

OXFORD ADVANCED EXAM SKILLS

Mock Test 10

Papers 1–2

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OXFORD ADVANCED MOCK TEST 10
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK

A
 COMPULSORY

Read Texts 1 and 2 and answer questions 1–29. (53 marks)

Text 1

1 For each word given below, find a word which has a similar meaning in the specified classified ad. (2 marks)

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(i) exceptional (Classified Ad 1): _____.

(ii) considerable (Classified Ad 2): _____.

2 Find a phrase in Classified Ad 3 that means 'improve'.

3 Some of the comments below are from the people in the classified ads. Match each comment with a classified ad in Text 1. (4 marks)

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i) I have worked in a bank and as a financial advisor.

- A Ad 1
 B Ad 2
 C Ad 3
 D Does not match any ad

A B C D

ii) I am a part-time teacher at a secondary school.

- A Ad 1
 B Ad 2
 C Ad 3
 D Does not match any ad

A B C D

iii) I am trilingual.

- A Ad 1
 B Ad 2
 C Ad 3
 D Does not match any ad

A B C D

iv) I know what students need to focus on in order to do very well in their exams.

- A Ad 1
 B Ad 2
 C Ad 3
 D Does not match any ad

A B C D

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Text 2

4 Find a phrase that the writer uses in paragraph 1 that means 'has the greatest negative effect'.

5 What does 'these factors' (line 9) refer to?

6 The Greenside University research differs from previous studies because ...

- A it focuses on how boring and repetitious tasks affect brain health.
 - B it looks at the effect of agents such as mould and chemicals on brain health.
 - C it looks at how brain-based skills help us gather and process information.
 - D it looks at the effect of both dirty and unstimulating workplaces on brain health.
- A B C D

7 What does the writer mean by 'cognitive functions' (line 9)?

8 The main findings of the study are that ...

- A many different factors affect cognitive function.
 - B a clean workplace is more important than a stimulating one.
 - C a stimulating and clean workplace is good for your brain health.
 - D adults need a calm and clean workplace for their brains to function well.
- A B C D

9 In line 14, what do you think Professor Stringer meant when he said 'in ways that you can see or touch'?

10 What THREE things did the researchers look at in order to examine executive brain skills? (3 marks)

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

11 According to paragraph 5, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The study focused on men and women who are working.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The study used data from equal numbers of men and women.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Participants were from a wide range of different industries.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) The study included questions about memory retention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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12 Based on the information in paragraph 6, complete the summary below by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (6 marks)

The results of Professor Stringer's study showed that people who (i) _____ new skills as part of their job and who are often (ii) _____ in their work have a (iii) _____ cognitive performance. According to the study, (iv) _____ are more likely to be affected by this than men as they get older. In addition, if a workplace is not (v) _____, this can have a negative effect on workers' (vi) _____ and cognitive function.

13 When Professor Stringer said 'If you don't use it, you lose it' (lines 33-34), what do you think he meant?

14 Complete the following table using information in paragraphs 8-9. Fill in each blank with ONE word only. (6 marks)

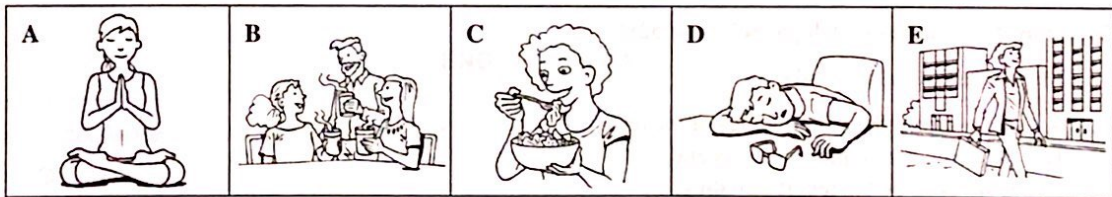
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	Unstimulating work environment	Unclean work environment
What employers should do	They should consider the psychological (i) _____ of their employees. One way they can do this is to (ii) _____ jobs that give employees the opportunity to make (iii) _____ as part of their work.	Workplaces should be (iv) _____ and free from (v) _____. This is important because many people spend a (vi) _____ proportion of their lives at work.

15 Find a word in paragraph 9 that means 'harmful'.

16 Which two activities are NOT mentioned in paragraph 10? Write the letters for the two activities in the boxes below.

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Activity and activity .

