



# Master IELTS General Training Volume 5

## Reading Practice Test 2

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### READING PASSAGE 1



## How to Book a Course

Read the text below and answer Questions 1– 6.

If you are interested in joining any of our adult evening classes you can now book in a number of different ways.

### Online

Search for course information online and enrol using our online form. Please upload a passport size photo and pay using any major credit card or PayPal.

### **In person**

Call into the Adult Education

Centre bringing with you:

- your enrolment form
- the correct fee (you can make payment by credit/debit card, cheque or cash)
- passport size photo

### **By post**

Print out the enrolment form provided online. Make cheques payable to Cornwall Council.

Please enclose:

- your enrolment form
- the correct tuition fee
- passport size photo and send to: Cornwall Council, Adult Education Centre, Room 308, Sedgemoor Centre, Priory Road, St Austell, PL25 5AB

**Forms are also available at your local library**

### **By phone**

Ring our enquiry line number: 0898 - 275395

Please have your credit or debit card details ready:

- name of card holder
- card number (inc. last 3 digits on signature strip)
- expiry date

If the phone is engaged please keep trying or leave a message for us to call you back.

**Remember to book your course at least one week before the start date.**

### **Course fees**

The course fees are printed with the course details and are exempt from VAT.

### **Refunds**

A full refund of course fees will only be made if a class does not start or closes due to insufficient enrolments. Refunds for other reasons are not generally given, but if a refund is granted there will be an administration charge of £5.00.

### **Flexible Learning Centres**

Adult Education Centres can be found in six towns in Cornwall. Call in to your local Centre or phone for details of opening times and courses available.

**Read the text below and answer Questions 7-14.**

### **Holiday Cottages**

| Glen Cottage  |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Accommodation | up to 2 people |
| Family        | no children    |
| Parking       | 2 cars         |

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Distance to the sea   | 3 miles             |
| <b>Reviews:</b> Lots of amazing walks. Fantastic scenery and lovely garden. The property was perfect. There is nothing I would have changed. There is ample parking in the driveway. The owners, who live in the thatched cottage nearby, are very friendly and permit the use of their beautiful landscaped garden. This has some fabulous ponds, shrubs and plants, and guests have the use of a private summerhouse. |                     |
| <b>Tregonning</b>   |                     |
| Accommodation   | up to 3 people      |
| Family  | no under 2's        |
| Parking   | 1 car               |
| Distance to the sea   | Less than 1 mile    |
| <b>Reviews:</b> Thank you for the welcome tray and the flowers. The best priced accommodation we have ever stayed in. One week is too short! It really is a home from home with everything we could possibly need provided. By far the best equipped, central, yet quiet. There are three coves that are easy to walk to from the property. Mullion harbour is a delightful example of a Cornish fishing community.     |                     |
| <b>Trevarrow</b>  |                     |
| Accommodation   | up to 6 people      |
| Family  | children/babies OK  |
| Parking   | no                  |
| Distance to the sea   | Less than 100 yards |
| <b>Reviews:</b> This is a great property with a lot of original features, fantastic view, plus all mod cons. Trevarrow has stood above the beach looking out across the sheltered bay since the 1700's. Roadside parking can be found nearby or in the headland car park.   |                     |

## Questions 1-6

Complete the sentences below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **1-6** on your answer sheet.

If you decide to book in person don't forget to bring your photo, form, and

1 \_\_\_\_\_

If you decide to pay by post you can find the 2 \_\_\_\_\_ online.

If you are having problems booking over the phone we can 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Regardless of how you book do it a minimum of 4 \_\_\_\_\_ before.

All of the courses are free from 5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ is the only reason we would provide a full refund.

## Questions 7-14

Complete the summary below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 7-14 on your answer sheet.

### Glen Cottage

Despite only accommodating 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you also have use of a 8 \_\_\_\_\_ where you can sit in a private summerhouse and enjoy looking at the ponds, shrubs, and plants.

### Tregonning

You really need to go for more than 9 \_\_\_\_\_ as there is so much to do here. You don't really need to take anything with you as everything is 10 \_\_\_\_\_. If you like 11 \_\_\_\_\_ then this is the best place to be.

