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Key skills communication Adult literacy ESOL Skills for Life Reading Unit Level 2 Test Paper

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- This test paper
- An answer sheet

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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

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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INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRES

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Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following document.

Secretly Married?

Hollywood star Bethany Jacobs appeared at a pal's birthday party last week flaunting yet another conspicuous piece of new jewellery – a ring composed of a diamond and gold band – on her left hand. Although she has been with pop star boyfriend Saul Carpenter, 24, for some time, the actress claimed it was merely a 'friendship' ring and insisted the two were not engaged.



When asked by an Australian magazine to confirm the rumours of the couple's secret engagement, Carpenter's grandmother, said, 'We are so happy for them both.'

Then, when the duo went out for a romantic dinner at a Los Angeles restaurant, we noticed that Bethany, 32, had added to her famous ring collection. She'd moved the diamond and gold ring from her left hand to her right hand and she's now wearing a new diamond-encrusted Trinity ring on the fourth finger of her left hand!Hmm! It looks suspiciously like a wedding ring.

According to a Los Angeles jeweller, the Trinity ring can be worn as a friendship or wedding ring, but 'if it's worn on the left hand, it's definitely a wedding ring.'

Could the duo, who have been romantically linked for two years, already be husband and wife?

- 1 The word 'flaunting' in the first paragraph could **best** be replaced by
- A wearing
 - B hiding
 - C displaying
 - D advertising
- 2 This document is **most** likely to be found in a
- A financial magazine
 - B gossip weekly
 - C local newspaper
 - D fashion magazine
- 3 Carpenter's grandmother commented on the possibility of a secret engagement by
- A confirming they were engaged
 - B implying they were engaged
 - C denying they were in a relationship
 - D insisting they were just good friends
- 4 The writer of this document uses **mainly**
- A fact and persuasion
 - B research and explanation
 - C humour and persuasion
 - D fact and speculation
- 5 According to the document, Bethany Jacobs is
- A a married woman
 - B fond of jewellery
 - C left-handed
 - D happy

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following document.

New IMPROVED Recycling Service



Welcome to an additional glass recycling service direct from the kerbside.

Over 22,000 Highertown households already successfully recycle via the kerbside box scheme. We are expanding the box scheme to include more and more materials for recycling, including glass. This will ensure that all residents in Highertown have increased opportunities to recycle from home! Recycling just ONE glass jar saves enough energy to power a TV for one and a half hours! You do not need a lot of bottles to take part. Every bit helps.

Questions & Answers

Q. What sort of glass can I put in my box?

A. Please only place glass bottles and jars in your box for collection. We cannot deal with flat glass, Pyrex, light bulbs, crockery or other waste.

Q. Where do I store my box?

A. The box is designed to be stored indoors or outdoors. If space is limited it can be stored inside the rim of your wheeled bin. Please ensure your box is placed next to your recycling bin on collection day by 7am. If you currently receive help with moving your wheeled bin, you will automatically receive help with your box.

Q. What if I miss my collection?

A. All your glass bottles and jars are collected in a different vehicle from your recycling bin. It may be emptied earlier or later than your recycling bin. If you miss your box collection, either wait until the next collection or visit a local bottle bank. Returning to empty a single box would offer little benefit to the environment.

Q. _____

A. Carry on! The box scheme has been introduced as part of longer-term improvements to recycling within the District. It aims to make recycling as convenient and straightforward as possible.

- 6 The **main** purpose of this document is to
- A inform residents about an extra recycling service
 - B inform residents about how to store their recycling box
 - C encourage residents to recycle all glass products
 - D encourage residents to recycle all their rubbish
- 7 According to the document, glass bottles and jars will be collected
- A before 7.00 in the morning
 - B separately from recycling bins
 - C at the same time as wheeled bins
 - D only from the local bottle bank
- 8 The document states that the box scheme is designed to
- A make it easier to recycle
 - B replace the recycling service
 - C complete the recycling process
 - D provide an alternative to the wheeled bin
- 9 According to the document, people with wheeled bins
- A must use them to store boxes
 - B should store them indoors
 - C might receive help to move them
 - D could use them to recycle glass
- 10 The **most** suitable wording for the final missing question is
- A What if I already recycle my glass?
 - B What if I don't have a box?
 - C Why should I recycle anything?
 - D What about other household waste?

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following draft document.

