

Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is A: The girl says she can't explain 'how [the researchers] went about proving' that fish can recognise faces because it 'sounded very complicated'. **B is incorrect** because the girl does not express surprise. **C is incorrect** because she says that she's unsure whether the research was 'a serious bit of work', and not that she finds it funny.

2 The correct answer is B: The boy thinks the only choice is to do what the girl suggests, that is, to 'fit in more training this week'. **A is incorrect** because the boy was going to suggest someone else to play instead of him, but this person probably isn't available. **C is incorrect** because he's only thinking about asking to change his position. This isn't what he decides to do in the end.

3 The correct answer is B: The boy says the band members were 'bound to fall out', and the girl agrees, saying this is what happens in bands. **A is incorrect** because the boy says the band might have been 'overdoing it' and 'probably burnt themselves out', but the girl says the band have 'only done two concerts' so couldn't be tired. **C is incorrect** because the girl gives this opinion, but the boy thinks this is 'rumours and gossip'.

4 The correct answer is A: The man summarises the class discussion (during which students had said space exploration is a 'waste of money') and then he gives a reason in favour of exploration: finding minerals makes spending the money 'worthwhile in the long run'. **B is incorrect** because he doesn't ask the students to do anything. **C is incorrect** because he praises them for having a good discussion (not reaching agreement).

5 The correct answer is A: The girl says she 'appreciated the explanation of what [she] was looking at'. The boy says the commentary 'added something to the trip'. **B is incorrect** because the boy says the music 'didn't really make any difference' to him. **C is incorrect** because the girl says the views were just as good when seeing the city from the river bank.

6 The correct answer is A: After the boy finished the gardening jobs at the nature reserve, he thought it was 'cool' to see that his work had made a difference. **B is incorrect** because he wasn't expecting to have a choice of things to do. **C is incorrect** because, although he was 'keen to let everyone see what I'd learnt about the place', we don't know whether he had the chance to share his knowledge.

7 The correct answer is C: All three things are happening, but introducing new varieties is the only thing being done by an ice cream company ('manufacturer').

8 The correct answer is A: The girl tried out a new learning style in Spanish lessons and 'it did seem to work'. **B is incorrect** because she does not say whether she found the project interesting. **C is incorrect** because, although it took them a long time to work out ways to test learning styles, she doesn't say this took too long.

Questions 9–18

9 The correct answer is ‘animation’: Ben says he had worked as a plumber and as an engineer ‘where [he] worked in animation’.

10 The correct answer is ‘physics’: Ben says qualifications in art and design are important in his type of work, but, in his case, it’s ‘[his] degree in physics’ that has been a big help to him.

11 The correct answer is ‘round’: Ben had ‘no problem’ with making square, rectangular or star-shaped models, but producing something round was ‘tough’.

12 The correct answer is ‘crocodile’: Ben was shown models of a house and a car, and then he chose to make a crocodile. ‘giraffe’ is incorrect because someone else made that.

13 The correct answer is ‘drawings’: Ben has various things with him when designing a model (cameras, graph paper, pencils), but the question is asking what was more helpful to him than anything else. When referring to drawings, Ben says ‘nothing’s more important than those’.

14 The correct answer is ‘visitors’: Ben says the models get ‘a lot of handling by visitors’ so gluing the models is vital for them to ‘stay in one piece’.

15 The correct answer is ‘sound(s)’: Ben works on installation, controls and lighting, but what he particularly enjoys (‘that’s the most thrilling’) is working on the sounds.

16 The correct answer is ‘dinosaur’: Ben mentions working on models of a horse and a whale, but it was while working on a dinosaur that he was given the job of tightening the screws from the inside.

17 The correct answer is ‘football stadium’: Ben says he has finished a castle and now he’s been asked to ‘make a football stadium’.

18 The correct answer is ‘dimensions’: Ben says he needs an ‘idea of the dimensions’ and the only way to get that is by visiting the place. He also gets an ‘impression of the atmosphere’ while he visits the place, but this isn’t his reason for visiting.

Questions 19–23

19 The correct answer is E: The speaker felt ‘a bit uncomfortable’ because she had to explain to the teacher why she had to talk about a different topic to the one she had planned. **A is incorrect** because, although other people were good, this didn’t discourage her. In fact, it motivated her. **H is incorrect** because she didn’t have any time to practise the presentation she gave.

20 The correct answer is D: The speaker felt ‘glad to get through without slipping up or forgetting key facts’. **B is incorrect** because the speaker ‘could’ve done more thorough research’. **C is incorrect** because he was nervous but felt it was the same for everyone. **F is incorrect** because his sister tried to help but he didn’t need that help.

21 The correct answer is H: The speaker talks about ‘endlessly rehearsing’ the speech but says that just repeating it led to only an average performance. **A is incorrect** because a teacher’s speech was brilliant but that didn’t discourage her. **G is incorrect** because people weren’t impressed by her speech but she wasn’t annoyed by that.

22 The correct answer is C: The speaker says ‘I was cross with myself’ as he had been ‘in a panic’ and not ‘able to calm down’. **F is incorrect** because he was given support but thought other people’s compliments weren’t true. **G is incorrect** because other people ‘were really nice’.

23 The correct answer is B: The speaker ‘didn’t need all the research I’d done’ but thinks it was an achievement that she ‘covered as much as I did’. **C is incorrect** because she doesn’t say being nervous was disappointing, just that it was unexpected. **F is incorrect** because the teacher is usually helpful but wasn’t this time (‘left us to cope on our own’).

Questions 24–30

24 The correct answer is B: Laura says she is used to ‘peaceful forests’ in Scotland and the rainforest was ‘the opposite’. **A is incorrect** because she knew Costa Rica was tropical. **C is incorrect** because she only mentions the shades of green in Scottish forests but says nothing about the colours in the rainforest.

25 The correct answer is C: Laura says the scientists ‘knew exactly where to find’ the caterpillars but she ‘didn’t have those skills’. **A is incorrect** because she used a tool to handle them but that was to avoid damaging them, not because touching them made her nervous. **B is incorrect** because the problem was not knowing where to look, rather than recognising the appearance of the caterpillars.

26 The correct answer is B: The scientist wanted to ‘find out what methods of self-protection [caterpillars] have’. **A is incorrect** because the scientist happened to find the caterpillars when they were eating. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention of this.

27 The correct answer is A: Laura enjoyed taking ‘pictures of caterpillars in different positions’ (for example, curled up or stretched out). **B is incorrect** because the caterpillars were rare but not previously unknown. **C is incorrect** because she took photos of the caterpillars doing different things and not at different stages of their development.

28 The correct answer is C: All three options are important to Laura, but the question is asking about the most important thing. Laura says ‘caterpillars are food for other animals’ and ‘butterflies help plants produce food’ and that these things are ‘even more crucial’.

