

**Key skills communication
Adult literacy
Level 2**

Practice Test Paper E

YOU NEED

- This test paper
- An answer sheet

You may NOT use a dictionary

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

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 in the question paper, your answer sheet and all notes to the supervisor

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Note for learners and tutors. This is a practice test that has been put together using questions similar to those that you would find in a "live" Key skills communication or Adult literacy test. The layout of the test is also the same as that used for a live test.

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following information.

<i>FATBOY SLIM WILL STAR AT CITY NIGHTCLUB</i>	
Fatboy Slim will make a rare appearance at the Creation Club in Bristol next month. After a year of negotiations, the DJ – real name Norman Cook – has finally agreed to play at The Boutique, a club night from Brighton held at the Baldwin Street venue every three months.	line 1 line 2 line 3
Promoter and DJ Charlotte Hazleby said she had been trying to book Fatboy Slim to play at one of her events for years. She said, ‘I would have loved to have booked him years ago. I constantly tried to get him to play at Lakota when I was working there but he never did. Fortunately he has very strong links with The Boutique, as it was one of his first residencies.’	line 4 line 5 line 6 line 7 line 8
This will be his first DJ set in the city. He played in Bristol in the mid-1980s as part of Beats International.	line 9 line 10
Fatboy Slim has had a number one hit with <i>Praise You</i> , a number two hit with <i>Right Here Right Now</i> and Top 10 hits with <i>Sunset (Bird of Prey)</i> and his double A-side <i>Star 69/ Weapon of Choice</i>	line 11 line 12 line 13
The £15 tickets for the event – from 9:30pm to 4am on Friday, June 15 – will go on sale on May 21 at Belgo.	line 14 line 15

- 1 According to the article, Fatboy Slim's biggest hit was
 - A Sunset (Bird of Prey)
 - B Right Here Right Now
 - C Praise You
 - D Weapon of Choice

- 2 According to the document, which of the following statements is true?
 - A this will be Fatboy Slim's first appearance in Bristol
 - B Fatboy Slim will play in Bristol every three months
 - C tickets will go on sale at 9:30pm on Friday 15 June
 - D negotiations with Fatboy Slim have taken a year

- 3 The style of the writing in the article is **best** described as
- A informative
 - B persuasive
 - C entertaining
 - D technical
- 4 Which of these words could **best** replace the word 'constantly' as it is used in line 6?
- A regularly
 - B continually
 - C occasionally
 - D usually
- 5 The writer decides to join together the two short sentences on lines 9 and 10. The best word to link these would be
- A consequently
 - B although
 - C and
 - D then

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following letter.

<p>27, Lindamere Drive, Orpington, Kent. KT5 7LT 1st June, 2002</p>	
<p>Mr. J.R. Hallam, Instant Publishing Co. Ltd., 12 Greychurch Lane, London. N10 3RS</p>	
<p>Dear Sir,</p>	
<p>Early last year I joined your company's national book club scheme and undertook to purchase monthly one volume from the advertised selection. At the time I was told that I could terminate membership whenever I chose, upon giving one month's notice in writing. In January 2002, I decided to end the arrangement and notified your accounts department of my decision, enclosing payment for the book due in February.</p>	<p>line 1 line 2 line 3 line 4 line 5 line 6 line 7</p>
<p>Since then I have received three further unsolicited books at monthly intervals, a letter from your circulation manager regretting my decision to withdraw from membership, and various bills for payment. I have telephoned your main office twice and each time have been assured that the matter would be dealt with promptly. I should be most obliged if you would give this matter your immediate attention since the whole affair has caused me considerable annoyance.</p>	<p>line 8 line 9 line 10 line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15</p>
<p>Today I received yet another book together with a most objectionable demand for settlement of my alleged debts.</p>	<p>line 16 line 17</p>
<p>Yours faithfully,</p>	
<p>M.A. Stevens (Mrs)</p>	

- 6 This letter has been written to
- A express regret to the circulation manager
 - B request a correct invoice for books received
 - C complain about the company's inefficiency
 - D enquire about how to terminate membership
- 7 The letter is about
- A books not received
 - B wrong books received
 - C subscribing to a book club
 - D unwanted books received
- 8 The tone of the letter is
- A apologetic
 - B irritated
 - C aggressive
 - D sarcastic
- 9 Mrs Stevens has used a letter to claim that
- A nobody acknowledged her ending her membership
 - B she has received four unwanted books
 - C she has telephoned head office frequently
 - D a total of three unsolicited books has been sent
- 10 The writer has chosen to start a new paragraph on line 8 because she
- A wants to complain about the circulation manager
 - B is describing the next step in the sequence of events
 - C is anxious that the matter be dealt with promptly
 - D wants to emphasise how annoyed she is

Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following document.