Dear Mr. Fellowes	line 1
I am writing in reply to your advertisement for stable-persons to assist with the care and training of racehorses. I've recently completed a Level 2 National Vocational Qualification while I was doing work experience alongside a day-release course at college.	line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5
Its been very hard but I have learned a lot. Before I started the course I worked in an office but decided that administration wasn't for me _____ I found the working environment boring. I have always ridden and looked after horses at my mother's small farm so I decided to give stable-work a try.	line 6 line 7 line 8 line 9 line 10
Your advertisement did not mention accommodation and, as I would need to stay near the stables I would like some information if you decide to give me an interview. I would really appreciate an opportunity to talk to you and find out more about the job because my friends have told me that your horses are very successfull. I'm very interested and can be available for interview at any time. I attach my CV.	line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15 line 16 line 17
Yours _____	line 18
Jane Bailey	line 19

11 An apostrophe is missing on

- A line 2
- B line 6
- C line 12
- D line 15

12 Which of the following words from the document is incorrectly spelt?

- A environment (line 8)
- B accommodation (line 11)
- C successfull (line 15)
- D attach (line 17)

13 The **best** word to fill the space on line 8 is

- A because
- B however
- C yet
- D so

14 A comma is missing after

- A stable-persons (line 2)
- B ridden (line 9)
- C stables (line 12)
- D you (line 14)

15 The word missing from the space on line 18 is

- A sincerely
- B sincerley
- C sincereley
- D sincerly

Please go on to the next page

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.

NEW HOMES FOR CATS!

We are delighted to report that Betty the tortoiseshell cat featured in our October issue has found a very happy new home with one of our readers. She was our longest resident cat and so everyone at the cat shelter was delighted when she finally got the home she deserved.

We have some lovely cats in the cat shelter and the ones featured here are just a selection. We are hoping for another good response from readers and that these delightful cats (and others) will follow Betty to new permanent homes.

POPPY & LOU LOU

These female kittens are not related but must go together because they have paired up. They are now 7 months old and have been with us for some while. Poppy, in particular, is quite cute.



SALEM

He is an independent male cat, about 4 years old. He is black with a little white spot on his chest. He came to us in September from another of our cat shelters. He needs to go to a home as an only cat. He has been waiting for a happy placement for quite a while now.

DUSTY

A gorgeous 4 year-old female black cat who has been in the cat shelter since the end of July. She adores to be cuddled as you can see. She has an occasional mild fit but this doesn't warrant medication. Give her a chance and she'll love you forever!



- 16 The **main** purpose of the document is to
- A provide details of cats placed in homes
 - B inform the reader about a shelter for cats
 - C persuade readers to offer homes to cats
 - D encourage the protection of stray cats
- 17 This document is **most** likely to be found in
- A a national newspaper
 - B a pet care manual
 - C an illustrated encyclopedia
 - D a charity newsletter
- 18 Which of the cats does the writer seem to find the most attractive?
- A Poppy
 - B Lou Lou
 - C Dusty
 - D Salem
- 19 The writer of this document suggests that Betty
- A is the oldest cat at the centre
 - B waited a long time to find a new home
 - C has been in the shelter since October
 - D is the most popular cat with readers
- 20 In the section about DUSTY, the phrase 'doesn't warrant medication', means the same as
- A could need treatment
 - B shouldn't require attention
 - C will guarantee problems
 - D won't need drugs

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following document.

St. Agnes Railway Station

This station was situated with the usual Great Western Railway disdain for its customers, about a one mile walk from the last house in the village. The building of this station started at the turn of the century and was completed in time for opening on 6 July 1903. However, this did not deter the locals who were glad for their link with the main line. It was expected that, eventually, the village would spread out towards and finally meet up with the station, but this never happened and the station site today remains as rurally peaceful as it ever was.

The splendid brick built station comprised the ticket office, general waiting room, parcels office and ladies' waiting room. The original platform was built on a curve adjacent to the station building, but was eventually replaced with a 300-foot long island platform which had level access. This made it different from most other stations because, along with Perranporth, it was one of only two stations to have these island platforms.

The station yard comprised all the necessary buildings for goods sheds, coal yard, cattle handling and penning facilities. The station site became an important employer in the area, as well as bringing in tourist and farming trade and easing travelling for the locals.



- 21 The style of writing in this document could **best** be described as
- A creative and descriptive
 - B informative and instructive
 - C instructive and creative
 - D descriptive and informative
- 22 The **best** subheading to choose for this document would be
- A How to run a station
 - B A busy station yard
 - C A station worth visiting
 - D Opening a station
- 23 In the first line, the word 'disdain' could **best** be replaced by the words
- A lack of understanding
 - B lack of respect
 - C lack of awareness
 - D lack of responsibility
- 24 The station site was important **mainly** because it provided
- A transport which was very close the village
 - B a link with transport to Perranporth
 - C waiting rooms for travellers
 - D a boost to the local economy
- 25 St. Agnes station was unusual because it
- A was built out of brick
 - B was rurally peaceful
 - C had a platform built on a curve
 - D had an island platform

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following draft document.

