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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.



Cleaner, Abundant Fuels Attracting Record Investment

A

Renewable energy captured from the wind, sun, Earth's heat, tides, and from small dams is drawing record levels of investment as poor villagers and entire nations alike seek clean, abundant ways to fuel economic growth. Global investment in renewable energy set a new record of \$30 billion in 2004, according to a new report from the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21). Technologies such as wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and small hydro now provide 160 gigawatts of electricity generating capacity – about four per cent of the world total – the report said. They are growing at rates of around 20-30 per cent per year, however, compared to two or three per cent for oil and gas.

B

“Renewable energy has become big business,” said Eric Martinot, lead author of the study, “Renewables 2005: Global Status Report”. Martinot, a senior fellow at the Washington, DC-based think tank Worldwatch Institute and a lecturer at Tsinghua University in Beijing, said renewable energy has attracted some of the world's largest companies, including General Electric, Siemens, Sharp, and Royal Dutch Shell. The report estimated that nearly 40 million households worldwide heat their water with solar collectors, most of them installed in the last five years. Altogether, renewable energy industries provide 1.7 million jobs, most of them skilled and well paid.

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Martinot and 100-plus researchers in more than 20 countries assessed several renewable technologies: small hydro (meaning small dams), modern biomass (agricultural waste, for example), wind, solar, geothermal, and biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. These technologies now compete with conventional fuels in four distinct markets: power generation, hot water and space heating, transportation fuels, and rural (off-grid) energy supplies.

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Renewable energy is gaining in popularity because it is considered to be in infinite supply – unlike oil, coal, and gas – and because it involves little or no pollution compared to those fossil fuels. Scientists blame the burning of fossil fuels for the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that stoke global climate changes, which in turn are intensifying droughts in some parts of the world, floods and storms in others, and the spread of tropical diseases to temperate zones.

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Additionally, renewable energy could empower millions of poor and vulnerable people who lack access to reliable, affordable, and clean modern energy services, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said in a message to the Beijing International Renewable Energy Conference, which opened Monday. Annan said that rising oil prices have hit oil-importing developing countries especially hard and underscore the need for alternative energy supplies. According to the REN21 report, government support for renewable energy is growing rapidly. At least 48 countries now have some type of renewable energy promotion policy, including 14 developing countries. Typically, they include targets to ensure that renewable sources generate 5-30 per cent of energy use in a given country by around 2010-2012.

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The renewable sector's prospects appeared to receive a further boost Monday, when China announced it was raising its target for reliance on renewable energy even as it acknowledged that coal would remain its primary source for electricity for decades to come. Renewable energy should account for 15 per cent of national consumption by 2020. China had previously aimed to get 10 per cent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020.

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Mandates for blending biofuels into vehicle fuels have been enacted in 20-plus states and provinces worldwide as well as in three key countries – Brazil, China, and India – the report said. Government leadership has ensured market success, according to REN21, which is composed of representatives of governments and non-governmental organisations. Market leaders in renewable energy in 2004 included Brazil in biofuels, China in solar hot water, Germany in solar electricity, and Spain in wind power, the report said.

H

The fastest growing energy technology in the world is grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV), existing capacity of which blossomed by sixty per cent per year from 2000-2004, to

cover more than 400,000 rooftops in Japan, Germany, and the United States, it found. Wind power came second, with generating capacity growing by 28 per cent last year with almost seventeen gigawatts installed as of 2004. Production of ethanol, biodiesel, and other biofuels exceeded 33 billion litres in 2004, when ethanol displaced about three per cent of the 1,200 billion litres of gasoline produced globally.

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An estimated \$500 million goes to developing countries each year as development assistance for renewable energy projects, training, and market support, with the German Development Finance Group (GDFG), the World Bank Group, and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) providing the majority of these funds, and dozens of other donors and programmes providing the rest, the report said. More than 4.5 million “green” power consumers in Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, and Japan purchased renewable electricity in 2004, it added. Asia is seen as a vast market for renewable energy as it seeks to meet growing demand for power to feed rapid economic expansion amid runaway oil prices.

Questions 1-4

The text has 9 paragraphs (A – I). Which paragraph contains each of the following pieces of information?

- 1 Cases where the use of renewable fuels is in competition with non-renewable ones
- 2 The membership of REN21
- 3 The rates at which the use of renewable fuels is growing faster than the use of nonrenewable ones in the world
- 4 The sources of funding for renewable fuels in developing countries

Questions 5-8

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

Biomass technology can use 5

Governments with renewable energy policies usually set 6 for renewable energy use.

The most important source of energy for China in 2020 is expected to be

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Economic expansion and high oil prices mean that Asian countries are 8
for renewable sources of energy.

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  Eric Martinot advises large companies on investing in renewable energy.

10  Eric Martinot has over 100 people working in his team.

11  Increases in oil prices hurt developing economies more than developed ones.

12  The use of solar power grew by 60% between the year 2000 and the year 2004.

13  "Green" power consumers only get part of their electricity from alternative energy sources.

