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# Tekst 1 Glyndebourne acts to put plebeian bargain-hunters in their place

'Glyndebourn acts to put plebeian bargain-hunters in their place' (heading text 1).

- **1** What has been Glyndebourne's decision?
  - A To assign all its tickets on the basis of a uniform random procedure.
  - **B** To do away with standing places to keep up the chic image of the festival.
  - **c** To give priority to true opera-lovers by offering them first choice of tickets.

## Tekst 2 The last days of disco

- **2** Which phrase from text 2 is meant as a positive characterisation of *The Last Days of Disco?* 
  - A 'vibrantly authentic vision of the '80s disco era' (lines 7-8)
  - **B** 'ferocious pairing off' (line 20)
  - **c** 'intelligently crafted dialogue' (line 21)
  - **D** 'atmosphere, dynamism and even emotion' (lines 25–26)

# Tekst 3 Man-made recipe for better health

Kies bij iedere open plek het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

- 3
  - A flood of health requirements
  - **B** need for flexible hours
  - **c** preoccupation with leisure activities
  - **D** trend in health education
- 4
  - A increased its productivity most
  - **B** lost the most fat
  - **c** rallied the most support
  - **D** won the most football matches
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  - A archetypal
  - **B** independent
  - **c** uncompromising
  - **D** unorthodox
- 6
  - A although
  - B as if
  - c because
- 7 =
  - A a medical solution
  - **B** competing in teams
  - c hard work
  - D losing weight

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  - A a controversial initiative
  - **B** a new development
  - **c** beside the point
  - **D** nothing new
- 9
  - A less intimidating
  - **B** less sexist
  - c more gender-sensitive
  - **D** more health-oriented
- 10
  - A medical centres
  - **B** people's homes
  - c the local gym
  - **D** the workplace
- 11
  - A health education
  - **B** real-life situations
  - c sports activities
- 12
  - A a clear management structure
  - **B** an interest in competitive sports
  - c a sense of tradition
  - **D** the right culture
- 13
  - A Also
  - **B** For example
  - **c** However
  - **D** Therefore

# Tekst 4 Why the Bell Curve peals for all racist Americans

- **14** What feeling does Richard Cohen express in paragraph 1?
  - A Doubt about the scientific validity of *The Bell Curve*.
  - B Irritation that public discussion on race and IQ is still not widely acceptable.
  - **c** Surprise at the fact that the subject matter of *The Bell Curve* should be such a hot topic.
  - **D** Worry at the persistence of racist viewpoints in scientific circles.
- **15** Which of the following rephrases the last sentence of paragraph 2?
  - A I do feel, however, that the matter should be taken even more seriously.
  - **B** Nevertheless, all this publicity fails to impress me.
  - **c** Still, I am not convinced its authors come anywhere near the truth.
- **16** What does Richard Cohen question with regard to *The Bell Curve* in paragraph 3?
  - A The importance of intelligence.
  - B The objectivity of scientific data.
  - **c** The originality of its subject matter.
  - The relevance of generalised findings.

- 17 How does Richard Cohen explain the 'big to-do' (line 40) about *The Bell Curve*? Its data
  - A angers the social underclass who are dependent on state support.
  - B confirms politicians' success in their pursuit of social justice.
  - c inspires politicians to come forward with new ideas on how to reduce poverty.
  - plays into the hands of those who oppose support programs for the underprivileged.

'These people ... so.' (lines 48–49)

- **18** Judging from this article, whom must this statement be ascribed to?
  - A Richard Cohen.
  - B The authors of *The Bell Curve*.
  - **c** Those against social welfare policies.
- **19** What are the examples in paragraph 5 meant to illustrate?
  - A Racial prejudice among blacks themselves.
  - **B** The damaging influence of racism.
  - **c** The incorrect use of the term 'racist'.
  - **D** The similarity between anti-Semitism and racism.
- 20 Which of the following is implied in the sentence 'Their findings ... field.' (lines 63–64)?
  - A It is difficult to get researchers on IQ to openly criticise each other's findings.
  - **B** Matters relating to IQ and race will always be a popular research subject.
  - **c** Researchers' objective findings on a correlation between race and IQ should not lead to the conclusion that they are racists.
  - **D** Research results on IQ should be examined with regard to potential racial bias.

'the public was starting to lean that way' (lines 76-78).

