

Test 4

Paper 1 Reading and Use of English PART 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0. A. wonder B. say C. claim D. know

0 **A** **B** **C** **D**

Starting Your Own Business

At NatWest we (0)..... how hard it is to get your business (1)..... and running. Understanding your difficulties - and then helping you through them - has made us the number one bank for small businesses for each of the last 10 years, with more people turning to us for (2)..... than any other bank.

Our Start-Up service gives you the support you need to (3)..... up on your own. There are over 4000 Small Business Advisers (at least one in every high street branch) who (4)..... help, information and a wide (5)..... of services specifically designed to help things go that bit more (6).....

Since last year, we've offered 12 months' free banking (7)..... you go overdrawn or stay in credit. We have also introduced another special scheme to help you keep your costs down for even longer. Provide us with a certificate from a NatWest recognised start-up training (8)..... that you have completed and there will be no account charges for the first 18 months.

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| 1. A. up | B. start | C. begin | D. on |
| 2. A. employment | B. performance | C. improvement | D. guidance |
| 3. A. make | B. turn | C. set | D. bring |
| 4. A. demand | B. provide | C. instruct | D. know |
| 5. A. range | B. stock | C. forecast | D. rate |
| 6. A. roughly | B. frankly | C. immediately | D. smoothly |
| 7. A. whether | B. whatever | C. however | D. although |
| 8. A. course | B. lesson | C. subject | D. chapter |

Paper 1 Reading and Use of English PART 2

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 **except**

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve had been a very tiring day for all the Bensons, (0) *except* Mr Benson. The head of the house usually got off lightly (9) Christmas - lightly, that is, where personal effort was concerned. (10) money was involved, no; Mr Benson knew that Christmas was an expensive time of the (11) And later, when he got out his cheque book to give his usual presents, the expense would (12) greater. But he could afford this. He could afford it better (13) Christmas than at any other Christmas in the history (14) his steadily increasing fortune. And he didn't need to think, he didn't have to choose. He just (15) to look at a list and add one or two names, or remove one or two. There was something quite big to leave (16) this year, though it didn't show on the list or in his cheque book.

If he felt like it, he would add the amount so saved to his children's cheques. Tim and Helen would then think that he was even more generous than he really was.

Paper 1 Reading and Use of English PART 3

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

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technological

New (0) *technological* advances are making life more difficult for
 (17) as police are making progress on crime
 (18) Such is the level of expertise among detectives today
 that a (19) thief is bound to be caught. There are also more
 (20) that can be taken by (21) to
 ensure the safety and (22) of their homes. People can now
 mark their belongings so that if they are stolen by an (23)
 thief they can later be identified. It is like having your (24)
 on all your personal treasures.

TECHNOLOGY

CRIME

PREVENT

CARE

CAUTION / HOUSE

PROTECT

OPPORTUNITY

SIGN

Paper 1 Reading and Use of English PART 4

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 They think the owner of the house is in France.

thought

The owner of the house in France.

The gap can be filled by the words "is thought to be" so you write:

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is thought to be

25. You need an hour to go to the city centre by train.

takes

The city centre in an hour.

26. Writing on these walls is prohibited.

supposed

You on these walls.

27. The bad weather conditions and the driver's carelessness caused the accident.

by

The accident the bad weather conditions
and the driver's carelessness.

28. The two boys are identical twins and they look exactly the same.

tell

I between the two boys.

29. Perhaps your family left early last night.

may

Your family last night.

30. It's a pity our teammate behaved like that.

wish

I behaved like that.