



Koala International Competition

Sample Paper

LEVEL: C1

Time: 60 minutes

Answer all 40 questions.

Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

Use black pen NOT pencil

At the end of the test the supervisor will collect your paper and answer sheet

Instructions are also given in your language by your supervisor

Good luck!

▪ Part 1 ▪

Questions 1 – 10

For questions 1 – 7 choose **A, B, C** or **D** to complete the gaps.

For questions 8 – 10 choose the best answer **A, B C** or **D**

Mark the answers on your answer sheet.

How to Become a Detective

If you want to be a detective, you have to _____ (1) be a police officer. This involves a host of duties but primarily spending a _____ (2).amount of time working in uniformed patrol. This is where you learn the basic job. There are risks that go with this job, and if you do it _____ (3) enough, it is a near-certainty that you will be injured at _____ (4) point. Most injured police officers return to unrestricted duty, but there are some who do not, and some who remain incapacitated from their injuries. In addition, you will _____ (5) regularly with people who are aggressive and pugnacious, and who will take advantage of you if you display fear or weakness. These are all things you have to get _____ (6) before you can be a successful police officer, and ultimately a detective.



Incidentally, if what you know about being a detective comes from movies and TV shows, you need to do some more research. Most of these portrayals are anything _____ (7) realistic.

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|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | A) initially to | B) must | C) first | D) finally |
| 2 | A) substantial | B) greater | C) equivalent | D) precise |
| 3 | A) long | B) consciously | C) automated | D) eagerly |
| 4 | A) sharp | B) ones | C) future | D) some |
| 5 | A) share | B) investigate | C) deal | D) arrange |
| 6 | A) used | B) to | C) over | D) away |
| 7 | A) like | B) not | C) only | D) but |

8 The passage states that to become a detective

- A) you will inevitably have to wear a uniform before you get to be one
- B) you should not take any advice from shows on TV
- C) you will have to return to unrestricted duty before you can do so
- D) you should not display fear or weakness to non-aggressive people

9 T V shows

- A) May not be realistic but help you get a better idea of a detective at work
- B) Should only be believed once you have done some research into the truth
- C) Create an unrealistic image of a detective's work
- D) Can be said to be realistic portrayals despite the problems they might face

10 A detective showing fear or weakness

- A) Is likely to take advantage of aggressive and pugnacious people
- B) May fall victim to aggressive and pugnacious individuals
- C) Has an advantage when dealing with aggressive and pugnacious individuals
- D) Will have to encounter aggressive and pugnacious individuals frequently

▪ Part 2 ▪

Questions 11 – 18

Read the article in which four people give their opinion of Facebook.

For questions 11 – 18 choose **A, B, C** or **D**

Mark the answers on your answer sheet.

Is Facebook Addictive?



Tomas

Sadly, yes. It becomes the source of your updates. The place where you get to know everything. The place where you follow your friends and the place where you explore opportunities by making connections. It tells you when a connection of yours does something you've been dreaming about. It's the place where you become famous. It's where you see something or someone that makes you laugh or cry. At times it becomes the place which inspires you to conquer the world.

And yes, Facebook can even inspire you to stay in bed and watch cat videos. It acts as the place where you talk about the next superhero movie or gossip about the wedding that recently happened. But it can also become the place where mass protests form and make a revolution.

Yes, Facebook is addictive and I am addicted!

Lucia

Actually, engagement with social media or mobile devices releases a chemical called dopamine. It is the same chemical which makes us feel good when we engage in other pleasurable activities.

In a 2012 study, Harvard research scientists reported that talking about oneself through social media activates a pleasure sensation in the brain usually associated with food, money and pleasurable experiences. Social media is feeling good about yourself as people appreciate you and thus you constantly go back to check how many followers or likes you receive.

Hence, mostly people suffering from anxiety and stress in the age of adolescence turn to social media in search of content. They also have a tendency to allow social media to play a major role in their everyday existence for the rest of their lives when under stress.

Anja

Anything that helps us escape reality becomes addictive. Be it Facebook or any online game or other source of detachment from what's real. The virtual world creates a fantasy that 90% of people find easier to live by and don't want to come out of. People start using Facebook mainly because almost everyone they know might be on it. Humans crave for connection and Facebook provides that. Simply put, it draws on one of the most primitive needs of man: to stay relevant and be seen within his tribe. Also, everyone gets a chance of having a say in the world through their account and anyone can be a celebrity on Facebook. Of course, we tell ourselves that we need it because it gives us news and regular updates which help keep us informed.

There is a high possibility you get addicted easily once you try it out.

Asen

If you constantly check your inbox a million times in 5 minutes just hoping to see that next message, then I'm afraid you have been drawn into the black hole and need to get out of it. Many of us have an average of 80 years to make our lives meaningful but we choose to waste a vast amount of the time staring at screens waiting for something to happen. Now if you are a Facebook fan, I need to add that I am not unaware of what people can get out of it and there is a reason why it has become one of the most successful apps in history.