### Trevarrow

Of the three cottages it is the closest to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ and is the only place where you can take 13 \_\_\_\_\_ but there is no 14 \_\_\_\_\_.

## READING PASSAGE 2



### The London to Brighton Veteran Car Run

Read the text below and answer Questions 15–20.

The Bonhams London to Brighton Veteran Car Run starts in Hyde Park, London on the first Sunday in November every year. The cars congregate from 6.00am with the first car departing at sunrise (6.56am) and the last car leaving from between 8.00am - 8.30am.

Hyde Park is located in central London and is easily accessible. Cars not associated with the Run and without valid identification will NOT be allowed access to the Park from 5.00am - 12.00pm. Should you wish to show your support at Hyde Park, please enter the park on foot.

### **How to get to Hyde Park**

If you are using a mobile device, the postcode for the park is W2 2UH. This is for guidance only as the park covers a large area.

### **By Tube**

The tube stations that surround Hyde Park are:

- Lancaster Gate (Central Line)
- Marble Arch (Central Line)
- Hyde Park Corner (Piccadilly Line)
- Knightsbridge (Piccadilly Line)

The closest tube station to the VCR start line is Hyde Park Corner.

### **By Bus**

The buses that stop at Hyde Park are:

- North London: 6, 7, 10, 16, 52, 73, 82, 390, 414
- South London: 2, 36, 137, 436
- West London: 9, 10, 14, 19, 22, 52, 74, 148, 414
- East London: 8, 15, 30, 38, 274

### **By Car**

Should you wish to travel by car, there are many car parks located nearby to Hyde Park. The closest car park is situated to the south of Hyde Park and is managed by Q Park. Please contact them directly for prices and location.

The open top bus tours give spectators the opportunity to be involved and experience the 60 mile route taken by the veteran cars. You will be able to soak up the atmosphere at the start line with exclusive access to the paddock area and then follow the cars down the whole route.

Due to the unpredictable British weather the buses will only be filled to 50 per cent capacity giving everyone the opportunity to shelter on the lower deck in the case of inclement weather.

**Read the text below and answer Questions 21-27.**

## Animal Courtship

### Peacock Spiders

Rather like a 6-pack for men, the male peacock spider tries to impress with decorative, colorful abdominal flaps. The spider begins his courtship by vibrating his peacock-like flaps that reveal a pair of black and white third legs. For female peacock spiders nothing could be sexier but males beware because if their courtship goes too far the female, rather like the black widow spider, might eat its mate.

### Bowerbirds

Male bowerbirds have to be the ultimate home designers of the animal kingdom. To start their courtship they build an elaborate home called a 'bower'. To make their nest as attractive as possible, bowers have been known to use flowers, berries, seashells, plastic beads, coins, broken glass and even rifle shells. The potential mate can be quite fussy and if not impressed the male will keep adding to his elaborate home to make it more and more colourful.

### Northern Cardinals

The male Northern Cardinal will bring bits of food, usually fish, to the bird they are courting and with a tilt of his head, place a tasty snack into her beak. As if this wasn't enough, Cardinals will also take part in what is known as counter singing. Each bird, still within its own territory, will sing to each other by matching and repeating phrases together.

### Chameleons

A male chameleon will try to attract a mate by bobbing his head up and down and from side to side to try and get the attention of a potential mate. For males not so sensitive to their progress, the female will show dull colours if she likes him but if not other colours will be shown and he had better run!

### Frigates

In addition to waving their heads, flapping their wings and calling to the females, the males congregate in large numbers and display their vibrant red throat sacs. For about 20 minutes they force air into these throat sacs, which then resemble a large red balloon. If a male has wooed a female, she will simply fly in and land alongside her new mate.

### Hooded seals

Female hooded seals are attracted by males that have the most attractive nasal balloons. Male hooded seals have evolved specialized pinkish-red nasal cavities that they can blow up like bubblegum. To get a female's attention, the male blows up his balloon and starts bouncing it around. The cavities can expand to roughly the size of the seal's head.

## Questions 15-20







Do the following statements agree with the information given in the reading passage?

