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Question 1

145 million people will be drowned by the rising of sea levels.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 2

The report attests to the urgency of a global consensus on lowering the rate of emissions.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Economic research has identified a trend exhibited by one in six Britons of hiding cash in their homes instead of investing it. This is termed the 'Biscuit Tin Economy'. It is estimated that £3.5 billion is currently hidden, sometimes in obscure places, such as under mattresses or in fridges, in homes across the country. Reasons for this are varied, for example 6% are concealing it from their partners, and 4% believe their money to be safer at home than in a bank. Researchers maintain that these actions demonstrate economic folly, and that, as a result, Britons are sacrificing up to £174 million in interest every year. This 'Biscuit Tin Economy' is betraying those who trust in it, as it renders their hidden money both unproductive and potentially unsafe, whereas it could be profitably invested in a stocks or high-interest savings plan, for example.

Question 3

Financial security requires that money is invested.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 4

Economic research focuses on why people hide money rather than investing it.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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A few 'Safe As Houses' alarms have been redesigned in an attempt to reduce the large number of complaints where alarms have sounded by accident. One of the new types of alarm is less sensitive than its predecessors. Studies have shown that these newer alarms are rarely activated for no apparent reason. 'Safe as Houses' still sells a number of the original, sensitive alarm systems, because the increase in threshold for motion detection means that the new style alarms may fail to register break-in where limited force is being used.

Question 5

All of the company's alarm systems are now less sensitive.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 6

The new alarm systems should reduce the number of accidental soundings by at least a half.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Sagas Stores enjoys an international reputation for quality and style. Nowhere is this more important than in the dress and appearance of its staff. The company sets minimum standards of appearance which are demanded of all shop floor staff, although some departments have specific additional requirements. Hair must be clean, tidy and well cut at all times. With very few exceptions, such as "Designer Corner", which operates a different staff dress code reflecting their particular style, business dress must be worn. Women should wear tailored suits, with a white or cream blouse. Men should wear dark grey trousers together with a white shirt and navy blazer.

Question 7

Women in "Designer Corner" are allowed to wear jewellery.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 8

Business dress must be worn by staff in all departments.

- True
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The early chaos of the home computing industry in the USA, where it developed, probably had a more detrimental effect in Europe than it did in the States. All the innovators in the field were companies which were too small to cope with or understand foreign sales. As a result all US companies sold exclusively through European distributors, some of which were only interested in making maximum profits in a minimum amount of time. Home computing in Europe got off to a slow start because greedy distributors worked through incompetent suppliers, none of which had any real interest in the long term future of the technology.

Question 9

Incompetent suppliers were one of the reasons for the slow development of home computing in Europe.

- True
- False
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Question 10

None of the American innovators in the field were able to deal adequately with foreign sales.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Staff training can have a number of objectives. It can be educational, aiming to develop the knowledge, skills and abilities of the trainees; it can be a vehicle to promote company policy or values; or, finally, it can raise levels of staff satisfaction by ensuring employees are able to improve their existing skills. Lively debate usually accompanies the allocation of expenditure to the annual training budget. Critics argue that certain costs associated with such programmes could be scaled down, and those courses which are unproductive could be axed.

Question 11

Knowledge-based training is the most effective form for staff.

- True
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Question 12

Training sharpens an organisation's competitive edge.

- True
- False
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Despite decreases in the miles travelled by the average cyclist in recent years, increase in bicycle sales over the last 5 years have meant a corresponding increase in cycle accidents. This increase is especially marked amongst teenagers and young children. Last year, 45% of all cycle casualties were under 14 and another 20% under 20 years. The provisional figures for this year show some improvement, but the fact remains that the number of cyclists of all ages injured each year is unacceptably high.

Question 13

The majority of cycle casualties last year involved people under 20 years of age.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 14

Fewer adults were involved in cycle casualties this year.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Hargraves, one of the country's leading specialist electrical engineering companies announced the rejection of a take-over bid made by the larger, more generalised MLT Group. The Board of Directors stated that this was the decision of the majority of shareholders and the announcement kept the price of Hargraves shares where it had stood before the bid had been made. The Chairman was known to be very relieved by the decision as he could see no advantage for the shareholders, the company or its employees in the take-over.

Question 15

Some shareholders were against accepting the proposed take-over.

- True
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- Cannot Say

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Question 16

The employees of Hargraves were against the take-over.

- True
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- Cannot Say

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Question 17

Over-consumption of sugar sometimes results in heart disease.

- True
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- Cannot Say

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Question 18

The average individual consumption of sugar in all its various forms is increasing.

