

READING PASSAGE 3

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27–40**, which are based on Reading Passage 3 on the following pages.

Questions 27–32

Reading Passage 3 has six paragraphs, **A–F**.

Choose the correct heading for paragraphs **A–F** from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i–vii**, in boxes 27–32 on your answer sheet.

List of Headings

- Differences between languages highlight their impressiveness
- ii** The way in which a few sounds are organised to convey a huge range of meaning
- iii** Why the sounds used in different languages are not identical
- iv** Apparently incompatible characteristics of language
- v** Even silence can be meaningful
- vi** Why language is the most important invention of all
- vii** The universal ability to use language

27 Paragraph **A**

28 Paragraph **B**

29 Paragraph **C**

30 Paragraph **D**

31 Paragraph **E**

32 Paragraph **F**

Questions 33–36

Complete the summary using the list of words, **A–G**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A–G**, in boxes 33–36 on your answer sheet.

The importance of language

The wheel is one invention that has had a major impact on **33** aspects of life, but no impact has been as **34** as that of language. Language is very **35** , yet composed of just a small number of sounds.

Language appears to be **36** to use. However, its sophistication is often overlooked.

A difficult

B complex

C original

D admired

E material

F easy

G fundamental

Questions 37

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer in Reading Passage 3?

In boxes 37–40 on your answer sheet, write

YES if the statement agrees with the views of the writer

NO if the statement contradicts the views of the writer

NOT GIVEN if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

- 37** Human beings might have achieved their present position without language.
- 38** The Port-Royal grammarians did justice to the nature of language.
- 39** A complex idea can be explained more clearly in a sentence than in a single word.
- 40** The Sumerians were responsible for starting the recording of events.