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# Key skills communication Adult literacy ESOL Skills for Life Reading Unit Level 1 Test Paper

## YOU NEED

- This test paper
- An answer sheet

You may NOT use a dictionary

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**Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor**

**THERE ARE 40 QUESTIONS IN THIS TEST**

**Total marks available: 40**

**Try to answer ALL the questions**

**YOU HAVE 1 HOUR TO FINISH THE TEST**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly on the answer sheet
  - Read each question carefully
  - Follow the instructions on how to complete the answer sheet
  - At the end of the test, hand the test paper, your answer sheet and all notes to the supervisor
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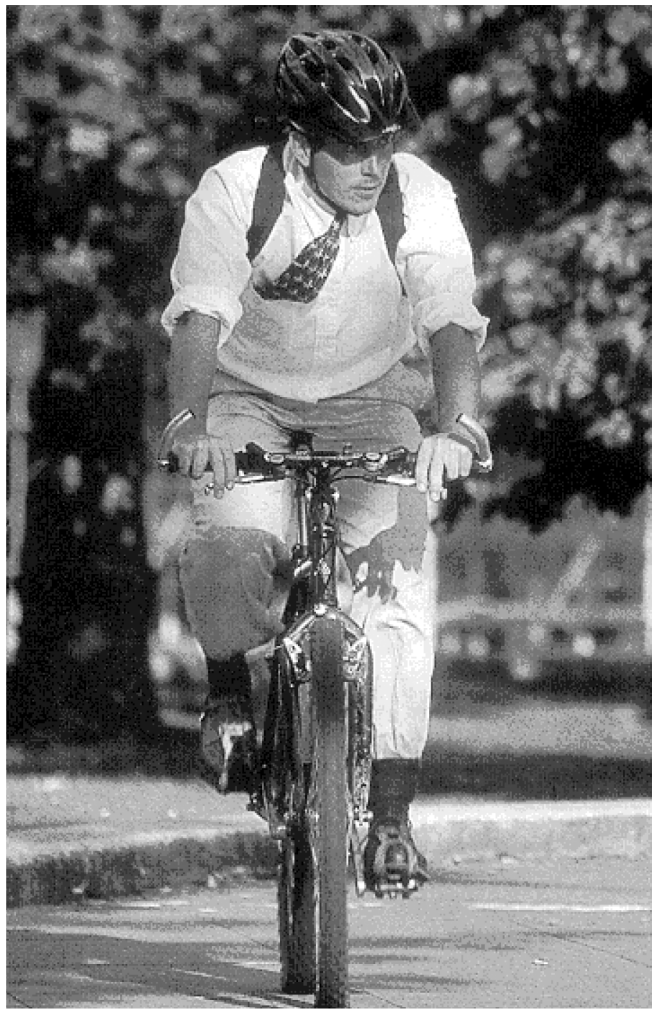
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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRES

- This paper must not be photocopied

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following document.



# Ride a Bike Week

Join in **Ride A Bike Week** in East Lancashire. You can make new friends, raise money for charity and just enjoy yourself but chiefly we want to persuade you to use a bike.

## Where and When

Place	Date
<b>Preston</b>	Mon 3rd - Fri 7th June
<b>Blackburn</b>	Mon 10th - Fri 14th June
<b>Accrington</b>	Mon 17th - Fri 21st June
<b>Clitheroe</b>	Mon 24th - Fri 28th June

## Cycling

Cycling produces no pollution. It isn't noisy like lorries and cars. It doesn't burn up limited resources. It needs less space than cars. It reduces the need for new roads.

- **Keep fit:** Many of us do not get enough exercise.  
Cycle commuting is one way of keeping fit.
- **Save time:** Cycle commuting can be just as quick as travelling by car and you don't waste time looking for a parking space.
- **Reduce stress:** Cycling to work is more enjoyable and less frustrating than getting stuck in a traffic jam.
- **Save money:** Cycling to work every day is free. You won't have to spend money on petrol, road tax or car insurance.

