

READING PASSAGE 3 *A workaholic economy*

Questions	Task	Skills tested
27-32	Yes, No, Not Given	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for detailed information • understanding gist and paraphrase • identifying attitude and opinion
33-34	Multiple choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for information • identifying opinion • understanding paraphrase • distinguishing between main and supporting points
35-38	Selecting factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for specific information • making inferences • understanding paraphrase

Questions 27-32

Suggested approach

- Read the task rubric carefully. Note that you have to make a judgement about the writer's views.
- Note, also, the difference between NO (which *contradicts* the writer's views) and NOT GIVEN (which means that the writer doesn't mention this at all).
- Read question 27. You have to decide whether the writer states that employees have fewer working hours today (compared with the past).
- Skim through the passage to see if you can come across this information or any contradictory information.
- The first paragraph states that working hours were reduced after the industrial revolution. However in the second paragraph, the writer states that "... working hours have increased noticeably since 1970 ..." and if you read on this fact is reiterated. So the statement (Q27) actually says the opposite of what the writer says. The answer to question 27 is therefore NO.
- Go on to item 28 and repeat this procedure.

Question	Answer	Location of answer in text
27	NO	"... working hours have increased noticeably since 1970 ..."
28	NOT GIVEN	
29	YES	"... real wages have stagnated since that year (1970)."
30	NO	"... the current economic recovery has gained a certain amount of notoriety for its «jobless» nature."
31	YES	"She cites ... studies that show increased productivity for part time workers ..."
32	NOT GIVEN	

Questions 33-38

Question	Answer
33	C
34	A
35	B
36	D in
37	F any
38	G order