29 The correct answer is A: Laura says she can now see she ‘was being rather ridiculous’ and she wishes she’d reacted differently. **B is incorrect** because she doesn’t express regret at not repeating the experience. She just thinks she’d cope better if she repeated the experience. **C is incorrect** because she doesn’t think she coped well with the difficult conditions.

30 The correct answer is B: Laura says the experience made her ‘realise that a university degree in biology is something that’d suit [her]’. **A and C are incorrect** because there is no mention of doing these things.

Test 1 answer key with extra explanations

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is B: ‘put to good use’ is a fixed phrase meaning ‘use in a productive/positive way’.

2 The correct answer is A: ‘considered the idea of doing something’ means ‘thought carefully about doing something’. ‘acknowledged’ would not have this meaning and ‘regarded’ and ‘realised’ would not fit grammatically in this sentence.

3 The correct answer is B: ‘carelessly’ means ‘without thinking’. The other adverbs would not have this meaning in this sentence.

4 The correct answer is D: ‘conducted’ is the verb which is used with ‘experiment’.

5 The correct answer is B: ‘form’ means ‘create’ in this sentence. The other verbs would not have this meaning here.

6 The correct answer is C: ‘surface’ is the word used to describe the top layer of a road.

7 The correct answer is A: ‘collects’ means ‘go [to a place] and get’. The other verbs do not have this meaning.

8 The correct answer is C: The phrasal verb ‘lead to’ means ‘result in’. ‘bring to’ and ‘come to’ are phrasal verbs with different meanings and ‘arrive’ does not fit grammatically.

Questions 9–16

9 The correct answer is 'from': 'from [a minimum number] to [a maximum number]' is used to talk about a range.

10 The correct answer is 'there': 'there is (certainly) no doubt' means that no doubt exists, it is definitely true. A common mistake is to use 'it is' instead of 'there is'.

11 The correct answer is 'being': A gerund is needed after 'despite' and the verb needed for the passive form of 'locate' is 'be'.

12 The correct answer is 'as': 'come as a surprise' means 'be a surprise (to you/people)'. Other prepositions such as 'for' and 'with' are incorrect in this sentence.

13 The correct answer is 'on': 'on average' is a fixed phrase.

14 The correct answer is 'of': 'all of a sudden' is a fixed phrase meaning 'suddenly'.

15 The correct answer is 'few': 'a few' means 'a small number of'. 'number' is incorrect without 'of' and 'little' is incorrect because the word 'week' is countable.

16 The correct answer is 'to': 'to' is part of the full infinitive form of the verb 'enjoy' following the adjective 'eager'. 'for' or any other preposition would be grammatically incorrect here.

Questions 17–24

17 The correct answer is ‘amusement’: A noun is needed after ‘their’. The adjective ‘amusing’ would be incorrect because there is no noun after the gap.

18 The correct answer is ‘underground’: The gas is under the ground. ‘grounded’ would not make sense here.

19 The correct answer is ‘accidentally’: ‘accidentally’ means ‘by accident’. An adverb is needed, so the adjective ‘accidental’ would be incorrect.

20 The correct answer is ‘anxiety’: A noun is needed here. ‘anxiously’ is an adverb so it would be incorrect here.

21 The correct answer is ‘shortage’: A noun is needed after the adjective ‘global’.

22 The correct answer is ‘relief’: A noun is needed after the adjective ‘great’. ‘relieved’ would be incorrect because it is an adjective.

23 The correct answer is ‘researchers’: A noun is needed as the subject of the verb ‘have said’. ‘researcher’ would be incorrect here because the verb is in the third person plural form, not the third person singular.

24 The correct answer is ‘exploration’: A noun is needed here. The gerund ‘exploring’ is never used in this phrase, so is not a possible alternative here.

Questions 25–30

25 The correct answer is ‘so absorbed | by/in (reading)’: ‘so ... that’ is tested here.

The prepositions that can follow absorbed are ‘in’ or ‘by’. ‘absorbed by/in’ can be followed by a noun or a gerund, in this case ‘her book’ or ‘reading (her book)’.

26 The correct answer is ‘if (only) we | ’d/had left’: The third conditional form is tested here. ‘if (only)’ is followed by the past perfect of the verb ‘leave’.

27 The correct answer is ‘is/s / will be/’ll be capable of | solving’: ‘be capable of doing something’ means ‘be able to do something’. ‘can’ in the original sentence could be referring to the present or the future, so either ‘is capable of solving’ or ‘will be capable of solving’ are correct answers.

28 The correct answer is ‘as/so long as | you take’: ‘as long as’ means ‘but only if’ and the phrasal verb ‘take care of’ means ‘look after’.

29 The correct answer is ‘was not/wasn’t willing | to help’: ‘be willing to do something’ means ‘want to do something’. The answer needs to use reported speech, so the verb ‘be’ must be in the past tense. Sam’s sister didn’t want to help (negative form), so she said she ‘was not willing to help’.

30 The correct answer is ‘was determined | she would go/she’d go/to go’: ‘be determined’ can be followed by a clause or a full infinitive. Because the preposition ‘to’ follows the gap, the only verb that will fit with the correct meaning is ‘go’.

Questions 31–36

31 The correct answer is D: The writer says that David ‘presumably wanted to preserve his reputation as someone who knew exactly what he was doing’ and that he ‘pushed forward’. This suggests that David felt confident of his own abilities. However, as described in the first paragraph, he does not manage the jump well at all. This suggests that David was not in fact as good at ski-jumping as he seemed to think. **B is incorrect** because David’s jump goes badly and his behaviour seems quite arrogant. This does not make him a good role model.

32 The correct answer is C: In the following sentence, we learn that ‘something was wrong’. Then the writer describes how badly the jump went. So David’s arms were waving around in the air, not being useful or helping him to do the jump well. **B and D are incorrect** because the jump went so badly wrong.

33 The correct answer is A: In the second paragraph, the writer says that despite thinking that freestyle skateboarding looked fun, he thought that ‘with [his] lack of know-how (skill)’, he would ‘have risked total ridicule (have risked being laughed at for being useless)’ if he had tried to join in. **B is incorrect** because the writer says he lacked know-how (skill/ability). **C is incorrect** because the writer was afraid of the skateboarders’ opinion of him. He isn’t referring to his opinion of the skateboarders. **D is incorrect** because, although the writer didn’t develop the necessary skills, he does not suggest that he regrets it.

34 The correct answer is B: In the fourth paragraph, the writer says ‘it was all but impossible to convince my body to ignore what my brain was screaming at me’. His brain was telling him to slow down, and it was difficult for the writer to ignore this. **A is incorrect** because, although the instructor gave a warning about the ‘knuckle’, the writer’s own instincts held him back, not this warning. **D is incorrect** because although the writer did not fall, this is not referred to as progress.

