didn’t know what accessories the camera had. **C** is incorrect because she had experimented with some of the settings, such as focus and filters.

28 The correct answer is B: John Baker identified a problem with Daniella’s photo of a swan (she’d let too much light in) but she says ‘I was secretly ... pleased with’ it. **A** is incorrect because, after guidance from John, Daniella was ‘just as pleased’ with the first photo of the swan. **C** is incorrect because Daniella knew she’d made a mistake, but she didn’t keep repeating it.

29 The correct answer is A: When they photographed seals, John and Daniella ‘[got] down to the seals’ eye level’, and ‘that produced the desired results’. **B** is incorrect because when John and Daniella got closer to the seals, the animals ‘started to get nervous’. **C** is incorrect because, although they saw a huge group of seals, Daniella doesn’t say anything about how many they’d expected to see.

30 The correct answer is B: After the day with John, Daniella regretted ‘how much [she] must’ve missed on previous trips ... by ... not paying close enough attention to what was there’. **A** is incorrect because Daniella hopes she’ll be ‘as good as John one day’ but she doesn’t say whether she doubts that will happen. **C** is incorrect because Daniella learnt a lot from John, but she doesn’t say if it was hard to remember what he taught her.