



IELTS Practice Test Volume 6

Reading Practice Test 2

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Reading Passage 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1 - 13, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.



Fix it with Flavour

A. Gabriele Dionisi, a '38-year-old Italian computer wizard living in London, is a true individualist when it comes to food. He has been known to live for days on dry toast and mashed potato. He's also very fond of tinned mackerel with biscuits, washed down with, say, an apple-and-tomato milkshake. For some unfathomable reason, he sometimes has problems with his guts. Then he makes himself a hot cup of camomile tea with honey and half a spoonful of chilli flakes. "It's an old Italian recipe," he says. "Ms- grandmother taught me to make it. It's very good for the digestion."

B. Spices such as chilli have been used for medicinal purposes in Europe for centuries. Medieval herbalists believed that spices could be used to treat a range of pains, diseases, and ailments. Sometimes they got it right; sometimes they were way off the end of the spice rack. For example, they used to pound up cloves to extract the oil, which was used to treat toothache. Sensible move: modern scientists know that cloves contain eugenol, a chemical which is an effective local anaesthetic. Cloves also contain salicylic acid, the basis of aspirin.

C. Ginger was held to be good for stomach upsets, and it is now known to have anti-nausea properties. It is also believed to have a painkilling effect, which is being studied at the University of Arizona. Unfortunately, those muddled medieval medics also believed that ginger was a cure for the Black Death - it isn't - and that eating borage would give you courage, just because the words rhymed.

D. Doctors in India have long used spices as medicines. They understood that spices could be used as remedies. Their motto was: Let food be thy medicine. The Indian chef's favourite medical spice is turmeric, the yellow ingredient used in almost all Indian cookery. Turmeric is an antiseptic and disinfectant, and it is used widely not so much for its taste but for its antibacterial properties.

E. Turmeric is used in Indian homes as a first-aid treatment. For example, if you had a

small cut on your finger, you'd run it under the tap and then dust the wound with turmeric. It is also supposed to be a cure for arthritis, and scientists are now researching its potential ability to suppress the growth of cancer cells.

F. In 2002, staff at the oncology department of Leicester University noticed that of 500 patients with colon cancer, only two were Asian, despite the fact that 20 per cent of the population in Leicester is Asian. The scientists believed this was due to their spicy diet. And, in America, researchers at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons are investigating Zyflamend, a herbal treatment for arthritis, which contains turmeric and ginger. Zyflamend has shown an ability to reduce prostate cancer cell proliferation by as much as 78% and induce cancer cell death.

G. Studies at the Indian Institute of Science, in Bangalore, suggest that curcumin, the chemical that gives turmeric its yellow colour, might also help to treat malaria. Mice were infected with the malaria parasite *Plasmodium berghei* and given five daily doses orally. After 20 days, a third of the treated mice were alive, whereas the untreated animals all died by day 13.

H. If you want to know what chillies do to the body, cut open a fresh chilli and hold it on the back of your hand for 15 or 20 minutes. It will make the hand red and sore. If you eat it in excess, it can give you gastric problems. However, in small doses, chilli can aid digestion. Chilli contains vitamins A and E and is a good source of potassium, beta carotene, and folic acid. Also, chilli contains twice as much vitamin C as an orange, and it really can help to protect the body from colds and flu. One chilli contains 100mg of vitamin C more than the daily recommended amount, and capsaicin, the chemical in chillies that gives them heat, is also a natural decongestant.

I. The pleasure of chillies comes from the pain of eating them. Literally, the burning sensation in the mouth triggers the release of endorphins, an opiate-like painkilling chemical, in the brain. This makes you feel good; so good, in fact, that it is possible to become a chilli junkie. In the light of this, perhaps the late Signora Dionisi should have taught her favourite grandson how to make something oilier than chilli camomile tea.

Questions 1-4

The text has 9 paragraphs (A -I).

Which paragraph contains each of the following pieces of information?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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1  The reason that turmeric is yellow

- 2 How turmeric is used by Indians
- 3 A medieval cure for stomach aches
- 4 The method Gabriele Dionisi uses to solve stomach aches

Questions 5-8

Complete the following sentences using **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the text for each gap.

The article refers to medieval herbalists as 5 because they didn't always use herbs properly.

The article provides no support for the suggestion that turmeric can help to deal with 6 , though this is being investigated.

A single chilli provides more 7 than a person needs in a day.

Eating chillies creates a feeling of 8 thanks to the release of endorphins.