35 The correct answer is D: In the fifth paragraph, the writer reports the instructor’s criticism and then says ‘it’s true that, ...’. **A is incorrect** because the writer says that although he had expected to hate being stuck indoors, he actually enjoyed it. **B is incorrect** because, although the writer found some of the trampoline moves difficult, he does not say that he wished he had realised this beforehand. **C is incorrect** because the writer says that some of the trampoline moves copied ski-jumping moves and also taught ‘aerial awareness’.

36 The correct answer is C: In the final paragraph, the writer says that he ‘finally landed properly’ and later did another jump where he landed well but lost his skis. **A is incorrect** because the writer says ‘there were more setbacks’. He was surprised and pleased later, when he did a good jump. **B is incorrect** because the writer ‘finally landed properly’. **D is incorrect** because he felt proud of his good jump before he did his final one.

Questions 37–42

37 The correct answer is F: ‘The authentic-looking masterpiece’ in option F refers to the painting which, in the sentence before the gap, ‘looks as if it was painted by the famous 17th-century Dutch artist (Rembrandt)’. In option F, we are told that the painting was not the work of Rembrandt. ‘in fact’ in the sentence after the gap introduces information about how the painting was actually created.

38 The correct answer is C: ‘These’ in option C refers to ‘the individual features of his style’ in the sentence before the gap.

39 The correct answer is G: ‘For this reason’ in option G refers to the information in the text before the gap that the team needed as much data as possible. ‘something similar’ in option G refers to the men in Rembrandt’s portraits described in the sentence before the gap.

40 The correct answer is B: ‘Once the subject had been determined’ in option B refers to the man described in the sentence before the gap. ‘the next stage in the process’ in option B is described in the rest of the fifth paragraph.

41 The correct answer is E: ‘then’ in option E introduces what happened after the stage described in the sentence before the gap. ‘this’ in the sentence after the gap refers to the stage described in option E.

42 The correct answer is A: ‘However’ in option A introduces a contrast to the information in the sentence before the gap (there was some criticism of the project). In option A, the writer says that many art historians were supportive.

Questions 43–52

43 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘Researchers have shown that walking or cycling at the same time as trying to learn something new, for example foreign language vocabulary, is really helpful. So exercise while you revise. Don’t push it too hard, though: extreme workouts can raise your stress levels, which, of course, can have a negative effect on your ability to remember things.’

44 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘The part of the brain that ... hippocampus. Experiments in children, adults and the elderly show that this brain structure grows as people get fitter.’

45 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘you may not have to get out of breath to improve your attention span. Just 10 minutes of play aimed at improving coordination skills, like bouncing two balls at the same time, has been shown to have real benefits for people’s ability to concentrate.’

46 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘The brain is often described as being ‘like a muscle’, however, this may not always be a helpful way of thinking about it.’

47 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘they became better at ignoring distractions’.

48 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘A lot of people have claimed that doing physical exercise, even just walking, makes you able to think more imaginatively. Psychologists have now found this to be the case.’

49 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘walking or cycling at the same time as trying to learn something new, for example foreign language vocabulary, is really helpful. So exercise while you revise.’

50 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘runners often get what’s referred to as a ‘runner’s high’ – that great feeling that follows intense exercise. Many people think this is due to endorphins, ... However, although levels of endorphins rise in the bloodstream when you exercise, it’s not clear how much actually gets into the brain. Research into this is still being carried out.’

51 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘if you’re struggling with your homework and looking for a single solution to a maths problem, then a relaxing walk isn’t necessarily what you need.’

52 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘people will be able to select the form of exercise which best suits their needs – what to do if, for example, they want to perform well in a memory test – and this is good news.’

Test 2 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is B: The girl says she ‘wasn’t keen on’ the fact that the trip ‘developed into them all seeing who could be best at everything’. **A is incorrect** because she just says that she was glad there were smaller climbing walls for her to go on instead of the ‘enormous tower’. **C is incorrect** because she says they didn’t research the climbing centre as they wanted to be surprised. The problem was her family’s competitiveness, not their lack of planning.

2 The correct answer is A: The teacher tells her students to ‘take your notes to look at’. **B is incorrect** because they’ve already done the homework (about light), and she hopes they’ll remember about it when they see the display. **C is incorrect** because she says ‘we’ll check the programme’, in other words, they’ll decide together.

3 The correct answer is B: The girl says ‘I never imagined’ that the girl in the film ‘would have such an impact’. The boy says ‘or that her adoptive parents would behave the way they did’, which means he didn’t expect this either. **A is incorrect** because the boy says he thought the director’s choice of actors to play the parents wasn’t ‘a wise decision’. **C is incorrect** because the girl says ‘you can understand why’ the director chose famous actors for some of the roles.

4 The correct answer is C: The woman says she makes clothes that ‘allow people to express parts of their personality that they haven’t necessarily shown before’. This idea started when she was at school, when she adapted her school clothes to look different to other people. **A is incorrect** because there has been no change in her attitude. She thought and still thinks that clothes should be individual. **B is incorrect** because she understands why some other people want clothes that help them to ‘fit in’.

5 The correct answer is B: When talking about bees that live in the ashes of an active volcano, the boy says ‘you really wonder how the bees manage to live in this inhospitable place’. **A is incorrect** because the bees don’t have an unusual way to find food. **C is incorrect** because the bees are one of several types of nesting bees.

6 The correct answer is A: The girl says she ‘didn’t think [her] ability to concentrate would improve so much’. **B is incorrect** because she says she was tempted to look at her phone (to use social media) but she didn’t. **C is incorrect** because she ‘didn’t care’ what other people said.

7 The correct answer is B: The teacher says that those ‘who’d illustrated the words did a much better job of remembering them’. **A is incorrect** because nothing is said about the effect of music on memory. **C is incorrect** because the words were easier to recall if the students had drawn pictures.

8 The correct answer is C: The girl says her choir 'were inspired by the example [the adult choir] set'. **A and B are incorrect** because these things happened, but the girl doesn't say her choir appreciated or were impressed by them.

Questions 9–18

9 The correct answer is ‘extreme sports’: Kelly says other people are interested in the geology or history of caves, but her uncle is ‘enthusiastic about extreme sports’.

10 The correct answer is ‘Deep Drop’: Kelly says other people go to Peak Cavern, and she wanted to go to Dragon Cave but ‘in the end my uncle decided we’d go to ... Deep Drop’.

11 The correct answer is ‘(small) rivers’: Kelly says there were ‘small rivers running through – I thought that was amazing’. Waterfalls and underground lakes are also mentioned, but these are found in other lakes, not the first lake Kelly explored.

12 The correct answer is ‘torch’: When talking about her torch, Kelly says ‘mine didn’t work properly’. She also had a helmet and waterproof clothing but doesn’t describe any problem with these.

13 The correct answer is ‘dinosaur’: Kelly says a rock formation she passed was ‘similar in shape to a dinosaur’. The bear shaped rocks were seen later by her uncle.

