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Key skills communication Level 3 - First Time Buyers

Tuesday 17th January 2006

Test Paper

YOU NEED

- This question paper
- The source booklet
- An answer booklet
- A pen with black or blue ink

You may NOT use a dictionary

Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor

THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS TEST

Part A (total 25 marks) consists of 4 short-answer questions

Part B (total 25 marks) consists of 1 extended-answer question

Total marks available: 50

Try to answer ALL the questions

YOU HAVE 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES INCLUDING READING TIME

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly in the answer booklet
 - Read each question carefully
 - If you use extra paper, make sure that it has your name and candidate number on it and is securely attached to your answer booklet
 - At the end of the test, hand your answer booklet, the question paper, the source booklet and all notes to the supervisor
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REMEMBER: YOU HAVE 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES TO FINISH THE TEST

First-Time Buyers

Read documents 1 to 4 then answer the questions which follow.

- Document 1 Adapted from *First Time Buyers Factfile*, Property Telegraph, 10/07/04, and *UK Remains Optimistic about Housing Market*, Yorkshire Bank, 14/07/03.
- Document 2 Adapted from *First-time buyers suffer relationship troubles*, Manchester Evening News, 06/09/04, and *UK First-time buyers hit with £373m moving bill out of the blue*, Yorkshire Bank, 11/10/04.
- Document 3 *Have your say - How can the rural housing crisis be solved?*, BBC News, 13/10/04.
- Document 4 Adapted from *Housing statistics 2002 and 2003*, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Part A: Short-answer questions.

In this section you will be given marks for:

- identifying accurately, and comparing, the lines of reasoning and main points from the documents
 - synthesising the key information in a way that is relevant to the purpose.
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1 Using Documents 1 and 2, identify **three** reasons why young people may consider buying property.

4 marks

2 Identify one of the **main** points shown by **each** of the images in Document 4. To what extent is each of these points related to information about second home-owners in Document 3?

7 marks

3 Identify **four** ways of dealing with the shortage of affordable housing from the views expressed in Document 3. To what extent does Document 1 support these views?

8 marks

4 Using information from the documents, give **one** example of how the difficulties faced by first time buyers can affect their relationships with partners and **one** example of how they can affect their relationships with parents. How far are Dave's problems in Document 3 supported by information from Documents 1 and 2?

6 marks

Part A Total 25 marks

Part B: Extended-answer question.

In this section you will be given marks for:

- using a format and style of writing that is appropriate to the purpose
 - organising the relevant information from all four documents clearly and coherently
 - using your own words where appropriate
 - writing legibly using accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.
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5 Write an article for a college or community newspaper highlighting the issues that first-time buyers should take into account when considering buying property. These should include:

- availability of affordable property
- alternatives to buying
- financial considerations
- personal considerations.

Base your article on information from the documents.

25 marks

End of test