READING PASSAGE 2

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



A GUIDE TO WOMENOMICS

A

In rich countries, girls now do better at school than boys, more women are getting university degrees than men are, and females are filling most new jobs. Arguably, women are now the most powerful engine of global growth. In 1950, only one third of American women of working age had a paid job. Today two thirds do, and women make up almost half of America's workforce. Since 1950, men's employment rate has slid by 12 percentage points, to 77%. In fact, almost everywhere more women are employed and the percentage of men with jobs has fallen – although in some countries, the feminisation of the workplace still has far to go: in Italy and Japan, women's share of jobs is still 40% or less.

B

The increase in female employment in developed countries has been aided by a big shift in the type of jobs on offer. Manufacturing work, traditionally a male preserve, has declined, while jobs in services have expanded. This has reduced the demand for manual labour and put the sexes on a more equal footing. In the developing world, too, more women now have paid jobs. In the emerging East Asian economies, for every 100 men in the labour force there are now 83 women, higher even than the average in OECD countries. Women have been particularly important to the success of Asia's export industries, typically accounting for 60- 80% of jobs in many export sectors, such as textiles and clothing.

C

Of course, it is misleading to talk of women's "entry" into the workforce. Besides formal employment, women have always worked in the home, looking after children, cleaning or

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cooking, but because this is unpaid, it is not counted in the official statistics. To some extent, the increase in female paid employment has meant fewer hours of unpaid housework. However, the value of housework has fallen by much less than the time spent on it, because of the increased productivity afforded by dishwashers, washing machines and so forth. Paid nannies and cleaners employed by working women now also do some work that used to belong in the non-market economy.

D

The increase in female employment has also accounted for a big chunk of global growth in recent decades. GDP growth can come from three sources: employing more people; using more capital per worker, or an increase in the productivity of labour and capital due to new technology'. Since 1970, women have filled two new jobs for every' one taken by a man. Back-of-the-envelope calculations suggest that the employment of extra women has not only added more to GDP than new jobs for men but has also chipped in more than either capital investment or increased productivity. Carve up the world's economic growth a different way and another surprising conclusion emerges: over the past decade or so, the increased employment of women in developed economies has contributed much more to global growth. Women are becoming more important in the global marketplace not just as workers, but also as consumers, entrepreneurs, managers and investors. Women have traditionally done most of the household shopping, but now they have more money of their own to spend. Surveys suggest that women make perhaps 80% of consumers' buying decisions – from health care and homes to furniture and food.

E

Women's share of the workforce has a limit. In America it has already stalled. However, there will still be a lot of scope for women to become more productive as they make better use of their qualifications. At school, girls consistently get better grades and in most developed countries, well over half of all university degrees are now being awarded to women. In America 140 women enrol in higher education each year for every 100 men; in Sweden the number is as high as 150. (There are, however, only 90 female Japanese students for every 100 males.) In years to come, better educated women will take more of the top jobs. At present, for example, in Britain more women than men train as doctors and lawyers, but relatively few are leading surgeons or partners in law firms. The main reason why women still get paid less on average than men is not that they are paid less for the same occupations, such as nursing and teaching. This pattern is likely to change.

F

Making better use of women's skills is not just a matter of fairness. Plenty of studies suggest that it is good for business, too. Women account for only 7% of directors on the world's corporate boards – 15% in America, but less than 1% in Japan. Yet a study by Catalyst, a consultancy, found that American companies with more women in senior

management jobs earned a higher return on equity than those with fewer women at the top. This might be because mixed teams of men and women are better than single-sex groups at solving problems and spotting external threats. Studies have also suggested that women are often better than men at building teams and communicating.

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In poor countries too, the underutilisation of women stunts economic growth. A study last year by the World Economic Forum found a clear correlation between sex equality (measured by economic participation, education, health and political empowerment) and GDP per head. Correlation does not prove the direction of causation. However, other studies also suggest that inequality between the sexes harms long-term growth. In particular, there is strong evidence that educating girls boosts prosperity. It is probably the single best investment that can be made in the developing world. Not only are better educated women more productive, but they raise healthier, better educated children. There is huge potential to raise income per head in developing countries, where fewer girls go to school than boys. More than two thirds of the world's illiterate adults are women.

H

It is sometimes argued that it is short-sighted to get more women into paid employment. The more women go out to work, it is said, the fewer children there will be and the lower growth will be in the long run. Yet the facts suggest otherwise. Data shows that countries with high female labour participation rates, such as Sweden, tend to have the decline in fertility has been greatest in several countries where female employment is low.

Questions 14-17

The text has 8 paragraphs (A – H). Which paragraph does each of the following headings best fit?

