

Level 1 Essential Communication Skills

Sample confirmatory test 2

Maximum duration: 30 minutes

Important note

This is a sample confirmatory test, developed jointly by the four Essential Skills Wales awarding bodies (Agored Cymru, City & Guilds, Pearson and WJEC).


This sample test provides an indication of the likely format and structure of the live confirmatory tests that will become available from **September 2017**.

A separate document, containing the answer keys (correct answers) and specification references is also available.

This confirmatory test consists of 20 multiple choice questions.

Text 1

Questions 1 to 10 are about Text 1 below.

Start cycling today	Line 1
With more and more bikes and an ever increasing number of cars on the road, its	Line 2
important to be prepared before you start a journey.	Line 3
If you are new to cycling, or do not cycle on a regular bases, you may not be happy	Line 4
riding on busy roads. But, with the right training it is a very safe way to travel.	Line 5
Cycle awareness training	Line 6
Explore our website for information on the free cycle training courses that we provide.	Line 7
Local trainers can offer flexible programmes based on your level of experience. These	Line 8
are for groups of different sizes, at times and locations _____ are convenient for all.	Line 9
Cycling resources	Line 10
There are local cycling maps and other resources available. Check out our website	Line 11
and download the materials. There are maps showing cycling routes around Wales,	Line 12
which allow cyclists to avoid built-up areas. We also have a series of maps for cyclists	Line 13
who need to travel through towns and _____ where there are no cycle lanes. In	Line 14
addition, we have online versions that provide 'real-time' information. This includes	Line 15
up to date traffic reports, current roadworks and alternative routes.	Line 16
On our website, timetables for trains and buses are available. You might want to use	Line 17
these, especially in the winter months.	Line 18
	Line 19
Safe cycling	Line 20
To stay safe and enjoy your journey, always remember to:	Line 21
• keep your bike in good working order	Line 22
• wear a helmet and other safety equipment, such as kneepads	Line 23
• use lights and reflective clothing to make sure drivers can see you	Line 24
• follow the rules of the road and keep up to date with the Highway Code	Line 25
• check local travel information before you set out.	Line 26
Visit www.2wheelz4lyf.com for more details.	Line 27

1. The **main** point of the text is to:
 - a) talk about the number of cyclists on the road
 - b) encourage cyclists to plan for their journeys
 - c) suggest that all cyclists must pass a course
 - d) tell cyclists to always avoid rush hour traffic

2. The writer has used the images on Line 19 to:
 - a) direct people to their website
 - b) tell cyclists about new cycle lanes
 - c) make cyclists aware of road hazards
 - d) show examples of important road signs

3. The **best** word to replace 'reflective' on Line 24 is:
 - a) bright
 - b) trendy
 - c) waterproof
 - d) comfortable

4. The phrase 'real-time' on Line 15 means:
 - a) likely
 - b) available
 - c) every day
 - d) as it happens

5. There is a spelling mistake on Line:
 - a) 4
 - b) 12
 - c) 17
 - d) 23

6. The **main** purpose of the text is to:

- a) promote wearing helmets and kneepads
- b) persuade more people to take up cycling
- c) instruct people how to care for their bikes
- d) explain how cyclists can avoid traffic jams

7. The correct word to fill the space on Line 14 is:

- a) Citys
- b) cities
- c) city's
- d) citie's

8. According to the text, cyclists should get a timetable to:

- a) beat rush hour traffic
- b) find cycling lessons
- c) stay warm and dry
- d) avoid roadworks

9. There is a punctuation error on Line:

- a) 2
- b) 5
- c) 11
- d) 16

10. The **best** word to fill the space on Line 9 is:

- a) as
- b) yet
- c) that
- d) these

Text 2

Questions 11 to 20 are about Text 2 below.

Fabulous Tails	Line 1
Having spent many years keeping your dogs clean and well-groomed, our salon has now added a new service. A dog's health is more than fur-deep and it is very	Line 2
important that they get enough exercise to stay happy and healthy. But we know	Line 3
that it can be difficult to give your dog as much time and attention as you'd like.	Line 4
	Line 5
Does it look too cold and wet to go outside. Are you still at the office after dark? Or maybe you're just too dog-tired.	Line 6
	Line 7
Whether it's long days at work, studying or doing general day to day activities,	Line 8
finding time to walk your dog _____ not always easy. That's why we have	Line 9
introduced a professional dog walking service and are open for business seven days	Line 10
a week. We look after your dog _____ you can get on with everything else.	Line 11
Our service includes:	Line 12
• an initial chat about what your dog likes and needs	Line 13
• a range of dog walking options to suit your pet	Line 14
• an online record of your dog's programme	Line 15
• a pick-up or drop off service.	Line 16
Our team are:	Line 17
• reliable and animal loving dog walkers	Line 18
• aware of your dog's safety at all times	Line 19
• happy to discuss your dog's individual needs	Line 20
• trained to work with dogs of all shapes and sizes.	Line 21
As the local award-winning dog salon, our aim is to make each walk a great	Line 22
experience for your dog. They will have the opportunity to make new friends, play	Line 23
and explore while getting lots of exercise. We make sure that all our dogs have	Line 24
plenty of fresh water and tasty treats.	Line 25
Give us a call on: 066 98 68 17	Line 26
We're ready to talk, and always up for a walk!	Line 27

11. According to the text, dog owners should:

- a) make sure dogs are groomed everyday
- b) take the dog for a long walk after work
- c) think about the dog's physical fitness
- d) spend more time with their dogs

12. What is meant by the phrase 'dog-tired' on Line 7?

- a) being under pressure
- b) looking after animals
- c) bored with your pet
- d) feeling worn out

13. Where might the reader find this text?

- a) national newspaper
- b) beauty magazine
- c) local newspaper
- d) fitness journal

14. The purpose of the text is to:

- a) entertain all local animal lovers
- b) inform people about the salon's award
- c) advertise ways to help busy pet owners
- d) describe the team of friendly dog walkers

15. According to the text, Fabulous Tails:

- a) is a brand new company
- b) has years of experience
- c) is looking for more staff
- d) has new opening hours

16. There is a spelling mistake on Line:

- a) 5
- b) 13
- c) 14
- d) 18

17. The word to **best** replace 'opportunity' on Line 23 is:

- a) excuse
- b) chance
- c) choice
- d) right

18. The correct word to fill the space on Line 11 is:

- a) if
- b) as
- c) or
- d) so

19. There is a punctuation mistake on Line:

- a) 6
- b) 8
- c) 24
- d) 27

20. What is the correct word to fill the space on Line 9?

- a) were
- b) has
- c) are
- d) is

End of test

NOW GO BACK AND CHECK YOUR WORK

- **IMPORTANT**

Are the details at the top of the answer sheet correct?

Have you filled in your answers in INK in the appropriate boxes on the answer sheet?