Questions 9-13

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 9 -13 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE	if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE	if the statement contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN	If there is no information on this

- 9 Cloves are used to make aspirin.
- 10 Turmeric is not used in Indian cooking because of its taste.
- 11 Zyflamend can kill cancer cells.
- 12 Chillies help prevent colds because they contain capsaicin.

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Signora Dionisi taught her favourite grandson many traditional Italian recipes.

Reading Passage 2

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 14 - 26, which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.



Clicks, Bricks, and Bargains

A. It's a new phenomenon called "Cyber Monday". On November 28, millions of Americans returned to work after the Thanksgiving holiday and fired up their office computers to take advantage of high-speed Internet links and continue the arduous task of hunting for Christmas presents. Visits to some retail websites more than doubled, and Visa reported that online spending by its cardholders grew by 26% compared with the same day a year ago. Despite concerns about a fall in consumer confidence putting the brake on store sales, online purchases are soaring in most countries. Something else is happening, too. Increasingly, the websites run by conventional retailers - once considered dinosaurs of the bricks-and-mortar age - are growing the fastest. Indeed, on Thanksgiving Day itself, the number of visitors to Wal-Mart's website exceeded those visiting Amazon - the first time that has ever happened, says Hitwise, which monitors Internet usage.

B. Online sales in America (excluding travel) are expected to grow to more than \$19 billion in the crucial two months running up to Christmas - 24% more than the same period last year - according to comScore Networks, a research firm. Online sales of toys, computer games, clothing, and jewellery are all more than 30% higher. In many countries, the websites run by eBay and Amazon get the most visitors. Both are considered "pure Internet plays", since they have no physical shops. Their business models have changed markedly, and they now resemble online versions of vast department stores, where thousands of big and small third-party merchants also offer their wares. During Thanksgiving in 2004, Amazon for the first time sold more consumer electronics than it sold books.

C. Amazon was the company that proved online retailing could be a huge business - and it still leads the pack. Things are changing quickly. The online rise of mighty Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, is being closely followed by its chief supermarket rival, Target, which now operates the fourth most popular retail website in America. In Britain, Argos, a catalogue merchant, is the third most popular retail site, followed by Tesco, the country's biggest supermarket chain. Europeans are surfing the web in record numbers and almost half now visit retail websites, especially those of traditional merchants. According to Nielsen//NetRatings, the leading retail websites in Europe include Germany's Tchibo, a diversified chain; OTTO, a German mail-order specialist; and Fnac, a French high-street favourite.

D. Far from wrecking retailers' businesses, the web plays to their strengths. Shopping comparison sites, including America's Shopzilla and Ciao in Europe, are among the fastest growing destinations on the web. These sites allow users to compare products, read reviews - and most important of all - see who is offering the lowest prices. They make money from advertising or charging retailers when users click on a link to the retailers' website. With huge economies of scale, it is hardly surprising that giants such as Wal-Mart often emerge as the vendor offering the cheapest prices. Besides attracting an online purchase, shopping comparison searches can also be used by ordinary retailers as a relatively cheap way to advertise and attract consumers to their physical stores.

E. The traditional retailers are finding many other advantages in expanding their stores online. One is that in cyberspace, even the biggest super-centre is unconstrained by planning laws or dogged by protests, as Wal-Mart often is when it tries to expand offline. Both Wal-Mart and Target also use the web to test the market for certain \ products before they send them to their stores. Conventional shopkeepers might be late coming to the Internet, but they now realise that they can offer more to their customers online, and that the technology required to do so is relatively easy to use, says Michael Silverstein of the Boston Consulting Group. "Retailers are starting to recognise that their most profitable customers ... find the convenience of an online offering complementary to an in-store experience," he says. As examples of successful exponents of this in America, Mr. Silverstein points to Neiman Marcus, which has taken a lead in online top-end fashion, Victoria's Secret in lingerie, and Circuit City in consumer electronics.

F. Circuit City was a pioneer of the "pick-up in-store" option, which is proving increasingly popular with Internet shoppers. Around half the customers buying goods online from Circuit City collect their purchases at a shop. For this holiday season, the company is offering what it calls a "24/24 Pick-up Guarantee": if goods ordered online or over the telephone are not available for collection at a local store within 24 minutes of purchase, the customer can claim a \$24 gift voucher. Apart from instant consumer gratification, why would someone want the convenience of buying online only to trek to a store to take delivery? There are, it appears, many reasons. Some people want to examine items before

they accept them; some want to save on delivery costs; others want to avoid hanging around for the delivery man to call. For many, the chief reason is that they trust a big retailing brand with a local store - not least because they will know where goods can be returned if there is a problem. With more than 3,700 stores in America alone, this hands Wal-Mart another big advantage. It is developing services that link the web with its stores, such as e-mailing digital pictures and picking up the prints.

