

Task 2

Read the text and choose the correct option for each of the questions that follow. Mark the answer

University Challenge star Gail Trimble adapts to public eye

University Challenge winner Gail Trimble was today getting used to being in the public eye, revealing that she had been approached by a lads' mag to take part in a "tasteful photoshoot".

Trimble, 26, who led her team from Corpus Christi, Oxford, to victory in the longrunning TV quiz on BBC2 last night, said *Nuts* magazine had already been in touch. "Would you believe it, my brother received a Facebook message from *Nuts* yesterday morning saying 'can we have your sister's email address, we want her to do a tasteful shoot'," the 26-year-old told BBC Breakfast. "So of course he sent them an answer saying: 'Seriously mate, would you give your sister's contact details to *Nuts*?'"

Corpus Christi triumphed over Manchester University to be crowned winners of the competition, achieving victory by 275 points to 190 in the 2009 University Challenge grand final. However, the win was Corpus Christi's closest of the contest and they only took the lead towards the end of the contest. At one stage Manchester University led 70-0 and later, after Corpus Christi had begun to rack up points, still had a 30-point lead with just a few minutes of the pre-recorded 30-minute show to go.

Much of the team's success up to the final has been down to Trimble, who had scored two-thirds of her team's 1,200 in earlier rounds. Her vast knowledge, likened to an "intellectual blitzkrieg" by a rival contestant, stunned even host Jeremy Paxman. Last night's grand final win was more of a team effort, with Trimble even getting the odd answer wrong, such as when she buzzed to say "Pollyanna" when the correct answer was "Goody Two-Shoes".

Trimble also revealed today that she had previously had difficulty getting on to the college University Challenge team, making three or four attempts. "I've tried over the years with different teams for the college, but we never made it," she told the *Daily Mail*. She said she did not do any special revision for the quiz: "On the day we'd maybe flick through a couple of quiz books, but it was all pretty relaxed."

Trimble's success has elicited some hostile reaction on blogs – something she has put down to being female. "Suddenly there's this thing that involves being in the public eye, and I find all this reaction to me, and I'm sure this wouldn't be the case if I wasn't a woman," she told the BBC. "It is nice when people are saying nice things about my appearance, and not nasty things, but it's sad that they feel it necessary to say things about my appearance at all."

Asked what she would do next, she said she was working on her doctorate in philosophy. "I'm coming towards the end of it, finishing within the next year, then an academic job, hopefully. That's what I want to do," Trimble added.

13. Which of the following is true?

- a) Gail often appears in the media.
- b) Gail became well-known when she started university.
- c) This is the first time Gail Trimble has been the centre of media attention.

14. *Nuts* magazine is considered to be...

- a) for men only.
- b) in good taste.
- c) popular with university students.

15. The quiz "University Challenge"...

- a) started up recently.
- b) is now in its second year.
- c) has been on for many years now.

16. What do we know about Corpus Christi college's win?

- a) It was a landslide victory.
- b) It was a hard struggle.
- c) They were ahead from the very beginning.

17. What do we know about Gail Trimble's participation?

- a) She was by far the most knowledgeable person on the team.
- b) She established herself as a key member of the team during the last few rounds of the competition.
- c) The subjects she knew about only came up in the final round.

18. What do we know about Gail Trimble and the Corpus Christi team?

- a) She has been in it since she started studying there.
- b) She hadn't shown any interest before.
- c) She had been turned down several times.

19. Which of the following is true?

- a) Gail Trimble finds it flattering that comments have been made about her appearance.
- b) Gail has received rude comments from other women.
- c) Gail thinks she would have received less media attention if she had been less attractive.

20. What are Gail's long-term plans?

- a) To do a doctorate.
- b) To teach at a University.
- c) To continue on the University Challenge team.