14 The correct answer is ‘back’: Kelly says ‘I hit my back ... it was really hurting me’. She also had a bruise on her arm, but it was ‘nothing serious’.

15 The correct answer is ‘flooding’: Kelly says there are falling rocks and slippery surfaces but ‘Flooding is what makes the experts most nervous’.

16 The correct answer is ‘safety kit’: People take different things with them (a ladder, diving gear) but Kelly says ‘nobody could possibly go down there without a safety kit’.

17 The correct answer is ‘narrow entrance’: When talking about the narrow entrance, Kelly says ‘it was really difficult for us to squeeze our way inside’. There was a tiny tunnel as well, but they didn’t succeed in crawling through that.

18 The correct answer is ‘(tiny) insects’: Kelly says she once saw a cave full of fossils but the moment that ‘stands out’ was a cave with thousands of insects.

Questions 19–23

19 The correct answer is H: The speaker says ‘another time I’d borrow my dad’s camera though’ because her own camera wasn’t ‘good enough’ to get ‘fantastic shots of the city at night’. **A is incorrect** because, although she was comfortable on the plane, we aren’t told how she expected the flight to be.

20 The correct answer is F: The speaker says he had been learning Spanish and ‘it was cool trying it out’ on the Spanish students he met on the boat. **B is incorrect** because the speaker met some people, but wasn’t having any problems. **H is incorrect** because, although he left the seasickness tablets at home, he was perfectly fine without them.

21 The correct answer is C: The speaker got to the airport thinking the flight was at seven but, on arrival at the airport, learnt that it was at six. We know that the trip did go ahead because the speaker says ‘we just made it’, meaning they managed to catch the plane just before it left. **D is incorrect** because the speaker refers to her parents’ habit of ignoring her grandad’s advice. **G is incorrect** because the speaker helped her grandma, but it was an easy thing to do: ‘just carrying Grandma’s luggage for her, which wasn’t a problem’. There is no mention that the speaker found this a satisfying thing to do.

22 The correct answer is E: The speaker’s class trip was to see some historic buildings and he says ‘it helped me make up my mind about what to do after leaving school’. **A is incorrect** because there is no mention of whether the speaker expected the coach trip to be comfortable or uncomfortable.

23 The correct answer is B: The speaker spent time talking to a girl of her age on the flight and says, ‘Before I knew it, we’d arrived. She was so interesting that I forgot about the annoying stuff.’ The annoying stuff was queuing, sitting around on hard seats and losing things at airports. **A is incorrect** because she expected the journey to be uncomfortable. **G is incorrect** because she was going to the USA to help someone there.

Questions 24–30

24 The correct answer is A: When comparing the town in Finland to his hometown in Scotland, Jake says ‘the public building reminded me of where I come from’. **B is incorrect** because Jake says he had to get used to lack of light. **C is incorrect** because he wasn’t used to seeing streets full of activity in winter.

25 The correct answer is C: Jake says in Scotland he usually just complains about the snowy weather, but in Finland he ‘was able to take in the stunning landscape, and see just how much the snow was a part of that’. **A is incorrect** because he did go out a lot when he was in Scotland. **B is incorrect** because he travelled by car as much in Scotland as in Finland.

26 The correct answer is A: Jake says that in Scotland ‘[they] all just assume the temperature’s so low [they]’ll freeze’ if they go out. **B is incorrect** because Jake says the equipment isn’t difficult ‘to get hold of’. **C is incorrect** because Jake says the conditions aren’t too dangerous if you have a mountain bike.

27 The correct answer is C: Jake says in the Finnish town ‘there was definitely more done to make sure routes for cyclists could be used at all times’. **A is incorrect** because there weren’t underpasses. **B is incorrect** because, although the drivers weren’t aggressive, ‘it’d be going too far to say [they] kept out of our way and made allowances for us’.

28 The correct answer is B: Jake says he was initially ‘reluctant’ to cycling across the frozen river, and when he got ‘part of the way’, he ‘had to turn back’ because ‘it looked really dark under that ice’, in other words, he found it too scary to continue. **A is incorrect** because he wasn’t keen – he was ‘reluctant’ to follow his cousin across the river. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention that Jake felt relieved he was with his cousin.

29 The correct answer is C: Jake describes an experience of cycling in snow when his bike slipped from under him. He says that was ‘because I got too sure of myself’. **A is incorrect** because he’d been told to ‘pay extra attention to road signs’. **B is incorrect** because it was another cyclist who ‘ran into’ him after Jake fell off his bike.

30 The correct answer is B: Jake says in Finland he’d ‘been taught that in snow, you should keep your weight back’ and ‘stay relaxed’, and that he decided to ‘carry on doing that back home’. **A is incorrect** because Jake has already bought himself a ‘top-of-the-range bike’. **C is incorrect** because Jake’s friends might take up cycling, but there is no mention of Jake persuading them to do this.

Test 3 answer key with extra explanations

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is C: ‘set records’ means that the bridge has created new records. The other verbs are not used with the word ‘record’.

2 The correct answer is A: ‘linking’ means ‘connecting’. The other three verbs would all mean that the two cliffs were stuck together, with no gap between them.

3 The correct answer is D: ‘drop’ means that there is nothing except air between the bridge and the ground below it. The other nouns do not fit here because they have different meanings.

4 The correct answer is B: ‘entirely’ means ‘completely’. The other words do not fit here because they have different meanings.

5 The correct answer is B: ‘questions have been raised’ is a passive form of the phrase ‘raise questions’, meaning ‘questions have been asked’. The other verbs cannot be used with ‘questions’ in this way.

6 The correct answer is A: This is the passive form of the phrase ‘to give assurances’, meaning that people have been told that something is definitely true. The other nouns do not fit in this sentence. The sentence would have to be changed to (for example): ‘... reports have been written explaining that ...’ or ‘statements/announcements have been made claiming that ...’

7 The correct answer is C: ‘smash’ is the only verb which has the correct meaning here.

8 The correct answer is B: ‘an experience not to be missed’ is a fixed phrase meaning ‘a great experience’.

Questions 9–16

9 The correct answer is 'who': The relative pronoun refers to 'A staff member' in the text before the gap. 'that' is incorrect here because this is a non-defining relative clause (extra information, provided between two commas).

10 The correct answer is 'up': The phrasal verb 'come up with (an idea)' means 'to have an idea'. 'come out with' and 'come along with' are incorrect because they are different in meaning and would have to be explained more clearly. For example, a staff member could 'come out with something' (say something) during a meeting, or could 'come along with' (bring) an idea to a meeting. But the idea of the meeting, for example, would have to be in the text.

11 The correct answer is 'what': 'what' means 'the thing that'. This is the only possible answer here. 'which', 'this' or 'that' are incorrect and do not fit grammatically because they do not refer back to anything in the text before the gap.

