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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.

<hr/>	line 1
It is entirely plausible, says James Maclaine of the Natural History Museum, that a recent plunge by a comedian into the shark tank at the Brighton Sea Life Centre could have sent a Smooth-hound shark into fatal shock.	line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5
'If this man suddenly plunged in and started splashing around that would be a huge shock to the shark and dangerous for it. An aquarium is an unnatural environment for a shark in the first place, so the shark may have been in a vulnerable state anyway and this incident would have further lowered it.'	line 6 line 7 line 8 line 9 line 10
Sharks have a reputation for ferocious attack but Ian Fergusson of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature puts them among the more shockable members of creation. He says, 'It's quite likely that this would have been dangerous for the shark. Great White sharks can be and have been scared away sometimes by human divers without any cage protection. These sharks have quite complex behaviour, just like wolves. It doesn't necessarily mean that they would react to the presence of a human jumping in as mealtime. It is quite possible that one of them might get stressed and injured.'	line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15 line 16 line 17 line 18 line 19 line 20

- 1 The document states that
- A it is always easy to frighten sharks
 - B sharks always react aggressively to shock
 - C seeing humans always frightens sharks
 - D sharks are very sensitive to shock
- 2 The quotation in lines 14 to 20 could be described as
- A explanatory
 - B humorous
 - C judgemental
 - D advisory

- 3 The **most** appropriate headline (line 1) for this document would be
- A Comedian kills rare shark
 - B Can a shark die from fright?
 - C Are Great White sharks really so dangerous?
 - D Brighton Aquarium defends death plunge.
- 4 The **main** point being made on lines 11-20 is that
- A people should not swim with sharks
 - B sharks are fairly predictable
 - C sharks are very like wolves
 - D people do not realise how sensitive sharks are
- 5 The **best** word to replace 'lowered' on line 10 of the document is
- A weakened
 - B encouraged
 - C annoyed
 - D submerged

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following document.

Fadiga gets all-clear after scare

Bolton midfielder Khalilou Fadiga has been released from hospital after collapsing on the pitch before the Carling Cup tie against Tottenham at the Reebok Stadium on Wednesday night. It is understood the results of the tests gave the Senegal football star the all-clear.

A club spokesman confirmed: 'Khalilou has been discharged from hospital and returned home.' Fadiga, who has a history of heart prob-

lems, fell to the ground in the warm-up and was carried off on a stretcher to the dressing-room. He came around in the treatment area before being taken to hospital.

Fadiga arrived at Bolton last month and was given the all-clear by their medical staff following concerns over surgery in Belgium for an irregular heartbeat. He signed a deal until the end of the season after spending two weeks training with the club follow-



ing his release from Inter. He has yet to start a game.

- 6 The document refers to an incident that happened in
- A Belgium
 - B Senegal
 - C a stadium
 - D a dressing-room
- 7 In the document, the phrase 'all-clear' means that Fadiga was
- A found in good health
 - B cleared of any wrong doing
 - C allowed to leave
 - D discharged
- 8 This document is likely to be from
- A an accident report
 - B a health magazine
 - C a business report
 - D a national newspaper

- 9 Inverted commas have been used in the document in order to
- A report the exact words of a member of the football club
 - B suggest the opinion of a member of the football club
 - C represent the Bolton midfielder's point of view
 - D reveal the Bolton midfielder's true feelings
- 10 According to the document, while in Belgium, Fadiga
- A played a match
 - B had an operation
 - C signed a deal
 - D trained for two weeks

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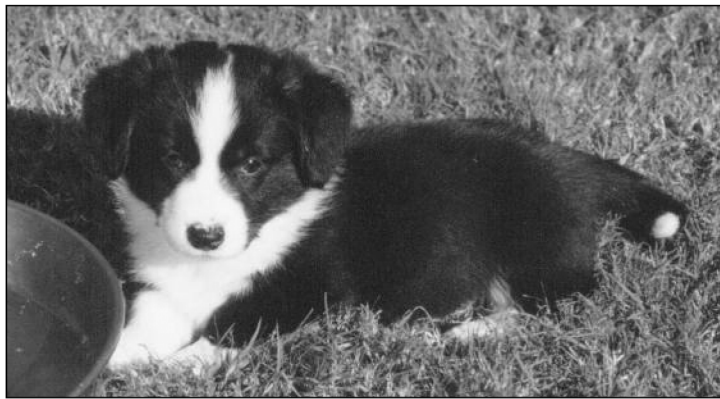
Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following draft document.

