

Practice Test 4

READING PASSAGE 2 *Why some women cross the finish line ahead of men*

Questions	Task	Skills tested
14-19	Identifying paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for detailed information • understanding paraphrase and summary
20-23	Matching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming/scanning for speakers and information • understanding gist and paraphrase
24-27	Short-answer questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for specific information • identifying question focus

Questions 14-23

Question	Answer
14	E
15	G
16	A
17	C
18	F
19	D
20	A
21	S
22	M
23	S

Questions 24-27

Suggested approach

- Read the task rubric carefully. Note that you must use a maximum of three words for each answer.
- You can take a straightforward approach to this set of questions.
- Read question 24. Note that it makes reference to the annual survey.
- Skim through the text until it discusses an annual survey. This is in paragraph D.
- Look for a comment on changing numbers of female managers or directors. In the text the survey is quoted as showing a “doubling of the numbers”. Thus the *change* referred to in the question is the fact that the numbers have doubled.
- Read the question again to make sure you give a grammatically appropriate answer. In this

case, the best answer would be “it has doubled” although “double” alone would be acceptable because it is an understandable response to the question.

- Repeat this procedure with questions 25 to 27.

Question	Answer	Location of answer in text
24	(it has) double(d)// doubling	“This year the survey shows a doubling of the number of women serving as non-executive directors ...”
25	de-layering	“Sears said that this (de-layering) has halted progress for women ...”
26	demographic trends	“Demographic trends suggest that the number of women going into employment is steadily increasing.”
27	employers	“Until there is a belief among employers until they value the difference nothing will change.”