



Master IELTS General Training Volume 2

Reading Practice Test 1

READING PASSAGE 1



What's on sydney

Read the information below and answer Questions 1-4.

A. AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOL OF STAND-UP COMEDY

Star Bar
course Feb

Next

Q4 Australia's School of Stand-up Comedy! Five week course Welcome to Australia's school of stand-up comedy. This course was designed to take you step by step into the mind and world of the stand-up comic. The ability to ...
More

B. DANCE CLASSES

The Wharf

Daily, various

times

Adult Classes Sydney Dance Company Dance Studios run over 70 dance classes for adults every week. Located at Sydney Dance Company at The Wharf, dance styles on offer include Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop, Tap, Contemporary, ... More

C. Digital Photography 4 hour Workshop - Bohemian & Colonial

Q1 Sydney Walking Tour

Sydney City East area December 19, 30 January 2

Discover and capture Sydney's lesser known landmarks whilst improving your photographic skills on this fun and informal digital photography walking tour. Suitable for all photographers (local or tourist) ... More

D. Q3 DI Bootcamp and P&O's 8 day/ 3 island DJ Course Cruise!

P&O Cruises Sydney harbour Sept 22-29

Australia's first professional DJ Cruise! P&O and DJ Bootcamp have teamed up to bring you an amazing 8 days, 3 island professional DJ training course cruise. 1 price includes your room, meals, entertainment, island ... More

E. NIDA SUMMER HOLIDAY COURSES

Q4 MIDA 4 JANUARY-22 JANUARY

For the summer holidays in January 2010 NIDA will be offering **Q2 some exciting new courses including Dinosaur Park, NIDA Space Academy, Circus and Clown School,** Puppet Making, and Music Theatre for People with Intellectual ... More .

F. TALKABOUT Lecture Series - "Big Ideas"

Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts

2 February - 16 February

The first guest for the 2010 Talkabout series of talks is Dr. Anne Summers, best-selling author and columnist who has had a long career in politics and the media: she will launch the series with February's theme 'Big ... More

Read the text below and answer Questions 5-10.

PRE DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Number	Reminders
1	Read the Joining Instructions from your college carefully and use your unconditional offer and the letter for Immigration purposes to apply for a visa or entry clearance.
2	Have you applied for your accommodation? If so, and you have had this confirmed, remember to bring your accommodation contract. Don't forget to carry this contract in your hand luggage.
3	Check that your passport is valid and not about to expire.
4	Apply for a visa for the period of your study in the UK (if you are a visa national) or entry clearance for all other non-EEA countries. For more information go to: www.ukvisas.gov.uk
5	Take a photocopy of your passport (pages with your personal details and visa page). Make your travel arrangements and remember your travel tickets.
6	Make labels for your luggage. Note that airlines in the UK are strictly enforcing hand baggage policies, so only carry the minimum through security.
7	Make a list of the contents of your luggage for insurance purposes.
8	Weigh your luggage to ensure that it is within your baggage allowance.
9	If you require any prescription medication remember to pack an adequate supply, along with a letter from your doctor explaining what they are for.
10	Bring a short medical history if possible. This will be helpful when you register with a doctor on arrival.
11	Bring vaccination certificates, if required. Check the current position on www.ukvisas.gov.uk
12	Bring a bank reference or a letter from your home bank. Read more about banking

Read the text below and answer Questions 11-14.

Registering with a doctor (GP) under the National Health Service (NHS)

To register with a GP you simply need to visit a surgery during surgery hours and ask to be included on the GP's list of patients. You will be given a short application form to complete. You will then be sent a medical card, which will carry your NHS number. If the GP cannot accept you, try elsewhere or use the NHS local search at <http://www.nhs.uk/>.

If you are receiving regular treatment/medicine we suggest that you submit

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these details to your GP. Make sure that you are aware of the surgery hours; ask the receptionist who may then give you a list of surgery hours. You will usually need to make an appointment if you wish to see a GP, however you can ask

for an emergency appointment if you need to see the GP urgently.

Remember to attend your appointment or to cancel/rearrange it if you cannot attend, as doctors often have heavy work schedules and your appointment could be offered to another patient.

If you are seriously ill and cannot visit the surgery then the GP can be called out to see you. The receptionist will tell you what time the GP will visit you.