- 1 The **main** aim of Ride A Bike Week is to
  - A raise money
  - B provide fun
  - C find friends
  - D encourage cycling
  
- 2 Ride A Bike Week in Accrington finishes on
  - A 10 June
  - B 17 June
  - C 21 June
  - D 24 June
  
- 3 Another heading that could be used for the section headed 'Cycling' is
  - A Help save the planet
  - B Make the world a quieter place
  - C New roads will not be necessary
  - D Don't use up unnecessary space
  
- 4 The **main** point of the boxed section of the document is to
  - A criticise cars and people who drive
  - B tell us to save time and money
  - C reduce stress, debt and poor health
  - D give reasons why cycling is a good idea
  
- 5 The **main** reason for the image being included is to
  - A show what an appropriate bike looks like
  - B show an example of commuting by bike
  - C help people to learn to ride bikes
  - D show what cycling equipment you need

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following draft document.

<b>WHITLEY SUMMER FAIR</b>	
Summer is coming this weekend. So is the Whitley Summer Fair. Volunteers have been working extremely hard for several weeks to make sure that this year's event will be the best yet. A wonderful variety of stalls and activities is planned. Which one will you visit first. Whatever you try, you will have great fun.	line 1 line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5 line 6
There is chances to win prizes in a range of compitishuns. Try your hand at archery, pony-riding, laser-shooting or face painting the whole event will be held in the Links Park and begins at 9.30.am on Saturday with the Mayor opening the proceedings. There is something for all the family, young or old, and a number of local organisations are providing entertainment throughout the day and evening. Many local businesses have donated materials and prizes to help ensure that the whole show is a tremendous success.	line 7 line 8 line 9 line 10 line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15 line 16 line 17

6 A question mark has been missed out on

- A line 1
- B line 4
- C line 6
- D line 14

7 There is a spelling error on

- A line 3
- B line 4
- C line 11
- D line 13



- 8 The word 'is' has been used incorrectly on
- A line 1
  - B line 7
  - C line 12
  - D line 16
- 9 The word 'compitishuns' (line 8) is spelt incorrectly. The correct spelling is
- A computations
  - B competitions
  - C compititions
  - D competisions
- 10 A full stop and capital letter are needed between the words
- A 'prizes' and 'in' (line 7)
  - B 'painting' and 'the' (line 9)
  - C 'Saturday' and 'with' (line 11)
  - D 'help' and 'ensure' (line 16)

**Please go on to the next page**

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following document.

**Mushroom and cheese  
pancakes with tomato salsa**

Serves 6

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

**What you need**

**- for the pancakes**

250g button mushrooms, chopped

250g self-raising flour, sifted

300ml semi-skimmed milk

2 medium eggs, beaten

pinch of salt

50g cheddar cheese, grated

pinch of English mustard powder

2 tablespoons mild olive oil

**- for the salsa**

10g fresh coriander, roughly chopped

3 large tomatoes, chopped

salt and black pepper, freshly ground

200g fromage frai

**What to do**

1 Place the flour, milk, eggs and salt in a large bowl and beat the mixture for a few minutes, and set aside.

2 Fry the mushrooms in a non-stick pan for 3 to 4 minutes.

3 Stir the mushrooms, cheese and mustard into the mixture.

4 Heat a dash of oil in a non-stick frying pan, then add a large spoonful of the pancake mixture. Cook for 1 minute on each side, then set aside to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining oil and pancake mixture to make 6 pancakes. Stack them between sheets of greaseproof paper and set aside to keep warm.

5 For the tomato salsa, gently stir the fresh coriander into the tomatoes and season.

**Serving suggestion**

Serve the pancakes warm, with the tomato salsa, a spoonful of fromage frai and garnished with coriander.

- 11 Which of the following is required for this recipe?
- A 250g cheddar cheese
  - B 300g sifted flour
  - C 50g grated cheese
  - D 50g self-raising flour
- 12 What should be cooked first?
- A eggs
  - B cheese
  - C tomato
  - D mushrooms
- 13 For how long should a pancake be cooked?
- A 3 to 4 minutes altogether
  - B 6 minutes on each side
  - C 15 minutes altogether
  - D 1 minute on each side
- 14 The **main** purpose of this document is to
- A persuade people to eat mushrooms
  - B instruct people how to make a type of pancake
  - C explain what pancakes are
  - D suggest ways of serving different types of pancakes
- 15 As well as fromage frais and salt, what is required to make the salsa?
- A tomatoes, mustard and pepper
  - B mushrooms, pepper and cheese
  - C mustard, tomatoes and mushrooms
  - D coriander, tomatoes and pepper

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.



High Blood pressure is a worry to many of us. Following exercise even the fittest may like to keep a check on it. Now you can monitor your own pulse and blood pressure with this convenient, advanced wrist monitor.