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In boxes 15-20 on your answer sheet, write

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>TRUE</b>      | if the statement agrees with the information |
| <b>FALSE</b>     | if the statement contradicts the information |
| <b>NOT GIVEN</b> | If there is no information on this           |

- 15   The first cars arrive when it is still dark.
- 16   If you arrive by car to watch the race you can park in Hyde Park.
- 17   The postcode will take you to the exact place in Hyde Park.
- 18   If travelling by tube then the Central Line gets you closest to the VCR start line.
- 19   Tea and light refreshments will be provided on the open top bus.
- 20   Travelling on the open top bus means you will get wet if it rains.

## Questions 21-27

Look at the following statements and the list of animals below.

Match each statement with the correct animal, **A-F**.

Write the correct letter, **A-F**, in boxes 21-27 on your answer sheet.

| Animals  |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| <b>A</b> | Peacock Spiders    |
| <b>B</b> | Bowerbirds         |
| <b>C</b> | Northern Cardinals |
| <b>D</b> | Chameleons         |
| <b>E</b> | Frigates           |
| <b>F</b> | Hooded Seals       |

**NB** You may use any **letter more than once**.

- 21  This male tries to attract a partner by giving her food.
- 22  This male likes to look for a partner at the same time as many others.
- 23  This male might end up being eaten if he's not careful.
- 24  This male knows if he has been successful or not by the colour of the female.
- 25  This male likes to do party tricks with his nose.
- 26  This male likes to think he is a macho man.
- 27  This male would be a great painter and decorator if he were a man.

# READING PASSAGE 3

Read the text below and answer questions 28-40.



## The Life of an Amah

Life in China at the beginning of the 20th Century was a very different world than today, especially for women. It was often a very hard life with most women working in the rural areas of China for nothing more than a hand-to-mouth living. For many women in Guangdong province by the Pearl River Delta, however, life was to change forever.

The villages they lived in by the Delta that had once been surrounded by fishponds were now replaced by mulberry trees. This meant large quantities of white mulberry leaves to feed silkworms. This was a chance for many women in the area to grab their independence and they did this by working in China's now booming silk industry.

It is estimated that over two million women were involved in the silk industry. They took great pride in their independence and refused a conventional lifestyle. They formed sisterhoods and refused to get married, swore oaths of chastity and moved out of their family homes into spinster houses or vegetarian halls as they were called. Some women even held funeral services for a 'sister' who had decided to marry.

By the 1930s, however, it was all over. The silk industry had been badly affected by the world depression and many of the once thriving factories were forced to close leaving many women jobless. Some managed to maintain their independence by becoming domestic servants. These were the amahs. By moving to Hong Kong, Singapore and other Southeast Asian countries they could earn enough money (5\$ a month) to live a reasonable life and continue their independent lifestyle.

An amahs social life took place in a 'coolie fong'. This was a 2-3 story building rented by a sisterhood. It was here where she would spend time after her working day was over or on

days off. It was a place to relax, share stories with other 'sisters', hear about new job opportunities, and collect any letters that had been sent to her from her family in China.

Sisterhoods usually ranged in size from six to ten women but could have up to thirty members. The sisterhood networks helped women migrate from the silk areas of China into cities overseas. Once the 'sisters' had arrived in one of these cities, the sisterhoods trained the women in various skills to be a cook, lady's maid or baby amah, and assisted them in finding jobs and in relocating them if their work situation was unsatisfactory. The training provided by the sisterhood usually helped the 'sister' become a valued servant and, therefore, to receive the wages she asked for.

In many ways the sisterhood was similar to a primitive labor union in that members established job definitions and minimum wages for each job. If a member was treated badly by an employer, other 'sisters' refused to work for the employer. Sometimes one sisterhood dominated the domestic staff of a whole apartment building. In such cases the sisterhood controlled who was hired, and if an employer fired a 'sister' without just cause, the sisterhood made it very difficult for the employer to hire another servant.

Sisterhoods also established loan associations for their members, which were especially important for immigrants separated from possible family assistance. The loan associations also acted as investment clubs where the women pooled their savings to buy property where they could retire together.