- **21** Which way?
  - A Accepting the suppression of findings that might have political consequences.
  - **B** Acknowledging the failure of the equal rights movement.
  - **c** Approving of different social policies for black and white Americans.
  - Considering it right to leave the poor to their own devices.
- **22** How could the sentence 'Dumb behaviour ... dumb people.' (lines 101–102) also begin?
  - A According to certain white Americans, dumb behaviour...
  - **B** According to Murray and Herrnstein, dumb behaviour...
  - **c** According to those in favour of affirmative action, dumb behaviour...
- 23 Which of the following is true of the last paragraph?
  - A It cautions against affirmative action to help the underclass.
  - **B** It condemns abolishing social policies because of individual misbehaviour.
  - **c** It stresses the injustice of assigning people to categories.
  - **D** It warns against individualism as a phenomenon harmful to society.

#### Tekst 5 Demonstrate for freedom to save the earth

- **24** What is the point made in paragraphs 1 and 2?
  - A People demonstrating against the world's evils are quite sincere in their convictions.
  - **B** People should heed warnings that humanity may be destroying itself.
  - **c** The survival of mankind is not served by people who invite ridicule.

- 'Worse, it removes its teeth first.' (paragraph 4)
- **25** What does this refer to?
  - A BP lured Greenpeace into an agreement in order to reveal Greenpeace's basic lack of staying power.
  - **B** BP offered a settlement to Greenpeace in order to reduce the publicity value of the Greenpeace action.
  - **c** BP promised not to bankrupt Greenpeace on the condition that the Greenpeace action got no media attention.
  - **D** BP withdrew from the scene of action in order to put the oil company back in the media's favour.
- **26** Which of the following could connect the second and the third sentence of paragraph 5?
  - A And
  - **B** As a matter of fact,
  - c But
  - D Certainly,
- **27** What was Margaret Thatcher concerned about, according to paragraph 6?
  - A The availability of the world's natural resources leading to an ever-increasing level of consumption.
  - **B** The explosion of the world population in view of the earth's natural resources being exhausted.
  - **c** The world's natural resources rapidly being converted into a serious environmental problem.
- **28** Why does the writer mention McDonald's suing for libel (paragraph 8)? To illustrate that
  - A against a powerful business adversary, environmentally-minded civilians stand little chance of winning a court case.
  - **B** court cases involving environmental damage may affect a company negatively, regardless of the verdict.
  - c multinationals are always on their guard against gaining the reputation of being environmentally unfriendly.
  - **D** only scientifically based arguments stand up in cases where a company is accused of polluting the environment.
- **29** What can be concluded from paragraph 9? Direct-action campaigns
  - A are justified as a means of exercising control over business corporations.
  - should be targeted at governments for their reluctance to limit the influence of big business.
  - c tend to be overestimated with regard to their immediate impact on business policies.
- **30** How could the sentence 'The Salisbury ... cancelled.' (lines 128–130) also begin?
  - A Admittedly, the Salisbury ...
  - **B** But the Salisbury ...
  - **c** Moreover, the Salisbury ...
  - **D** Similarly, the Salisbury ...
- **31** How can paragraphs 13–15 be summarised?
  - A joint effort of business and government institutions is needed to counter the present wave of protest actions.
  - **B** Corporations are adopting effective strategies to obstruct forms of unwelcome criticism.
  - **c** The world of business is exercising increasing pressure to get new legislation on protest campaigns.
  - **D** Ultimately it is a government's responsibility to control demonstrations and other protest campaigns.

- **32** Which sentence reflects the essence of Joe Rogaly's point of view?
  - A 'Global warming ... serious matter.' (lines 53–55).
  - **B** 'In a ... debate.' (lines 97–100).
  - **c** 'You never ... demonstration.' (lines 130–132).