- 14 New producers, new consumers
- 15 More work, fewer children?
- 16 A better educated workforce
- 17 Women in new, expanding industries

Questions 18-22

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** ☐ A higher percentage of Italian women have jobs than Japanese women.
- B** ☐ More women than men work in Asia's textile industries.
- C** ☐ The value of housework is not included in official statistics.
- D** ☐ Research shows that men make more purchasing decisions than women.
- E** ☐ Most surgeons in Britain are women.
- F** ☐ Firms with more women in senior management offer higher investment returns.
- G** ☐ Most illiterate people in the world are women.
- H** ☐ Some people think that lower birth rates lead to lower economic growth.

Questions 23-26

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

23 Since 1950, the percentage of

- A** ☐ American women with jobs has increased.
- B** ☐ American men with jobs has decreased.
- C** ☐ Japanese and Italian women with jobs has remained stable.

24 Economics can get bigger by

- A** ☐ increasing the size of companies.
- B** ☐ giving shares to workers.
- C** ☐ using more advanced technology.

25 Mixed teams of male and female managers are thought to be better at

- A** ☐ building teams.
- B** ☐ solving problems.
- C** ☐ communicating.

26 Research by the World Economic Forum shows that

- A** ☐ sex equality leads to higher GDP.
- B** ☐ there is a connection between sex equality and GDP.
- C** ☐ higher education leads to higher GDP.

READING PASSAGE 3

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



A LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

A few years ago, at the height of the dotcom boom, it was widely assumed that a publishing revolution, in which the printed word would be supplanted by the computer screen, was just around the corner. It wasn't: for many, there is still little to match the joy of cracking the spine of a good book and settling down for an hour or two of reading. A recent flurry of activity by big technology companies – including Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Yahoo! – suggests that the dream of bringing books online is still very much alive.

The digitising of thousands of volumes of print is not without controversy. On Thursday, November 3, Google, the world's most popular search engine, posted a first instalment of books on Google Print, an initiative first mooted a year ago. This collaborative effort between Google and several of the world's leading research libraries aims to make many thousands of books available to be searched and read online free of charge. Although the books included so far are not covered by copyright, the plan has attracted the ire of publishers.

Five large book firms are suing Google for violating copyright on material that it has scanned and, although out of print, is still protected by law. Google has said that it will only publish short extracts from material under copyright unless given express permission to publish more, but publishers are unconvinced. Ironically, many publishers are collaborating with Google on a separate venture, Google Print Publisher, which aims to give readers an online taste of books that are commercially available. The searchable collection of extracts and book information is intended to tempt readers to buy the complete books online or in print form.

Not to be outdone, Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, has unveiled plans for its

own foray into the mass e-book market. The firm, which began ten years ago as an online book retailer, now sells a vast array of goods. No doubt piqued that Google, a relative newcomer, should impinge upon its central territory, Amazon revealed on Thursday that it would introduce two new services. Amazon Pages will allow customers to search for key terms in selected books and then buy and read online whatever part they wish, from individual pages to chapters or complete works. Amazon Upgrade will give customers online access to books they have already purchased as hard copies. Customers are likely to have to pay around five cents a page, with the bulk going to the publisher.

Microsoft, too, has joined the online-book bandwagon. At the end of October, the software giant said it would spend around \$200 million to digitise texts, starting with 150,000 that are in the public domain, to avoid legal problems. It will do so in collaboration with the Open Content Alliance, a consortium of libraries and universities. (Yahoo! has pledged to make 18,000 books available online in conjunction with the same organisation.) On Thursday, coincidentally the same day as Google and Amazon announced their initiatives, Microsoft released details of a deal with the British Library, the country's main reference library, to digitise some 25 million pages; these will be made available through MSN Book Search, which will be launched next year.

These companies are hoping for a return to the levels of interest in e-books seen when Stephen King, a best-selling horror writer, published "Riding the Bullet" exclusively on the Internet in 2000. Half a million copies were downloaded in the first 48 hours after publication. This proved to be a high-water mark rather than a taste of things to come. While buyers were reluctant to sit in front of a computer screen to read the latest novels, dedicated e-book reading gadgets failed to catch on. Barnes and Noble, a leading American bookshop chain, began selling e-books with fanfare in 2000 but quietly pulled the plug in 2003 as interest faded.

The market for e-books is growing again, though from a tiny base. According to the International Digital Publishing Forum, which collates figures from many of the world's top publishers, in the third quarter of 2004, worldwide sales were 25% higher than the year before. Unfortunately, this only amounted to a paltry \$3.2 million split between 23 publishers in an industry that made sales worth over \$100 billion that year.

Both retailers and publishers reckon they will eventually be able to persuade consumers to do a lot more of their reading on the web. Some even hope they can become to online books what Apple's iTunes is to online music. There are crucial differences between downloading fiction and downloading funk. Online music was driven from the bottom up: illegal filesharing services became wildly popular, and legal firms later took over when the pirates were forced (by a wave of lawsuits) to retreat; the legal providers are confident that more and more consumers will pay small sums for music rather than remain beyond the law. The iPod music player and its like have proved a fashionable and popular new

way to listen to songs. The book world has no equivalent.