Questions 1-4

Look at the six course descriptions, **A-F**.

Write the correct letter, **A-F**, in boxes **1-4** on your answer sheet.

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

On which course do you need to move around the city?

1

On which **TWO** courses can you learn ways to make people laugh?

(Example: A,B **not A and B**)

2

Which course takes you round in a boat?

3

Which **TWO** courses last more than two weeks? (Example: A,B **not A and B**)

4

Questions 5-10

Answer the questions below.

Write the correct number of the reminder in boxes **5-10** on your answer

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sheet.

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

Which reminder:

tells you what to do about medicines you might need?

5 _____

advises you to take certain documents in your hand luggage?

6 _____

tells you what documents you need to apply for a visa?

7 _____

advises you to check health requirements for entering the country?

8 _____

warns you about an airline policy?

9 _____

advises you to bring documents showing your housing arrangements?

10 _____

Questions 11-14

Answer the questions below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **11-14** on your answer sheet.

Where must you go to register with a GP?

11 _____

What information does your medical card give?

12 _____

Who can tell you what the surgery's hours are?

13 _____

What should you do if you can't go to an appointment?

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READING PASSAGE 2



Working Holiday

Read the text below and answer Questions 15-20.

Job Programmes

Work and Travel USA 2009

International university students can work in the U.S. under the J-1 Visa programme as entry-level short-term employees. This programme is designed to help U.S. businesses meet their seasonal staffing needs while giving international students the chance to earn money, experience a new culture, and travel abroad in their summer break. You can work for up to 4 months during your university vacation, after which you are allowed to travel for up to an additional four weeks. Your stay in the US must not exceed 5 months.

Working Holiday Britain

During the summer most employers look for great numbers of extra staff, and a lot of them are happy to accept candidates from out of the country. Employment can range from hotels and catering to farm work. There are also positions available in childcare, conservation work and archaeological excavations. We offer accommodation in central London, weekend activities and sightseeing, an English language course, a discount card, a free telephone card, a free London guide and orientation about how to find a job in the UK.

Work and Travel in Singapore

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If you have a deep desire to experience work adventure, then the island of Singapore, known to offer the best quality of life in Asia, holds the key to your fulfilment. This programme allows university students and recent graduates to come to Singapore to live and work for six months. Situated in the heart of Asia, Singapore resonates with a sophisticated global beat yet intrigues with its delightful Asian allure. With an English speaking working environment, living in the lion City is a seamless affair for any global talent. Imagine working in any job sector? Work & Travel Programme in Singapore makes it possible. So, come live and work here, while gaining valuable exposure, skills, and knowledge!

Working Holiday Canada

The Canadian working holiday programme allows young travellers to participate in short-term work/internships to supplement any travel expenses they may sustain while in Canada. The programme places participants into paid, entry-level jobs throughout Canada. Global Choices guarantees you a paid job, accommodation, bank account and work documents before you leave your country.

Working Holiday in Australia

Experience close contact with a local neighbourhood in Australia! With the working holiday in Australia programme vacationers can stay for an extended period by supplementing their travel funds through incidental employment. A working holiday visa allows you to stay and work in Australia for 12 months, although you may not work for more than 3 months with anyone employer.

Read the text below and answer Questions 21-27.

How to sit correctly

If you work in an office and use a computer, you can avoid injury by sitting in the right position and arranging your desk correctly. Follow these tips:

A. Support your back

A correctly adjusted chair will reduce the strain on your back. Get one that is easily adjustable so that you can change the height, back position and tilt. Have your knees level with your hips. You may need a footrest for this.

B. Adjust your seat

Be aware of the various adjustments that you can make to your chair. If someone else has used your desk you may have to re-adjust the chair. If it's still uncomfortable, try another type of chair.

C. Rest your feet on floor

Your feet should be flat on the floor. If they're not, ask if you can have a footrest, which lets you rest your feet at a level that's comfortable to you. Don't cross your legs, as this can cut off circulation and cause hip problems.

D. Place your screen at eye level

Position your monitor 12-30 inches (30-75cm) away from your eyes. A good guide is to place the monitor about an arm's length away, with the top of the screen roughly at eye level. To achieve this you may need to get a stand for your monitor.

