

Multiple-choice questions

Exam information

The most common multiple-choice question is one in which you choose one answer from four options. Other questions ask you to choose more than one correct answer from a list.

Question strategy

- 1 Read the **question** carefully and eliminate any answers which are obviously wrong.
- 2 Scan read for parallel expressions in the questions and passage and underline them.
- 3 Remember: (a) the correct answer to the question is the one given in the passage, and not your opinion; (b) words from an incorrect option may appear in the passage.

4 Underline key words in questions 1–4 and eliminate any answers you are sure are incorrect. Use the questions in italics to help you.

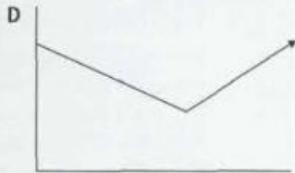
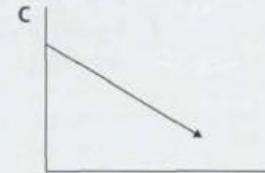
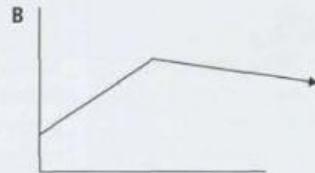
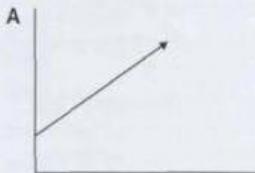
5 Circle the appropriate letter A–D.

- 1 The most probable cause of a petrol shortage in the near future would be
 - high fuel consumption.
 - lack of conventional oil reserves.
 - oil reserves which are difficult to access.
 - American laws concerning the environment.

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Which paragraph describes a *likely cause of a petrol shortage? Only one option could cause a shortage in the near future.*

- 2 The graph which best illustrates changes to North Sea oil supplies is:



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Scan read the passage to find mention of North Sea oil. What happens to something after it reaches a peak?

- 3 Which of these does **not** affect the price of oil?

- use of alternative fuels
- increase in demand
- stock market activity
- international relations

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In the passage find references to or parallel expressions for *increase in demand, stock market activity and international relations*. Section 6 mentions three of the options which *do* affect the price of oil.

- 4 Higher fuel prices would eventually bring about

- a global economic downturn.
- lower interest rates.
- an increase in sales of large vehicles.
- development of environmentally friendly engines.

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Option C is an unlikely answer. So look at A, B, and D more carefully.