So the commercial prospects for sellers of online books do not yet look very bright. They may get a lift from some novel innovations. The ability to download mere parts of books could help, for instance: sections of manuals, textbooks or cookery books may tempt some customers; students may wish to download the relevant sections of course books; or readers may want a taste of a book that they subsequently buy in hard copy. The ability to download reading matter onto increasingly ubiquitous hand-held electronic devices and 3G phones may further encourage uptake. In Japan, the value of e-books (mainly manga comic books) delivered to mobile phones has jumped, though it will be worth only around ¥6 billion (\$51 million) in 2005, according to estimates.

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 A few years ago, it was widely thought that

- ☐ A people would read fewer 'paper' books.
- ☐ B companies like Amazon would go bankrupt.
- ☐ C the dotcom boom would soon end.

28 Publishers are unhappy with Google because

- ☐ A Google is only publishing extracts, not complete books.
- ☐ B they think Google is in breach of copyright.
- ☐ C Google is co-operating with leading research libraries.

29 Amazon will

- ☐ A sell books that previously only Google sold online.
- ☐ B buy the copyright for many books it sells online.
- ☐ C allow people to buy only parts that they want to read from books.

30 It is clear that most readers, if given the choice, prefer

- ☐ A 'paper' books.
- ☐ B reading from computer screens.

- C** ☐ using dedicated e-book readers.

Questions 31-35

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

If companies publish books online that are not covered by copyright, they avoid

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The 32 is very small but getting larger

The 33 expect that they will be able to convince more people to read online.

The 34 has nothing similar to an iPod.

In Japan, most of the publications sent to mobile phones are 35


Questions 36-40

Do the statements on the next page 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  Books that are out of print are not covered by copyright law.

37  Amazon began by selling books online.

38  Microsoft signed a deal with the British Library on the same day as Google and Amazon made their announcements.

39  Barnes and Noble published *Riding the Bullet* online.

40  The ability to sample a book online before buying it might help sales.



Solution:

27 A

28 B

29 C

30 A

31 legal problems

32 market for e-books

33 retailers and publishers

34 book world

35 manga comic books

36 FALSE

37 TRUE

38 FALSE

39 FALSE

40 TRUE

1 C

2 G

3 A

4 I

5 agricultural waste

6 targets

7 coal

8 a vast market

9 NOT GIVEN

10 NOT GIVEN

11 NOT GIVEN

12 FALSE

13 NOT GIVEN

14 D

15 H

16 E

17 B

$\frac{18}{22}$ B,C,F,G,H

23 B

24 C

25 B

26 B

Review and Explanations

27 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q27 A few years ago, it was widely thought that _____</p> <p>A. people would read fewer 'paper' books. B. companies like Amazon would go bankrupt. C. the dotcom boom would soon end</p>	<p>A few years ago, at the height of the dotcom boom, it was widely assumed that a publishing revolution, in which the printed word would be supplanted by the computer screen, was just around the corner</p>
<p>Note The needed information is in the first sentence of the first paragraph. According to this paragraph, the printed books will be replaced by the e-books (computer screen). The word "supplant" is a synonym for replace. It can be understood that people will turn to read e-books and read fewer paper books. For that reason, option A is correct. In terms of option B, the author doesn't say anything about the business performance of companies like Amazon. Therefore, B is incorrect. Turning to option C, there is no clue for the end of the dotcom boom. All thing considered, the answer is A.</p>	

28 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
<p>Q28 Publishers are unhappy with Google because _____</p> <p>A. Google is only publishing extracts, not complete books. B. they think Google is in breach of copyright. C. Google is co-operating with leading research libraries.</p>	<p>Although the books included so far are not covered by copyright, the plan has attracted the ire of publishers. Five large book firms are suing Google for violating copyright on material that it has scanned and, although out of print, is still protected by law.</p>
<p>Note The keywords to answer Q28 are "Google" and "publishers". The needed information to answer this question is in the second paragraph. According to the passage, publishers are unhappy with Google and are suing Google for violating copyright. Therefore, B is the correct option as the breach of copyright is synonym for violating copyright. Option A is incorrect, as Google's statement of publishing only extracts, not complete books is not enough to persuade publishers. The fact that Google is co-operating with leading research libraries is not a reason why publishers are unhappy. For all reasons above, the answer is B.</p>	

29 Answer: **C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q29 Amazon will _____ A. sell books that previously only Google sold online. B. buy the copyright for many books it sells online. C. allow people to buy only parts that they want to read from books.	Amazon Pages will allow customers to search for key terms in selected books and then buy and read online whatever part they wish, from individual pages to chapters or complete works.
Note The keyword to answer Q29 is Amazon, which is referred to in the fourth paragraph. As you can see from the passage, Amazon will allow people to buy and read whatever part they wish. For that reason, option C is correct. In addition, information of option A and B cannot be found in the passage. Therefore, the answer is C.	