E. Avoid screen reflection

Your screen should be as glare-free as possible. If there's glare on your screen, hold a mirror in front of it to identify the cause. Position the monitor to avoid reflection from overhead lighting and sunlight. If necessary, pull blinds across the windows and replace ceiling lighting with table lights. Adjusting the screen's brightness or contrast can make it much easier to use.

F. Make objects accessible

Position frequently used objects, such as your telephone or stapler, within easy reach. Avoid repeatedly stretching or twisting to reach things.

G. Avoid phone strain

If you spend a lot of time on the phone, try exchanging your handset for a headset. Repeatedly cradling the phone between your ear and shoulder can strain the muscles in your neck.

H. Avoid wrist pain

Your wrists should be straight when using a keyboard. Keep your elbows vertical under your shoulder and right by your side. Position and use the mouse as close to you as possible. A mouse mat with a wrist pad may help to keep your wrist straight and avoid awkward bending.

Questions 15-20

Answer the questions below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **15-20** on your answer sheet.

Who can join the J-1 Visa programme in the US?

15

What is the maximum time you can stay in the US with the J-1 Visa programme?

16

When do many employers in Britain want to hire extra staff?

17

How long does the Work and Travel Programme allow you to work in Singapore?

18

Where in Canada are jobs available?

19

What is the longest you can stay in one job in Australia?

20

Questions 21-27

The leaflet above offers several tips for sitting correctly.

Which do these actions belong to?

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

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

21 Keeping things you often need close to you .

22 Keeping your wrist straight.

23 Making sure your screen is at the right height.

24 Raising and supporting your feet.

25 Checking the direction of lighting in your room .

26 Using computer accessories correctly.

27 Reducing your body movements.

READING PASSAGE 3



The Language revolution

Read the text below and answer Questions 28-40.

"In the next decade the new 'must learn' language is likely to be Mandarin", said language researcher David Graddol, in a recent issue of the journal Science. He echoed a view expressed by academics and business people across the western world.

English speakers have had it pretty good. Modern English is the most widely taught and understood language in the world. It is the dominant international language in communications, science, business, aviation, entertainment, diplomacy and on the Internet. Around 400-500 million people speak it as their first language and up to 1.5 billion have a basic proficiency in English.

Mother tongue

There have of course been other languages bidding for the language crown. Competing world languages have included, at various times and in various regions, Neo-Latin, French, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Sanskrit, Hindu-Urdu and Malay.

Today, Mandarin Chinese, the official language of China, is the one to watch. And while the global share of English is clearly still huge, the number of native speakers is vastly outnumbered by those who speak Mandarin as their first language: an estimated 867m.

The sheer size of China's population and the country's increasing importance in the world economy and in politics account partly for its position. We are also seeing the spread, for example, of the government sponsored Confucius Institutes which run courses in Chinese and Chinese culture in many places outside China, reflecting the country's increased power and confidence.

Education too is starting to reflect the growing importance of the language, particularly in the US where an estimated 24,000 young people are already studying Mandarin. With the government setting up a US\$114 million initiative to increase the teaching of 'critical' languages in US schools, this number looks set to rise dramatically.

And people are recognising the practical benefits and role of Chinese in business. In particular, businesses are interested in employing people who can speak Mandarin, but are not necessarily Chinese, though even those working in China can still get away with only limited knowledge of the language.

Nick Harrison, a UK banker based in Shanghai, has on the ground experience having moved there in December 2005. "Our business discussions are all in English, and the vast majority of office administration is written and spoken in Chinese."

Learning the language

Learning Mandarin is a big challenge though. "We generally say it takes three years of full time study to have a working knowledge of Chinese, including knowledge of the script. If you just want to speak it, it probably takes one year", says Michel Hockx, professor at London's School of African and Oriental Studies. "Perhaps if we started learning at an earlier age, we might learn faster, but if you are starting in your early twenties, it takes much longer."

Nick Harrison's experiences support this theory. "I definitely don't speak Mandarin, but am having lessons once a week", he says. "My two year old daughter, Claudia, is progressing well and is destined to be my translator in the future."

Questions 28-32

Complete the table below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the

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text for each answer.