12 The correct answer is 'it' or 'this' or 'that': 'one' in the sentence before the gap refers to 'an exercise bike' in the previous sentence. 'it/this/that' can all be used to refer to 'one' (an exercise bike). 'one' is incorrect because the pronoun in the gap needs to refer to the particular exercise bike in the classroom. 'one' would suggest that there is a choice of bikes, but there is only one.

13 The correct answer is 'such': 'such ... that' is tested here. 'so' is incorrect because there is a noun after the gap, not an adjective.

14 The correct answer is 'are': The passive form of 'use' is tested here. 'is' is incorrect because 'bikes' before the gap is plural. 'have' is incorrect because the auxiliary verb needed to form the passive is 'be', not 'have'.

15 The correct answer is 'making': The structure 'make' something + adjective is tested here. The gerund (making) is needed here because 'besides' is always followed by a noun or a gerund. That is why 'make' is incorrect. 'getting' cannot be used in this structure.

16 The correct answer is 'from' or 'with': 'come with' means 'accompanies' here, and 'comes from' means 'is a result of'. Other prepositions would be incorrect because they do not make sense in this sentence.

Questions 17–24

17 The correct answer is ‘unacceptable’: An adjective is needed after ‘this is’. ‘acceptable’ is incorrect because the text after the gap explains that some people do not like this waste of food and instead try to persuade supermarkets to reduce it.

18 The correct answer is ‘demanding’: An adjective is needed after ‘very’ to describe some customers. ‘demanded’ is incorrect because it is a past participle and cannot be used to describe customers.

19 The correct answer is ‘appearance’: A noun is needed after ‘the’. ‘appearing’ is incorrect because it is a verb.

20 The correct answer is ‘Consequently’: An adverb is needed at the beginning of the sentence before a comma. ‘Consequently’ means ‘as a result’ or ‘therefore’.

21 The correct answer is ‘imperfect’: An adjective is needed after ‘are’ to describe the fruit. The negative form of the adjective is needed because the text after the gap mentions fruit that are ‘a strange shape’. ‘imperfection’ is incorrect because it is a noun.

22 The correct answer is ‘inspiration’: A noun is needed after ‘the’. ‘inspiring’ is incorrect because it is an adjective or a verb.

23 The correct answer is ‘successfully’: An adverb is needed to describe the verb ‘persuaded’. ‘successful’ is incorrect because it is an adjective, so can only describe a noun.

24 The correct answer is ‘intention’: A noun is needed after the possessive ‘s’ (Adam’s). ‘intending’ or ‘intended’ are incorrect because they are both verbs.

Questions 25–30

25 The correct answer is ‘it impossible | to’: The impersonal ‘it’ is used after ‘found’ as part of the structure ‘*find it* + adjective + full infinitive’.

26 The correct answer is ‘have to / need to believe | what I’: The fixed phrase ‘take [someone’s] word for it’ means ‘believe something just because [someone] says it’. ‘have/need to’ mean this is not necessary, because it is possible to check with someone else (the teacher).

27 The correct answer is ‘is/’s being | shown’: This is the present continuous passive form of ‘show’.

28 The correct answer is ‘must have/’ve | eaten’: ‘must’ followed by the perfect infinitive form of ‘eat’ is used here to show that the speaker is sure that something (has) happened.

29 The correct answer is ‘far as | I am/I’m concerned’: ‘As far as I am concerned,’ is a fixed phrase meaning ‘my opinion is that’.

30 The correct answer is ‘has/’s been | an increase’: The verb ‘be’ follows ‘There’ and needs to be in the present perfect tense because this tense is used in the first sentence. The noun ‘increase’ is countable, so an article is needed before it. In this case an indefinite article (an) is needed.

Questions 31–36

31 The correct answer is D: In the first paragraph, Miranda says that dancing ‘reminds [her] of what it feels like to be in the studio taking orders from demanding choreographers, and how tense and frustrating that can be.’ **A is incorrect** because Miranda talks about the pressures facing dancers, but not about persuading choreographers to change. **B is incorrect** because although Miranda mentions working all day long, she does not say that she is trying to reduce the amount of work for anyone. **C is incorrect** because Miranda mentions taking orders, but not how she responds.

32 The correct answer is B: In the second paragraph, Miranda says that students are ‘hungry for success, but they don’t yet have a clear sense of their strengths and weaknesses. The incomplete picture they have of their skills ensures they take on board even quite harsh criticism.’ **A is incorrect** because Miranda says that students sometimes challenge what she says. **C is incorrect** because no misunderstandings are mentioned. **D is incorrect** because it is suggested that the reason why students do not see their faults is that they are inexperienced.

33 The correct answer is A: In the third paragraph, Miranda says ‘the musical score has already been written by the composer and it isn’t negotiable.’ **B is incorrect** because Miranda says ‘Ideally, I’d like to ... be given the option of switching to different pieces – it’d certainly help to lift the mood ...’ However, unfortunately, she cannot do that. **D is incorrect** because although it may possibly be true, Miranda does not point this out. In fact, she says ‘There may be a piece of music I’m not keen on, but I still make sure I come up with the best possible dance routine to accompany it.’

34 The correct answer is C: In the fourth paragraph, Miranda says that the documentary ‘This one attempts to give viewers an accurate portrayal of life inside a dance company’. In the rest of the paragraph, Miranda describes a scene in the documentary which shows what life is really like for a dancer. **A is incorrect** because Miranda does not suggest that she felt unhappy about the way the dancer was treated. **B is incorrect** because Miranda is saying that the documentary is showing the truth about being a dancer. **D is incorrect** because Miranda does not suggest that she feels proud of the dancer.

35 The correct answer is B: In the fifth paragraph, Miranda says ‘I’ve even been involved in productions where the dance steps are great but something about the costumes or props completely distracts. And that’s just disappointing.’ Miranda is not responsible for the costumes or the props. **A is incorrect** because Miranda says that in a great dance performance, ‘the music, the costumes, the lighting, and the dancers – all come together.’ **C is incorrect** because Miranda says ‘Aiming high is appreciated by audiences and will allow you to get away with a few wrong artistic decisions or choices’. So it is acceptable to audiences for a performance not to be perfect. **D is incorrect** because although Miranda uses the words ‘everything the company has invested in’, she is not talking about a lack of resources.

36 The correct answer is A: In the final paragraph, Miranda says ‘People seem to want to put a label on you and I can’t quite understand that. ... the time may come when I’m happy to have a reputation largely for doing one thing. For now, I just want to widen my horizons.’ **B is incorrect** because Miranda does not say that anyone has the wrong opinion of her. **C is incorrect** because Miranda is not confused and is not considering career options. **D is incorrect** because Miranda says ‘the time may come when I’m happy to have a reputation largely for doing one thing.’

Questions 37–42

37 The correct answer is D: ‘Lee felt much the same’ in option D refers to what Myungwan Kim says he thought in the text before the gap.