- True
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- Cannot Say

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Question 19

Artificial skin is an alternative approach to skin grafts.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 20

Skin grafts always leave scars.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Despite vehicle improvements and campaigns for road safety, many injuries and fatalities are still caused by collisions and other incidents involving vehicles. According to investigations in the United States, some of these accidents could be prevented through the development of a mobile internet network. All of the cars on a stretch of road would be linked to each other, comprising the mobile network. Only one of these vehicles would need to be connected to the internet to download travel news to the mobile network. The studies highlight the safety advantages of such a system, which would enable drivers to find out about accidents and potential dangers as they happen and in relation to their particular location. Drivers and emergency service teams would have detailed information about problematic areas. There are, however, possible drawbacks to the development of such networks, not least that the availability of data within them could facilitate privacy infringements.

Question 21

Laws protecting personal data could be breached.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 22

Mobile networks could provide site specific information for drivers.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 23

The destruction of the Columbia shuttle in 2003 stopped the Shuttle flight programme.

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Question 24

NASA's new computer programme is designed to protect the lives of the crew.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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A report from a prestigious university has urged the world's richest countries to consider the precarious position of bird species from around the world. The study suggests that acting now could ensure the survival of the 400 to 900 species of land bird that are at risk because of the actions of man. The report pays particular attention to the dangers faced by those species which are highly specialised, and may not be able to adapt to changes in their environment. Richer countries currently have little awareness of the dangers faced by bird species around the globe, and tend to concentrate on the preservation of local species instead.

Question 25

Nearly all rich countries are aware of the plight of local birds and their preservation.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 26

It is the actions of men which are currently threatening 400 to 900 species of birds.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Timed examinations have always played an influential role in assessing the abilities of students; however, with increasing worries that pupils are plagiarising material from the internet for their final year assignments, there is going to be a renewed emphasis on traditional supervised assessment, albeit in a revised format. The new form of controlled assessment will still allow students to conduct independent research on the internet and participate in beneficial practical activities, such as educational trips, but it will also require students to present their final conclusions under supervised conditions within their school. It is hoped that these controlled assessments will maintain the integrity of their school qualifications, while also not disadvantaging those students who become stressed by traditional timed examinations.

Question 27

Educational excursions are not advantageous to a student's programme of study.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 28

Teachers believe that the current final year assignments are not an effective method of measuring the abilities of their students.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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A number of things should be taken into consideration when looking to purchase a new computer. One of the major things to bear in mind is what its primary uses will be. For instance, if it is to be used for graphic design or complex data analysis, one would look to invest in a computer that has been recommended as the most efficient choice to satisfy these specific needs. The cost of a suitable computer can vary depending on the specification required, the brand and the speed. The performance of the system is dependent on major components such as the processor, memory and hard disk space. It therefore becomes a case of striking a balance between purchasing a computer that will meet the user's requirements, while also not over-spending in areas where the extra investment may be wasted.

Question 29

A computer with good specifications is required to carry out complex data analysis.

- True
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Question 30

A hard disk is one of the fundamental parts of a computer.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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In the future it may be possible to construct environments in space, capable of supporting significant numbers of inhabitants in conditions that resemble those on Earth. New manufacturing technologies are being studied, which will enable work to be done in space by means of a combination of heat and kinetic energy. It has been shown that steel casting and welding is possible, heating the metal using a combination of sunlight and electrical energy. Solar power provides manufacturers with a readily available natural power resource and this energy can be intensified for use in manufacturing with the utilisation of an arrangement of manoeuvrable mirrors. Theoretically, space manufacturing could require only a very small amount of material being brought from Earth.

Question 31

The mirrors used to harness solar power must track the movement of the sun in order to provide energy.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Question 32

Steel may be moulded and joined using merely solar power.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Test Progress



Within the next 6 months, all deposits taken by landlords must be protected by a tenancy deposit scheme. Deposits have long been a point of contention at the end of a tenancy, where landlords and tenants have disputed the spending of a tenant's deposit to repair or clean the rented space. Now, landlords or agents will be able to choose between two authorised tenancy deposit schemes: a single custodial scheme or an insurance-based scheme. These schemes are designed to provide a service which allows disagreements between tenant and landlord or agent to be resolved by an independent party, and without the possibility of involving costly legal fees. Under each scheme, the landlord or agent receives the deposit, as is currently standard procedure. Under the custodial scheme, the landlord or agent then pays the deposit to the scheme, which will retain it until the termination of the tenancy. The insurance-based scheme differs in that the landlord or agent keeps the deposit but pays insurance premiums to the scheme, which will repay the tenant the agreed amount directly should there be any dispute. It is up to the landlord or agent to decide which scheme to use and to provide details to the tenant within 14 days of receipt of the deposit.

Question 33

Tenancy deposit schemes have been designed to offer protection to tenants by allowing disputes to be settled out of court.

- True
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Question 34

After 14 days, the landlord or agent must decide what scheme to use and provide details to the tenant.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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