

# Practice test (1 hour and 40 minutes)

## Reading (25 minutes)

**1** Read texts 1–5. Then read headlines a–j. Decide which headline goes best with which text. Write the text number in the correct box.

**1** As Finland's 30,000 paper industry workers strike for higher pay, Finns have begun to hoard toilet paper. At supermarkets yesterday, shoppers queued with trolleys full of loo rolls. In some stores, the shelves were empty by midday. A paper industry spokesman said that hoarding was unnecessary. Toilet paper could be imported from abroad if supplies ran out.

**2** An 84-year-old woman has been arrested after phoning the emergency services 19 times in 45 minutes. Ethel Scope, a great-grandmother from Derby, dialled 999 repeatedly after a takeaway service failed to deliver a Chinese meal. Mrs Scope has also been charged with assault. Police say that she attacked two officers with a rolling pin and bit one of them in the ear.

**3** The prime minister's wife is at the centre of a new scandal. When checking in for a flight to New York yesterday, she realised she had forgotten her passport. Police using sirens and blue lights rushed from Downing St. to Heathrow and delivered the document on time. Opposition politicians say that this was a private trip and have asked who will pay for the police operation.

**4** A German scientist claims to have lived without food for the last six years. 57-year-old Martin Unger says that he gets all his energy from sunlight. He drinks several litres of water a day, which he mixes with vegetable or fruit juice in the mornings and evenings. He also attends a gym regularly and says that he has built up his muscles since he stopped eating. Mr Unger's fellow scientists are sceptical and want to investigate the case.

**5** A young couple from Aycliffe, near Darlington in Co. Durham, rejoiced yesterday when they heard that Danny, their three-year-old cocker spaniel, was alive. Earlier in the day they had received a phone call to say that their dog was dead after being hit by a train. However, rail workers noticed that Danny was still breathing and hurried him to a vet. Danny has two broken legs and lung injuries, but is expected to recover.

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| a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>HEARTBREAK AS TRAIN KILLS DOG</b> | f) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fast track service for PM's wife</b> |
| b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Light diet</b>                    | g) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rail workers save spaniel Dan</b>    |
| c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gran attacks restaurant owner</b> | h) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FINNISH PAPER STRIKE ENDS</b>        |
| d) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GERMAN FOOD SCANDAL</b>           | i) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grandma charged after 999 calls</b>  |
| e) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FINNS IN TOILET ROLL PANIC</b>    | j) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PM's wife misses flight</b>          |

## Practice test

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Read the text and questions below.  
For each question, mark the correct answer,  
a, b, c or d.

### Lynda Hübner, writer of English coursebooks

I had never planned to write English coursebooks for foreign learners. I suppose it might never have happened if I hadn't met Franz while I was a student in London. Franz was German and, at that time, it was easier for me to find a teaching job in Germany than it was for him to find a job in London, so we moved to Germany.

We settled in Munich, where I got a job at a language school. Life was quite hectic after Franz and I got married and we had our two daughters. But I continued teaching and was constantly rushing from the kindergarten to the school and back home. It was hard work, but I didn't want to give anything up – a typical dilemma: career or family. Anyway, I got a lot of teaching experience, which is essential for anyone who writes coursebooks. That's why I still give a few lessons a week, which I really enjoy.

A colleague of mine at the school was an author for a big publisher and one day she asked me to join her on a new project – a coursebook for adult learners. Well, at first I refused – I had very little time and no writing experience. But she told me that I would have only a minor role at first and then we would see if I was suitable or not. And so it started. At my first authors' meeting, the other writers were friendly and helpful.

Since I started writing coursebooks, technology has made the work much easier. Now we have the Internet for research, instead of going to libraries or keeping a large archive with old newspaper articles. And we communicate by e-mail rather than fax, a big improvement if you want to send your editor hundreds of pages. So we save a lot of time. But my reasons for being a writer haven't changed. I still love the challenge of making lessons an interesting and enjoyable experience for teachers and students.



1 Lynda's main purpose in writing the text is to

- a) ☐ explain why she came to Germany.
- b) ☐ discuss the problems of working mothers.
- c) ☐ explain how she became a coursebook writer.
- d) ☐ discuss improvements in technology.

2 She says that she found it difficult to

- a) ☐ leave England.
- b) ☐ combine work and family.
- c) ☐ teach English to foreigners.
- d) ☐ use a fax machine.

3 When she was first asked to work on a book she

- a) ☐ said no.
- b) ☐ asked if she could have time to think about it.
- c) ☐ asked if she could have a minor role.
- d) ☐ asked if she could meet the other writers first.

4 She thinks that modern technology

- a) ☐ makes writing books more fun.
- b) ☐ makes writing books less fun.
- c) ☐ makes writing books faster.
- d) ☐ makes writing books more challenging.

5 Which is the best description of the writer?

- a) ☐ **The woman who left England to write coursebooks**
- b) ☐ **The woman who became a writer by chance**
- c) ☐ **The woman who prefers writing coursebooks to teaching English**
- d) ☐ **The woman who learned to master modern technology**