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17 What is the main idea of paragraph 10?

- A Dirty work environments are challenging for employees.
- B Research shows that practices in workplaces affect both physical and psychological health.
- C Cleanliness at work is good for your psychological health.
- D Research shows that healthy habits at work can make you lose weight.

A B C D

18 Find a phrase in paragraph 11 that means 'pay attention to'.

19 In paragraph 11, what does the writer suggest that employers do to make jobs stimulating?

20 In line 46, 'the "aesthetics" of the workplace' refers to _____.

21 Do you agree with the writer that employers will benefit if they provide clean and stimulating workplaces for employees?

22 Which of the following is the best alternative title for Text 2?

- A Cognitive health declines with age
- B Employees feel unhappy in unstimulating workplaces
- C Workplace affects physical and psychological health
- D Boring, dirty workplaces have adverse effects on brain health

A B C D

23 Which of the following best describes the intention of the writer of the report?

- A To present research on the benefits of continuous learning
- B To explain why the wellbeing of employees is important
- C To persuade employees to change their habits
- D To persuade employers to change their ways

A B C D

24 Why did Maddie say 'Oh please!' (line 52)?

She wanted to show that she ...

- A isn't surprised by the findings of the report.
- B is angry with employers in general.
- C is shocked by the report's findings.
- D agrees with the report.

A B C D

25 What is the meaning of the phrase 'make ends meet' in line 57?

26 What does 'it' in line 65 refer to?

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27 What are the negative aspects of Tommy's office? Find ideas mentioned in the comments section and match them with the examples given in the column on the right. (2 marks)

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Idea mentioned in the comments section	Examples
(i)	Tommy often dirtied his clothes, or tripped and fell.
(ii)	Tommy and his colleagues did not do much during the day. They just longed for the day to end.

28 Why do you think that Tommy is not surprised that the company he used to work for no longer exists?

29 Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Text 2. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. One comment is not used and you should select 'Not Applicable'. (5 marks)

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A. Maddie	B. Anthony	C. Annabel
D. Tommy	E. Not Applicable	

Comments:	Person
(i) I've had first-hand experience of working in a dirty workplace.	
(ii) I would love to do more to make my workplace more pleasant, but at the moment it's not really possible.	
(iii) For me, workplace cleanliness is more important than whether a job is stimulating or not.	
(iv) Employers too often ignore the wellbeing of their employees.	
(v) Employees will be more productive if they are happy and healthy.	

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**OXFORD ADVANCED EXAM SKILLS
MOCK TEST 10
PAPER 1 PART B1
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



Read Text 3 and answer questions 30–58. (53 marks)

Text 3

30 Find a word in paragraph 1 that means ‘ask for information’.

31 Silver Moon is a company that organizes different ...

- A parties.
- B events.
- C careers fairs.
- D study tours.

A	B	C	D
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32 Does the writer’s former colleague have a positive or negative view of the services provided by Silver Moon Event Services Ltd? Give ONE piece of evidence to support your answer.

33 According to paragraph 2, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (5 marks)

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Statements	T	F	NG
i) Marine Park Secondary School admits students of both sexes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The number of students at Marine Park Secondary School has doubled in the last two years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) The Careers Fair is open to all students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) At least one employer is from the technology sector.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
v) The speakers for the fair will be confirmed in a week.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34 Which paragraph describes the purpose of the Careers Fair?

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Q29

Paragraph _____

35 The writer apologizes in paragraph 3 because ...

- A there is not enough money.
- B it is difficult to fix a date.
- C the company has to be in charge of a lot of tasks.
- D it is not easy to recruit guest speakers.

A	B	C	D
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36 Based on the information in paragraph 3, complete the following sentence by writing ONE word only.

It was _____ to find a suitable date for the fair.

37 Find a word in paragraph 3 which can be replaced by 'give'.

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Q14

38 At around what time will the first speaker finish his/her speech?

39 Order the following events in chronological order. Number the events (1-5). The first event has been done for you.

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Participating employers set up booths. _____

Sandwiches and drinks are served in the morning. _____

Guest speakers give their speeches. _____

Students arrive at the venue. _____

Participating employers arrive. _____

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40 Based on the information in paragraph 4, complete the following table. Use ONE word only to fill in each blank. (6 marks)

Item	Requirements
Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> should be (i) _____ should have enough (ii) _____ for the guests and students.
Refreshments in the morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sandwiches, tea and coffee
Food and drinks in the afternoon	<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> several simple (iii) _____ some (iv) _____ food <p>Drinks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> water: (v) _____ and still (vi) _____ drinks

41 When the writer says 'all signage is legible' (line 25), she means ...

- A all the words can be read easily.
- B all participants should read the signage.
- C all food is edible.
- D all signs are legal.