LOST PUPPY

Our lovely black and white puppy called Buttons disappeared at 6.30 pm on Wednesday evening. She was last seen in the vicinity of York Park near the main entrance to Green Road.

She's only three months old. She needs lots of care and special attention.

We wonder whether she is hungry and thirsty. We are extremely concerned about her safety.



£50 REWARD

This is available for anyone who help's to return Buttons to us safely. If you've seen Buttons recently, or have any knowledge of her whereabouts, please get in contact with either Sumaira or Ben on Ashford 633298. We would really appreciate any information about Buttons as we're missing her alot.

line 1

line 2

line 3

line 4

line 5

line 6

line 7

line 8

line 9

line 10

line 11

line 12

line 13

line 14

line 15

line 16

- 11 There is a spelling error on
- A line 4
 - B line 7
 - C line 9
 - D line 13
- 12 There is an apostrophe used **incorrectly** on
- A line 6
 - B line 11
 - C line 12
 - D line 16
- 13 The two short sentences on lines 6 and 7 could **best** be joined by the word
- A but
 - B because
 - C therefore
 - D however
- 14 There is a comma missing on
- A line 3
 - B line 4
 - C line 11
 - D line 15
- 15 There is a spelling mistake on
- A line 2
 - B line 8
 - C line 15
 - D line 16

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.

New Report on Levels of Sugar and Salt in School Meals



The report revealed that school meals have dangerously high levels of fat, salt and sugar. The research was carried out by Dr Helen Crawles, a nutritionist at healthy eating charity, The Caroline Walker Trust. She analysed a typical five-day primary school menu with dishes such as spaghetti bolognese, fish shapes and roast turkey. Her team also included common side orders such as chips, mashed

potato, baked beans, carrots, sweetcorn and roast potatoes. A dessert was also taken into account each day such as iced buns, flapjacks, fruit pie and ice cream.

The results revealed much higher levels of salt, fat and sugar than are recommended in the nutritional guidelines for school lunches. School meals contain approximately a third more fat than the recommended maximum weekly intake for seven to ten year olds. The sugar level in the average weekly school menu is 19.4g, compared to the recommended 16.3g.

The Secretary of State for Education, has announced a review of school meals' standards as a result of growing public concern. "The Government accepts that it is risking the health of children by allowing meals that are high in fat, sugar and salt at school," said Peter Melchett of the Soil Association. "It is a well known fact that most school dinners in primary schools do not provide the correct level of nutrients and give children too much fat, sugar and salt, but the Government still refuses to act to protect children at their most crucial stage of development."

"If children are encouraged to eat healthily in primary school, they are likely to demand good quality food as they grow older." A healthy alternative school meal menu has been drawn up, including such dishes as macaroni cheese, salad and apple cake.

The Department for Education and Skills said it is investing £1million in drawing up new school nutrition guidelines.

paragraph 1

paragraph 2

paragraph 3

paragraph 4

paragraph 5

- 16 It is suggested in the document that
- A young children should eat healthily
 - B children eat school meals which are low in fat
 - C sugar is a healthy part of children's diet
 - D a large amount of salt in a child's diet is healthy
- 17 The writer of this document uses a mixture of
- A persuasion and advertising
 - B fact and opinion
 - C humour and sarcasm
 - D instruction and description
- 18 The **most** suitable subheading for the second paragraph would be
- A Government plans
 - B Information provided
 - C Advice sought
 - D Research findings
- 19 The document contains figures and numbers to
- A confuse the reader
 - B support the argument
 - C provide guidelines
 - D recommend remedies
- 20 The word 'crucial' towards the end of paragraph 3 could **best** be replaced by
- A trivial
 - B basic
 - C vital
 - D desirable

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following document.

