



Coventry University English Test
Example Test Paper

Reading questions and writing tasks

Very important:

No dictionaries to be used at all;

No copying;

No talking;

Mobile phones off;

Write names clearly on the test paper.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Test taken at _____ Administered by _____

Questions 1-9:

Complete this summary using words from the list below. Some words are not used in the summary:

This text looks at the use of affirmative action in order to increase the numbers of1.....and.....2..... in the police force in England and Wales. The text gives a summary of the main proposed changes and discusses the arguments.....3.....and4.....the use of positive discrimination in situations like this.

According to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) the changes are necessary in order to reach the Home Office's.....5.....of 9% representation of ethnic groups in the police. They also argue that these measures differ from "positive discrimination" because candidates are required to meet certain standards first.

However, the proposed measures have attracted.....6..... The main argument seems to be that people should not be picked simply because of their colour or gender, with some individuals such as Nick Johnson claiming that this policy could actually increase racial tension.

On the other hand, there are also arguments in favour in the article. Keith Jarrett, the President of the National Black Police Association argued that black or Asian police officers would be more7.....in predominantly ethnic communities. Also, a prominent solicitor claimed that these changes in the law would be necessary in order to change the.....8..... of the force.

In.....9....., the article seems to show that this is a complicated area with many arguments in favour and against the use of affirmative action

Against	Female
Cultural	Effective
Conclusion	In favour
Ethnic minorities	Target
Culture	Critical
Conclude	Effect
Criticism	Women

Questions 10-15:

Match the people in the article to the views expressed. Match the person to the view (A-H). Some of the opinions are not used. Write the letter only on your answer sheet (e.g. 15-J)

10) Peter Fahy	13) Nick Timmings
11) Ian Blair	14) Nick Johnson
12) Keith Jarrett	15) Matt Powell

A) Thinks that the current police environment discourages certain cultures
B) Has been personally disadvantaged by these laws
C) Thinks the objective should have been measured differently
D) Thinks this is a complicated area in need of discussion
E) Thinks that the UK should follow the American system of affirmative action
F) Thinks that these proposals could increase problems amongst people
G) Thinks that the situation will be different in 50 years time
H) Thinks that largely ethnic areas could benefit from different policing

Reading text 2:

Complete these sentences using no more than four words or a number from the text:

- 16) Facebook and Microsoft are planning to build a cable from America to.....16.....
- 17) Live video and virtual reality need a lot of.....17.....to operate properly.
- 18) It is argued that...18...traditionally completed these activities and not private companies.
- 19)19.....is currently challenging traditional taxi companies.
- 20) The cable will run under the.....20.....Ocean.
- 21) The project should be finished by.....21.....

Questions 22-26:

Are the following sentences True, False or Not Given?:

- 22) Facebook users spend more time on video broadcasting than on virtual reality
- 23) This cable is the only example of companies fulfilling a public role in providing infrastructure.
- 24) Virginia, USA, is a significant location for the World Wide Web.
- 25) Facebook and Microsoft have told the public how much the project costs.
- 26) Other companies apart from Facebook and Microsoft will not be able to use the cable.

Reading text 3:

Questions 27-33:

Read the first four paragraphs of the text (from 'The dusty....' until '...vision were'. Find a maximum of two words in the text to match the definitions below:

- 27) Animals which kill and eat other animals.
- 28) A bad dream which is usually scary or frightening.
- 29) The remains of an animal or dinosaur from millions of years ago. Found in rocks under the earth.
- 30) The part of the skeleton inside your head which keeps the brain protected.
- 31) The processes which allow us to see, hear, smell and taste.
- 32) A word which shows that the person, animal or group has complete control over others.
- 33) Animals that are hunted and eaten, usually by a larger animal

Questions 34-40:

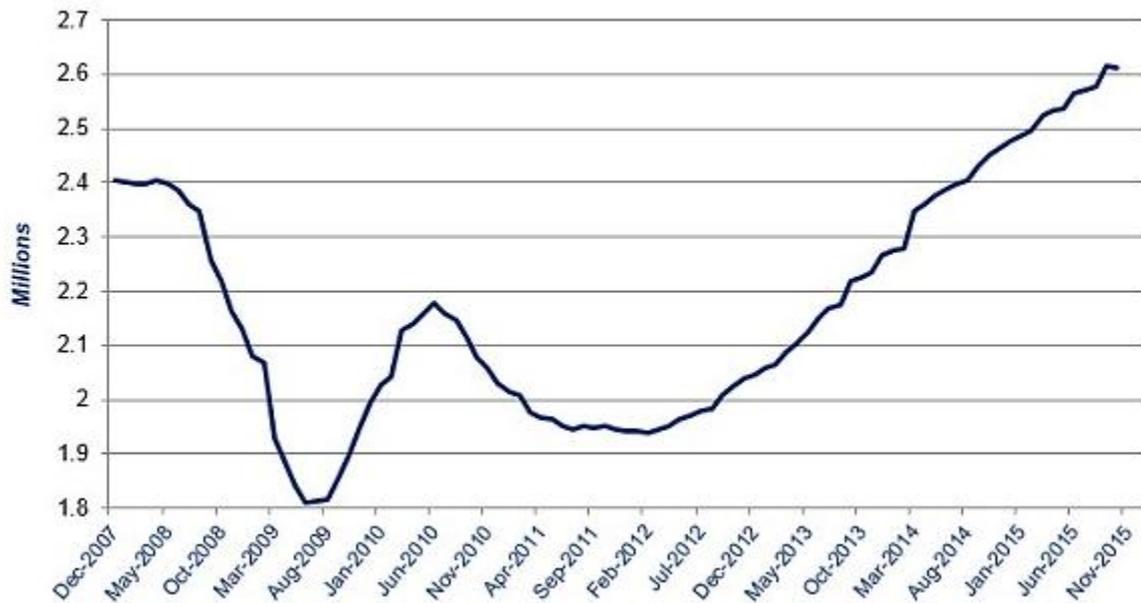
Complete these sentences using no more than four words or a number from the text:

- 34) Skeletons show that the earliest tyrannosaurs were around the size of a.....
- 35) The 90m year old tyrannosaur's developed.....may have helped it gain control, despite its small size.
- 36) By the end of the dinosaur age fully-grown T-Rexes could weigh up to.....
- 37) The *Timurlengia euotica* was more able to eat meat due to its.....
- 38) Palaeontologists also found bones belonging to....., primitive mammals and pterosaurs at the site in Uzbek.
- 39) Tyrannosaurs were second rate hunters for millions of years behind.....and similar creatures.
- 40) Brusatte argues that the findings suggest.....were more important than physical size for tyrannosaurs.

Writing

Task One:

New car registrations – rolling-year totals, December 2007 to present



This graph shows sales of new cars in the UK from 2007-2015. Write a report for a university lecturer describing the graph. You should select information and summarise as appropriate.

Write at least 150 words in 20 minutes

Task Two:

‘Certain jobs such as teacher or nurse are more suitable for women, whilst others such as policeman or soldier are better for men’

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

Write at least 250 words in 40 minutes.