### **Use it anywhere**

The automatic digital monitor simply slips over your wrist. The cuff inflates (just like the monitor your doctor uses) to give an accurate reading for highest blood pressure and lowest blood pressure.

It's not only handy at home. The wrist monitor is small enough to slip into a handbag or briefcase, which means you can take your blood pressure at any time - even while you're at work.

### **14-reading memory**

The wrist monitor has a memory of 14 readings so you can compare your pressure from day to day. It is operated by 2 x AA batteries (not supplied) and is guaranteed for 12 months.

Always remember to consult your GP if you are concerned about your health.

- 16 The document suggests that even fit people may like to check their blood pressure
- A after arriving home from work
  - B before going to work
  - C after exercising
  - D every 12 months
- 17 If people are worried about their health, the document reminds them to
- A buy a wrist monitor
  - B take their blood pressure
  - C start exercising
  - D see their GP
- 18 To produce an accurate reading on the wrist monitor, the user needs to
- A use it regularly
  - B take exercise
  - C blow up the cuff
  - D compare readings
- 19 According to the document, only one of the following statements about the wrist monitor is true
- A It has a 12 reading memory
  - B It can easily fit in hand luggage
  - C It comes with batteries
  - D Its batteries last for a year
- 20 In the first paragraph, which word could **best** replace 'convenient' without changing the meaning?
- A handy
  - B simple
  - C conventional
  - D clever

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following draft document.

<b>DANCE NEWS</b>	line 1
<i>The newsletter of Brompton's Line Dancers</i>	line 2
<b>Membership fees</b>	line 3
We are halfway through the autumn season and a few members still	line 4
haven't paid their fees. If you have forgotten, please make sure the	line 5
treasurer receives your fees as soon as possible.	line 6
<b>Junior Line</b>	line 7
Our youth section Junior Line goes from strength to strength. Forty	line 8
people now attend classes. Next year we ____ to send a youth team	line 9
to take part in the Southport Festival on Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January.	line 10
Contact Dianna for details.	line 11
<b>Wembley Hoedown</b>	line 12
35 dancers had a fantastic trip to London last weekend for the	line 13
Wembley Hoedown. We travelled by train from Preston and stayed	line 14
in a very nice bed and breakfast. The highlight of the trip was the	line 15
concert and dance in the Wembley Arena. Our group done very	line 16
well. We came 7 <sup>th</sup> in the line dance competition. We are holding a	line 17
Christmas walk for members on December 23 <sup>rd</sup> . The walk is about	line 18
four and a half miles and takes about two hours. We will meet at the	line 19
car park on Lampton Hill at 10am. After the walk we will have	line 20
lunch in the Bailey Arms in Welling Green. Please wear boots and	line 21
bring waterproof clothing as the ground will be wet and muddy.	line 22

- 21 One of the following words is incorrectly spelt in the document. It is
- A autumn (line 4)
  - B recieves (line 6)
  - C strength (line 8)
  - D forty (line 8)
- 22 A word in the second paragraph needs a capital letter. It is on
- A line 8
  - B line 9
  - C line 10
  - D line 11
- 23 The gap on line 9 should contain the words
- A are planning
  - B were planning
  - C can be planning
  - D will be planning
- 24 On which line did the writer make a grammatical error?
- A line 13
  - B line 15
  - C line 16
  - D line 17
- 25 The last paragraph could be split into two. Where is the best place to start the new paragraph?
- A The highlight (line 15)
  - B Our group (line 16)
  - C We are holding (line 17)
  - D The walk is about (line 18)

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following document.

# YOUR STAR SIGNS

## by Kronos

### Capricorn 22 Dec - 20 Jan ★★★

This week a setback might be a good sign. It shows something is happening. Next week a good friend will bring two very nice but very shy people together (that's you and the person you most want to be with) and perhaps help true love to bloom.

### Aquarius 21 Jan - 19 Feb ★★★

At work this week you make use of your talents. If you want to go places it's also a good time. Next week will be much worse. At home do you ever get a time when nothing is right? That's what you face in the next seven days.

### Pisces 20 Feb - 20 March ★★★★★

Your partner is making a big effort on your behalf. The idea for a surprise trip looks a winner. So why don't you want to go? Maybe it's because you've got bad memories from the past. Forget them and have fun next week.

### Aries 21 March - 20 April ★★★

Things could seem dull this week but wait patiently for next week. It is sure to be fantastic and you will get an interesting proposal to do with money. There will be a healthy start to next week after a period when you haven't felt at your best.