Every amah had a different routine as this partly depended on the size of the family they were working for and whether they were European or local. Europeans tended to be more demanding. Some households would hire more than one amah but others would only hire one. For many amahs this was a good thing. Although they had to work harder they felt they were more independent and free of typical domestic servant arguments. These amahs were usually known as "one-leg kick" (or "yat keok tek" in Cantonese) since they did all the work in the household.

A typical workday began when she woke up early in the morning around 5 a.m. and, after getting herself ready, she would start cooking breakfast. After doing the dishes, she swept and tidied up the house. When that was done, she washed the clothes and prepared lunch. After cleaning up, she did the ironing. When that was done, she took a bath. It would then be time to cook again. By the time dinner was over, and she had cleaned up and finished the dishes, it would be about 9p.m. A 16-hour day that was repeated seven days a week with only an occasional half-day off.

Sometimes known as 'black and whites' because they often wore white shirts and black pants with their hair in a bun or a long braid falling down their backs, they were seen as an elite group of servants that were hardworking, trustworthy, and completely loyal to the families they worked for.

Stories of their complete loyalty are common with one amah jumping into the sea to rescue her English charge who had accidentally fallen from the ship. Others even worked for free if their employees lost their job and couldn't pay them. In return the amahs were not exploited but treated like members of the family. Indeed, it was their loyalty that led to them being called amah as the Cantonese word for mother is amah.

## Questions 28-32

Complete the flow chart below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 28-32 on your answer sheet.

### Sisterhoods

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|--|
| Sisterhoods usually had up to 28 <input type="text"/> members                    |
| Their networks stretched all the way to 29 <input type="text"/>                  |
| Sisterhoods offered training in 30 <input type="text"/> and help in finding jobs |
| A trained amah was able to get the 31 <input type="text"/> she wanted            |
| Sisterhoods acted rather like a 32 <input type="text"/> controlling salaries     |

## Questions 33-35

Answer the questions below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 33-35 on your answer sheet.

What were silkworms given to eat?

33

Why did many silk factories close?

34

How would sisterhoods help women buy property?

35

## Questions 36-40


Do the following statements agree with the information given in the reading


passage?

In boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet, write

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>TRUE</b>      | if the statement agrees with the information |
| <b>FALSE</b>     | if the statement contradicts the information |
| <b>NOT GIVEN</b> | If there is no information on this           |

36   Most Amahs never wanted to marry.

37   Amahs would often get letters from China.

38   Some Amahs were called “one-leg kick” because they were kicked by their owners.

39   Amahs were given a regular day off.

40   Amahs were considered the best of the best.



### Solution:

15 TRUE

16 FALSE

17 FALSE

18 FALSE

19 NOT GIVEN

20 FALSE

21 C

22 E

23 A

24 D

25 F

26 A

27 B

1 correct fee

2 enrolment form

3 call you back

4 one week

5 VAT

6 insufficient enrolments

28 30/thirty

- 29 cities overseas
- 31 wages
- 7 2/two
- 9 one week
- 11 fishing
- 13 babies
- 33 (white) mulberry leaves
- 35 investment clubs
- 37 NOT GIVEN
- 39 FALSE
- 30 various skills
- 32 (primitive) labor union
- 8 beautiful landscaped garden
- 10 provided
- 12 the sea
- 14 parking
- 34 world depression
- 36 TRUE
- 38 FALSE
- 40 NOT GIVEN



## Review and Explanations

15 Answer: **TRUE**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q15:</b> The first cars arrive when it is still dark.  | The cars congregate from 6.00am with the first car departing at sunrise (6.56am) and the last car leaving from between 8.00am - 8.30am. |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>The cars congregate (means come together in a group) from 6 am<br><br>The first car departs ( starts to leave) at sunrise (6.56am), which implies that when the first cars arrive, it is still not sunrise, in other words, it is still dark. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q15</b> is <b>TRUE</b></li></ul> |   |

16 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q16:</b> If you arrive by car to watch the race you can park in Hyde Park.  | Should you wish to show your support at Hyde Park, please enter the park on foot. |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>In this paper, it instructs that please enter the park on foot if you wish to show your support; which implies you can not park in Hyde Park. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q16</b> is <b>FALSE</b> |   |

17 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q17:</b> The postcode will take you to the exact place in Hyde Park.  | the postcode for the park is W2 2UH. This is for guidance only as the park covers a large area. |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>The paper informs that the postcode is for guidance only, which implies it may not take you to the exact place. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q17</b> is <b>FALSE</b> . |   |

18 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q18:</b> If travelling by tube then the Central Line gets you closest to the VCR start line. | - Hyde Park Corner (Piccadilly Line)<br>The closest tube station to the VCR start line is Hyde Park Corner. |

**Note**

We need to find information in “By Tube” part.