38 The correct answer is G: ‘this’ in option G refers to the mistake (in the sentence before the gap) which allowed Lee to capture several of AlphaGo’s counters. However, ‘that was not the case’ in option G introduces the idea in the sentence after the gap: AlphaGo had actually made a clever tactical move.

39 The correct answer is A: The information in option A explains how AlphaGo was ‘struggling’ in the sentence before the gap. In the sentence after the gap, ‘this’ refers to what is described in option A.

40 The correct answer is F: ‘Meanwhile’ in option F introduces what was happening while Lee was calm and fully focused, and AlphaGo was struggling.

41 The correct answer is C: ‘Instead’ in the sentence after the gap introduces a contrast to the idea in option C that Lee might be quietly congratulating himself for winning.

42 The correct answer is E: In the sentence after the gap ‘This time, however,’ introduces a contrast to the information in option E about past experiments.

Questions 43–52

43 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘The wish to gain approval, I’m embarrassed to say, was overwhelming.’

44 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘this wasn’t something I was going to take any further – apparently I actually showed promise but that didn’t change anything.’

45 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘for years ... something about the sea made me nervous.’

46 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘My first attempt at surfing had consisted of two miserable hours on my own getting battered by the waves, while trying to cling onto my board. This should have put me off but somehow it didn’t.’

47 The correct answer is D: The writer says he ‘couldn’t tear [himself] away from the volleyball court long enough to take up any other sports.’

48 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘The coach was so positive about everything and that really filled me with confidence.’

49 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘This progressive tuition was great for building confidence’.

50 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘Feelings of exhilaration and freedom are supposed to hit you – at least, that was what all my surfing friends had repeatedly told me. I didn’t seem to be following the script because I felt strangely uninvolved in the experience’.

51 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘The beach was almost deserted, which was ideal as I was feeling incredibly self-conscious.’

52 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘It would have been easy for [the staff] to look down on clueless beginners like myself. To my relief, they seemed genuinely delighted when someone finally made a breakthrough and could actually do the basics.’

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is A: The woman says ‘What needs to come across is the feeling that you’re putting everything into these songs. They currently sound quite flat.’ **B is incorrect** because the choir have already learnt the words. **C is incorrect** because the choir have already learnt to be ‘sensitive towards each other’.

2 The correct answer is B: At the presentation, the girl learnt that the writer made a lot of effort to ‘get to know real people who she then puts into her books’. Before that, the girl had ‘always imagined writers spend their lives on their laptops’. **A is incorrect** because nothing is said about writers’ lives. **C is incorrect** because the girl just says ‘it was interesting to hear about some of the things she does to help her develop her stories’, but not that it encouraged the girl to do different things in her own creative writing.

3 The correct answer is C: The girl says she came second because ‘that was down to me underestimating how muddy the route was going to be’. **A is incorrect** because she feels she did the correct amount of training: ‘any more would’ve been too much’. **B is incorrect** because she says she’s not over-confident: ‘I never assume I can’t be beaten’.

4 The correct answer is C: The man says that the artists who came up with the idea for the competition, ‘won two of the world’s most important prizes’. **A is incorrect** because there is no mention of the paint becoming widely used. **B is incorrect** because ‘it’s unclear whether residents responded well’ to these outside paintings.

5 The correct answer is A: The girl says, ‘it was strange he didn’t seem that bothered’ about winning. The boy says, ‘I thought he’d be making much more of it than he did’, in other words, he thought the winner would be more pleased or celebrating more. **B is incorrect** because only the boy wishes he could do something similar. The girl doesn’t express this wish. **C is incorrect** because only the boy was impressed by the winner’s courage: ‘it was certainly a brave thing for him to do.’ The girl suggests it was about not seeing the dangers rather than having courage.

6 The correct answer is C: The problem was that the turtles had no safe way of crossing railway tracks to go between the park and the beach. This was solved by digging ‘small ... ditches ... to provide safe places for the creatures to remain in until they were found’. **A is incorrect** because it is stated that the turtles’ ‘home’ was in the park. **B is incorrect** because the turtles still crossed the railway tracks in the same place.

7 The correct answer is C: The teacher says 'What we're looking for ... is to do some long-term good'. **A is incorrect** because doing online research is something the teachers have asked students to do 'in other years'. **B is incorrect** because there is no mention of developing ideas they have already had.

8 The correct answer is B: The question is asking about the hardest thing about the race. The man says that during the 160km race, there was 'no medical help' and 'only two water-filling stations' and 'That's what did it for me'. In other words, he could cope with the other difficulties. **A is incorrect** because, although there was a strong possibility of failure (only fourteen people have completed the race), this wasn't the hardest thing for him. **C is incorrect** because the challenging landscape (of dangerous rocky tracks and running at altitude) wasn't the hardest thing for him.

Questions 9–18

9 The correct answer is ‘wood’: Jake sometimes goes to a lake to watch birds but he says that ‘last week’ he and his dad went ‘to a wood nearer home’.

10 The correct answer is ‘winter’: Jake says in autumn, the summer birds have flown south and ‘winter is when you get the greatest number and variety’.

11 The correct answer is ‘cousin’: Jake says his cousin ‘sent him a link to a birdwatcher’s blog and suggested [he] try something similar. ‘mum’ is incorrect because she reads Jake’s blog. ‘dad’ is incorrect because Jake got the notebook idea from him.

12 The correct answer is ‘In Flight’: ‘Red Wing’ is a blog that Jake likes and that has link to ‘In Flight – that’s mine’.

13 The correct answer is ‘dinosaur’: In Australia, Jake saw birds and animals, including kangaroos, but it was a ‘huge bird called a cassowary’ that looked like a dinosaur.

14 The correct answer is ‘920’ or ‘nine hundred and twenty’: When talking about how many species of birds he’s seen, Jake says he’s ‘currently at nine hundred and twenty’. ‘eight thousand’ is the world record. ‘five thousand’ is the number Jake ‘should get to’. ‘three thousand two hundred’ is the number his dad’s at.

15 The correct answer is ‘sound(s)’: Jake says there are things he’d ‘love to learn more about’ including distinguishing ‘between birds from different sounds they make’. ‘appearance’ is wrong because Jake says he’s ‘not bad’ at identifying differences.

16 The correct answer is ‘bird table’: Jake built a bird box ‘a while back’, but when talking about what he recently made, Jake says they made a bird table ‘not long ago’.

17 The correct answer is ‘bread’: Jake says he used to ‘put out bread’ for the birds but ‘that’s not a great idea’ because it isn’t good for them. Fat, seeds and nuts are examples of suitable food to give birds.

18 The correct answer is ‘telescope’: A reference guide (or app) and binoculars are necessary things, but his dad is ‘trying to find [him]’ a telescope, which he’s looking forward to using.