G. Does this mean retailing giants will come to dominate the web just as they do the high street? Some might carve out large chunks of cyberspace. Tesco, for instance, has a huge 30% share of the British grocery market. Online it is even more popular:

Nielsen//NetRatings says almost 70% of online shoppers plan to buy groceries this Christmas from tesco.com. Even the big traditional retailers still face competition online. For instance, Wal-Mart may have more than five times the annual sales of Target, but Target's website is growing faster and, according to some analysts, the average value of an online sale at Target is roughly three times more than one made online at Wal-Mart. This is one reason why Wal-Mart is now offering more upmarket goods on its website, including diamond rings. So, should Amazon have stuck to books? Jeff Bezos, its founder and chief executive, does not think so and likes to plug his site, with its growing army of other traders, as offering "earth's biggest selection". Nevertheless, he is spreading his bets. These days, Amazon also sells its e-commerce experience, helping to run the websites of big, traditional retailers such as Target and Britain's Marks & Spencer.

Questions 14-17

The text has 7 paragraphs (A - G).

Which paragraph does each of the following headings best fit?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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14	<div>Drag your answer</div>	Compare prices on the Net
15		Buy online, collect at the store
16		Street and web domination
17		In the footsteps of Amazon

Questions 18-22

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According to the text, **FIVE** of the following statements are true.

Write the corresponding letters in answer **boxes 18 to 22** in any order.

- A** ☐ Websites operated by traditional retailers are the fastest growing ones.
- B** ☐ Online sales grew by over \$19 billion last year.
- C** ☐ Amazon is the biggest online retailer.
- D** ☐ Shopzilla allows people to compare prices in different stores.
- E** ☐ Michael Silverstein says the best customers like to mix online and traditional shopping.
- F** ☐ Circuit City was one of the first businesses of its kind.
- G** ☐ Tesco has the biggest share of Britain's retail market.
- H** ☐ Target sells less than Wal-Mart.

Questions 23-24

According to the information given in the text, choose the correct answer or answers from the choices given.

23 "Cyber Monday" is

- A** ☐ the busiest day for online shopping in America.
- B** ☐ when Americans begin shopping for Christmas.
- C** ☐ the first time visits to the Wal-Mart website exceeded visits to the Amazon website.

24 eBay and Amazon are considered to be "pure Internet plays" because

- A** ☐ you cannot visit their shops.
- B** ☐ they are like big stores.
- C** ☐ third-party agents can sell things there.

Questions 25-26

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According to the information given in the text, choose the correct answer or answers from the choices given.

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Problems that traditional retailers have when expanding include

- ☐ A getting planning permission for new stores.
- ☐ B people protesting their new stores.
- ☐ C finding money to construct new stores.

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People buy online then go to the store to collect their purchases because they

- ☐ A don't want to wait for delivery.
- ☐ B like being in a store.
- ☐ D know they can return the goods if they are faulty.

Reading Passage 3

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 27 - 40, which are based on Reading Passage 3 below.



Can You Charm Your Way into Oxbridge?

It's Oxbridge season again, and thousands of applicants are anxiously waiting to be called to interview. Independent schools will be putting the final polish on candidates who may well have already had a year's intensive preparation. Candidates, if they are lucky, might get a five-minute mock interview with one of their teachers. At the Cotswold School, in Bourton-on-the-Water, a Gloucestershire comprehensive, it's a different story. Here, the eight Oxbridge candidates, all boys, are being given intensive social grooming courtesy of Rachel Holland, a former independent-school maths teacher and housemistress, who has clipped along in her high heels and smart, pink linen two-piece to give them a morning's tuition in the lost arts of sitting, standing, walking, making small talk, dressing well, and handing round canapés. It might sound the sort of thing that would have sceptical teenagers lolling in their chairs and rolling their eyes skywards, but Rachel Holland is warm, engaging, funny, and direct. People, she tells the boys bluntly, always judge others within a few seconds of meeting them, which is why first impressions are so vital.

Step by step she takes the group through a good "meet and greet" how to smile, make eye contact, and give a firm handshake. Lolling in chairs is a no-no, she says, even when you're waiting outside an interview room. "And don't sit with your legs really far apart, either." How do you enter an interview room? Rachel Holland demonstrates, miming closing the door quietly behind her, smiling warmly, walking confidently across the carpet, and shaking each interviewer's hand as she says her name. Then the boys do it, over and over again "head up, don't rush it, turn and sit down, but remember, don't sit down until you're invited to. Imagine your interviewers have had a bad day. You need to brighten it up for them. You need to announce to them that you're here. What you're saying when

you come in like this is: 'Here I am, I'm so-and-so, and I'm really pleased to see you. Pay attention to me. I want my place, and you should give it to me!'"