It is stated the Hyde Park Corner (Piccadilly Line) is the closest to the VCR start line, not the Central Line. Therefore, the **answer** for **Q18** is **FALSE**

19 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Q19:</b> Tea and light refreshments will be provided on the open top bus.  |                          |
| <b>Note</b><br>We need to search for information in the “By Car” part. It mention the open top bus, but there is no information about tea and light refreshments on this car. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q19</b> is <b>NOT GIVEN</b> |                          |

20 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage   |
|---|--|
| <b>Q20:</b> Travelling on the open top bus means you will get wet if it rains.  | the buses will only be filled to 50 per cent capacity giving everyone the opportunity to shelter on the lower deck in the case of inclement weather. |
| <b>Note</b><br>In the information paper, it states that people can shelter (= stay) on the lower deck in the case of inclement weather (= not pleasant, cold or wet); which means there is no reason for guests to get wet if it rains. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q20</b> is <b>FALSE</b></li> </ul> |  |

21 Answer: **C**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q21:</b> This male tries to attract a partner by giving her food.   | The male Northern Cardinal will bring bits of food, usually fish, to the bird they are courting and with a tilt of his head, place a tasty snack into her beak. |
| <b>Note</b><br>The male Northern Cardinal brings bits of food to the bird they are courting (in other words, his partner). Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q21</b> is <b>C</b> |   |

22 Answer: **E**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q22:</b> This male likes to look for a partner at the same time as many others.   | <b>Frigates</b><br><br>In addition to waving their heads, flapping their wings and calling to females, the males congregate in large numbers and display their vibrant red throat sacs. |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>The males congregate (come together in group) in large numbers to display; therefore, we can conclude that these males like to look for a partner at the same time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The statement of <b>Q22</b> is <b>E</b></li> </ul> |   |

23 Answer: **A**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q23:</b> This male might end up being eaten if he's not careful.  | For female peacock spiders nothing could be sexier but males beware because if their courtship goes too far the female, rather like the black widow spider, might eat its mate. |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>It is said that for female peacock spiders, males could be sexier if they beware (be careful) because female ones might eat them. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q23</b> is <b>A</b> |   |

24 Answer: **D**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q24:</b> This male knows if he has been successful or not by the colour of the female.  | <b>Chameleons</b><br><br>For males not so sensitive to their progress, the female will show dull colours if she likes him but if not other colours will be shown and he had better run! |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>For this bird, if female one likes male one, she will show dull colors. If not, other colors will be shown. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q24</b> is <b>D</b> |   |

25 Answer: **F**

| Keywords in Questions | Similar words in Passage |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|-----------------------|--------------------------|

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Q25:</b> This male likes to do party tricks with <b>his nose</b> .   | Male hooded seals have evolved specialized pinkish-red <b>nasal cavities</b> that they can blow up like bubblegum. |
| <b>Note</b><br>This male has evolved specialized pinkish-red nasal cavities (connected to the nose) and blow up like bubblegum to attract the female. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q25</b> is <b>F</b> |  |

26 Answer: **A**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q26:</b> This male likes to think he is a <b>macho man</b> .  | <b>Rather like a 6-pack for men</b> , the male peacock spider tries to impress with decorative, colorful abdominal flaps. |
| <b>Note</b><br>This male is compared to a 6-pack man, who has macho posturing. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q26</b> is <b>A</b> |   |