30 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q30 It is clear that most readers, if given the choice, prefer _____ A. 'paper' books. B. reading from computer screens. C. using dedicated e-book readers.	These companies are hoping for a return to the levels of interest in e-books seen when Stephen King, a best-selling horror writer, published "Riding the Bullet" exclusively on the Internet in 2000. Half a million copies were downloaded in the first 48 hours after publication. This proved to be a high-water mark rather than a taste of things to come. While buyers were reluctant to sit in front of a computer screen to read the latest novels, dedicated e-book reading gadgets failed to catch on.
Note The keywords of Q30 ("readers" and "prefer") appear too many times in the passage. Therefore, to find the needed information, we should use skimming technique. According to the passage, buyers were reluctant to sit in front of a computer screen. Therefore, option B "reading from computer screens" is incorrect. Option C "using dedicated e-book readers" is also not true, as it is stated that dedicated e-book reading gadgets had failed to catch on. The correct answer is option A because e-book is referred to as a high-water mark rather than a taste of things. Readers, if given the choice, still prefer paper books.	

31 Answer: **legal problems**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q31 If companies publish books online that are not covered by copyright, they avoid _____	At the end of October, the software giant said it would spend around \$200 million to digitise texts, starting with 150,000 that are in the public domain, to avoid legal problems.

Note

The needed words to fill in the blank should be a noun, which can be avoided if the companies publish books online that are not covered by copyright.

According to the passage, Microsoft would publish books which are in public domain (meaning that they are not covered by copyright) to avoid legal problems.

Therefore, **the answer for Q31 is "legal problems"**.

32 Answer: **market for e-books**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q32 The _____ is very small but getting larger.	The market for e-books is growing again, though from a tiny base.

Note

The answer should be a noun, as it follows determiner "the" and is followed by "is". To answer this question, we should search for keywords like "small", "larger" or their synonyms in the passage.

As we can see from the passage, the market for e-books is small at first but getting larger. Therefore, **the answer here is "market of e-books"**.

33 Answer: **retailers and publishers**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q33 The _____ expect that they will be able to convince more people to read online.	Both retailers and publishers reckon they will eventually be able to persuade consumers to do a lot more of their reading on the web. Some even hope they can become to online books what Apple's iTunes is to online music. There are crucial differences between

Note

The answer should be a noun. As the answer could be replaced by "they", it should be in plural forms.

In the passage, it is stated that both retailers and publishers wish that they will be able to convince consumers to read online. Therefore, the answer can be both retailers and publishers. However, as the answer must be no more than three words, we just choose **"retailers and publishers"**.

34 Answer: **book world**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q34 The _____ has nothing similar to an iPod.	The iPod music player and its like have proved a fashionable and popular new way to listen to songs. The book world has no equivalent.
Note The answer of Q34 is a noun, which is compared to an iPod. We can use scanning technique, looking for the "iPod", the keyword, to find the needed information. As you can see in the passage, the book world is said to has nothing similar, no equivalent to an iPod. Therefore, the answer is "book world" .	

35 Answer: **manga comic books**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q35 In Japan, most of the publications sent to mobile phones are _____.	The ability to download reading matter onto increasingly ubiquitous hand-held electronic devices and 3G phones may further encourage uptake. In Japan, the value of e-books (mainly manga comic books) delivered to mobile phones has jumped, though it will be worth only around ¥6 billion (\$51 million) in 2005, according to estimates.
Note The answer can be noun (in plural forms, as it follows "are") or adjective. To answer this question, we can use scanning, looking for the keyword "Japan". The only type of publications in Japan referred to in the passage is manga comic books, which are said to experience a jump in the value of books delivered to mobile phones. Therefore, the answer should be "manga comic books" .	

36 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q36 Books that are out of print are not covered by copyright law.	Five large book firms are suing Google for violating copyright on material that it has scanned and, although out of print, is still protected by law.
Note According to the passage, books, although out of print, is stilled protected by copyrightlaw. The information of Q36 is in contrast with that of the passage. Therefore, the answer is FALSE .	

37 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q37 Amazon began by selling books online.	Not to be outdone, Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, has unveiled plans for its own foray into the mass e-book market. The firm, which began ten years ago as an online book retailer,
Note As we can see from the passage, Amazon began ten years ago as an online book retailer. The information of Q37 is confirmed in the passage. For that reason, the answer is TRUE.	

38 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q38 Microsoft signed a deal with the British Library on the same day as Google and Amazon made their announcements.	On Thursday, coincidentally the same day as Google and Amazon announced their initiatives, Microsoft released details of a deal with the British Library,
Note According to the passage, on the day Google and Amazon made their announcements, Microsoft released details of a deal with the British Library but not signed that deal. For that reason, the answer is FALSE.	

39 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q39 Barnes and Noble published <i>Riding the Bullet</i> online.	Stephen King, a best-selling horror writer, published "Riding the Bullet" exclusively on the Internet in 2000.
Note It is clearly stated in the passage that the writer of <i>Riding the Bullet</i> is Stephen King, not Barnes and Noble. Therefore, the answer is FALSE.	