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

FACT	DESCRIPTION
28 _____	The person who predicts the growth of Mandarin
29 _____	The name of the journal mentioned in the article
30 _____	The number of people worldwide speaking a little English
31 _____	The name of China's language teaching schools
32 _____	How often Nick Harrison studies Mandarin

Questions 33-40

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes **33-40** 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

33 Many people agree that Mandarin will be essential in the future.

34 There are more fluent second language speakers of English than first language speakers of English.

35 English has been the most widely spoken of all world languages.

36 More people speak English as a mother tongue than Mandarin.

37 The growth of Mandarin is due to many factors.

38 The number of students studying Mandarin in the US will soon reach 24,000.

39 Businesses throughout China only hire employees speaking at least two languages.

40 You need a year to learn to write well in Chinese.



Solution:

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| 1 C | 2 A, E |
| 3 D | 4 A, E |
| 5 9 | 6 2 |
| 7 1 | 8 11 |
| 9 6 | 10 2 |
| 11 (a) surgery | 12 (your) NHS number |
| 13 (the) receptionist | 14 cancel/rearrange (it) |
| 15 international university students | 16 5 months |
| 17 (during) (the) summer | 18 (for) 6 months |
| 19 throughout (Canada) | 20 3 months |
| 21 F | 22 H |
| 23 D | 24 C |
| 25 E | 26 H |
| 27 F | 28 David Graddol |
| 29 Science | 30 1.5 billion |
| 31 Confucius Institutes | 32 once a week |
| 33 TRUE | 34 NOT GIVEN |
| 35 NOT GIVEN | 36 FALSE |
| 37 TRUE | 38 FALSE |
| 39 FALSE | 40 FALSE |

Review and Explanations

1 Answer: **C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q1: On which course do you need to move around the city?	Digital Photography 4 hour Workshop - Bohemian & Colonial Sydney Walking Tour
<p>Note:</p> <p>After skimming, it is likely that we need to move around the city with one of these courses, C, D or E. However, the phrase "Sydney walking tour" in course C makes it be the answer for this question appropriately. Thus, C is the answer.</p>	

2 Answer: **A, E**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q2: On which TWO courses can you learn ways to make people laugh?	- Australia's School of Stand-up Comedy - Some exciting new courses including Dinosaur Park, NIDA Space Academy, Circus and Clown School
<p>Note:</p> <p>At the very first sentence, we can find out 1 answer for this question. It must be course A, Stand-up comedy. Continuing skimming, we are aware that course E offers Circus and Clown School. Moreover, Clown School obviously teaches to make people laugh. All in all, we can conclude that the answer are A and E (A, E).</p>	

3 Answer: **D**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q3: Which course takes you round in a boat?	DI Bootcamp and P&O's 8 day/ 3 island DJ Course Cruise!
<p>Note</p> <p>We can easily find out the needed information in course D. Bootcamp refers to something related to the waterway. In addition, it is said that participants will go through 3 islands, then they obviously have to go around in a boat and are a part of the cruise. From these points, we can conclude that D must be the answer.</p>	

4 Answer: **A, E**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q4: Which TWO courses last more than two weeks?	Australia's School of Stand-up Comedy! Five week course. MIDA 4 JANUARY-22 JANUARY.
<p>Note</p> <p>We need to scan to find out the right answer. It is said in course A that it will last five weeks and in course E that the course takes place for 18 days (4 January - 22 January). Hence, A and E is the answer for this question.</p>	

5 Answer: **9**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q5: Which reminder tells you what to do about medicines you might need?	... prescription medication remember to pack an adequate supply, along with a letter from your doctor...
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Note:
After skimming, we can easily acquire the main content of every reminder. As referring to medicines, we should consider among reminder 9, 10 and 11. As for reminder 9, it is said that we should pack an adequate supply if we require any prescription medication. In other words, we should bring medicines you might need along. Then, the reminder 9 is exactly the answer for this question.

6 Answer: 2

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q6: Which reminder advises you to take certain documents in your hand luggage?	remember to bring your accommodation contract. Don't forget to carry this contract in your hand luggage.

Note:
Based on the keyword “hand luggage”, we can find out the needed information for this question. After scanning, we are informed that we need to carry out the accommodation contract in our hand luggage. In other words, the information in Q6 belongs to reminder 2.

7 Answer: 1

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q7: Which reminder tells you what documents you need to apply for a visa?	use your unconditional offer and the letter for Immigration purposes to apply for a visa

Note:
We need to scan to find out the information related to the keyword “visa”. The reminder must be 1 or 4. Additionally, the viable reminder tells us what documents we need to apply for a visa. Then, the answer must be 1.