TALK TO FRANK

Being a teenager is bad enough without having to worry about drugs or who to talk to about them. Sometimes we worry that whoever we talk to about drugs won't know enough about them or, if we do talk to someone, they'll panic, get scared or get angry. That's where FRANK can help. FRANK will provide you with all the help and information you need about drugs and their effects. And FRANK won't panic, get scared or get angry. Ever.

BUT I ALREADY KNOW ABOUT DRUGS

You probably do know a bit, but you can't know it all. You've probably talked to your mates about them. You might know people who use drugs. You may even have been offered them – and if you have, you need to know as much as you can.

There's no harm in checking out what you know or what you've been told – just so you're sure. So check with FRANK.

MY PARENTS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DRUGS

You never know, they might. After all, one in three adults has tried an illegal drug at some point in their lives. But, like you, your parents may have read or heard things that are not quite true. And, like you, they need to be informed. So FRANK can help them too.

I KNOW PEOPLE WHO TAKE DRUGS – AND THEY'RE OK

Sometimes people take a particular drug and they are OK. But on another occasion, the same drug could make them ill – or even kill them.

All drugs damage the body in some way or another. And because you can never be sure exactly what is in the drug, you don't know what may happen next.

Talk to FRANK. All day, every day, confidentially and for free.

FRANK IS HERE FOR YOU 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

- 21 The writer of the document includes a mixture of
- A anecdote and opinion
 - B fact and investigation
 - C evidence and explanation
 - D advice and information
- 22 The writer states that parents
- A do not want to talk about illegal drugs
 - B have usually tried illegal drugs themselves
 - C probably don't know anything about drugs
 - D need to know the facts about drugs
- 23 According to the document,
- A you can always be sure what drugs contain
 - B taking drugs is risky
 - C drugs always make you ill
 - D older people have no experience of drugs
- 24 The writer describes FRANK as someone who
- A liaises only with young people
 - B has actually tried illegal drugs
 - C will tell you about the effects of drugs
 - D will not promise to talk to you confidentially
- 25 The tone of the document is
- A serious but reassuring
 - B angry but light-hearted
 - C critical and persuasive
 - D concerned and confused

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

Dear Asha	line 1
Thank you so much for the very kind invitation to your wedding in July.	line 2
I would love to come. I knew you and him were still in touch but I didn't	line 3
realise that romance was in the air. Congratulations to both of you. You	line 4
deserve to be happy, rich, beautiful and have lots of fun as well!	line 5
My mum is so sorry she can't go. She was so delighted to hear the news.	line 6
You remember how she always gave us all that good advise about men. I	line 7
hope you've remembered a lot of it. I recall when she said 'The first	line 8
forty years are the worst!' She is just the same and still shares all those	line 9
wise words with me. She would love to see you again so come for tea	line 10
soon; mums teas are still the best.	line 11
It will be great to see you again because we were such pals at school.	line 12
Love	line 13
Cas	line 14

26 A comma has been missed out on

- A line 2
- B line 5
- C line 8
- D line 9

27 A word has been used incorrectly on

- A line 3
- B line 6
- C line 8
- D line 12

28 The two sentences on line 6 could **best** be joined with

- A because
- B but
- C and
- D therefore

29 There is a spelling error on

- A line 4
- B line 6
- C line 7
- D line 9

30 There is an apostrophe missing on

- A line 5
- B line 9
- C line 11
- D line 12

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following document.

A **KDS** PERSONAL ACCOUNT

With a Personal Account, paying for KDS purchases
has never been easier or more convenient

1. 14 days' home approval

You can make sure you're totally happy with your purchases before paying us a penny, because your first statement will be sent to you a full 2 weeks after your order has been despatched – plus we'll give you a further fortnight in which to send us your payment!

2. Monthly payments

We'll send you a statement each month showing:

- what's been sent to you
- what you've paid
- the balance still to be paid
- the minimum payment required

Your monthly statement will also contain details of special seasonal offers – often sent exclusively to account holders – with big savings on best-selling lines!