A B C D
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42 Read paragraph 5 and answer the following questions by choosing 'Silver Moon', 'Marine Park (Secondary School)' or 'Participating employers'. Blacken ONE circle only for each question. (5 marks)

	Silver Moon	Marine Park	Participating employers
i) Who will prepare the handouts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Who will prepare a list of participating companies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Who will design the banners?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) Who will design the booths?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
v) Who will prepare the signage for the event?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

43 i) What does the writer specify about the size of the booths? (1 mark)

ii) Why? (1 mark)

iii) When will the size of the booths be decided? (1 mark)

44 What THREE things must the Careers Fair guidebook include? (3 marks)

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

45 What does 'that' (line 34) refer to?

46 Find an expression in paragraph 8 which means 'the best of all'.

47 Based on the information in paragraph 8, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (5 marks)



At the Employer Information Workshop, employers will make (i) _____ on several different topics. Students will also have a chance to talk to some (ii) _____ of the school and (iii) _____ from their experiences. The event will only be (iv) _____ by 55 people. The event will start in the (v) _____ and continue into the evening.

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48 'The other one' (line 44) refers to _____.

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Q16

49 According to the schedule, during which part of the workshop can students ask questions about different careers?

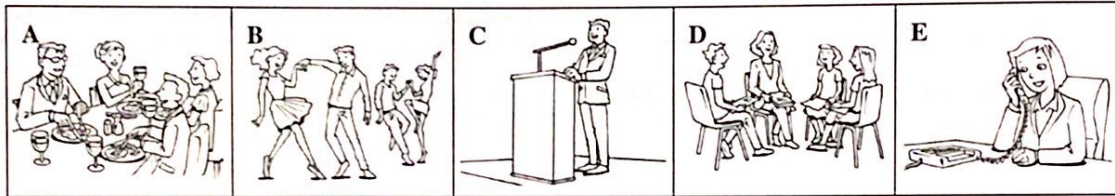
50 Compare the food served at the Careers Fair and that at the Employer Information Workshop.

i) What is the main difference? Why? (1 mark)

ii) What is the similarity? (1 mark)

51 Which two activities are not mentioned in Janice's letter? Write the letters for the two activities in the boxes below.

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Q4



Activity and activity .

52 Does the writer want a lot of decorations for the workshop? Give ONE piece of evidence from paragraph 11 to support your answer.

53 Complete the following sentence using the information in paragraph 11.

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Q23

Unless Silver Moon has further suggestions on decorations, Marine Park Secondary School will be happy with having _____.

54 What does the writer ask Silver Moon to do by the end of the week?

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- 55 Match the subheadings (A–C) with one of the corresponding paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter (A–C) on the line next to the paragraph number. (3 marks)



Paragraph No.	Main Point
i) Paragraph 10 _____	A. Get in touch
ii) Paragraph 11 _____	B. Decorations and budget
iii) Paragraph 12 _____	C. Venue and food

- 56 What is the tone of the letter?

- A judgmental
- B serious
- C formal
- D harsh

A B C D

- 57 This text is ...

- A a letter of complaint.
- B a business letter.
- C a personal letter.
- D a letter to the editor.

A B C D

- 58 What is the writer's main purpose for writing this letter?

- A to request assistance in planning events
- B to promote the school's upcoming events
- C to confirm arrangements for the events
- D to recruit guest speakers

A B C D

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OXFORD ADVANCED MOCK TEST 10
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK

B2
DIFFICULT SECTION

Read Texts 4 and 5 and answer questions 59–87. (53 marks)

Text 4

59 What does 'this' refer to (line 8)?

60 Find words in paragraphs 3–5 with the same meaning as the following: (3 marks)

i) unpleasant _____

ii) inactive _____

iii) strenuous _____

61 Based on the information in paragraphs 4–5, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (5 marks)

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Q60

The World Health Organization (i) _____ that adults should do a minimum of an hour and a (ii) _____ of vigorous exercise or (iii) _____ and a half hours of moderate aerobic exercise a week. However, more than (iv) _____ of the adults surveyed in 2016 admitted that they had not done any vigorous physical exercise in the (v) _____ week.

