

Vocabulary

Exercise 1

Match the words in the table with their definitions:

Vocabulary	Match	Definition
1. deceased		a) started
2. initiatives		b) legendary stories / untrue story or idea
3. launched		c) to put into the correct order, often of authority or quality
4. cumulative		d) to occur, to come up
5. misconceptions		e) a way of calculating how likely something is
6. myth		f) accepted as truth on the basis of probability
7. favourably		g) dead
8. rank		h) at the same level as
9. odds		i) incorrect ideas
10. stipulate		j) decide to do something
11. arise		k) ideas, projects designed to do something new
12. on a par with + noun		l) leave behind/alone
13. presumed		m) adding up over time or repetition
14. opt		n) stated as an obligation
15. abandon		o) in a way which is positive

Exercise 2

Use the vocabulary above to fill the gaps. Be careful, you may need to change the form of the word:

- The was found this morning, on the road beneath the bridge. We that she jumped.
- I don't think it is a good idea to the project at this stage. We are so close to completion!
- The waiting times in the UK health system arecompared to those in the US.
- There are a number of about the quality of research done by the British team but in fact, it isthat of any of their international colleagues.
- The application that all applicants must be degree-level.
- Vaccine have caused a lot of deaths and illness in this country.
- The recent mental healthby volunteers in Leeds as one of the most successful in public health history.
- If any opportunities to join the NHS, I will probablyfor one of them.

Practice

How can we do well at Reading Part C? The answer is always the same!

- **Understanding** - practise your grammar, understand how sentences work in English, read often
- **Elimination** - it's not always vital to know why an answer is correct 100%. Don't waste time on very difficult questions. Eliminate incorrect options and choose the most likely option.
- **Simplification of the question stem:**

Question stem: What does the writer suggest is the main problem with research funding?

Simplified: Problem?

Now this can cause some issues:

Will there be different types of problems?

- ~~problem 1 - research funding~~
- ~~problem 2 - recruitment~~

Probably not. If there are multiple problems, they will probably relate to the same topic:

- problem 1 - research funding
- problem 2 - research funding

What becomes important now is the word **'main'** in the question stem. We need to use that word to differentiate between the problems and find our answer. We'll need language such as:

- the most important
- the biggest
- which causes the most significant
- which causes X, a massive problem in the US.

Practice

Try the same techniques below:

Text 1: Organ Donation in Australia

Australia has some of the world's highest organ transplant success rates, but rates of organ donation from the deceased are among the lowest in the developed world. For many years now, enormous attention - and funding - has been devoted to finding ways of raising low organ donation rates. Between 1989 and 2008, more than twenty public and government-led initiatives were launched to address matters believed to be its cause. Unfortunately, they proved ineffective and cumulatively resulted not in an increase, but rather in a decline of around 20%. These outcomes illustrate some fundamental misconceptions about why Australia has such a low rate of organ donation, based on five myths.

7. The first paragraph refers to organ donation schemes which

- (A) failed in their objectives.
- (B) produced misleading results.
- (C) were managed in an inefficient way.
- (D) were introduced at an inappropriate time.

The first myth is the assumption that Australians are less altruistic than other people. The truth, however, is that Australia compares favourably with other developed countries in terms of how much money is given to those in need. In fact, it ranks sixteenth in the world for Official Development Assistance donations, ahead of the USA, Portugal and Italy – countries leading the world in organ donation rates. What's more, Australia's living-kidney donation rates are high — several times higher, in fact, than those in Spain, France, Austria and Italy, which have the world's highest deceased organ donor rates.

8. In the second paragraph, the writer dismisses the idea that

- (A) Australians are unaware of the shortage of deceased organ donors.
- (B) people in developed countries are more likely to help those in need.
- (C) there is a correlation between social attitudes and living kidney donation.
- (D) inhabitants of Australia are not as generous as those of other countries.

Answers

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- The **deceased** was found this morning, on the road beneath the bridge. We **presume** that she jumped.
- I don't think it is a good idea to **abandon** the project at this stage. We are so close to completion!
- The waiting times in the UK health system are **favourable** compared to those in the US.
- There are a number of **misconceptions** about the quality of research done by the British team but in fact, it is **on a par with** that of any of their international colleagues.
- The application **stipulates** that all applicants must be degree-level.
- Vaccine **myths** have caused a lot of deaths and illness in this country.
- The recent mental health **initiative launched** by volunteers in Leeds **ranks** as one of the most successful in public health history.
- If any opportunities to join the NHS **arise**, I will probably **opt** for one of them.

Practice

- 7) A
- 8) D