3. Online @www.KDS.co.uk

By managing your account online you'll have access to your information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Confidentiality is guaranteed and all your details and transactions are secure. With this option you can:

- make payments by credit or debit card
- check your account balance
- arrange courier returns

Allowing you to manage your personal account quickly, easily and at your convenience.

4. Spread the cost

To suit your budget, you can spread the cost of your purchases as and when you need to. A service charge of 2p in the £ will be added to the remaining balance each month. Simply forward the minimum payment requested on your statement.

5. Pay your balance in full

To avoid any service charge, just pay your balance in full by the requested date on your first statement.

6. _____

Choose which repayment method you prefer from the following:


- debit/credit card
- cheque
- giro credit
- postal order
- direct debit from your bank account (to set up a direct debit, call our order line on 0084000724210)

7. Quickserv

When you receive your first statement, you'll be issued with a *Quickserv* PIN number, which will allow you to use our special *Quickserv* phone line on 0084000721000. You'll be guided through the whole process when you call.

- 31** The **main** purpose of this document is to
- A** provide a financial statement
 - B** answer customers' queries
 - C** explain payment methods
 - D** identify payment problems
- 32** Once your goods have been sent you must pay
- A** within four weeks
 - B** immediately
 - C** within one week
 - D** within a fortnight
- 33** Your monthly statement will include
- A** the cost of courier returns
 - B** your PIN number
 - C** the amount you have saved
 - D** how much you still owe
- 34** The **best** title for paragraph 6 is
- A** Order line number
 - B** Flexible payment options
 - C** Debit and credit cards
 - D** Your bank account
- 35** To access your account at any time of day or night you need to
- A** give your credit card number
 - B** guarantee confidentiality
 - C** use the Internet
 - D** use your Quickserv PIN number

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following document.

<h1>Have you always wanted to fly?</h1> 	
<h2>Cabin crew and other opportunities</h2>	
<p>Bournemouth and Doncaster Open Days</p>	
<p>When you were a kid you wanted to fly all over the world and meet new people every day. Well, now you can fly to Europe with Robsonfly.</p>	paragraph 1
<p>We're the low cost airline with the high quality service and we're growing fast. In fact, demand is so high we are starting brand new services from Bournemouth and Doncaster. If you're the kind of person who can make sure our customers enjoy their holiday the moment they set foot on the plane, join us.</p>	paragraph 2
<p>From chatting to a nervous first time flyer, to advising a dad who's not sure of what to buy his daughter from the in-flight catalogue, you'll put a smile on everyone's face. In short, you will be a friend, emergency procedures expert, childcare genius, entertainer and source of all knowledge. No previous experience or qualifications are needed.</p>	paragraph 3
<p>Of course, we also need Pilots with the same talent for making sure every passenger enjoys the ride. (Our rosters, with over a month's visibility so you can plan ahead, are just one good reason for you to join us.) We are also looking for an Administrator and a Station Manager for each site. So if you want your career to take off with Robsonfly, come to one of our Open Days. Bournemouth: 4th and 5th December. Doncaster: 8th and 9th January.</p>	paragraph 4
<p>For further information on these and other Open Days visit www.rbairways.com</p>	paragraph 5
<p>Applications must be received at our Croydon office by 31 January.</p>	

- 36 According to the document, you could attend an Open Day
- A in Doncaster on 9th January
 - B in Doncaster on 4th December
 - C in Bournemouth on 8th January
 - D in Croydon on 31st January
- 37 In order to make sure customers are happy, the cabin crew need to
- A have qualifications before applying
 - B have experience in childcare
 - C have good social and communication skills
 - D have always wanted to fly all over the world
- 38 The phrase 'with over a month's visibility' in paragraph 4 means
- A excellent eyesight over the whole month
 - B changed regularly at short notice
 - C planned over a month in advance
 - D recorded at the end of each month
- 39 The document could **best** be described as
- A a newspaper article
 - B an advertisement
 - C a memo
 - D a report
- 40 Robsonfly is looking for each of the following **except**
- A a Pilot
 - B a Children's Entertainer
 - C a Station Manager
 - D an Administrator

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