40 Answer: **TRUE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q40 The ability to sample a book online before buying it might help sales.	The ability to download mere parts of books could help, for instance: sections of manuals, textbooks or cookery books may tempt some customers; students may wish to download the relevant sections of course books; or readers may want a taste of a book that they subsequently buy in hard copy.
Note According to the passage, the ability to sample a book online can tempt some customers. This information confirms the content of Q40. For that reason, the answer of Q40 is TRUE.	

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1 Answer: **C**

Q1: Cases where the use of renewable fuels is in competition with non-renewable ones	Martinot and 100-plus researchers in more than 20 countries assessed several renewable technologies: small hydro (meaning small dams), modern biomass (agricultural waste, for example), wind, solar, geothermal, and biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. These technologies now compete with conventional fuels in four distinct markets: power generation, hot water and space heating, transportation fuels, and rural (off-grid) energy supplies.
Note: After skimming, we can find that information of Q1 should be found in paragraph C as: - paragraph A tells us about the growth of renewable energy. - paragraph B mainly refers to the fact that renewable energy has become big business. - paragraph C mentions the assessment of several renewable technologies and non-renewable ones (this is the information we are searching for) Considering every details in Q1 and in the passage, we can conclude that the answer is C .	

2 Answer: **G**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q2: The membership of REN21	Market leaders in renewable energy in 2004 included Brazil in biofuels, China in solar hot water, Germany in solar electricity, and Spain in wind power, the report said.
Note: The keyword is REN21. After scanning, we find that REN21 appears in paragraph A, E, G. - paragraph A and E doesn't indicate anything relating to the membership of REN21. - in paragraph G, we can find information about the members of REN21 For that reason, we can conclude that the answer is G	

3 Answer: **A**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q 3 : The rates at which the use of renewable fuels is growing faster than the use of nonrenewable ones in the world	They (Renewable technologies) are growing at rates of around 20-30 per cent per year, however, compared to two or three per cent for oil and gas.

Note

After skimming, we can guess that clue to answer Q3 should be in paragraph A, as paragraph A is mainly about the growth of renewable energy.

All thing considered, we can conclude that **the answer for Q3 is A.**

4 Answer: **I**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q4: The sources of funding for renewable fuels in developing countries	An estimated \$500 million goes to developing countries each year as development assistance for renewable energy projects, training, and market support with the German Development Finance Group (GDFG), the World Bank Group, and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) providing the majority of these funds, and dozens of other donors and programmes providing the rest, the report said
Note We should look for any paragraph referring to developing countries. In this case, it is paragraph E and I. However, the author doesn't say anything about sources of funding in paragraph E. All thing considered, we can conclude that the answer for Q4 is I.	

5 Answer: **agricultural waste**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q5: Biomass technology can use _____	modern biomass (agricultural waste , for example), wind, solar, geothermal, and biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.
Note: This blank must be fulfilled by a noun, a material of biomass technology. We will search for the keyword "biomass". "Biomass" appears in paragraph A and C. After carefully reading, we find that the needed information is in paragraph C. It is stated in paragraph C that modern biomass uses agricultural waste. For that reason, the answer is "agricultural biomass".	

6 Answer: **targets**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q6: Governments with renewable energy policies usually set _____ for renewable energy use.	At least 48 countries now have some type of renewable energy promotion policy, including 14 developing countries. Typically, they include targets to ensure that renewable sources generate 5-30 per cent of energy use in a given country by around 2010-2012.

Note

The words to fill in the blank must be a noun, as it follows the verb "set". This noun is somehow related to renewable energy use.

To answer this question, we will look for paragraphs mentioning about governments or policies. The paragraphs referring to governments include E, G, H, I.

The only paragraphs among 4 above ones indicates about policies is E. In paragraph E, it is stated that governments with renewable energy policies "set targets" for renewable energy use.

For that reason, we can conclude that **the answer is "targets"**.

7 Answer: **coal**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q7: The most important source of energy for China in 2020 is expected to be _____	The renewable sector's prospects appeared to receive a further boost Monday, when China announced it was raising its target for reliance on renewable energy even as it acknowledged that coal would remain its primary source for electricity for decades to come .

Note:

This blank should be a noun or an adjective, as it follows "to be".

The keywords here are "China" and "2020". It's quite obvious that the information needed to answer the question is in paragraph F.

It is stated in paragraph F that coal is expected to be the most important source of energy for China.

For that reason, **the answer is "coal"**.

8 Answer: **a vast market**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q8: Economic expansion and high oil prices mean that Asian countries are _____ for renewable sources of energy.	Asia is seen as a vast market for renewable energy as it seeks to meet growing demand for power to feed rapid economic expansion amid runaway oil prices.

Note

This blank should be filled with a noun, as it is placed between "are" and "for renewable sources of energy".

The keyword in the question is "Asian countries". Paragraph referring to Asian countries is I.

It is written in the passage that Asian countries are a vast market for renewable energy. Therefore, **the answer is "a vast market"**. Remember to add the determiner "a" to make the answer correct in English Grammar.