However, I believe we are moving more into this virtual world created by social networking sites instead of experiencing the real world around us. We prefer to text rather than have a face to face conversation. We prefer to know the world around us through the eyes of our Facebook friends. And trust me when I say that many of the friends we have on Facebook are the last people that you would want to be friends with in the real world. But wait! I just remembered I met my girlfriend through Facebook and she might be reading this. Forget everything I wrote above. Facebook is awesome!!

11 Who says we use Facebook to constantly seek acknowledgement?

- A) Tom
- B) Lucia
- C) Anja
- D) Asen

12 Anja implies that Facebook may be addressing one of our basic human needs because

- A) Most people prefer to live in a fantasy world than face reality
- B) Everyone gets a chance to express their views which all humans need
- C) Human beings have a desire to interact and be recognised as individuals
- D) There is a high possibility you get addicted easily

13 The article says that

- A) Facebook is the only form of escape from reality today
- B) Facebook can activate groups of people around a specific cause
- C) Feeling good is about checking how many followers or likes you receive
- D) Anyone suffering from anxiety now turns to Facebook in search of content

14 One writer expresses the opinion that

- A) Adolescents join Facebook when suffering from anxiety
- B) The inspiration you get from Facebook makes you conquer the world
- C) Living in a virtual world is not easy for 10% of the people using Facebook
- D) Those who turn to Facebook in times of stress in their earlier years are likely to continue to do so in the future.

15 Asen believes

- A) Facebook is awesome
- B) Facebook is not entirely bad
- C) If you check your profile a million times you are in a black hole
- D) We should not spend all of our 80 years on average on Facebook

16 One view expressed says

- A) It is better to have some face to face conversations through Facebook
- B) We should get to know the world through the eyes of our Facebook friends
- C) Many Facebook friends would not be our choice of friends in the real world
- D) We all have an average of 80 years to make our lives meaningful

17 What is the recurring theme expressed by the different writes?

- A) Facebook does not allow us to enter the real world
- B) If you become addicted to Facebook you will not experience reality
- C) Virtual reality is now the future
- D) Facebook can be addictive

18 From the opinions stated above we can conclude that

- A) Facebook has become the most used application in the world
- B) Young people today make friends only through Facebook
- C) Facebook users have never been out in the real world
- D) There is not always agreement on the value of Facebook

▪ Part 3 ▪

Questions 19 – 25

Read the article below on the disadvantages of being smart.

For questions 19 – 25 choose **A, B, C** or **D**.

Mark the answers on your answer sheet.

The Disadvantages of Being Smart

There are huge advantages to being smart but there are certainly disadvantages and I don't know any smart person who has not experienced some or many of the disadvantages. I was always considered smart but it has not always been easy. Growing up, your parents and teachers discover you're one in a million. They then seek to reward you for your academic achievement while they also bask in the related glow. The consequence of this is that what matters is not your goals but theirs.

You risk appearing arrogant to some people.

You are informative. You are logical. You know what you are talking about. You can easily spot weaknesses in debates and counter them effectively. That's great! But many people don't like it.

They don't like their beliefs to be questioned, their reasoning to be invalidated, or their choices to be proven wrong. You would be amazed to know how quickly people get personal. To them you might be just an arrogant person trying to prove everyone else is stupid.

You are supposed to not need any kind of help.

You are smart! What else do you need in life?

Even if you missed a month of classes due to illness you are a brilliant student; smart enough to catch up. You don't need any extra help.

The teacher gives you the toughest task. You can manage all by yourself you are so smart.

It may be out of jealousy or a real belief but people just take it for granted that you can do everything by yourself and you never need any help, guidance or support.

You are automatically supposed to be wise. And nice.

Smartness does not mean kindness. Knowledge does not mean wisdom. Yet, you are assumed to be so. But in a lot of cases, that is not true. Smart people can be just as selfish, greedy, misguided, prejudiced and harmful as anybody else. Yet, society expects you to be kind, nice, wise, and 'do something for the human race'.

Ultimately, you are alone.

All the adults keep talking about how special and different you are and you start to believe that *that's* what's important. You might find your group of friends diminishes - to one, if you're lucky

But let's not forget the all-important truth that the habit of over-thinking, over-analysing and over-estimating often gets in the way of happiness.

But in the end it can all change.

If you're really lucky you end up in a place like Silicon Valley or some other unique working environment and you discover that, like you, everyone else was the smartest in school. And then you realize that here you are in fact normal or even average. Now that can be humbling.