Questions 19–23

19 The correct answer is B: The speaker says that without cooperation and sharing ideas, they would ‘never have done so well’. **A is incorrect** because the teacher only made the speaker rehearse constantly. **C is incorrect** because having enough energy was harder than dealing with ‘aching legs and painful feet’. **D is incorrect** because, although the speaker was well prepared, nothing is said about whether this made [her] less nervous.

20 The correct answer is F: Because the show was so successful, they were suddenly told they needed to do extra performances. The speaker says he had to learn ‘to rise to the challenge’ of this. **A is incorrect** because he only says the teacher was strict. **C is incorrect** because the speaker could cope with the physical discomfort. **D is incorrect** because, although they rehearsed a lot, there is no mention of whether this made the speaker less nervous.

21 The correct answer is H: The speaker was the only one who knew about breakdancing. The other dancers ‘were really pleased to learn’ from her, and even the teacher was impressed. **C is incorrect** because they were warned about ‘aching bodies’, but this wasn’t an issue for her. **F is incorrect** because, although they hadn’t been told they’d be teaching each other dance moves, the speaker doesn’t say she recognised the need to be prepared for unexpected events.

22 The correct answer is D: The speaker says they ‘kept running through [their] routines’ and as a result, ‘[he] started to relax about it all’. **A is incorrect** because the speaker says the teacher seemed pleased with their performance. **E is incorrect** because the speaker found it unhelpful that people were sharing their feelings of unhappiness. **G is incorrect** because the speaker doesn’t say that concentrating was an effort. **H is incorrect** because it was one person – the teacher – who appreciated the group’s achievement.

23 The correct answer is A: The speaker says the dance director ‘made [her] believe anything was possible if [she] was determined’ and, as a result, she ‘danced better than [she] ever would’ve imagined’.

Questions 24–30

24 The correct answer is B: Tina says they had to get ‘suitable tools’ and, as some of it was ‘quite specific ... it was a while before [they] tracked it down.’ **A is incorrect** because the local people decided where to dig. **C is incorrect** because, when talking about the landowners, Tina says ‘it didn’t take them long to decide’.

25 The correct answer is C: Tina says ‘The real mystery for me is why the entire population just left the area at one point, for no apparent reason’. **A and B are incorrect** because, although Tina and the group of diggers are also hoping to discover these, the question is asking what Tina is particularly hoping to find out.

26 The correct answer is B: Tina says ‘what appealed to me ... was imagining how the woman who lost it must have felt – because it must’ve meant a lot to her’. **A is incorrect** because, although the ring wasn’t ‘worth a lot’, Tina doesn’t say she was disappointed about this. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention of Tina wanting to find out more about the owner of the ring.

27 The correct answer is A: Tina says the archaeologist would ‘shout at people if ... they were messing around’ and that he would ‘order people off site if they didn’t follow his instructions’. **B is incorrect** because there is no mention of how the archaeologist felt affected by the attitude of the volunteers. **C is incorrect** because the archaeologist is keen to say that it’s important to care for things, but he doesn’t say how they should be cared for.

28 The correct answer is A: Tina says that the excavation may have to be filled in again if the cows continue to walk over the site. **B is incorrect** because people aren’t unaware of the problems caused by the cows, they just don’t notice the cows when they first wander into the excavation area. **C is incorrect** because there is no mention of the cows destroying things the diggers have found.

29 The correct answer is B: Tina says that at the start of the project, she ‘never saw much point in taking ... time over things’. Having to ‘work carefully around’ the things she was excavating was challenging, but this is something she has learned to do: ‘I never thought I’d adapt to it like I have’. **A is incorrect** because Tina only says that being focused on digging helps people to forget their problems. **C is incorrect** because Tina says this is something they might learn from the project but not something that she had personally gained.

30 The correct answer is C: Tina says ‘it’s be great if all these items could stay where they were found’. **A is incorrect** because Tina only says that if the items were sold, they could raise some money – she doesn’t say this should happen. **B is incorrect** because it is the archaeologist who says this is where the items will go.

Test 4 answer key with extra explanations

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

Questions 1–8

1 The correct answer is C: The fixed phrase ‘put an end to’ means ‘stop’ something that has been happening for a long time.

2 The correct answer is B: The products referred to are the traditional, normal ones. The other adjectives mean something different.

3 The correct answer is A: ‘enable’ means ‘make able’. The other verbs all have different meanings and are usually used to talk about people.

4 The correct answer is B: ‘long’ and ‘length’ are the adjective and noun used with the word ‘time’. The other nouns are not used to talk about periods of time.

5 The correct answer is C: ‘raw materials’ are the basic materials used to make something. The other adjectives do not have this meaning when used with ‘materials’.

6 The correct answer is B: The noun ‘demand’ means ‘need’ in this sentence. The other nouns do not have this meaning.

7 The correct answer is D: ‘Furthermore’ introduces an additional advantage of the discovery. ‘Alternatively’ introduces the idea of ‘instead’. ‘Nevertheless’ and ‘Admittedly’ would introduce the idea of ‘a problem’ in this paragraph.

8 The correct answer is D: ‘store’ means to keep food or goods somewhere for a period of time. The other verbs do not have this meaning.

Questions 9–16

9 The correct answer is ‘what’: This is a reported question structure. ‘see’ means ‘find out’ in this sentence. The writer thought: ‘What can I spot?’ ‘everything’ or ‘something’ are incorrect here because of the meaning of ‘see’ in this sentence.

10 The correct answer is ‘it’: The structure ‘make it easier for someone to do something’ is tested here. ‘this’ or ‘that’ are incorrect because they cannot be used in this structure.

11 The correct answer is ‘does’: The fixed phrase ‘do a job’ is tested here. Other verbs like ‘has’ or ‘makes’ are incorrect.

12 The correct answer is ‘enough’: The structure ‘adjective (close) + enough to do something’ is tested here. ‘to the fish’ is added to the structure in this sentence.

13 The correct answer is ‘have’ or ‘need’: ‘have to’ or ‘need to’ both mean ‘must’ and can follow the verb ‘do’. ‘ought to’ cannot follow ‘do’, and does not make sense here because getting into the water is essential, not just recommended.

14 The correct answer is ‘long’: ‘as long as’ means ‘(only) if’. ‘well’ is incorrect because ‘as well as’ does not make sense in this sentence. ‘soon’ is incorrect because ‘keep very still’ is something which happens over a period of time, it does not happen suddenly (‘as soon as I stop’ would be correct).

15 The correct answer is ‘a’: ‘a while’ means ‘a (quite long) period of time’. ‘some’ is incorrect because it cannot be used with the word ‘while’.

16 The correct answer is ‘how’: ‘how’ qualifies ‘well’ here. The writer wants to find out whether the photos are really good, quite good or bad. ‘as well’ means ‘also’ and does not make sense in this sentence, so ‘as’ is incorrect here.

Questions 17–24

17 The correct answer is 'extension': A noun is needed after 'an'. 'extending' is incorrect because the gerund does not fit in this sentence.

