

## TEST

# Abbreviations and acronyms

## 1.1 What do the abbreviations in bold mean?

10 marks

*Example:* He's addicted to sci-fi comics. **science fiction**

- 1 I would appreciate it if you could reply to this invitation **asap**.
- 2 To go hiking you will need good equipment, **e.g.** strong boots and a raincoat.
- 3 Doors open at 7.30. **NB:** all tickets must be booked in advance.
- 4 You have to be a qualified driver, **i.e.** you must have passed your driving test.
- 5 Several EU countries introduced the new euro currency in 2002.
- 6 He thought he saw a **UFO** but it was only a bird.
- 7 The temple ruins date from about 200 years **BC**.
- 8 **VAT** was first introduced in 1973 as a tax on goods and services.
- 9 In many countries, everyone has to carry an **ID** card.
- 10 Nowadays millions of people have a **PC** at home.

## 1.2 In each of these sentences it is possible to change one word or phrase into an abbreviation or acronym. Rewrite the sentences making any other necessary changes.

10 marks

*Example:* The speed limit here is 30 miles per hour.

The **speed limit** here is **30 mph**.

- 1 I'd prefer to watch a good documentary rather than a situational comedy any day.
- 2 I've loved science fiction ever since I was a kid.
- 3 The city was founded about 500 years after Christ.
- 4 Accommodation is expensive. Even an apartment which is just a bedroom and sitting room combined will cost you 600 pounds a month.
- 5 The information leaflet had a useful list of frequently asked questions.

## 1.3 Rewrite these small ads without using the abbreviations and acronyms in bold.

12 marks

To let: 2-bedroom **s/c**  
 flat near city centre.  
**Ch** and all **mod cons**.  
 Rent £800 **pcm excl**.

Room to let in shared **f/f** flat.  
 Suit **ns prof** female.  
 £100 **pw incl**.

### For Sale

Large family house in pretty  
 village **8m** from Cambridge.  
 Garden, **d/g**.  
 Tel: 0132 56374 for details.

## 1.4 The letters of the abbreviations or acronyms in these sentences have got mixed up. Write them in the correct order.

5 marks

- 1 IDAS is a terrible disease which has killed millions of people.
- 2 ONAT was formed after the Second World War as a mutual defence organisation.
- 3 At the bottom of the invitation it said RPVS, so I replied immediately.
- 4 TPO for further information on how to make a reservation.
- 5 For sale: Lumina digital camera. \$280, OON.

## 1.5 Write the abbreviations in bold in these text messages as full words.

3 marks

Your score

/40

- 1 HI JOEL! **CU** AT THE MATCH TOMORROW?
- 2 NO WAY. **FYI** I'M BROKE. BUY ME A TICKET?
- 3 **UR** JOKING!

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25 The performance arts: reviews and critiques

25.1 Rewrite the underlined parts of this text using adjectives from the box. Make any other necessary changes.

10 marks

moving    risqué    far-fetched    gripping    harrowing    disjointed  
memorable    hackneyed    impenetrable    overrated

*Fields of Darkness* was a film which excited me and kept my attention and which I shall remember for a long time, even though the plot was in some ways difficult to believe. Some critics have said it's not as good as people say it is and the story is boring because it has been done so often, but I disagree. I found it emotional and even extremely upsetting at times.

On the other hand, another film I saw recently, *Three Delicate Balances*, had a plot which was complex and impossible to understand and lacked a clear order. I also feel that the director thought that if he threw in a few slightly immoral and shocking scenes it would make a good movie, but it just didn't work.



25.2 Change the underlined words in these sentences to produce the opposite meaning.

10 marks

- 1 It was what I'd call a very forgettable performance. m.....
- 2 Didn't you think the plot was all a bit overstated? u.....
- 3 The critics condemned Ferly's new play. l.....
- 4 The play triumphed on Broadway and in London's West End. b.....
- 5 The soloist got no applause at the end of the concerto. a s..... o.....

25.3 Complete these sentences using a word from the box.

4 marks

portrayal    rendition    version    interpretation

- 1 Which ..... of 'New York' do you prefer, Frank Sinatra's or the 1996 cover by Nick Riverstone?
- 2 I disagree with Professor Morton's ..... of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*; I think he has completely misunderstood the play.
- 3 It was a beautiful play; the actor's ..... of the mother was very touching.
- 4 Her ..... of Wordsworth's *Daffodils* poem at the party last night just made everyone laugh, even though she was deadly serious.

25.4 Choose the correct answer.

16 marks

- 1 No actor likes to feel that he or she is becoming (a) cast-type (b) type-cast (c) a caste-type.
- 2 All actors love to receive (a) awards (b) rewards (c) premiums such as Oscars and young actors love to be named best up-coming actor of the year.
- 3 It was a very (a) harassing (b) horrifying (c) harrowing film about torture in a prison.
- 4 The film was a real (a) cliff-hanger (b) cliff-end (c) cliff-top; the suspense was incredible.
- 5 Hobarth's new movie is tipped to become this year's (a) blasterblock (b) blockbuster (c) blastblock.
- 6 *The Hit Gang* is a (a) police-and-thieves (b) cops-and-robbers (c) cops-and-thieves drama with great high-speed car chases.
- 7 Many critics have called her latest play a (a) masterpiece (b) masterwork (c) masterclass.
- 8 The band got three (a) against (b) mores (c) encores; the audience loved them.

Your score  
/ 40