- 19 What does the author imply when she says ‘they also bask in the related glory’?**
- A) Teachers and parents are so proud that they can ensure your glory
 - B) There is a tendency to want to enjoy the attention they might receive
 - C) They know how to deal with glory and fame
 - D) They too are considered smart as they are close to you
- 20 The author claims that being smart means people think you don’t need any help or support because**
- A) You already know everything and others may not feel they can help
 - B) People who are jealous of you cannot see why they should help
 - C) There is a perception that given how smart you are you can go it alone
 - D) You take things for granted and always manage
- 21 What is being suggested by the writer when he says “Ultimately, you are alone.”?**
- A) You are lucky if your group of friends diminishes to one
 - B) Adults talk about the important things and only you believe them
 - C) If you are smart you will very probably have fewer friends
 - D) You find you no longer wish to remain friendly to everybody
- 22 One disadvantage of being smart is that**
- A) You think about everything
 - B) The amount of thinking time you need makes you unhappy
 - C) Over- thinking can cause you to over-estimate your happiness
 - D) Too much of a focus on thinking is an obstacle to happiness
- 23 What do smart people discover when working in a unique environment?**
- A) They are humble
 - B) They are not really smart
 - C) They find themselves not to be so normal
 - D) They meet people who are just as smart or even smarter
- 24 One danger with finding weaknesses in other people’s arguments is that**
- A) They question your validity
 - B) They refuse to appreciate how smart you are
 - C) You might be viewed in a bad light
 - D) People get personal about your choices
- 25 The author says that**
- A) Smart people are wise and nice
 - B) Smart people can be selfish, greedy, misguided but not harmful
 - C) Not all smart people fit into the image society has of them
 - D) Smart people need to do something for the human race

▪ Part 4 ▪

For questions **26 – 31** choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).

For questions **32 – 35** choose the best answer **A, B, C** or **D**

Mark the answers on the answer sheet.

The most dangerous animal in the world

Mention the words 'Great White Shark' or 'cockroach' and many people will **(26) recoil** in horror. But the title of the most dangerous animal in the world rests with an animal you'd least expect. It's the mosquito.

Apart from ruining your party or evening stroll with your friends what is it that makes the mosquito so deadly? The tiny **(27) infamous** insects cause more deaths than any other animal on the planet. And while it is not the dreaded mosquito that causes death but the diseases it carries and **(28) inflicts** on humans.

Mosquitos thrive in damp areas. They are also difficult to locate as they **(29) lurk** under decaying plants and logs.

Locating their victims is achieved by detecting infrared radiation **(30) emitted** by the warm blood inside of us. They also like smelly feet.

Understanding more about mosquitoes and how they spread disease is important. It helps increase awareness of the dangers of mosquitoes and provides us with the knowledge we need to protect ourselves until more efficient **(31) eradication** methods are available.

- 26 A) unwind
 B) move on
 C) withdrawal
 D) spring back
- 27 A) notorious
 B) famous
 C) principled
 D) reputable
- 28 A) imposes something unwelcome
 B) distributes
 C) strikes
 D) replicates
- 29 A) remain visible
 B) come out
 C) stay hidden
 D) wait in a damp place



- 30 A) pulled out
B) given off
C) given away
D) sent away
- 31 A) wipe over
B) elimination
C) throw away
D) rub out
- 32 **According to the passage, mosquitos**
A) Are, unsurprisingly, killer animals of the worst kind
B) Cause more human deaths than all other animals on the planet combined
C) Can locate their victims by using infra-red radars
D) Are not regarded in a favourable light
- 33 **Most people who die**
A) Live in damp areas where it is difficult to locate mosquitos
B) Inflict the disease on other humans
C) Are not killed directly by mosquitos
D) Cannot understand how the disease is spread
- 34 **The passage says mosquitos are difficult to locate because**
A) They use infrared radiation which finds victims
B) They are so small
C) They reside in damp places
D) They tend to take cover under various objects
- 35 **The author implies that**
A) The future will provide a better means of protection against mosquitos
B) The best way to protect ourselves is to get rid of places where mosquitos hide
C) We should ensure we stay away from places where mosquitos might be
D) Understanding what mosquitos do and why they do it will protect us

▪ Part 5 ▪

Questions 36 – 40

For questions **36 – 40** choose the correct answer with the correct spelling.
Mark the answers **A, B** or **C** on your answer sheet.



- 36 The _____ involved a visit to the Great Wall but in fact we didn't go.
A) itinerery B) iteninary C) itinerary
- 37 My cousin used to _____ visit us but now he never comes.
A) occasionally B) occasionally C) occassionaly
- 38 That new hairstyle looks _____ on him.
A) rediculos B) ridiculos C) ridiculous
- 39 The artist _____ known as prince, changed his name to a symbol.
A) formaly B) formerly C) formerly
- 40 Over 20 _____ make up the Global Positioning System (GPS).
A) satelites B) satellites C) sattelites