62 How will the proposer ensure that the promotion campaign will be successful?

63 Do you think this proposal will be accepted by the managing board? Give a reason for your answer.

Text 5

64 Why does the writer say that thinking of the brain as a muscle 'props up the brain training industry' (line 4)?

65 Find a word in paragraph 2 that can be replaced by 'comparison'.

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66 When the writer says 'oblique approach' (line 9), he/she means to think about something ...

- A from an obvious point of view.
- B in an indirect manner.
- C in a scientific way.
- D in a creative way.

A B C D

67 In line 10, 'grey matter' refers to _____

68 What does the writer mean when he/she says 'the runner's high' (line 11)?

69 According to paragraph 4, in what TWO ways could the latest scientific research affect our behaviour? (2 marks)

- i) _____
- ii) _____

70 According to paragraph 5, what evidence does the writer provide to suggest that aerobic exercise improves memory and learning?

71 Find a word in paragraph 6 with the same meaning as 'destroy'.

72 What does the writer mean by 'making memories stickier' (line 26)?

73 How does physical exercise benefit children? Find ideas mentioned in paragraph 7 and match them with the examples given in the column on the right. (2 marks)

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Idea mentioned in paragraph 7	Examples
i)	Bouts of aerobics-style exercise helped Dutch school pupils to stay focused for longer periods.
ii)	They managed to ignore distractions, multitask and achieve goals more easily.

74 What evidence does the writer give to illustrate that exercise does not need to be structured and long lasting to be beneficial?

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Based on the information in paragraph 10, complete the summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (4 marks)

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Yoga can help you feel less (i) _____ because it turns on the body's 'relaxation response' by focusing on (ii) _____ and movement. This has been backed up by (iii) _____ research which shows that practising yoga causes the part of the brain that is involved in processing fear and anxiety to (iv) _____.

76 What is meant by 'walking gives wings to the imagination' in line 48?

77 In what situation would you use 'convergent thinking'?

78 According to paragraphs 12–13, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Doing physical exercise helps prevent cognitive decline in the elderly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) To get the most benefit, elderly people should exercise more than three times a week.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) It is important to do regular exercise by the time you are 50 years old.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

79 Based on the information in paragraph 14, complete the following summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (4 marks)

Researchers are still trying to work out exactly why exercise is (i) _____ to the brain. It is believed that exercise (ii) _____ the flow of blood to the brain and raises the (iii) _____ of growth hormones released as well as causing blood vessels in the brain to (iv) _____.

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80 What does 'the cognitive spillover from exercise' (line 68) refer to?

81 Do you agree with the writer that 'sitting still all day, every day, is dangerous' (line 69)?

82 Find a word in paragraph 15 which means 'hesitate'.

83 What is the writer's tone at the end of paragraph 15?

84 Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Text 5. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. One comment is not used and you should select 'Not Applicable'. (4 marks)

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A. Nietzsche	B. German researcher
C. The writer	D. Not Applicable

Comments:	Person
i) Our research shows that everyone should try learning a new foreign language while walking or cycling.	
ii) In the light of all the research, I've decided that I'm going to jog for half an hour every day!	
iii) Sleeping well is as important as exercising.	
iv) Walking makes me more creative.	

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85 Match the headings to the outline for Text 5. Write A–G in the box next to the number. I and II have been given. One heading is NOT used. (6 marks)

Headings

- A. Enhance your creativity
- B. Slowing cognitive decline
- C. Boost your memory
- D. Take action now
- E. Improve communication skills
- F. Improve your mental health
- G. Improve your concentration

Outline

I. Introduction
II. New wave of studies
III.
IV.
V.
VI.
VII.
VIII.

86 Which of the following best describes the writer's intention of writing this article?

- A to warn the reader about the dangers of not doing enough physical exercise
- B to advise the reader on the best types of physical exercise for brain health
- C to inform the reader about the benefits of doing exercise on the brain
- D to inform the reader of the latest brain research

A B C D

87 This text is ...

- A a scientific report.
- B a feature article.
- C an opinion piece.
- D a news article.

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