# Tekst 6 It's good to talk

- **33** Which of the following statements is/are in line with paragraph 1?
  - I Burke, unlike Darwin, views the ability to use tools as an essential part of human evolution.
  - 2 Research into human evolution has for a long time been male-oriented.
  - 3 The writer of the article does not seem to take Burke very seriously.
  - A Only 1.
  - B Only 1 and 2.
  - c Only 2 and 3.
  - All three.
- **34** What became clear from Mary Leakey's discovery (paragraph 2)?
  - A In terms of evolution, the shift to an upright stance did not necessarily spring from the need for tool use.
  - **B** There was a direct connection between Man walking upright and the expansion of the human brain.
  - **c** Tool use was characteristic not just of human beings, but of all primates.
  - **D** Walking upright, brain growth, and tool use were three simultaneous stages in Man's evolution.
- **35** What is the main point discussed in paragraph 3?
  - A Hunting is no longer looked upon as the origin of traditional role patterns.
  - B In prehistoric societies the female ranked above the male not in the least because of her verbal skills.
  - **c** Man learnt to speak in order to exchange information about making tools.
  - **D** Speech has evolved as a means for the female to establish group coherence.
  - E The feminist movement of the 1970s and the 1980s sparked new research into male and female capacities.
- **36** Which statement is in line with paragraph 4?
  - A The dominance of humans over other mammals originates in the neocortex.
  - **B** The human speech centre is located in the neocortex.
  - **c** The larger the group in which social interaction takes place, the larger the neocortex is.
  - **D** The neocortex developed to allow man to distinguish himself as an individual.
- What does 'their ability to do so' (lines 49–50) refer to? The ability of primates to
  - A behave independently within a group.
  - **B** create hierarchical order.
  - **c** grasp the social structure of their environment.
  - **D** think logically.
- **38** What does paragraph 6 make clear about 'grooming'?
  - A It consolidates social cohesion within communities.
  - B It has a beneficial effect on the growth of young primates' brains.
  - **c** It offers relief from the pressures of the day.

- **39** What is the function of the last sentence of paragraph 9?
  - A To bring home the point made in the paragraph.
  - B To contradict the point made in the paragraph.
  - **c** To generalise the point made in the paragraph.
  - **D** To tone down the point made in the paragraph.
- **40** What does Dunbar suggest (paragraph 10)?
  - A An individual's intelligence can be measured by means of his interest in the people around him.
  - B In contrast to animals, man can take the working of the mind of his fellow creatures into account.
  - **c** The ability to speak made man capable of putting his thoughts into words.
- **41** Which of the following is true of lines 91-96 ('But ... endeavour')?
  - A They express sympathy for Dunbar's findings as discussed in paragraphs 3 and 4.
  - B They further explain the Machiavellian theory discussed in paragraph 7.
  - c They point out the similarities in Dunbar's and Machiavelli's theories discussed in the article.
- **42** What is implied in the writer's last sentence?
  - A A critical stance with regard to the position of women through the ages.
  - **B** Amazement at the differences between male and female modes of speech.
  - c Regret at the lack of communication between women and men in today's society.

#### Tekst 7 Battlefield tourism

- **43** What did Dunant advocate, judging from paragraphs 1 and 2?
  - A Countries at war should respect human life nevertheless, regardless of the cause of conflict.
  - **B** The prevention of war should weigh heavily for every single individual.
  - c There should be worldwide commitment to the plight of soldiers injured in battle.
  - **D** War casualties should be cared for by the warring parties, regardless of which side they belong to.
- **44** What does Ignatieff aim at, judging from paragraph 3?
  - A To come to grips with the underlying causes of modern warfare.
  - B To gain insight into how to react to war.
  - **c** To report on how complex warfare has become.
- **45** Why would Dunant not recognise the kind of war that Ignatieff describes (paragraph 4)?
  - A Modern conflicts are not solved in local battles but fought on a global scale.
  - B Nowadays, war arises from ethnic conflict rather than conflicts between nations.
  - **c** The essence of warfare now seems to be barbarity rather than territorial conquest.
  - **D** With massacres on both sides, present-day war has no moral justification.
- 46 How would Dunant view the Red Cross today, judging from paragraph 4? He would find that
  - A the founding principles of the Red Cross were still being honoured.
  - **B** the Red Cross had assumed the role of diplomatic intermediary.
  - c war had become too atrocious for the Red Cross to be effective.

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- **47** Which phrase would sum up the content of paragraph 5?
  - A Call for measures to prevent future wars.
  - B A growing insight into the causes of war.
  - **c** A new sense of direct involvement.
  - **D** Growing collective feelings of guilt.
- **48** What opinion does the reviewer express in paragraph 6?
  - A By intervening in conflicts the West only weakens its own position.
  - **B** Intervention by the West in large-scale conflicts inevitably leads to its being drawn into war.
  - **c** The use of conflict intervention by the West is highly questionable.
- **49** What does the description of Ignatieff sitting in a Red Cross Office room serve to make clear (last paragraph)?
  - A His despair.
  - B His idealism.
  - **c** His optimism.
  - **D** His realism.

## Tekst 8 Manager's maxim

- **50** What does Mervyn Pedelty's 'Manager's maxim' amount to?
  - A An organisation is most effective without hierarchical structures.
  - **B** At all levels of a company the employees should feel appreciated.
  - **c** Communication in an organisation should be two-way.
  - **D** For employees the customer's interest should come first.

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