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## Section A

Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	<p><b>NOTE: Although sentences are not required, answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.</b></p> <p>Accept any reasonable answers about the success of the new (London) cycle hire scheme based on the text.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To inform the reader that the new (London) cycle hire scheme is successful.</li> </ul>	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
2	A - (3,400)	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
3	D - Over 90 per cent of journeys using the hire bikes take under 30 minutes	(1)

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improvements to the public transport network (1)</li> <li>(the introduction of) "cycle superhighways" (1)</li> <li>(London) cycle hire scheme (1)</li> </ul> <p>One mark for each correct answer up to a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.</p>	(2)

Question Number	Answer		Mark
5		<b>Fact</b>	<b>Opinion</b>
	When fully operational the scheme will have 400 docking stations across the capital.	✓	
	The scheme is proving hugely popular with people who live and work in the capital.		✓
	The bikes have become a familiar and immensely popular sight on London's streets.		✓
	People pay £45 for annual membership.	✓	
	Bikes are free for the first 30 minutes for members.	✓	
	Most people don't pay more than their initial membership fee.	✓	
	<b>For 0 or 1 correct – 0 marks</b> <b>For 2 or 3 correct – 1 mark</b> <b>For 4 or 5 correct – 2 marks</b> <b>For 6 correct – 3 marks</b>		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
6	<p>Accept any reasonable answer identifying examples of bias based on the text up to a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.</p> <p>Answers may refer to, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• examples of persuasive language such as "hugely popular"</li> <li>• example of quotations to create a one sided argument such as "we've seen the streets of central london transformed"</li> <li>• use of the phrase "hailed a success" within the title of the article</li> </ul>	(2)

## Section B

Question Number	Answer	Mark
7	<p><b>NOTE: Although sentences are not required, answers must include an appropriate verb or qualifier to identify the main purpose.</b></p> <p>Accept any reasonable answers about advice/information/instruction to cyclists on road safety based on the text.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To give advice to cyclists about road safety.</li> </ul>	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
8	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about ways of conveying information (layout or language) based on the text, up to a maximum of <b>three</b> marks.</p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information is organised under relevant sub-headings</li> <li>use of (large) bold font/sub-headings</li> <li>many sentences start with an imperative/a command verb, eg "use lights" or "look and signal" before you start</li> <li>use of image illustrating a cyclist wearing a safety helmet reinforces a key message in the text</li> <li>personal style used, eg addressing the reader as "you"</li> </ul> <p>Do not accept 'paragraphs'</p>	(3)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dodge in and out of parked cars (1)</li> <li>ride through red lights (1)</li> <li>ride the wrong way up one way streets (1)</li> <li>ride without lights in the dark (or poor weather conditions) (1)</li> <li>ride without a safety helmet (1)</li> </ul> <p>One mark for each correct answer, up to a maximum of <b>two</b> marks.</p>	(2)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• other vehicles may change speed (1)</li> <li>• other vehicles may change direction quickly (1)</li> <li>• when turning right, cyclists are exposed (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for a correct answer.</p>	<b>(1)</b>

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11	<p>Accept any reasonable answer about cycling safety based on the text up to a maximum of <b>three</b> marks.</p> <p>Answers may include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• always wear a safety helmet</li> <li>• wear reflective / high visibility clothing</li> <li>• ride well clear of the kerb</li> <li>• look and signal before manoeuvres</li> <li>• use lights when it's dark (or in poor weather)</li> <li>• ride in single file</li> </ul>	<b>(3)</b>

## Section C

Question Number	Answer	Mark
12	Advert 3 (The Great Western Sponsored Cycle Day)	(1)

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13	Advert 2 (Annual Estrick Cycle Park)	(1)

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14	<p>Accept any reasonable answers, based on the text, up to a maximum of <b>three</b> marks. Any advert may be chosen but all reasons <b>must</b> refer <b>only</b> to the chosen advert.</p> <p>Reasons may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• length of the ride</li> <li>• choice of routes offered</li> <li>• type of terrain</li> <li>• the charity being supported</li> <li>• the location of the ride</li> <li>• cost to register / amount of sponsorship to raise</li> <li>• age restrictions on participants</li> <li>• evening entertainment is offered</li> <li>• safety checks / mobile technical support provided</li> </ul> <p>Accept any reasonable answer, based on the text, up to a maximum of <b>three</b> marks.</p>	(3)



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