Rachel Holland set up Rachel Holland Associates to teach social skills after realising the popularity of the workshops she devised for the pupils of Millfield, the school where she was working. Her courses range from a three-hour workshop on basic manners for 7- to 10-year-olds, to a one-term course for school leavers on etiquette and life skills, which covers all aspects of modern life including how to walk in high heels, accept a compliment, write a thank-you letter, and know when not to use a mobile phone, "lively child, no matter what their background, needs to be given social skills," she says. 'Everyone needs to know how to be polite and well mannered.'

Once upon a time teaching these things was considered a parents' job, but today's parents, she says, are often as confused as their offspring. "They ask me, 'What should my child wear to interview?' Then I get lots of questions about eating. Young people say 'If there's lots of cutlery, what should I do?' They find the idea of, say, eating, a meal with a future employer very intimidating. I think social skills need to be taught as a proper subject in schools, not an add-on, although it helps that I'm coming in from outside and am not their maths or physics teacher." So far, she has taken her new company into four independent schools and has now come to the Cotswold School to try out her skills in the state sector by working with this small Oxbridge group, and running a larger workshop for 11-year-olds.

The headmistress, Ann Holland, came across her work through a family connection - Rachel Holland is her husband's niece and thought: "If they're doing this, why shouldn't my children have some of it, too?" Neither she, nor the boys, think for a minute that knowing how to hand round canapés is the key to getting into Oxbridge. Nevertheless, the effect of the workshop is astonishing. Over the course of the morning, the candidates are transformed from amiable, lounging schoolboys into young men with palpable presence who both charm and command your attention. Holland, watching the action, straightens her back in her chair. "This is really, really practical stuff. I only wish someone had told me all this when I was young."

The boys, who come from a wide span of social backgrounds, soak up the non-stop stream of tips, ask lots of questions, and have fun swaggering up and down to music, trying to inject more confidence and authority into the way they walk. However, they find learning how to make small talk in twos, and then threes, a tricky business. "It's hard work," agrees Rachel Holland. "You've got to store some questions in your head. You've got to fake it. You've got to look relaxed and confident. And remember the most important thing smile!" After a break, she turns to clothes. The boys are told to buy the best quality they can afford, to know their measurements - a tape measure is whipped out, and they are all measured for sleeve length and neck size - and "always to try and buy a suit with

vents at the back. It allows you to move. It really makes a difference." They are told when people wear evening dress, what "smart casual" consists of, and how "come as you are" invitations tend not to mean what they say.

"When would you wear a morning suit?" Rachel Holland asks them. "In the morning?" they volunteer, hopefully. Aspects of the workshop, like knowing when to wear a top hat, are clearly not relevant to their young lives, but they like being told what's what and. during a break, wax enthusiastic. Alex Green, 17, who is applying to read geography at Cambridge, says the morning has boosted his confidence. "I feel more assured of myself. I feel I know how to control myself in an interview. The little things about things like posture are really helpful." "It's really like acting. It's gelling your image across," says Alex Bexon, 17, another geographer, who is applying to Oxford.

Questions 27-30

For each question, only **ONE** of the choices is correct.

Write the corresponding letter in the appropriate box on your answer sheet.

27 Rachel Holland's advice does not include how to

- ☐ A pass exams
- ☐ B eat correctly.
- ☐ C talk about non-academic subjects.

28 Rachel Holland believes parents don't teach many things to their children because they

- ☐ A have so little time.
- ☐ B don't know how to do such things.
- ☐ C haven't been well educated.

29 Making small talk well involves

- ☐ A remembering what people say.
- ☐ B walking correctly.
- ☐ C asking questions.

30 Alex Green says he feels

- ☐ A more confident.

- ☒ B healthier.
- ☐ C more energetic.

Questions 31-35

Complete the following sentences using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each gap.

Rachel Holland used to teach 31 _____

The boys are taught to say their names as they 32 _____

One of Rachel's courses involves teaching 33 _____ to younger children.

Cotswold School is a 34 _____ school.

Rachel teaches the boys how to put more 35 _____ into their walking.

Questions 36-40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 3?