27 Answer: **B**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |
|--|--|
| <b>Q27:</b> This male would be a <b>great painter and decorator</b> if he were a man.  | Male bowerbirds have to be <b>the ultimate home designers of the animal kingdom</b> . To start their courtship they build an elaborate home called a 'bower'. To make their nest as attractive as possible, bowers have been known to use flowers, berries, seashells, plastic beads, coins, broken glass and even rifle shells. |
| <b>Note</b><br>Male bowerbirds are consider to be the home designers of the animal kingdom, which implies they would be a great painter and decorator if he were the man.<br>Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q27</b> is <b>B</b> |  |

1 Answer: **correct fee**

| Keywords in Questions | Similar words in Passage |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|-----------------------|--------------------------|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Q1:</b> If you decide to book in person don't forget to bring your photo, form,  | <b>In person</b><br>Call into the Adult Education Centre bringing with you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● your enrolment form</li> <li>● the correct fee (you can make payment by credit/debit card, cheque or cash)</li> <li>● passport size photo</li> </ul> |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the passage, we can conclude that booking in person needs the photo, form and correct fee. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q1</b> is <b>correct fee</b> |   |

2 Answer: **enrolment form**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage                      |
|---|---|
| <b>Q2:</b> If you decide to pay by post you can find the ..... online.  | Print out the enrolment form provided online. |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the passage, we can see that in order to pay by post we can print out the enrolment form online. Therefore, that <b>answer</b> for <b>Q2</b> is <b>enrolment form</b> |   |

3 Answer: **call you back**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |
|--|--|
| <b>Q3:</b> If you are having problems booking over the phone we can.....   | If the phone is engaged please keep trying or leave a message for us to call you back. |
| <b>Note</b><br>In the passage, it is said that if the phone is engaged (having problems when booking over the phone), keep trying or leave a message for them to call you back. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q3</b> is <b>call you back</b> |  |

4 Answer: **one week**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q4:</b> Regardless of how you book do it a minimum of .....before.   | Remember to book your course at least one week before the start date. |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the passage, we conclude that you have to book the course a minimum of one week before. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q4</b> is <b>one week</b> |   |

5 Answer: **VAT**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q5:</b> All of courses are free from.....   | The course fees are printed with the course details and are exempt from VAT |
| <b>Note</b><br>In the passage, “ <b>exempt from</b> ” is used as a synonym of “ <b>free from</b> ”. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q5</b> is <b>VAT</b> |   |

6 Answer: **insufficient enrolments**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage   |
|---|--|
| <b>Q6:</b> ..... is the only reason we would provide a full refund.   | A full refund of course fees will only be made if a class does not start or closes due to insufficient enrolments. |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the passage, we can get that only if a class does not start or closes due to insufficient enrolments they would provide a full refund. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q6</b> is <b>insufficient enrolments</b> |  |

28 Answer: **30/thirty**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |
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| <b>Q 28 :</b> Sisterhoods usually had up to.....members.   | Sisterhoods usually ranged in size from six to ten women but could have up to thirty members. |
| <b>Note</b><br>The keyword of <b>Q28 - Q32</b> is “sisterhoods”. We should find the information in paragraph 6,7,8.<br>Here we must find a number which shows the number of sisterhoods’ members.<br>From the above sentence, we can conclude that sisterhoods could have up to thirty members. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q28</b> is <b>thirty</b> |   |

29 Answer: **cities overseas**

| Keywords in Questions | Similar words in Passage |
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| <b>Q29:</b> Their networks stretched all the way to.....  | Some managed to maintain their independence by becoming domestic servants. These were the amahs. The sisterhood networks helped women migrate from the silk areas of China into cities overseas. |
| <b>Note:</b><br>The keyword of <b>Q29</b> is “networks”. “Their networks” here means “sisterhood networks”. These networks helped women migrate from China to cities overseas, which means their networks spread over cities overseas. “Stretched” here means “spread over”. Therefore, the answer for <b>Q29</b> is <b>cities overseas</b> |  |

30 Answer: **various skills**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |
|--|--|
| <b>Q30:</b> Sisterhoods offered training in..... and help in finding jobs  | Once the ‘sisters’ had arrived in one of these cities, the sisterhoods trained the women in various skills to be a cook, lady's maid or baby amah, and assisted them in finding jobs |
| <b>Note</b><br>It is clear in the passage that the sisterhoods trained women in various skills; therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q30</b> is <b>various skills</b> |  |

