

SECTION 3 Questions 21–30

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

Study on Gender in Physics

21 The students in Akira Miyake's study were all majoring in
 A physics.
 B psychology or physics.
 C science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

22 The aim of Miyake's study was to investigate
 A what kind of women choose to study physics.
 B a way of improving women's performance in physics.
 C whether fewer women than men study physics at college.

23 The female physics students were wrong to believe that
 A the teachers marked them in an unfair way.
 B the male students expected them to do badly.
 C their test results were lower than the male students'.

24 Miyake's team asked the students to write about
 A what they enjoyed about studying physics.
 B the successful experiences of other people.
 C something that was important to them personally.

25 What was the aim of the writing exercise done by the subjects?
 A to reduce stress
 B to strengthen verbal ability
 C to encourage logical thinking

26 What surprised the researchers about the study?
 A how few students managed to get A grades
 B the positive impact it had on physics results for women
 C the difference between male and female performance

27 Greg and Lisa think Miyake's results could have been affected by
 A the length of the writing task.
 B the number of students who took part.
 C the information the students were given.

28 Greg and Lisa decide that in their own project, they will compare the effects of
 A two different writing tasks.
 B a writing task with an oral task.
 C two different oral tasks.

29 The main finding of Smolinsky's research was that class teamwork activities
 A were most effective when done by all-women groups.
 B had no effect on the performance of men or women.
 C improved the results of men more than of women.

30 What will Lisa and Greg do next?
 A talk to a professor
 B observe a science class
 C look at the science timetable