

Practice 1

Reading Passage 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–13**, which are based on Reading Passage 1 on the following pages.

Questions 1–4

Reading passage 1 has five sections **A–E**.

Choose the correct heading for sections **B–E** from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i–viii**, in boxes **1–4** on your answer sheet.

List of Headings

- i** How the problem of land scarcity has been overcome in the past
- ii** Various predictions about future solutions to a lack of space
- iii** The effects of population growth on land availability
- iv** The importance of the new British Library
- v** An expanding population
- vi** A description of a mega-city
- vii** A firm belief that human habitation of outer space will occur
- viii** The importance of having an international space station

Example	Answer
Section A	v

- 1** Section B
- 2** Section C
- 3** Section D
- 4** Section E

Questions 5–8

Complete the sentences below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 5–8 on your answer sheet.

- 5 The movement of rural people to cities is a
- 6 Land is now a very, as a result of the growing demand for space.
- 7 The feeding of the human race will perhaps be guaranteed by changes in
- 8 Besides the demands of accommodation, land is needed for various

Questions 9–13

Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 9–13 on your answer sheet write

YES if the statement reflects the claims of the writer
NO if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer
NOT GIVEN if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

- 9 The destruction of land for food and firewood is linked to desertification.
- 10 Shortage of space has also led to underground building construction.
- 11 The building of the airport in Japan cost much more than that of the housing complex in Dubai.
- 12 Arthur C Clarke was the only person to predict that mankind will inhabit other parts of the solar system.
- 13 The concept of the habitation of outer space by mankind is unimaginable.

Questions 14–16

Choose **THREE** letters A–H.

Write your answers in boxes **14–16** on your answer sheet.

NB Your answers may be given in any order.

Which **THREE** statements are true of salt?

- A A number of cities take their name from the word *salt*.
- B Salt contributed to the French Revolution.
- C The uses of salt are countless.
- D Salt has been produced in China for less than 2000 years.
- E There are many commercial applications for salt.
- F Salt deposits in the state of Kansas are vast.
- G Salt has few industrial uses nowadays.
- H Slaves used salt as a currency.

Questions 17–21

Complete the summary.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **17–21** on your answer sheet.

Salt is such an 17 that people would not be able to live without it. As well as its uses in cooking, this basic mineral has thousands of business 18 ranging from making paper to the manufacture of soap. Being a prized and 19 , it has played a major part in the economies of many countries. As such, salt has not only led to war, but has also been used to raise 20 by governments in many parts of the world. There are also many instances of its place in religion and culture, being used as a means to get rid of evil 21

Questions 22–27

Do the following statements agree with the information in Reading Passage 2?

In boxes 22–27 on your answer sheet write

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*
FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*
NOT GIVEN *if there is no information about the statement*

- 22 It has been suggested that salt was responsible for the first war.
- 23 The first tax on salt was imposed by a Chinese emperor.
- 24 Salt is no longer used as a form of currency.
- 25 Most of the money for the construction of the Erie Canal came from salt taxes.
- 26 Hopi legend believes that salt deposits were placed far away from civilization to penalize mankind.
- 27 A lack of salt is connected with the deaths of many of Napoleon's soldiers during the French retreat from Moscow.