

ANSWER KEY**A – READING COMPREHENSION****I./ True or false statements and justifications**

1. True. "Average earnings grew at 4% a year, while prices went up by just 2% a year."
2. False. "In 2011 and 2012, gas charges rose by close to 10%, electricity by more than 6%."
3. False. "...other prices are highly unlikely to stand still"

II./ Information transfer

- 5) 12.7%
- 6) 20.27%
- 7) 10.4%
- 8) 6.7%

III./ Answers to questions

- 9) Pay increases have been 2% a year, price increases above 3%
- 10) Growth in output per worker is low relative to other countries and to other recessions.

IV./ Figures

- 63% ⇒ spending by private households
10% ⇒ Percentage of rise in gas charges
6% (line 23) ⇒ Percentage of rise in electricity charges
6% (line 29) ⇒ The depreciation of the pound (against the currencies of Britain's main trading partners)

V./ Information from the text

- 15) more expensive imports
- 16) lower/ reduction in buying power

VI./ Synonyms

17. *simply* = merely
18. *slump* = crisis
19. *portion* = slice
20. *development* = boom

B – LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE**VII./ Reformulations**

21. ⇒ if average weekly earnings hadn't grown regularly, workers' buying power wouldn't have increased.
22. ⇒ Britons have to pay a host of unavoidable bills.
23. ⇒ Ford said: "Economies do best when workers can afford to buy the goods that they make".
24. ⇒ For **seven*** years, pay increases have been growing 2% a year.

(NB*: Number of years considered with reference to the year exam is taken)

VIII./ Suitable forms

- 25 – economize / 26 – economist / 27 – economic; economical / 28 – consume / 29 – consuming; consumption
30 – produce / 31 – producer / 32 – productive

IX./ Gap-filling with suitable forms

33. economize / 34. consumption, consuming / 35. producer / 36. economical / 37. consume / 38. produce

C- WRITING

Essay

Coherence: 1

Relevance: 1

Content: 1

Accuracy: 1

Letter

Letter type and format: 1

Relevance: 1

Content: 1

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