31 Answer: **wages**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q31:</b> A trained amah was able to get the..... she wanted.   | The training provided by the sisterhood usually helped the ‘sister’ become a valued servant and, therefore, to receive the wages she asked for. |
| <b>Note</b><br>A trained amah here means the ‘sister’ who has been provided the training. That ‘sister’ can receive the wages she wanted. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q31</b> is <b>the wages</b> |   |

32 Answer: **(primitive) labor union**

| Keywords in Questions | Similar words in Passage |
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| <b>Q 32 :</b> Sisterhoods acted rather like a .....controlling salaries.  | In many ways the sisterhood was similar to a primitive labor union in that members established job definitions and minimum wages for each job. |
| <b>Note</b><br>As we can see in the passage, the sisterhoods established minimum wages, which implies that they had the right to control salaries. The author compares them to a primitive labor union for that reason. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q32</b> is <b>(primitive) labor union</b> |  |

7 Answer: **2/two**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |                      |                |
|--|---|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Q7:</b> Despite only accommodating.....   | <b>Glen Cottage</b><br><br><table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Accommodation</b></td><td>up to 2 people</td></tr> </table> | <b>Accommodation</b> | up to 2 people |
| <b>Accommodation</b>   | up to 2 people  |                      |                |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the table of Glen Cottage, we can see that accommodation is for up to 2 people. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q7</b> is <b>2/two</b> |   |                      |                |

8 Answer: **beautiful landscaped garden**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |
|--|--|
| <b>Q8:</b> you also have use of a.....where you can sit in a private summerhouse and enjoy looking at the ponds, shrubs, and plants.   | The owners, who live in the thatched cottage nearby, are very friendly and permit the use of their beautiful landscaped garden. This has some fabulous ponds, shrubs and plants, and guests have the use of a private summerhouse. |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the passage, because the owners permit the use of their their beautiful landscaped garden which has ponds, shrubs and plants, and guests have the use of a private summerhouse; therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q8</b> is <b>beautiful landscaped garden</b> |  |

9 Answer: **one week**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Q9:</b> You really need to go for more than ..... as there is so much to do here. | One week is too short!   |



**Note**

In the review part of Tregonning, the guest says that one week is too short, which implies that you need to go for more than one week. Therefore, the **answer** for **Q9** is **one week**

10 Answer: **provided**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |
|--|--|
| <b>Q10:</b> You don't really need to take anything with you as everything is .....   | It really is a home from home with everything we could possibly need provided. |
| <b>Note</b><br>The reviewer says that everything they could possibly need was provided; which implies that you don't really need to take anything with you. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q10</b> is <b>provided</b> |  |

11 Answer: **fishing**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q11:</b> If you like ..... then this is the best place to be.  | There are three coves that are easy to walk to from the property. Mullion harbour is a delightful example of a Cornish fishing community. |
| <b>Note</b><br>The reviewer says that Mullion harbour is a delightful example of a Cornish fishing community, which suggests us that this is the best place to be if you like fishing. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> is <b>fishing</b> |   |

12 Answer: **the sea**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Q12:</b> Of the three cottages it is the closest to.....   | Distance to the sea      |
| <b>Note</b><br>From the question, we can guess that it mentions the distance. From 3 cottages' table, we can see the distance to the sea of three of them. Trevarrow is far from the sea less than 100 yards, the closet distance to the sea; therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q12</b> is <b>the sea</b> |                          |

13 Answer: **babies**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage  |               |                    |
|--|---|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>Q13:</b> is the <b>only place</b> where you can take<br>.....   | <b>Trevarrow</b><br><br><table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Family</b></td><td>children/babies OK</td></tr> </table> | <b>Family</b> | children/babies OK |
| <b>Family</b>  | children/babies OK  |               |                    |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>We can notice in the text that Glen Cottage does not allow family to bring children, Tregonning does not accept family with children under 2's (in other word, babies). However, Trevarrow is the only place informing that babies are OK. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q13</b> is <b>babies</b> |   |               |                    |

