CAMBRIDGE IELTS 10 - TEST 1 - READING

READING PASSAGE 1

Question 1-5:
1. FALSE (para 2, the first line: “Unique to this region, stepwells are’’)
2. TRUE (para 1, line 4-8: “western India developed a method of gaining access to clean, fresh groundwater during the dry season for drinking, bathing, watering animals and irrigation. However, the significance of”)
3. NOT GIVEN
4. NOT GIVEN
5. TRUE (para 3, last 4 lines: “When the water level was high, the user needed only to descend a few steps to reach it; when it was low, several levels would have to be negotiated”)

Question 6-8:
6. ‘pavilions’(para 4, line 7-9: “pillars, they also included pavilions that sheltered visitors from the relentless heat. But perhaps the most impressive”)
7. ‘drought’(para 5, last 3 lines: “recent dry spells: southern Rajasthan suffered an eight-year drought between 1996 and 2004”)
8. ‘tourists’ (para 13, line 7-10: “rich history. Tourists flock to wells in far-flung corners of north-western India to gaze in wonder at these architectural marvels from hundreds of years ago”)

Question 9-13:
9. ‘earthquake’ (para 7, last 6 lines: “meters wide and 27 meters deep, Rani Ki Vav features 500 sculptures carved into niches throughout the monument. Incredibly, in January 2001, this ancient structure survived an earthquake that measured 7.6 on the Richter scale”)
10. ‘4 sides’ (para 8, line 8-10: “architecture, including four sides of steps that descend to the bottom in a stunning geometrical formation. The”)
11. ‘tank’ (para 8, line 4-6: “1026 to honour the sun god Surya. It actually resembles a tank(kund means reservoir or pond) rather than a well, but”)
12. ‘verandas’/’verandahs’ (para 11, last 3 lines: “pattern when seen from afar. On the fourth side, verandas which are supported by ornate pillars overlook the steps”)

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13. ‘underwater’ (para 12, line 3-5: “high way. Constructed in around 1700. It is nine storeys deep, with the last two being underwater. At ground water”)

READING PASSAGE 2

Question 14-21:

14. viii (para A, last 3 lines: “spectacular growth in car use. The number of cars on European Union (EU) roads saw an increase of three million cars each year from 1990 to 2010, and in next decade the EU will see a further substantial increase in its fleet”)

15. iii (para B, last 3 lines: “intensive, to reduce production costs, even though the production site is hundreds or even thousands of kilometers away from the final assembly plant or away from users”)

16. xi (para C, first 3 lines: “The strong economic growth expected in countries which are candidates for entry to the EU will also increase transport flows, in particular road haulage traffic. In 1998, some of these countries already exported more than twice”)

17. I (para D, first 2 lines: “However, a new imperative – sustainable development – offers an opportunity for adapting the EU’s common transport policy. This objective”)

18. v (par E, line 6-7: “in 1990. Once again, road transport is the main culprit since it alone accounts for 84% of the CO2 emissions attributable to transport. Using”)

19. x (para G, first 2 lines: “The first approach would consist of focusing on road transport solely through pricing. This option would not be accompanied by complementary measures in”)

20. ii (para H, first 3 lines: “The second approach also concentrates on road transport pricing but is accompanied by measures to increase the efficiency of the other modes (better quality of services, logistics, technology). However, this approach”)

21. iv (para I, first 3 lines: “the third approach, which is not new, comprises a series of measures ranging from pricing to revitalising alternative modes of transport and targeting investment in the trans-European network. This integrated”)


Question 22-26:
22. TRUE (para A, line 2-4: “transport system. Although modern information technologies can reduce the demand for physical transport by facilitating teleworking and teleservices, the requirement for transport continues to increase.”)

23. FALSE (para B, line 2-4: “changes in the European economy and its system of production. In the last 20 years, as internal frontiers have been abolished. The EU has moved from a ‘stock’ economy to a ‘flow’ economy. This phenomenon has been emphasized”)

24. NOT GIVEN
25. NOT GIVEN
26. FALSE (para E, line 4-5: “emissions from transport can be expected to increase by around 50% to 1,113 billion tonnes by 2020, compared with the 739 billion tonnes recorded”)

READING PASSAGE 3

Question 27-30:
27. C (para 3, line 11-16: “owned Sun, wanted to revolutionise popular music with songs that fused black and white music, and country and blues. Presley, Cash, Perkins and Lewis instinctively understood Phillips’s ambition and believe in it.”)

28. A (para 6, line 15-18: “said something that stunned me. He said he and Crick had succeeded because they were aware that they weren’t the most intelligent of the scientists pursuing the answer”)

29. D (para 8, line 5-9: “something as simple as writing deepens every individual’s engagement in the project. It is, he says, the reason why all those competition on the breakfast cereal packets encouraged us to write in saying, in”)

30. B (para 11, line 4-9: “where it is due. Cialdini says: ‘leaders shouls encourage everyone to contribute and simultaneously assure all concerned that every recommendation is important to making the right decision and will be given full attention’”)
Question 31-35:
31. G (para 2, line 5-10: “with recruitment. Research shows that the fit between an employee’s values and a company’s values makes a difference to what contribution they make and whether, two year after they join, they’re still at the company. Studies at Harvard Business”)

32. E (para 4, line 4-5: “behave differently, ‘When things change, we are hard-wired to play it safe’. Managers”)

33. A (para 4, last 3 lines: “invariably take more gambles when threatened with a loss than when offered a reward”)

34. F (para 9, line 2-6: “but it often does. The wrong kind of leadership will lead to what Cialdini calls ‘captanitis, the regrettable tendency of team members to opt out of team responsibilities that are properly theirs’. He”)

35. B (para 10, Last 4 lines: “environment encouraged a free interchange of ideas, which led to more creativity with from, function, colour and materials that revolutionised attitudes to furniture design”)

Question 36-40:
36. NO (para 1, line 4-10: “There are, nevertheless, people working in luxurious, state-of-the-art centers designed to stimulate innovation who find that their environment doesn’t make them feel at all creative. And there are those who don’t have a budget, or much space, but who innovate successfully”)

37. YES (para 2, last 2 lines: “others, almost every individual can be creative in the right circumstances”)

38. NOT GIVEN
39. NOT GIVEN
40. NO (para 7, line 8-11: “alone in advocating this strategy. Research shows that peer power, used horizontally not vertically, is much more powerful than any boss’s speech”