9 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q9: Eric Martinot advises large companies on investing in renewable energy.	"Renewable energy has become big business," said Eric Martinot, lead author of the study, "Renewables 2005: Global Status Report". Martinot, a senior fellow at the Washington, DC-based think tank Worldwatch Institute and a lecturer at Tsinghua University in Beijing, said renewable energy has attracted some of the world's largest companies,

Note

The keywords of Q9 are Eric Martinot. Therefore, the needed information is in paragraph B (which mentions about Eric Martinot and his study)

From the passage, we can see that Eric Martinot said something about the growth of renewable energy business and a fact that renewable energy had attracted world's largest companies. However, he didn't advise any enterprise to invest in renewable energy. For that reason, **the answer is NOT GIVEN**.

Tips: You shouldn't be misled by information like the growth of renewable energy as a business or the fact that large companies had attracted to this field. There is no word referring to advice of Eric in this passage, so the answer TRUE is not correct.

10 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions
Q10: Eric Martinot has over 100 people working in his team.
Note Looking at paragraph B in which Eric Martinot and his study is mentioned, we find no clues about the number of people working in his team. For that reason, the answer is NOT GIVEN .

11 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions
Q11: Increases in oil prices hurt developing economies more than developed ones.

Note

"Oil prices" is mentioned in paragraph E and I. However, only paragraph E refers to the change in oil prices and its effect.

According to the passage, rising oil prices have hit developing countries but there's no comparison between the effect on developing countries and that on developed ones.

The given answer is NOT GIVEN as the information of Q11 is not confirmed in the passage.

12 Answer: **FALSE**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q12: The use of solar power grew by 60% between the year 2000 and the year 2004.	grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV), existing capacity of which blossomed by sixty per cent per year from 2000-2004
Note Solar power is mentioned in paragraph H. In the passage, it is stated that the use of solar power grew by 60% per year from 2000 to 2004. In Q12, the use of solar power grew by 60% in the 4-year period, from 200 to 2004. For that reason, the answer is FALSE .	

13 Answer: **NOT GIVEN**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q13 "Green" power consumers only get part of their electricity from alternative energy sources.	
Note "Green" power consumers are mentioned in paragraph I. However, there is no clue relating to whether they get part of their electricity from alternative energy sources or not. For that reason, we can conclude that the answer is NOT GIVEN .	

14 Answer: **D**

Q14 New producers, new consumers	the increased employment of women in developed economies has contributed much more to global growth. Women are becoming more important in the global marketplace not just as workers, but also as consumers, entrepreneurs, managers and investors
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Note

The question is about the positive effect of women on the economy as a whole. Paragraphs A and B tells us about the success of women in school, in the labour market but none of them refers to women as consumers and producers. Paragraph C indicates clearly about women's entry into the workforce. It also not mentions any clue about women's roles as producers and consumers. The clue to answer Q14 is in paragraph D. For that reason, we can conclude that **the answer for Q14 is D.**

15 Answer: **H**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q15 More work, fewer children?	The more women go out to work, it is said, the fewer children there will be and the lower growth will be in the long run. Yet the facts suggest otherwise. Data shows that countries with high female labour participation rates, such as Sweden, tend to have the decline in fertility has been greatest in several countries where female employment is low.

Note

Q15 is about the negative correlation between women's entry to labour market and the number of children were born. We also use skimming technique to answer this question. The main idea of the first 4 paragraphs (A to D) has been mentioned in Q14. Paragraph E describes the limit of women's share of the workforce, while the content of paragraph F is about the fairness between males and females in business. In addition, the main idea of paragraph G is about the situation of women in developing countries. The needed information to answer Q15 is in paragraph H, which illustrates that the more women go out to work, the fewer children there will be. For that reason, **the answer is H.**

16 Answer: **E**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q16 A better educated workforce	However, there will still be a lot of scope for women to become more productive as they make better use of their qualifications. At school, girls consistently get better grades and in most developed countries, well over half of all university degrees are now being awarded to women. In America 140 women enroll in higher education each year for every 100 men; in Sweden the number is as high as 150. ... better educated women will take more of the top jobs

Note

Q16 is about women's education. This information is referred to in paragraphs A, E and G.

Paragraph A indicates women's education as a proof that women are the most powerful engine of global growth. Paragraph G only refers to women's education in developing countries, where fewer girls go to school than boys.

The answer for Q16 is founded in paragraph E. Therefore, **the answer is E.**

17 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q17 Women in new, expanding industries	The increase in female employment in developed countries has been aided by a big shift in the type of jobs on offer. Manufacturing work, traditionally a male preserve, has declined, while jobs in services have expanded
Note Q17 tells us about the roles of women in expanding industries. The information needed to answer Q17 is in paragraph B (jobs in services have expanded). For that reason, the answer is B.	