CHARLIE’S ANGELS	
After a run of TV show adaptations into films that generally turned out to be abominable variations on a theme or virtually unrecognisable from the shows that inspired them, there didn’t seem to be much going for Charlie’s Angels.	line 1 line 2 line 3 line 4
Casting both Tim Curry and Crispin Glover and having a much-rumoured troubled production run didn’t exactly load one with hope either. It is with much relief then, that I can report that Charlie’s Angels, the film, is a big load of dumb fun. The opening scene sets it up big-style by having Dylan (Barrymore) going through a Bond-type routine where she is under deep cover on a plane flight, so much so that she looks like a bloke. Cue the obligatory parachuting to earth scenario, only to land in a boat in the middle of nowhere skippered by Natalie (Cameron Diaz) and first mate, Alex (Lucy Liu). From this opening we are then introduced to a typical Angels’ type of tale, where Charlie gets Bosley (an extremely camp Bill Murray) and the girls to look after client, Eric Knox (Sam Rockwell), who is in danger of being killed by evil competitor, Roger Cowin (Tim Curry). Or is he? Maybe sinister skinny guy (Crispin Glover) will provide the answers? All in all a plot simple enough to feature Angels racing cars, dressing up as geisha girls and going deep under cover in strip-clubs – grrrr baby!	line 5 line 6 line 7 line 8 line 9 line 10 line 11 line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15 line 16 line 17 line 18 line 19 line 20
Bill Murray also gets some winning turns as Bosley by lighting his rather powerful lounge-fire, there’s a cool Miami Vice pastiche and some unmissable scenes featuring Cameron Diaz dancing in that irrepressible manner only she can pull off, whilst wearing the stupidest underpants you’ll ever encounter. A most enjoyable session of Charlie, with some cracking one-liners to boot.	line 21 line 22 line 23 line 24 line 25 line 26

11 The document implies that the film is

- A amusing
- B boring
- C sinister
- D abominable

- 12 According to the document, during the film Dylan performs
- A a chase in a racing boat
 - B a wild dance routine
 - C a parachuting scene
 - D a song in a strip club
- 13 The part of Charlie's customer is played by
- A Eric Knox
 - B Tim Curry
 - C Crispin Glover
 - D Sam Rockwell
- 14 The author of this film review implies that
- A TV shows usually make bad movies
 - B Tim Curry caused problems in production
 - C Charlie's Angels, the film, is a big failure
 - D the opening scenes are very original
- 15 The writer decides that the second paragraph should be split. The **best** place to do this is on
- A line 7
 - B line 11
 - C line 13
 - D line 17

Questions 16 to 20 are based on the following document.

Troubled farmers face beetle threat	
Beleaguered farmers across Britain are facing yet another threat, this time in the form of the pint-sized but destructive Colorado beetle, it emerged yesterday.	line 1 line 2 line 3
Food importers, growers, gardeners, traders and consumers have all been asked by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to watch out for the distinctive yellow and black striped insect that is capable of ravaging potato crops overnight.	line 4 line 5 line 6 line 7
The warning follows a recent MAFF report, Climate Change and Agriculture in the United Kingdom, which concluded that the area of the UK in which the Colorado beetle (<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i>) could survive would double with a very small increase in temperature.	line 8 line 9 line 10 line 11
The last breeding colony was discovered in 1997. However, during spring and summer the beetles can arrive on imported goods, such as leafy vegetables, herbs, potatoes, fruit, grain, seeds and timber. It is feared that a breeding colony of beetles could be established by a single female beetle escaping detection.	line 12 line 13 line 14 line 15 line 16
People arriving from the continent have been asked to check their cars and luggage for the 10mm creatures, which resemble 'an overgrown ladybird', and posters are expected to appear soon outside police stations, particularly in the potato growing areas of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Lancashire.	line 17 line 18 line 19 line 20 line 21
The Colorado beetle has an extraordinary ability to overcome the weapons launched against it. Previous plans to halt the killer have included the development of hybrid potatoes with sticky hairs which slay pests but not humans.	line 22 line 23 line 24 line 25

