

READING

READING PASSAGE 1 *Right and left-handedness in humans*

Questions	Task	Skills tested
1-7	Matching (people to opinions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> skimming/scanning for information understanding gist and paraphrase
8-10	Completing a table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> skimming for factual information
11-12	Multiple choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> skimming/scanning for information identifying main and supporting points understanding paraphrase making inferences

Questions 1-7

Suggested approach

- Read the task rubric carefully. You have to match the *opinions* with the *people* who express them in the text.
- Read through the list of opinions to familiarise yourself with it.
- In this case it is probably best to skim through the text looking for names as these are easy to identify. So skim through the text until you come to the first name: Professor Turner.
- The text states in the first paragraph that Professor Turner has studied left-handedness. It goes on to say that he noted a “distinctive asymmetry” in the human population.
- Skim through the list of opinions again Number 7 states “Asymmetry is a common feature of the human body”. So the answer to question 7 is E.
- Continue this procedure with the rest of the text. Note that the opinions in the questions are expressed differently from the text. This is known as “paraphrasing”. It means that you will have to match the *meaning* rather than the exact words

Question	Answer	Location of answer in text
1	B	“... evolution of speech went with right-handed preference.”
2	D	gist of final paragraph
3	C	“... there are more left-handed males than females.”
4	B	“... if a left handed person is brain damaged in the left hemisphere the recovery of speech is quite often better ...”
5	A	3rd and 4th sentences of paragraph 3
6	C	“... discovered that the left-right asymmetry exists before birth.”
7	E	“He noted that this distinctive asymmetry in the human population is itself systematic.”

Questions 8-12

Question	Answer
8	15-20%
9	40%
10	6%
11	D
12	B