In boxes 36 — 40 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE	if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE	if the statement contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN	If there is no information on this

36 All of the Oxbridge candidates at Cotswold School are receiving coaching from Rachel Holland.

37 Some of Rachel's courses include tips on writing.

38 Rachel thinks her job would be more difficult if she was teaching the boys.

39 The skills Rachel teaches are the key to getting an Oxbridge place.

40 The boys are not interested in things that are not relevant to them.



Solution:

27 A

28 B

29 C

30 A

31 maths

32 shake hands

33 basic manners

34 (state) sector

35 confidence and authority

36 TRUE

37 TRUE

38 NOT GIVEN

39 FALSE

40 FALSE

14 D

15 F

16 G

17 C

1 G

2 E

3 C

4 A

$\frac{18}{22}$ A,C,D,E,F

23 B

24 A

5 muddled

6 arthritis

7 vitamin C

8 pleasure

25 A,B

26 A,D

9 NOT GIVEN

10 FALSE

11 TRUE

12 TRUE

13 NOT GIVEN

Review and Explanations

27 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q27</p> <p>Rachel Holland's advice does not include how to</p>	<p>Step by step she takes the group through a good "meet and greet" how to smile, make eye contact, and give a firm handshake</p> <p>Rachel Holland demonstrates, miming closing the door quietly behind her, smiling warmly, walking confidently across the carper, and shaking each interviewer's hand as she says her name</p> <p>... a one-term course for school leavers on etiquette and life skills, which covers all aspens of modern life including how to walk in high heels, accept a compliment, write a thank-yon letter, and know when not to use a mobile phone, "livery child, no matter what their background, needs to he given social skills... 'Everyone needs to know how to he polite and well mannered."</p> <p>I think social skills need to be taught as a proper subject in schools,</p>
<p>Note</p> <p>Follow paragraph 2, 3 and 4, we can read that Rachel only mentioned "how to smile, social skills, and get lots of questions about eating...", it means her advise include how to talk about social skills (non- academic subjects) and how to eat correctly.</p> <p>She doesn't mention how to pass exams in any paragraph.</p> <p>Therefore, the answer for Q27 is "A"</p>	

28 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q28</p> <p>Rachel Holland believes parents don't teach many things to their children because they</p>	<p>Once upon a time teaching these things was considered a parents' job, but today's parents, she says, are often as confused as their offspring</p>

Note

In paragraph 4, we can read “Once upon a time teaching these things was considered a parents’ job, but today’s parents, she says, are often as confused as their offspring”, it means that parents and children are the same, they are all confused, they do not know how to do such things.

Therefore, the answer for Q28 is **“B”**

29 Answer: **C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q29 Making small talk well involves	The boys, who come from a wide span of social backgrounds, soak up the non-stop stream of tips, ask lots of questions, and haw fun swaggering up and down to music, trying to inject more confidence and authority into the way they walk. However, they find learning how to make small talk in twos, and then threes, a tricky business. "It's hard work," agrees Rachel Holland. "You've got to store some questions in your head. You've got to fake it. You've got to look relaxed and confident. And remember the most important thing smile!"

Note

Follow paragraph 6, you can read that Rachel Holland mentioned “you’ve got to store some questions in your head...”, she did not mention option A and option B in this context.

Therefore, the answer for Q29 is **“C”**

30 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q30 Alex Green says he feels	Alex Green, 17, who is applying to read geography at Cambridge, says the morning has boosted his confidence. “I feel more assured of myself. I feel I know how to control myself in an interview.

Note

We only read about “Alex Green” in paragraph 7, and we also easily read “he has boosted his confidence”, it means that he feels more confident.

Therefore, the answer for Q30 is **“A”**

31 Answer: **maths**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q31 Rachel Holland used to teach	Here, the eight Oxbridge candidates, all boys, are being given intensive social grooming courtesy of Rachel Holland, a former independent-school maths teacher and housemistress

Note

We can assume the answer for Q31 should be a noun (name of subject at school)

We can read in paragraph 1, Rachel used to be a maths teacher, it means that she used to teach maths

Therefore, the answer for Q31 is **“maths”**

32 Answer: **shake hands**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q32 The boys are taught to say their names as they	How do you enter an interview room? Rachel Holland demonstrates, miming closing the door quietly behind her, smiling warmly, walking confidently across the carper, and shaking each interviewer's hand as she says her name.

Note

We can assume the answer for Q32 should be a verb or phrase verb.

We can read in paragraph 2, Rachel demonstrates “shaking each interviewer’s hand as she says her name”, it means that the boys are taught to say their names while shaking interviewer’s hand.