14 Answer: **parking**

| Keywords in Questions  | Similar words in Passage   |                |    |
|--|--|----------------|----|
| <b>Q14:</b> but there is no .....  | <b>Trevarrow</b><br><br><table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Parking</b></td><td>No</td></tr> </table> | <b>Parking</b> | No |
| <b>Parking</b>   | No   |                |    |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>We can conclude from the information table of Trevarrow that there is no parking. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q14</b> is <b>parking</b> |  |                |    |

33 Answer: **(white) mulberry leaves**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q33:</b> What were <b>silkworms</b> given to eat?  | This meant large quantities of white mulberry leaves to <b>feed silkworms</b> . |
| <b>Note</b><br><br>The keyword of this question is <b>silkworms</b> . In paragraph 2, it is said that large quantities of white mulberry leaves were to feed (= be given to eat) silkworms. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q33</b> is <b>(white) mulberry leaves</b> |   |

34 Answer: **world depression**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage   |
|---|--|
| <b>Q34:</b> Why did many <b>silk factories</b> <b>close</b> ? | The silk industry had been badly affected by the world depression and many of the once thriving <b>factories</b> were <b>forced to close</b> leaving many women jobless. |

**Note**

We can find the information of closing silk factories in paragraph 4. The author states that because of bad effects of the world depression, many factories were forced to close. Therefore, the **answer** for **Q34** is **world depression**

35 Answer: **investment clubs**

| Keywords in Questions                                      | Similar words in Passage  |
|--|---|
| <b>Q35:</b> How would sisterhoods help women buy property? | <b>Sisterhoods</b> also established loan associations for their members.<br><br>The loan associations also acted as investment clubs where the women pooled their savings to buy property where they could retire together. |

**Note**

The keyword here is “buy property”. We can find information in paragraph 8.

As the author says that sisterhoods established loan associations which acted as investment clubs where the women pooled their savings to buy property, which implies that investment clubs is how sisterhoods helped their women.

Therefore, the **answer** for **Q35** is **investment clubs**

36 Answer: **TRUE**

| Keywords in Questions                         | Similar words in Passage   |
|---|--|
| <b>Q36:</b> Most Amahs never wanted to marry. | Some women even held funeral services for a ‘sister’ who had decided to marry. |

**Note**

We can notice that Some women even held funeral services (a ceremony for a dead person) for a ‘sister’ who had decided to marry, which implies that they would not want to marry at all.

Therefore, this statement is **TRUE**

37 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

| Keywords in Questions                                 | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q37:</b> Amahs would often get letters from China. | collect any letters that had been sent to her from her family in China. |

**Note**

The keyword of **Q37** is “often”

It is said that they collected any letters from their family in China but there is no information about the frequency of receiving them

Therefore, the **answer** for **Q37** is **NOT GIVEN**

38 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q38:</b> Some Amahs were called “one-leg kick” because they were kicked by their owners.   | These amahs were usually known as “one-leg kick” (or “yat keok tek” in Cantonese) since they did all the work in the household. |
| <b>Note</b><br><p>The keyword of this question is “one-leg-kick”</p> <p>In the passage, the author explains the reason why Amahs were called “one-leg-kick” that they did all the work in the household, not because they were kicked by their owners.</p> <p>Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q38</b> is <b>FALSE</b></p> |   |

39 Answer: **FALSE**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage  |
|---|---|
| <b>Q39:</b> Amahs were given a regular day off.   | A 16-hour day that was repeated seven days a week with only an occasional half-day off. |
| <b>Note</b><br><p>We can see in the passage that Amahs had to work seven days a week with only a half - day off, not a day off. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q39</b> is <b>FALSE</b></p> |   |

40 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

| Keywords in Questions   | Similar words in Passage |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Q40:</b> Amahs were considered the best of the best.   |                          |
| <b>Note</b><br><p>In the 2 last paragraphs, Amahs were seen as an elite group of servants that were hardworking, trustworthy, and completely loyal to the families they worked for. However, there is no clue to say that they were the best of the best. Therefore, the <b>answer</b> for <b>Q40</b> is <b>NOT GIVEN</b></p> |                          |