8 Answer: 11

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q8: Which reminder advises you to check health requirements for entering the country?	Bring vaccination certificates if required...

Note
As referring to health requirements, we should consider reminder 10 and 11. It is said in reminder 10 that we should bring a short medical history if possible. We need to pay attention to the adjective “possible”. It means that you can bring or not and it’s not a requirement. Then, the answer must be reminder 11.

9 Answer: 6

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q9: Which reminder warns you about an airline policy?	Make labels for your luggage...airlines In the UK are strictly enforcing hand baggage policies, so only carry the minimum
<p>Note</p> <p>After scanning, we can realize that the keyword “airline policy” is only mentioned in reminder 6. Accordingly, hand baggage policies are being enforced strictly, so we only carry the minimum through security. Therefore, the answer should be 6.</p>	

10 Answer: 2

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q10: Which reminder advises you to bring documents showing your housing arrangements?	remember to bring your accommodation contract
<p>Note</p> <p>We have scanned the information related to housing arrangements in question 6. It is said that we must remember to bring our accommodation contract. Thence, reminder 2 is the answer for this question.</p>	

11 Answer: (a) surgery

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q11: Where must you go to register with a GP?	To register with a GP you simply need to visit a surgery during surgery hours
<p>Note</p> <p>As reading the very first sentence, we can easily find out the answer for this question. Accordingly, you need to visit a surgery to register with a GP. Thus, “(a) surgery” is the answer.</p>	

12 Answer: (your) NHS number

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q12: What information does your medical card give?	You will then be sent a medical card, which will carry your NHS number
<p>Note</p> <p>Based on the keyword “medical card”, we can locate the needed information for this question. We must take notice of the relative pronoun “which”. It supplements the keyword right front. Accordingly, a medical card will carry NHS number. In conclusion, the answer is “(your) NHS number”.</p>	

13 Answer: (the) receptionist

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q13: Who can tell you what the surgery's hours are?	Make sure that you are aware of the surgery hours; ask the receptionist who may then give you a list of surgery hours

Note

Following the flow of information, we can find out the information needed in paragraph 2. According to that, you must be aware of the surgery hours and ask the receptionist to get that information. Thus, the answer must be “(the) receptionist”.

14 Answer: cancel/rearrange (it)

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q14: What should you do if you can't go to an appointment?	Remember to attend your appointment or to cancel/rearrange it if you cannot attend

Note

Based on the keyword “appointment”, we can find out the needed information. As said, you have to remember to attend your appointment or to cancel and rearrange it if you cannot attend. From that point, we can figure out the answer for this question. It must be “cancel/rearrange (it)”.

15 Answer: international university students

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q15: Who can join the J-1 Visa programme in the US?	International university students can work in the U.S. under the J-1 Visa programme as entry-level short-term employees

Note

We obviously need to scan the information in paragraph 1 to find out the answer for Q15 and Q16. As reading the first sentence, we can figure out the answer for this question. We are informed that international university students can join the J-1 Visa programme in the US to work as entry-level short-term employees. Hence, “international university students” is the answer.

16 Answer: 5 months

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q16: What is the maximum time you can stay in the US with the J-1 Visa programme?	Your stay in the US must not exceed 5 months.

Note

After find out the related information, you might be rushed and conclude that 4 months is the duration to stay in the US under the J-1 Visa programme. However, you can travel up to an additional four weeks. All in all, the maximum time is 5 months.

17 Answer: (during) (the) summer

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q17: When do many employers in Britain want to hire extra staff?	During the summer most employers look for great numbers of extra staff

Note

We should scan paragraph 2 to find out the needed information for this question. Based on the keyword “extra staff”, in addition, we can locate the right answer. Accordingly, most employers in Britain look for great numbers of extra staff during the summer. Thus, the answer must be “(during) (the) summer”.

18 Answer: (for) 6 months

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q18: How long does the Work and Travel Programme allow you to work in Singapore?	This programme allows university students and recent graduates to come to Singapore to live and work for six months

Note

Based on the keyword and the question, we must scan the information related to time duration. After scanning, we are aware that the programme allows you to work in Singapore for six months. Thence, “six months” is the answer.