Therefore, the answer for Q32 is **“shake hand”**

33 Answer: **basic manners**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q33 One of Rachel's courses involves teaching ... to younger children .	Rachel Holland set up Rachel Holland Associates to teach social skills after realising the popularity of the workshops she devised for the pupils of Millfield, the school where she was working. Her courses range from a three-hour workshop on basic manners for 7- to 10-year-olds
Note We can assume the answer for Q33 should be a noun (name of a subject...) Follow paragraph 3, we can read "her courses range from a three-hour workshop on basic manners for 7 to 10-year-olds" "Younger children" and "7 to 10 year-olds" refers to the same meaning in this case. Therefore, the answer for Q33 is "basic manners"	

34 Answer: **(state) sector**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q34 Cotswold School is a ... school.	So far, she has taken her new company into four independent schools and has now come to the Cotswold School to try out her skills in the state sector by working with this small Oxbridge group, and running a larger workshop for 11-year-olds.
Note We can assume the answer for Q34 should be an adjective We can read in paragraph 4, Rachel said "she has taken her new company into four independent schools and has now come to the Cotswold School to try out her skills in the state sector...", it means that Cotswold School is a state sector school. Therefore, the answer for Q34 is "state sector"	

35 Answer: **confidence and authority**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q35 Rachel teaches the boys how to put more ... into their walking.	The boys, who come from a wide span of social backgrounds, soak up the non-stop stream of tips, ask lots of questions, and have fun swaggering up and down to music, trying to inject more confidence and authority into the way they walk.
Note We can assume the answer for Q35 should be a noun. We can read in paragraph 6, we easily read “the boys... trying to inject more confidence and authority in to the way they walk”, all keywords are mentioned, we easily choose “confidence and authority” to be the answer for Q35. Therefore, the answer for Q31 is “confidence and authority”	

36 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q36 All of the Oxbridge candidates at Cotswold School are receiving coaching from Rachel Holland.	So far, she has taken her new company into four independent schools and has now come to the Cotswold School to try out her skills in the state sector by working with this small Oxbridge group, and running a larger workshop for 11-year-olds.
Note We can read in paragraph 4 that Rachel has come to the Cotswold School to try out her skills in the state sector by working with this small Oxbridge group..., it means her skills are coached for Cotswold candidates by Rachel. Therefore, the answer for Q36 is “True”	

37 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q37 Some of Rachel’s courses include tips on writing.	... which covers all aspects of modern life including how to walk in high heels, accept a compliment, write a thank-you letter, and know when not to use a mobile phone

Note

Follow paragraph 3, we can read that “her courses... including how to walk in high heels,... write a thank-you letter”, it means that in Rachel’s courses have tips on writing.

Therefore, the answer for Q37 is **“True”**

38 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q38 Rachel thinks her job would be more difficult if she was teaching the boys.	
Note We cannot find any information in passage 3 mention “Rachel thinks her jobs would be more difficult if she was teaching the boys”, they didn’t mention the gender of candidates. Therefore, the answer for Q38 is “Not given”	

39 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q39 The skills Rachel teaches are the key to getting an Oxbridge place.	Neither she, nor the boys, think for a minute that knowing how to hand round canapés is the key to getting into Oxbridge
Note After reading paragraph 5, we can read that “neither she(Rachel) nor the boys, think for a minute that knowing how to hand round canapes is the key to getting into Oxbridge”, it contradicted from the information in Q39. Therefore, the answer for Q39 is “False”	

40 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q40 The boys are not interested in things that are not relevant to them.	Aspects of the workshop, like knowing when to wear a top hat, are clearly not relevant to their young lives, but they like being told what’s what and. during a break, wax enthusiastic

Note

We can read in final paragraph, the information in Q40 is contradicted from the in passage.

Therefore, the answer for Q40 is **“False”**

14 Answer: **D**

15 Answer: **F**

16 Answer: **G**

17 Answer: **C**

1 Answer: **G**

2 Answer: **E**

3 Answer: **C**

4 Answer: **A**

18-22 Answer: **A,C,D,E,F**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q18-22</p> <p>osites operated by traditional retailers are stest growing ones.</p> <p>ne sales grew by over \$19 billion last year.</p> <p>azon is the biggest online retailer.</p> <p>opzilla allows people to compare prices in ent stores.</p> <p>hael Silverstein says the best customers like online and traditional shopping.</p> <p>uit City was one of the first businesses of its</p> <p>co has the biggest share of Britain's retail et.</p> <p>get sells less than Wal-Mart.</p>	

