



## Academic Answers for Practice Test 2

### Listening

#### Section 1

- 1 18(th)
- 2 25(th)/Christmas Day
- 3 702
- 4 165
- 5 In cash
- 6 Reed
- 7 14 South Street/14 South St
- 8 AQ459
- 9 A
- 10 B

#### Section 2

- 11 Weekdays
- 12 Issues
- 13 40
- 14 Basement/basement
- 15 9.15
- 16 Classical
- 17 B
- 18 C
- 19 Abroad
- 20 Sister

#### Section 3

- 21 Presentation/assignment
- 22 Digital privacy
- 23 Credit rating
- 24 Employees
- 25 Sales manager
- 26 (search) habits
- 27 Profitability/profits
- 28 Recommendation
- 29 Legal action

- 30 Tracking protection

#### Section 4

- 31 A
- 32 B
- 33 C
- 34 C
- 35 B
- 36 50/fifty
- 37 Predators
- 38 Overfishing/over-fishing
- 39 Sustainable
- 40 Ban



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### Reading

Each question correctly answered scores 1 mark.

Correct spelling is needed in all answers.

#### Section 1

- 1 C
- 2 F
- 3 E
- 4 D
- 5 A
- 6 Emmanuel Chabrier
- 7 A black bodice
- 8 An auditorium
- 9 A trapeze artist
- 10 A private studio / Manet's private studio
- 11 E
- 12 D
- 13 A

- 30 H
- 31 B
- 32 G
- 33 A safety net
- 34 Albert Mummery
- 35 Unclimbed
- 36 Clean climbing
- 37 Nuts
- 38 Rappel bolting
- 39 Technical mastery
- 40 B

#### Section 2

- 14 viii
- 15 iii
- 16 i
- 17 ix
- 18 iv
- 19 vi
- 20 NO
- 21 YES
- 22 NOT GIVEN
- 23 NO
- 24 NOT GIVEN
- 25 YES
- 26 NO

#### Section 3

- 27 F
- 28 D
- 29 E



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### Writing

#### Task 1

The bar chart shows the proportion of men and women who taught in seven different faculties of a particular university in 2012.

There was a large gender disparity in some faculties: engineering was dominated by male academics whereas education had the highest percentage of female academics. Notably, 85% of the engineering teachers were male and only 15% female. Three quarters of the academic staff in education were women, with just 25% males.

However, other faculties were more balanced in their composition. In medicine, gender representation was almost equal, while in arts subjects slightly more than half the academics were female (55%). It is interesting to note that business and science had the same proportions of men and women, with 65% male to 35% female academics in those faculties. Law had a slightly higher percentage of women at 40%.

Although the faculties of engineering, business, science and law were still primarily male-dominated in 2012, women made up half the faculty of medicine and were predominant in education and arts.

160 Words

#### Task 2

Solar power as a source of domestic household energy is becoming more desirable because many individuals and governments are concerned that burning fossil fuels adds carbon to the atmosphere and thus accelerates global warming and climate change. Others feel that nuclear power is potentially unsafe, and do not like its associated pollution from radioactive waste. Therefore, many researchers and consumers have looked at alternative sources of energy and have found that solar power has many benefits and few drawbacks.

The main advantage of solar energy is that after the initial installation, it is entirely free and renewable, and there are no extra costs involved in producing the energy. Solar energy is silent and environmentally friendly as well - it does not destroy or poison the eco-system. This is because the raw material; sunshine, does not need to be extracted or refined, so there are no pollutants or toxic residue produced. Another major advantage is that it is produced where it is needed so there is no energy wasted on transport. This decentralisation of the power source not only leads to savings on transmission, but also to more self-reliant communities – the ability to produce their own power is a significant advantage for remote populations.

There are also employment opportunities in the design and development, manufacture, installation and maintenance of the new technology for solar panels, which are consequently becoming less expensive, more available and much more efficient.”



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The greatest drawback of solar power is that it is totally reliant on sunlight, which is not always constant. In fact, there are some regions where it may not be practicable, as it does not work at night. Power from daytime sunshine must be stored in large batteries. In addition, the panels tend to be big and cumbersome. A major drawback for some is that the initial purchase and installation of the equipment is costly.

In my view, the benefits of a clean, quiet, renewable, eco-friendly source of energy far outweigh the drawbacks, provided that there is sufficient sunlight available to make this source of power feasible.

343 Words



## General Training Answers for Reading & Writing Practice Test 2 Reading

### Section 1

- 1 Send a messenger
- 2 Short bell rings
- 3 Nearest staircase/stairs
- 4 (paved) quadrangle (area)/quad
- 5 (all) support staff/personnel
- 6 The (class) roll
- 7 All clear (signal)
- 8 (their) home-room groups
- 9 TRUE
- 10 FALSE
- 11 NOT GIVEN
- 12 NOT GIVEN
- 13 FALSE
- 14 TRUE

- 31 B
- 32 H
- 33 A
- 34 F
- 35 D
- 36 functional-strength
- 37 mass-monsters
- 38 Injuries
- 39 Weight training
- 40 Cardiovascular health

### Section 2

- 15 vi
- 16 viii
- 17 v
- 18 x
- 19 ii
- 20 i
- 21 iii
- 22 Final written warning
- 23 Formal appeal hearing
- 24 B
- 25 E
- 26 D
- 27 C
- 28 A

### Section 3

- 29 C
- 30 E



## General Training Answers for Reading & Writing Practice Test 2

### Writing

#### Task 1

Dear Mr Jackson,

I am writing to you to see what can be done about the large tree at the front of your house. The tree leans over my side of the fence which divides our properties. It is not just a nuisance but also a danger. It drops a large amount of debris on my roof and these leaves and twigs block the down-pipes. During the last heavy rainfall my house leaked as a result. My worst fear is that in a storm the tree might fall down, damaging my house and possibly injuring my family.

The tree has been a problem for over ten years and I have talked to you about it before but the tree has now reached such a height that I urge you to take action immediately. I think you should have the tree removed. An alternative course of action would be to prune the tree to fence level, but I think it would die anyway if you did this.

I hope the problem can be resolved soon.

Yours sincerely,

Joel Baker

173 Words.

#### Task 2

Exercise is important throughout life for all age groups in order to maintain both physical health and mental wellbeing. Making sports instruction and physical education mandatory for all able-bodied school students is a good idea, because it establishes beneficial exercise habits and enhances other aspects of their lives.

Sport is a great source of lessons for life. It teaches us to take nothing for granted and to treat others with respect. The smug individual or overconfident team is always vulnerable and may be beaten by an opponent with less obvious skill but more tenacity and determination. Sport teaches us how to behave, or how not to behave, in defeat. Maintaining composure in the face of disappointment is a life skill well worth mastering, as is the ability to recover quickly after setbacks.

Sport teaches us concentration, discipline and a good work ethic (essential for academic achievement as well). It is only by training hard, staying focused and exercising self-control that we



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attain success. We learn a lot about competition but sport teaches us restraint, too: we need to keep a cool head in the midst of intense pressure to have a chance of winning. To be calm and composed under pressure is an enormous advantage at exam time.

Team sports also teach us how to work as a team. Being a 'team player' is rated very highly by employers and knowing how to interact and cooperate with others prepares us not only for the workplace but for the rest of our social lives.

To conclude, sport definitely has a place in the school curriculum, because students will become fit and active, improve their attitude to study and learn many important life skills. For these reasons, all students who are physically able should be required to participate in physical education in addition to their academic subjects.

305 Words.