Locker Allocation and Security	
Allocation of lockers	
Lockers are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and are a _____.	line 1
Lockers must be treated with due care. It is not acceptable for doors to be closed with your feet or for them to have notices plastered on them.	line 2
Lockers are the owners responsibility. Special facilities can be removed and the lockers could be reallocated to someone else.	line 3
Keep your lockers clean and tidy.	line 4
	line 5
	line 6
	line 7
	line 8
	line 9
Locker security	
There have been instances of lockers being left unlocked or with keys left in it and items removed.	line 10
_____ responsible and therefore we cannot be liable for any losses incurred as a result of your negligence particularly if you fail to lock them securely.	line 11
Do not give your keys to other students.	line 12
	line 13
	line 14
	line 15
A £5.00 deposit is payable for all lockers. This will be returned when you hand in your keys.	line 16
	line 17

26 There is an apostrophe missing on

- A** line 5
- B** line 6
- C** line 10
- D** line 17

27 The missing word on line 2 is

- A** privilege
- B** privelege
- C** privilidge
- D** privillege

28 There is a comma missing on

- A** line 1
- B** line 5
- C** line 7
- D** line 14

29 The word missing on line 12 is

- A** Your
- B** Youre
- C** You're
- D** Your'e

30 There is a grammatical error on

- A** line 9
- B** line 11
- C** line 13
- D** line 16

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following document.

Where to find that perfect job!

Although many employers now use the Internet for recruiting, traditional recruitment methods – such as local, national and trade press – are still important. So too is word of mouth.

Do:

Check out the following suggestions.

Online:

A number of job sites are provided by employment agencies, publishers, recruitment consultants and independent operators. Internet sites are just part of the matrix at the moment but, as more people gain access to the Internet, they are set to become the future of job hunting.

Press:

Trade and professional press publications provide a simple measure of the health of the jobs market – the thicker the magazine, the more jobs there are likely to be for you. Local newspapers – not surprisingly – are good for local jobs but probably not the most senior or specialised posts.

Recruitment consultants:

These agencies tend to concentrate on particular industries or occupations so it is worth getting to know those in your sector. Be sure they have your CV and information on their database.

Personnel Departments:

If you think a firm you would particularly like to work for might have a job coming up then send in a CV and covering note to the personnel department. There are no figures on how many jobs are actually filled this way, through speculative applications. It's probably a long shot.

Don't:

Expect early success. Job hunting takes time, patience and hard work.

- 31 The **main** aim of this document is to
- A provide job hunters with information about jobs
 - B assist job hunters to find information about jobs
 - C encourage job hunters to find jobs
 - D direct job hunters to suitable jobs
- 32 In the '**Online**' section, the word 'matrix' could **best** be replaced by
- A information network
 - B current system
 - C overall organisation
 - D job industry
- 33 The writer suggests that the **most** effective way of finding a job is to
- A try something new and different
 - B take a risky approach
 - C use a variety of methods
 - D access the internet
- 34 The writer uses subheadings to identify
- A available resources
 - B stages of the application process
 - C different occupations
 - D the importance of the internet
- 35 The language used in the document could **best** be described as
- A technical and persuasive
 - B formal and technical
 - C informal and instructive
 - D instructive and persuasive

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following document.

Media star is never without his paint-splattered trainers!

He may be a multimillionaire able to command £100,000 for appearing at the BRIT Awards, but something tells us Chris Evans could do worse than spend some of his fortune on a second pair of shoes.

It seems that the red-headed media star has worn the same tatty pair of paint-splattered trainers every time he has gone out in the past few weeks, even to posh evening events! Rather than splashing his cash on some nifty new footwear, Chris has instead splashed some bright blue paint on his scruffy Adidas sneakers.



Chris loves his colourful trainers so much that he wears them night and day. Whether it's while running the furniture stall at Camden Market to sell his old belongings, on a pub crawl in London's Primrose Hill near his home or at the star-studded premiere of the latest Bond movie.

While we girls need no excuse whatsoever to hit our favourite shoe stores, it looks as if Chris could use a little help and advice from a sensible friend who knows how to shop.

We ask - is Chris Evans hoping to start a bizarre new trend in footwear?

- 36 The writer of this document thinks that Chris Evans is
- A fashionable but poor
 - B wealthy but scruffy
 - C sensible but lazy
 - D rich but unfortunate
- 37 The document is **most** likely to be found in
- A a financial magazine
 - B a television guide
 - C an advertising leaflet
 - D a celebrity magazine
- 38 According to the document, Chris Evans
- A only ever wears one pair of shoes
 - B asks friends for fashion advice
 - C spends a lot of money on trainers
 - D only leaves home for media events
- 39 In the last sentence, the word 'bizarre' could **best** be replaced by
- A strange and fashionable
 - B weird and unusual
 - C stylish and different
 - D fashionable and interesting
- 40 The language used in the document could **best** be described as
- A sarcastic and humorous
 - B humorous and complimentary
 - C informative and thoughtful
 - D controversial and informative

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