18-22 Answer: **B,C,F,G,H**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Tips for Q18-22 <i>To answer this kind of question, you need to crossed out 3 wrong choices. You should find the clues which can prove whether an option is correct or not to identify the wrong and right choices.</i> <i>To find the clue, you can use scanning technique. In case the keywords in the question appear too many times, you can switch to skimming, crossing out the paragraph which is not relating to the option and focus on the "potential" ones to save time and effort.</i>	
Q18-22 A. A higher percentage of Italian women have jobs than Japanese women.	in Italy and Japan, women's share of jobs is still 40% or less.

Note The author doesn't compare between the percentage of Italian women having jobs with that Japanese women. Therefore, A is incorrect.	
B. More women than men work in Asia's textile industries.	Women have been particularly important to the success of Asia's export industries, typically accounting for 60- 80% of jobs in many export sectors, such as textiles and clothing.
Note From the passage, it is clear that women are the major labour force in textile industries (60-80%) in Asia. Therefore, less men than women work in Asia's textile industries. For that reason, B is TRUE.	
C. The value of housework is not included in official statistics.	Besides formal employment, women have always worked in the home, looking after children, cleaning or cooking, but because this is unpaid, it is not counted in the official statistics
Note According to the passage, the value of housework is not recorded in official statistics as this is unpaid job. Therefore, C is TRUE.	
D. Research shows that men make more purchasing decisions than women.	Surveys suggest that women make perhaps 80% of consumers' buying decisions – from health care and homes to furniture and food.
Note It is clearly stated in the passage that women make more purchasing decisions than men (about 80%). For that reason, we can conclude that D is incorrect.	
E. Most surgeons in Britain are women.	At present, for example, in Britain more women than men train as doctors and lawyers, but relatively few are leading surgeons or partners in law firms.
Note The author stated that relatively fewer women than men are leading surgeons in Britain. Therefore, E is incorrect.	
F. Firms with more women in senior management offer higher investment returns.	American companies with more women in senior management jobs earned a higher return on equity than those with fewer women at the top
Note The content of F is confirmed in the passage. Therefore, E is TRUE.	
G. Most illiterate people in the world are women.	More than two thirds of the world's illiterate adults are women.
Note The information most illiterate people in the world (more than two thirds) are women is confirmed in the passage. So G is TRUE.	

H. Some people think that lower birth rates lead to lower economic growth.	The more women go out to work, it is said, the fewer children there will be and the lower growth will be in the long run
Note It is confirmed in the passage that fewer children will lead to lower economic growth in the long run. Therefore, H is TRUE.	
Note for Q18-22 All thing considered, the answer for Q18-22 is B, C, F, G, H	

23 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q23 Since 1950, the percentage of _____ A. American women with jobs has increased. B. American men with jobs has decreased. C. Japanese and Italian women with jobs has remained stable.	Since 1950, men's employment rate has slid by 12 percentage points, to 77%.
Note The keyword of Q23 is "1950". Using scanning technique, we can find the information to answer Q23 in paragraph A. The author doesn't say anything about the change in the number of American women with jobs. Therefore, A is incorrect. Option C is also not true, as the period of time is not stated clearly. Turning to option B, it is confirmed in the passage that the percentage of American men with jobs has decreased by 12% to 77%. Therefore, the answer is B.	

24 Answer: **C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q24 Economics can get bigger by _____ A. increasing the size of the workforce. B. giving shares to workers. C. using more advanced technology	GDP growth can come from three sources: employing more people; using more capital per worker, or an increase in the productivity of labour and capital due to new technology
Note The question asks about the source, the reason why economics can get bigger. In the passage, GDP growth is used as a synonym for "economics can get bigger". Option B is not mentioned in the passage; therefore, it is incorrect. Option A is not true because workforce including employee and self-employment job, while in the passage, it is stated that by increasing the number of employee, economics can get bigger. The answer for this question is C, because using more advanced technology can lead to an increase in the the productivity of labour and capital.	

25 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q25 Mixed teams of male and female managers are thought to be better at _____ A. building teams. B. solving problems. C. communicating.	This might be because mixed teams of men and women are better than single-sex groups at solving problems
Note The keyword in Q25 is "mixed team". This keyword can be found in paragraph F. According to this paragraph, mixed team of male and female managers are better at solving problems. Therefore, the answer is B. The author stated that women, not mixed team of male and females, re better at building teams and communicating.	

26 Answer: **B**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q26 Research by the World Economic Forum shows that _____ A. sex equality leads to higher GDP. B. there is a connection between sex equality and GDP. C. higher education leads to higher GDP.	A study last year by the World Economic Forum found a clear correlation between sex equality (measured by economic participation, education, health and political empowerment) and GDP per head.
Note The keyword of Q26 is "World Economic Forum". Using scanning technique, we can find the needed information in paragraph G. According to paragraph G, there was a clear correlation between sex equality and GDP per head. "Correlation" means moving in relation to each other. Both option A and C don't illustrate the full meaning of correlation. Only option B has the synonym with correlation, which is "connection". For that reason, the answer is B.	