Note

Follow paragraph B, we can **rule out option B** because In paragraph B, they mentioned that "Online sales in America (excluding travel) are expected to grow to more than \$19 billion in the crucial two months running up to Christmas - 24% more than the same period last year", it means they expected to grow more than \$19 billion, its content is different from the information in option B. So **"B" is incorrect answer.**

In paragraph C, we can read "Amazon was the company that proved online retailing could be a huge business - and it still leads the pack". "It still leads the pack" has the same meaning with "biggest" in this case. So, we choose **option C is one of correct answers.**

In paragraph C they also mention "In Britain, Argos, a catalogue merchant, is the third most popular retail site, followed by Tesco, the country's biggest supermarket chain", it means that "Tesco doesn't have the biggest share of Britain's retail market", we can **rule out option G**

Follow paragraph D, we can read the information 'Shopping comparison sites, including America's Shopzilla and Ciao in Europe, are among the fastest growing destinations on the web. These sites allow users to compare products, read reviews - and most important of all - see who is offering the lowest prices', it means that "Shopzilla allows people compare prices in different stores. So, **option D is also a correct answer.**

Follow paragraph E, we can read "The traditional retailers are finding many other advantages in expanding their stores online", and "Conventional shopkeepers might be late coming to the Internet, but they now realise that they can offer more to their customers online", it means that "Websites operated by traditional retailers are the fastest growing one". So, **option A is true.**

In paragraph E, they also mention 'Retailers are starting to recognise that their most profitable customers ... find the convenience of an online offering complementary to an in-store experience,' he says", so **option E is true.**

In paragraph F, we can get the information that 'Circuit City was a pioneer of the "pick-up in-store" option, which is proving increasingly popular with Internet shoppers', it has close meaning with option F. Therefore, **option F is correct.**

In paragraph G, we can read 'For instance, Wal-Mart may have more than five times the annual sales of Target...', **contradict from** the information in **option H.**

Therefore, the answers for **Q18-22** should be **"A, C, D, E, F" (in any order)**

23 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q23 "Cyber Monday" is	It's a new phenomenon called "Cyber Monday". On November 28, millions of Americans returned to work after the Thanksgiving holiday and fired up their office computers to take advantage of high-speed Internet links and continue the arduous task of hunting for Christmas presents.
Note Follow paragraph 1, we can read "Cyber Monday, millions of Americans returned to work ... continue the arduous task of hunting for Christmas presents." It means that "they begin shopping for Christmas on Cyber Monday" Therefore, the answer for Q23 is "B"	

24 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q24 eBay and Amazon are considered to be "pure Internet plays" because	In many countries, the websites run by eBay and Amazon get the most visitors. Both are considered "pure Internet plays" , since they have no physical shops.
Note Follow paragraph B, we can read that "both (eBay and Amazon) are considered "pure Internet plays" since they have no physical shops", it means that you cannot visit their shops. Therefore, the answer for Q24 is "A"	

5 Answer: **muddled**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q5: The article refers to medieval herbalists as because they didn't always use herbs properly.	... Unfortunately, those muddled medieval medics also believed that ginger was a cure for the Black Death - it isn't - and that eating borage would give you courage , just because the words rhymed.

Note: Follow paragraph C, we can read that medieval herbalists believed “eating borage would give you courage, because the words rhymed”, that means they didn’t use herbs properly.

So, the article refers them as muddled.

For that reason, the answer is **muddled**.

6 Answer: **arthritis**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q6: The article provides no support for the suggestion that turmeric can help to deal with ..., though this is being investigated .	It is also supposed to be a cure for arthritis, and scientists are now researching its potential ability to suppress the growth of cancer cells.
Note Follow the paragraph E, we can read “turmeric is supposed to be a cure for arthritis”, it means that “it can help to deal with arthritis” And “search” and “investigate” refer to the same meaning in this case. Therefore, the answer should be arthritis .	

