

TEST 2

SECTION 1

CAROLINE: Good Morning. Youth Council. Caroline speaking.

ROGER: Oh, hello, I'm interested in standing for election to the Youth Council, and I was told to give you a call.

CAROLINE: That's good. Could I have your name, please?

ROGER: Yes, it's Roger Brown. *Example*

CAROLINE: Thank you. I'm Caroline, the Youth Council administrator. So do you know much about what the Council does, Roger?

ROGER: I've talked to Stephanie – I think she's the chair of the Council.

CAROLINE: That's right.

ROGER: And she told me a lot about it. How it's a way for young people to discuss local issues, for example, and make suggestions to the town council. That's what made me interested.

CAROLINE: Fine. Well let me take down some of your details. First of all, how old are you? You know the Council is for young people aged from 13 to 18?

ROGER: I've just turned 18.

CAROLINE: And where do you live, Roger?

ROGER: Well, that's a bit complicated. At the moment I'm looking for a flat to rent here, so I'm in a hostel from Monday to Friday. I go back to my parents' place at the weekend. Q1

CAROLINE: OK, so where's the best place to send you some information about the Council?

ROGER: Oh, to my parents' address, please. That's 17, Buckleigh Street – B-U-C-K-L-E-I-G-H Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire, though you don't really need the county. Q2

CAROLINE: Oh, I know Stamford – it's a lovely town. And what's the postcode?

ROGER: PE9 7QT. Q3

CAROLINE: Right, thank you. So are you working here, or are you a student?

ROGER: I started studying at the university a couple of weeks ago, and I've got a part-time job for a few hours a week.

CAROLINE: What do you do?

ROGER: Well, I've done several different things. I've just finished a short-term contract as a courier, and now I'm working as a waiter in one of the big hotels. Q4

CAROLINE: Uhuh. That can't leave you much time for studying!

ROGER: Oh, it's not too bad. I manage to fit it all in.

CAROLINE: What are you studying?

ROGER: My ambition is to go into parliament eventually, so my major subject is politics. Q5

That's partly why I think the Youth Council is important and want to be a part of it.

CAROLINE: And I suppose you're also taking a minor subject, aren't you? I know a lot of people study economics too.

ROGER: I chose history. To be honest, I'm not finding it as interesting as I expected!

CAROLINE: OK, so with your studying and your part-time job, do you have time for any other interests or hobbies?

ROGER: Well, I spend quite a lot of time cycling – both around town to get to university and to work, and also long-distance, from here to London, for instance. Q6

CAROLINE: That's pretty impressive! Anything else?

ROGER: For relaxation I'm also keen on the cinema – I used to go at least once a week, but I can't manage to go so often now. Q7

CAROLINE: Right. Are you sure you'll have enough time for the Youth Council?

ROGER: Yes, I've worked out that I can afford to reduce my hours at work, and that will make the time.

CAROLINE: So is there any particular aspect of the Youth Council's work that appeals to you, Roger?

ROGER: Well, my sister is blind, so I'm particularly interested in working with disabled young people, to try and improve the quality of their lives. Q8

CAROLINE: That's great. Well, the best way to get involved is to be nominated by some people who you know.

ROGER: Right. Can you tell me how to set about organising that?

CAROLINE: You should talk to Jeffrey, our Elections Officer. I can arrange a meeting in the council office with him, if you like.

ROGER: Yes, please.

CAROLINE: He'll be here next Monday, if that

ROGER: That's the 14th, isn't it?

CAROLINE: Yes.

ROGER: I can manage late afternoon.

CAROLINE: Would you like to suggest a time? He generally leaves around 5.30.

ROGER: Well, would 4.30 be OK? My last class finishes at 4, so I'd have plenty of time to get to your office. Q9

CAROLINE: Right, that's fine. Oh, and could I have a phone number we can contact you on?

ROGER: Yes, my mobile number's 07788 136711. Q10

CAROLINE: Thank you. Well, we'll look forward to seeing you next week.

ROGER: Thanks very much. Goodbye.

CAROLINE: Bye.