### Star sign prospects

★★★★★	Excellent
★★★★	Very good
★★★	Good
★★	Average
★	Poor



- 26 In an entertaining way, this document
- A warns about next month's problems
  - B predicts what will happen this week
  - C suggests things to do next year
  - D describes the past in detail
- 27 What are the prospects for the star sign Capricorn?
- A Good
  - B Poor
  - C Outstanding
  - D Average
- 28 The document states that next week, people in the sign Aries will have
- A a dull week
  - B a fantastic week
  - C an interesting week
  - D a less healthy week
- 29 Which star sign hints at the chance of romance?
- A Aquarius
  - B Aries
  - C Capricorn
  - D Pisces
- 30 Which two star signs suggest readers may travel?
- A Pisces and Capricorn
  - B Aries and Aquarius
  - C Capricorn and Aries
  - D Aquarius and Pisces

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following draft document.

<b>CRIME ALERT</b>	line 1
<b>From the prestfield Community Watch</b>	line 2
This month once again, the theft of keys from houses has been top of the list of crimes in the area. Thieves are entering people's homes in order to steal there car keys. They then use these keys to drive away the owner's car. Unfortunately car keys are usually part of a bunch which includes house keys, garage and shed keys, and even office keys.	line 3 line 4 line 5 line 6 line 7 line 8 line 9
Thieves entering homes via doors and windows left open and pick up keys which are left lying handily on a surface near the door. One cheeky thief actually put a hand thru the letterbox and was able to steal a bunch of keys hanging in the lock.	line 10 line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14
There are many very easy ways to help prevent this sort of theft. Keep all doors locked, even when you are in the house. Don't even go into your garden. Without checking that the windows downstairs are shut. Don't leave keys in sight of windows. Put them away in a drawer. Remember, you may not only lose your car but you may have to change all the locks in the property.	line 15 line 16 line 17 line 18 line 19 line 20 line 21
Be careful and be safe.	line 22

- 31** There is a spelling error in the document. It is
- A** theft (line 3)
  - B** thieves (line 4)
  - C** there (line 5)
  - D** bunch (line 13)
- 32** A capital letter has been left out on
- A** line 2
  - B** line 6
  - C** line 9
  - D** line 22
- 33** There is a grammatical error on
- A** line 10
  - B** line 13
  - C** line 16
  - D** line 20
- 34** The word 'thru' in line 12 is incorrect. It should be
- A** thorough
  - B** through
  - C** threw
  - D** though
- 35** A full stop and capital letter have been used incorrectly on
- A** line 4
  - B** line 12
  - C** line 16
  - D** line 17

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following document.

# The story of tea



**The tea bush** is an evergreen with small white flowers and dark glossy leaves. Tea bushes thrive in climates with high rainfall and sunshine and slightly acidic soil.

It probably comes as no surprise that the origins of tea can be found in ancient China. According to the legend, it was discovered quite by accident over 5,000 years ago when the evil and cruel Emperor Shen Nung was overthrown and banished to a remote corner of Southern China. Driven by poverty to drinking only hot water, he was pleasantly surprised one day when a gust of wind

blew some leaves from a nearby bush into his pot of boiling water. The resulting drink was so relaxing that, according to the legend, he sat under the tree for the next seven years drinking nothing but tea, which he named 'Tai' (peace).

The custom of drinking tea spread from China to Japan and quantities were later taken west on Persian trade routes. The Venetians knew about tea by the middle of the 16th century, but only as a medicine, and it was their trade rivals the Dutch who were the first to introduce tea to Europe.

**36** Tea bushes grow best in conditions of

- A** plenty of moisture and slightly acidic soil
- B** low rainfall and good sunshine
- C** low moisture and little sun
- D** good sunshine and very acidic soil

**37** According to the document, tea was discovered

- A** after seven years of searching by Shen Nung
- B** when leaves fell into boiling water
- C** by the Venetians in the 16th century
- D** in a distant part of Persia

- 38** According to the document, the Emperor sat under a tree
- A** for 5,000 years
  - B** 5,000 years ago
  - C** for seven years
  - D** in the 16th century
- 39** The word 'legend', in the second paragraph, could be replaced by
- A** song
  - B** adventure story
  - C** soap opera
  - D** folk tale
- 40** According to this article, tea was first drunk in
- A** Persia
  - B** Japan
  - C** China
  - D** Venice

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