19 Answer: throughout (Canada)

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q19: Where in Canada are jobs available?	The programme places participants into paid, entry-level jobs throughout Canada

Note

After scanning the fourth paragraph, we can realize that the programme places young travellers into entry-level jobs throughout Canada. In other words, jobs are available throughout Canada. Therefore, the answer is “throughout Canada”.

20 Answer: 3 months

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q20: What is the longest you can stay in one job in Australia?	A working holiday visa allows you to stay and work in Australia for 12 months, although you may not work for more than 3 months with anyone employer.

Note

As similar to Q18, we find the right answer based on chronological figures. Accordingly, you may not work for more than 3 months even though you are allowed to stay and work there for 12 months. Then, the longest you can stay in one job in Australia is 3 months.

21 Answer: F

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q21: Keeping things you often need close to you.	Make objects accessible Position frequently used objects, such as your telephone or stapler, within easy reach

Note

We need to read the titles of paragraphs first. After reading the action, we compare among titles and figure out the compatible ones. As for the above action, that keeping things close to you is obviously to make them accessible. Thus, the viable answer is **F**.

22 Answer: **H**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q22: Keeping your wrist straight.	Avoid wrist pain Your wrists should be straight when using a keyboard

Note

We can easily find out the needed information based on the keyword "wrist". It is said that your wrist should be straight when using the keyboard. From that point, we can conclude that **H** is the answer.

23 Answer: **D**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q23: Making sure your screen is at the right height .	Place your screen at eye level

Note

As dip through titles, we can find out the need information in paragraph D or E. After considering the action, however, we are aware that the purpose of placing your screen at the right height is to protect your eyes and keep you at good posture. In other words, you should place your screen at eye level. For that reason, the answer must be **D**.

24 Answer: **C**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q24: Raising and supporting your feet .	Rest your feet on floor ... lets you rest your feet at a level that's comfortable to you

Note

Based on the keyword, we can locate the related information. It is said in paragraph C that your feet should be flat on the floor or ask if you can have a footrest to rest your feet. In other words, you should raise and support your feet. Thus, the answer is **C**.

25 Answer: **E**

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q25: Checking the direction of lighting in your room.	Avoid screen reflection Position the monitor to avoid reflection from overhead lighting and sunlight

Note

As referring to the lightning, we can realize that this action must correlates with avoiding screen reflection. According to paragraph E, obviously, you should position the monitor to avoid from overhead lightning and sunlight. From that point, we can conclude that the answer must be **E**.

26 Answer: H

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q26: Using computer accessories correctly.	Position and use the mouse as close to you as possible. A mouse mat with a wrist pad may help to keep your wrist straight and avoid awkward bending
<p>Note</p> <p>We must pay attention to the keyword “computer accessories” to find out the needed information. After scanning compatible paragraphs, we are aware that it’s the mouse that need to be kept as close to you as possible. From that point, we can conclude that the answer is H.</p>	

27 Answer: F

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q27: Reducing your body movements .	Avoid repeatedly stretching or twisting to reach things.
<p>Note</p> <p>As reading the action, we may find it familiar to Q21. It is likely that you keep things you often need close to you to reduce your body movements. After scanning paragraph E, we can confirm that E is the answer.</p>	

28 Answer: David Graddol

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q28 The person who predicts the growth of Mandarin	"In the next decade the new 'must learn' language is likely to be Mandarin ", said language researcher David Graddol
<p>Note</p> <p>From the very first sentence, we are informed that David Graddol said that Mandarin is likely to be the new ‘must learn’ language. In other words, David predicted that Mandarin will be used widely. Thus, the answer for this question is “David Graddol”.</p>	

29 Answer: Science

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q29 The name of the journal mentioned in the article	... in a recent issue of the journal Science
<p>Note</p> <p>Following the flow of information, we can find out the answer for this question. Accordingly, David’s statement is in a recent issue of the journal Science. Therefore, the answer must be “Science”.</p>	

30 Answer: 1.5 billion

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
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Q30 The number of people worldwide speaking a little English	Around 400-500 million people speak it as their first language and up to 1.5 billion have a basic proficiency in English
<p>Note</p> <p>Continuing to scan the passage, we are aware from paragraph 2 that up to 1.5 billion people have a basic proficiency in English. Hence, the number of people worldwide speaking a little English is 1.5 billion.</p>	