18 The correct answer is 'heavily': An adverb is needed after 'too' and a verb ('relying'). 'heaviness' is incorrect because it is a noun.

19 The correct answer is 'harmful': An adjective is needed after the verb 'be'. 'harming' is a verb and does not fit in this sentence.

20 The correct answer is 'development': A noun is needed after 'the'.

21 The correct answer is 'irrelevant': The opposite of the adjective 'relevant' is incorrect here because in the previous sentence, we are told that the information is no longer needed.

22 The correct answer is 'temptation': A noun is needed after 'a'. 'tempting' is incorrect because it is a verb and does not fit in this sentence.

23 The correct answer is 'evidence': A noun is needed after 'there's'.

24 The correct answer is 'unreasonable': An adjective is needed after 'be'. 'reasonable' does not make sense in this sentence, which is saying that people cannot be expected to ignore technology.

Questions 25–30

25 The correct answer is ‘take up | all (of)’: A fixed phrase is tested here. If something ‘takes up all (of) the space’, then there is no room left.

26 The correct answer is ‘asked me | not to tell’: Reported speech is tested here. The structure is ‘ask someone (not) to do something’. ‘don’t tell’ becomes ‘not to tell’.

27 The correct answer is ‘were | in favour of’: The phrase ‘to be in favour of something’ means to think that something is a good idea.

28 The correct answer is ‘put me | off’: The phrasal verb ‘put [someone] off’ is tested here. It means to stop someone wanting to do something. First the speaker wanted to go for a walk. Then the speaker did not feel like going because of the cold weather.

29 The correct answer is ‘should not / shouldn’t have/’ve | brought up’: If someone did something in the past that was a bad idea, they ‘should not have done it’ (modal verb ‘should’ + *not* + perfect infinitive). The phrasal verb ‘bring up’ means to start talking about something or to mention something.

30 The correct answer is ‘is/’s/was such | a good/great film/movie’: The structure ‘be such a/an + noun’ is used as an exclamation, to emphasise a strong opinion.

Questions 31–36

31 The correct answer is C: In the first paragraph, the writer says ‘He leaves a lasting impression even when playing minor parts.’ **A is incorrect** because ‘he’s instantly recognisable’ means that people can recognise him physically, it is not about the parts he plays reflecting his personality. **B is incorrect** because the opposite is suggested when the writer says ‘he’s skilled at suggesting in small and subtle ways the emotions of the characters he plays’. **D is incorrect** because the opposite is suggested in the final sentence of the paragraph.

32 The correct answer is A: In the second paragraph, the writer says ‘Perhaps it was his cautious nature that distinguished him. He was wise enough to grasp how an acting career might develop, and how it might go wrong’. **B is incorrect** because although the writer says that Peter had a natural talent, the writer does not say that Peter had more talent than other young actors. **C is incorrect** because although Peter dreamt of being a professional athlete when he was younger, the writer does not suggest that this made Peter unusual. **D is incorrect** because although Peter ‘was wise enough to grasp how an acting career might ... go wrong,’ this does not mean that Peter expected it to go wrong.

33 The correct answer is D: In the third paragraph, Peter says ‘college briefly served a purpose, putting my acting on hold and allowing me to reflect on whether I should fully commit to it’. **A is incorrect** because Peter says that his course was ‘relevant and stimulating’.

34 The correct answer is D: In the fourth paragraph, Peter says ‘It’s natural for parents to be satisfied when their children do well, but I’d really rather they were less enthusiastic about it’. **A is incorrect** because although Peter says his parents suggested he should do a business course, he does not comment on whether this advice was helpful or not. **B is incorrect** because Peter’s parents have his film memorabilia out on display. **C is incorrect** because Peter says ‘both of them took the view that it wasn’t an impossible dream’.

35 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘It felt like the responsible thing to check the quality’.

36 The correct answer is C: In the final paragraph, Peter says ‘I’m yet to be persuaded of the use of looking up to role-models when you’re an actor, because imitating the way other people portray characters isn’t worthwhile in my view.’ **A is incorrect** because although Peter says he did not take advice from George Schulman, he does not say that he was disappointed about this.

Questions 37–42

37 The correct answer is E: ‘they’ in option E refers to the researchers and ‘this behaviour’ refers to sleeping with one eye open, a behaviour described in the text before the gap. In the sentence after the gap, ‘Now they have’ means ‘they have got evidence of this behaviour now’.

38 The correct answer is B: ‘that’ in option B refers to the volunteer standing next to the aquarium. ‘they’ in the sentence after the gap refers to the ‘animals’ in option B.

39 The correct answer is G: ‘Again’ in option G refers back to watching the volunteer in the previous paragraph. In the sentence after the gap, ‘This’ refers to ‘kept watch’ in option G.

40 The correct answer is A: ‘They’ in option A refers to ‘[Lesku’s] colleagues’ in the sentence before the gap. ‘Nile crocodiles and caimans’ in option A are examples of other species which might have this characteristic. The sentence after the gap relates to this, saying that sleeping with one eye open may not be ‘specific to one species’.

41 The correct answer is F: ‘This’ in option F refers to ‘Further research’ in the sentence before the gap.

42 The correct answer is D: ‘But’ in option D introduces a contrast to ‘may seem strange’ in the sentence before the gap. In the final paragraph, the writer is saying that although sleeping with one eye open may appear to be strange behaviour, land-based mammals (including humans) may actually be the animals with unusual behaviour compared to the majority of creatures.

Questions 43–52

43 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘it’s great having someone like my mum around to explain exactly why the fluffy sponge cake I was aiming for has turned out to be a flat pancake.’

44 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘I enjoy helping out in the kitchen’ and ‘A couple of months ago, I decided to get a better understanding of different basic skills by shutting myself in my room with a cookery book’.

45 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘Imagine you’re a musician – people will get tired of hearing even a great song, if it’s the only one you can play. That applies to cooking, too’.

46 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘I’ll never measure up to my mum’s natural ability’.

47 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘I’ve realised for myself the value of great cookery books of the past – the methods written about in them are still used today’.

48 The correct answer is B: The writer says she makes ‘a note of what [she has] done and what [she has] used to do it’, and ‘just trying things out is what matters’.

49 The correct answer is D: The writer says ‘my mum’s horrified at the idea of me using a cookbook’.

50 The correct answer is A: The writer says ‘we’ve had to improvise, and make a meal using the very few things available to us [in cookery classes at school]. That’s really given me a good idea of what goes with what, and I’m much better at it now.’

51 The correct answer is B: The writer says ‘after being made to stick to recipes in school cookery classes I’ve come to the conclusion that they should be seen as loose guidelines, and just trying things out is what matters’.

52 The correct answer is C: The writer says ‘having an understanding family that puts up with it all (his mistakes) has given me the confidence to experiment further’.