16 The main purpose of the document is to inform readers about

- A the danger posed by Colorado beetles
- B the history of the Colorado beetle
- C the size of Colorado beetles
- D the breeding of Colorado beetles

- 17 A Colorado beetle is
- A an insect the size of a pint
 - B like a very large ladybird
 - C ten centimetres long
 - D covered with yellow and black spots
- 18 The Colorado beetle is a threat to
- A human beings
 - B fruit and grain
 - C potato farmers
 - D food importers
- 19 In paragraph 4 the writer has
- A provided evidence supporting the claim of a threat
 - B tried to persuade MAFF to suspend food imports
 - C used technical vocabulary to back up her argument
 - D used informal language to explain a complex issue
- 20 The word 'ravaging' on line 7 could **best** be replaced with
- A infecting
 - B carrying off
 - C damaging
 - D destroying

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

Dear Mr and Mrs Simpson	line 1
My name is Aneeka and I would like to apply for the	line 2
job of _____ nanny. I noticed in your newspaper	line 3
advertisement last week that you wanted someone interested	line 4
in spending some time on early learning activities.	line 5
I believe that if children learned to read when they	line 6
were young, they are having more success later on at school.	line 7
I also strongly believe having fun with books, toys and	line 8
games were an important part of growing up.	line 9
I have some childcare qualifications and quite a	line 10
lot of practise at baby-sitting! I can supply the names of two	line 11
referees should you need them.	line 12

21 The missing word on line 3 should be written

- A childrens
- B children's
- C childrens'
- D childrens's

22 The writer has made a grammatical error on line 7. It should read

- A they will have more success later on
- B they shall have more success later on
- C they would have more success later on
- D they have had more success later on

23 There is a spelling mistake on

- A line 4
- B line 5
- C line 6
- D line 8

24 There is a grammatical error on line 9. It should read

- A games is an important part of growing up
- B games are an important part of growing up
- C games are important parts of growing up
- D games have been an important part of growing up

25 A word has been incorrectly used on

- A line 5
- B line 8
- C line 10
- D line 11

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Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following newspaper article.

Posh floored as Ali G tackles Becks	line 1
For David and Victoria Beckham, ridicule is an occupational hazard. But rarely can Britain's first couple have been subjected to as uncomfortable a 40 minutes as that spent being grilled by Ali G for Comic Relief.	line 2 line 3 line 4
Previously the pair have agreed only to the meekest of interrogations, but this exchange was a world away from Michael Parkinson. Over the course of a 40 minute interview, which will be edited for broadcast on March 16, the couple were subjected to the full blast of the comic's singular style.	line 5 line 6 line 7 line 8
His opening comment to Beckham was a pointer to what was to come. 'Now, just because it's Comic Relief doesn't mean you can speak in a silly voice.'	line 9 line 10
Referring to Victoria's health he said: 'Now there is rumours that you used to suffer from an eating disorder. Tell me, was you actually dyslexic?'	line 11 line 12
'I've never actually been dyslexic and I've never actually been anorexic either, so that's just rumours,' said Victoria.	line 13 line 14
For much of the interview, Beckham remained silent, speechless at enquiries about the etiquette of taking a shower after matches and whether he would prefer to be married to Victoria's fellow Spice Girl, Emma Bunton. Asked about his dress sense he did manage a response.	line 15 line 16 line 17 line 18
'So now, Beckham, let's talk about fashion. We has all seen pictures of you wearing clothes that was well embarrassing and frankly make you a proper laughing stock! What's the name of that dress you wore?'	line 19 line 20 line 21
'Sarong,' replied Beckham.	line 22
'Yeah I know it was so wrong,' responded the comedian played by Sacha Baron-Cohen.	line 23 line 24
Even Victoria was struck dumb by a series of questions relating to the couple's son Brooklyn.	line 25 line 26
Ali G: 'So tell me, does Brooklyn like your music, or is he getting a bit old for it now?'	line 27 line 28
Victoria: 'Well yeah, he does like music, he jigs about and dances. He's also into football as well, so it's nice.'	line 29 line 30
Ali G: 'Respect, respect. So how old is Brooklyn now?'	line 31
Victoria: 'He's nearly two.'	line 32
Ali G: 'So tell me, is your little boy starting to put whole sentences together?'	line 33
Victoria: 'He's learning the bits and pieces, so yeah.'	line 34
Ali G: 'And what about Brooklyn?'	line 35