31 Answer: Confucius Institutes

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q31 The name of China's language teaching schools	Confucius Institutes which run courses in Chinese and Chinese culture in many places outside China
<p>Note</p> <p>Based on the keywords "Chinese" and "teach schools", we can find out the needed information for this question. Accordingly, we are informed that government sponsored Confucius Institutes is running courses in Chinese. Therefore, the answer should be "Confucius Institutes".</p>	

32 Answer: once a week

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q32 How often Nick Harrison studies Mandarin	Nick Harrison's experiences support this theory. "I definitely don't speak Mandarin, but am having lessons once a week"
<p>Note</p> <p>Based on the keyword, we can locate the needed information in the last paragraph. It is said that although Nick Harrison don't speak Mandarin but he is having lessons once a week. Thence, "once a week" is the answer.</p>	

33 Answer: TRUE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q33 Many people agree that Mandarin will be essential in the future.	"In the next decade the new 'must learn' language is likely to be Mandarin", said language researcher David Graddol... He echoed a view expressed by academics and business people across the western world.
<p>Note</p> <p>From Q28, we are aware that David Graddol predicts the popularity of Mandarin. Moreover, it's not his prediction only, but shared by academics and business people across the western world. In other word, we can say that many people agree that Mandarin will be essential in the future. Therefore, the statement is TRUE.</p>	

34 Answer: NOT GIVEN

Keywords in Questions

Q34 There are more fluent second language speakers of English than first language speakers of English.
Note After scanning to figure out the answer for Q30, we acknowledge that around 400-500 million people speak English as their first language and up to 1.5 billion have a basic proficiency in it. Then, there is not any comparison between fluent second language speakers of English and first language speakers of English. Thus, the statement is NOT GIVEN .

35 Answer: NOT GIVEN

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q35 English has been the most widely spoken of all world languages.	Modern English is the most widely taught and understood language in the world
Note After scanning, we are just aware that English is the most widely taught and understood language in the world, not the most widely spoken of all world languages. All in all, the statement is NOT GIVEN .	

36 Answer: FALSE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q36 More people speak English as a mother tongue than Mandarin.	And while the global share of English is clearly still huge, the number of native speakers is vastly outnumbered by those who speak Mandarin as their first language: an estimated 867m.
Note Based on the keywords, we can find out the needed information for this question. Despite the global share of English, accordingly, the number of English native speakers is outnumbered by Mandarin native speakers. In other words, more people speak Mandarin as a mother tongue than English. Thence, the statement is FALSE .	

37 Answer: TRUE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q37 The growth of Mandarin is due to many factors.	The sheer size of China's population and the country's increasing importance in the world economy and in politics account partly for its position... Education too is starting to reflect the growing importance of the language,... And people are recognizing the practical benefits and role of Chinese in business.

Note

Following the flow of information, we can find out the evidence for this statement. After skimming, we are aware that the growth of Mandarin is due factors such as the sheer size of China's population and the increasing importance in the world economy and in politics, the popularity of Chinese in education and the role of Chinese in business. All in all, we can conclude that the statement is **TRUE**.

38 Answer: FALSE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q38 The number of students studying Mandarin in the US will soon reach 24,000.	particularly in the US where an estimated 24,000 young people are already studying Mandarin
Note As scanning the needed information for Q37, we are informed that an estimated 24,000 young US people are already studying Mandarin. Then, the statement is FALSE .	

39 Answer: FALSE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q39 Businesses throughout China only hire employees speaking at least two languages.	businesses are interested in employing people who can speak Mandarin, but are not necessarily Chinese, though even those working in China can still get away with only limited knowledge of the language.
Note As studying the factor related to the role of Chinese in business, we are aware that businesses are interested in employing people who can speak Mandarin even though those working in China can get away with only limited knowledge of the language. From that point, we can figure out the businesses throughout China not only hire employees speaking at least two languages. Thus, the statement is FALSE .	

40 Answer: FALSE

Keywords in Questions	Similar words in Passage
Q40 You need a year to learn to write well in Chinese.	We generally say it takes three years of full time study to have a working knowledge of Chinese, including knowledge of the script.
Note We need to study the information in the part "learning the language". It is said that it takes three years to have a working knowledge of Chinese, including script and takes one year to speak it, not write well. From that point, we can figure out that the statement is FALSE .	