

Reading Part 5 : Example (Test 7)

THE
QUESTIONS WILL
ALWAYS BE ASKED IN THE
ORDER THE ANSWERS
APPEAR IN THE TEXT.

Though the questions are in order, the answer choices are not. A, B, C and D may appear in any order in the text, or, if they are distractors (put in the question to confuse you), they may not necessarily appear at all.

Questions like this always require careful reading (reading for detail). Read the sentences before and after the word carefully. That way, if you are not familiar with the word, you should be able to work out its meaning in context.

There are two types of multiple choice questions:

- (i) finish the sentence.
- (ii) answer the question.

31. What does the writer mean by saying communities used to live in worlds inside a bigger world?
- A. In the past people knew little about faraway places.
 - B. In the past people only cared about themselves.
 - C. Most people didn't travel very much in the past.
 - D. Most people cared about what was happening in the bigger world.
32. What changed after the experience of two world wars?
- A. Politicians felt determined to prevent another world war.
 - B. Information technology brought the world closer together.
 - C. Nobody was interested in conflict anymore.
 - D. Nations wanted to become more independent.
33. What is suggested about the United Nations?
- A. It keeps the world peaceful and conflict-free.
 - B. It will become a global government.
 - C. It doesn't have a lot of meaningful influence.
 - D. It is controlled by a few big powers.
34. What does the phrase 'took shape' mean in the context of paragraph 4, line 42?
- A. succeeded
 - B. developed
 - C. concluded
 - D. changed
35. The arrival of new technology and the information age
- A. seemed unimportant compared to the political changes taking place.
 - B. had a strong impact on the opposite side of the globe.
 - C. brought people together in a way that politicians could not.
 - D. saw people use the internet a lot in their living rooms.
36. What does the writer's tone in the final paragraph suggest?
- A. He is satisfied with what has been achieved.
 - B. He is critical and pessimistic about the future.
 - C. He is confused and upset.
 - D. He is realistic about the situation.

When trying to scan the text, be selective in the information you choose to look for. The answer choices usually paraphrase the information which is mentioned in the text.

A proper noun, i.e. United Nations, cannot be paraphrased. These are perfect key words to scan for in the text. Once you have found where the United Nations is discussed, you can read that section of the text for detail to make sure you get the right answer.

Multiple choice questions like these can cover a broad range of functions. For example, questions 31 and 36 ask you to interpret the writer's views; question 34 tests your understanding of vocabulary and context; question 33 asks for factual information, and questions 32 and 35 have to do with cause and effect.