7 Answer: **vitamin C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q7: A single chilli provides more ... than a person needs in a day .	One chilli contains 100mg of vitamin C more than the daily recommended amount , and capsaicin, the chemical in chillies that gives them heat, is also a natural decongestant.
Note All keywords are mentioned with the same meaning in Q7. “A single chili” and “one chili” refer to the same thing in this case. “needs in a day” and “ daily recommended amount” have the same meaning in this context. From paragraph, “one chili contains 100mg of vitamin C more than the daily recommended amount”, it means that one chili provides more vitamin C than a person needs in a day. Therefore, we can easily guess the answer for Q7 should be “vitamin C”	

8 Answer: **pleasure**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q8. Eating chillies creates a feeling of ... thanks to the release of endorphins.	The pleasure of chillies comes from the pain of eating them. Literally, the burning sensation in the mouth triggers the release of endorphins, an opiate-like painkilling chemical, in the brain.
<p>Note</p> <p>Follow paragraph I, we can see that “the burning sensation in the mouth triggers the release of endorphins”, and “the pleasure of chilies comes from the pain of eating them (chilies)”.</p> <p>We can understand that eating chilies create the feeling of pleasure because of the release of endorphins.</p> <p>For that reason, we choose “pleasure” to be the correct answer for Q8.</p>	

25 Answer: **A,B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q25 Problems that traditional retailers have when expanding include	The traditional retailers are finding many other advantages in expanding their stores online. One is that in cyberspace, even the biggest super-centre is unconstrained by planning laws or dogged by protests, as Wal-Mart often is when it tries to expand offline.
<p>Note</p> <p>From the order of question and “problems (in plural), we can assume to choose more than one option for Q25.</p> <p>After reading paragraph E, they mentioned “cyberspace is unconstrained by planning laws and dogged by protests”, it refers to option A and B in Q25.</p> <p>Therefore, the answers for Q25 are “A, B”</p>	

26 Answer: **A,D**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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<p>Q26</p> <p>People buy online then go to the store to collect their purchases because they</p>	<p>Apart from instant consumer gratification, why would someone want the convenience of buying online only to trek to a store to take delivery? There are, it appears, many reasons. Some people want to examine items before they accept them; some want to save on delivery costs; others want to avoid hanging around for the delivery man to call. For many, the chief reason is that they trust a big retailing brand with a local store - not least because they will know where goods can be returned if there is a problem.</p>
<p>Note</p> <p>After reading paragraph F, they gave some reasons why people buy online then go to store to collect their purchases:</p> <p>Want to examine items before they accept them</p> <p>Want to save on delivery costs</p> <p>Avoid hanging around for the delivery man to call</p> <p>Trust a big retail brand with a local store</p> <p>But they did not mention “people like being in a store or not”. So, we can easily choose option A and option D as the correct answers.</p> <p>Therefore, the answers for Q26 is “A, D”</p>	

9 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q9. Cloves are used to make aspirin.</p>	<p>For example, they used to pound up cloves to extract the oil, which was used to treat toothache. Sensible move: modern scientists know that cloves contain eugenol, a chemical which is an effective local anesthetic. Cloves also contain salicylic acid, the basis of aspirin.</p>
<p>Note</p> <p>Follow paragraph B, we can read that “Cloves also contain salicylic acid, the basic of aspirin”, but we cannot find any information that cloves are used to make aspirin or not.</p> <p>Therefore, the answer for Q9 is “Not Given”</p>	

10 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q10. Turmeric is not used in Indian cooking because of its taste.	The Indian chef's favourite medical spice is turmeric, the yellow ingredient used in almost all Indian cookery. Turmeric is an antiseptic and disinfectant, and it is used widely not so much for its taste but for its antibacterial properties.
Note <p>Follow paragraph D, we can easily read that "the Indian chef's favorite medical spice is turmeric...", it means that turmeric is used in Indian cooking.</p> <p>This information is contradicted with statement in Q10. Therefore, the answer for Q10 is "False"</p>	

11 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q11. Zyflamend can kill cancer cells.	Zyflamend has shown an ability to reduce prostate cancer cell proliferation by as much as 78% and induce cancer cell death.
Note <p>Follow paragraph F, we can read "Zyflamend has shown an ability to reduce prostate cancer cell proliferation", it means that Zyflamend can kill cancer cells.</p> <p>The answer for Q11 is "True"</p>	

12 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q12. Chillies help prevent colds because they contain capsaicin.	Also, chilli contains twice as much vitamin C as an orange, and it really can help to protect the body from colds and flu. One chilli contains 100mg of vitamin C more than the daily recommended amount, and capsaicin, the chemical in chillies that gives them heat, is also a natural decongestant.

Note

Follow paragraph H, we can understand that “Chilli can help to protect the body from colds and flu because they contain vitamin C, capsaicin

The information in paragraph H refer to the same meaning with Q12. Therefore, the answer for Q12 is **“True”**

13 Answer: NOT GIVEN

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q13 Signora Dionisi taught her favourite grandson many traditional Italian recipes.	
Note We could not find any information that Signora Dionisi taught her grandson Italian recipes or not. Therefore, the answer for Q13 is “Not Given”	