- 26 In this interview, Ali G's overall attitude to the Beckhams could best be described as
- A polite yet witty
 - B flattering and sincere
 - C mocking and satirical
 - D sarcastic and disapproving
- 27 How does this interview differ from the Beckhams' usual style of interview?
- A they do not usually appear together
 - B interviewers are usually more respectful
 - C they expected to be interviewed by Parkinson
 - D this interviewer was more formal
- 28 Why does the interviewer use the word 'dyslexic' incorrectly on line 12?
- A he does not know what dyslexic means
 - B he is suggesting Victoria finds spelling difficult
 - C his use of the word is entirely accidental
 - D he uses the word on purpose to make a joke
- 29 How does the interviewer create a joke about David Beckham wearing a dress?
- A he deliberately mistakes 'sarong' for 'so wrong'
 - B he succeeds in making Beckham speak
 - C he suggests Beckham cannot pronounce 'so wrong'
 - D he suggests Beckham does not know the name for the dress
- 30 How does the interviewer make fun of David Beckham in lines 33 to 35?
- A he calls him Brooklyn
 - B he laughs at his dress sense
 - C he likens him to his 2-year-old son
 - D he says he doesn't like music

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following information.

Yateman's to ask customers: 'How shall we invest?'

Yateman's Bank is to ask its customers how they want their savings to be invested as part of preparations to revise its ethical policy, it revealed yesterday.

More than two million customers will be asked what they feel about genetically modified food, animal welfare, ecological impacts, human rights and child labour and the arms trade.

The Manchester-based bank will use the answers to frame a re-launch of its ethical policy for next May – the tenth anniversary of the original launch of the policy.

A similar survey of 30,000 customers in 1991 led the bank to pledge not to invest in, or provide financial services to, companies that were involved in blood sports, fur trading or the testing of cosmetics on animals.

A spokesman for the bank said its new survey – “the biggest ever ethical

consultation exercise” – would bring the policy up to date with the 21st century.

He added: “We decided we wanted to tell our customers what we do with their money. Things have changed, however. Fur trading has just about come to the end of its life, while hunting may no longer be allowed. We want to see what people's attitudes are about a range of different issues.”

Over a million personal and corporate accounts have been opened with the bank since its ethical policy was first drawn up.

The bank added that a third of new customers said their main reason for joining Yateman's was its ethical stance. “We realise ethics alone will not sell bank accounts and we have to have a good product and service,” said the spokesman. “But, all things being equal, our ethical policy sets us aside from the other big banks.”

- 31 The word 'ethical' used throughout the passage to describe the policy means that it is
- A strictly lawful
 - B morally correct
 - C ecologically safe
 - D financially attractive
- 32 Which of the following will the latest survey NOT ask for an opinion on?
- A blood sports
 - B human rights
 - C animal welfare
 - D child labour

- 33 An earlier survey made the bank decide **not** to invest in companies involved in
- A child labour
 - B fur trading
 - C genetically modified food
 - D armaments
- 34 This document is **most** likely to be
- A the introduction to a survey of investors' views
 - B part of a questionnaire from a bank
 - C taken from a business studies text book
 - D a report from a financial newspaper
- 35 The writer's **main** intention is to
- A find out what customers want from banks
 - B survey readers' views on ethical issues
 - C persuade people to open bank accounts
 - D explain how Yateman's will revise its policy

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Questions 36 to 40 are based on this draft of a staff notice.

NEW LOCKERS	
The provision of new staff lockers in which to keep your personal items _____ part of a drive to beat petty theft.	line 1 line 2
Over the passed few months there has been an increase in pilfering from both the staff changing rooms.	line 3 line 4
The managers could have employed more security staff.	line 5
However, they are to agree for lockers to be installed instead.	line 6
PLEASE NOTE	
• It is against company rules to interfere with someone elses locker.	line 7 line 8
• Offenders will be dismissed. No appeal will be allowed.	line 9
• If lockers are damaged, report the matter to your supervisor.	line 10
• Staff are advised not to leave valuable possessions in their lockers at any time.	line 11 line 12

36 There is a missing apostrophe on

- A line 1
- B line 6
- C line 7
- D line 11

37 The missing word on line 2 should be

- A are
- B is
- C being
- D were

38 On line 6 the words 'are to agree' are incorrect. It should read

- A is agreed
- B have agreed
- C are agreed
- D has agreed

39 There is a spelling mistake on

- A line 1
- B line 4
- C line 9
- D line 11

40 A word has been incorrectly used on

- A line 1
- B line 3
- C line 9
- D line 10

End of test