

IELTS General Reading Test 10

Section 1

Question 1-14

Instructions to follow

- Look at the information sheet for **This Week's Attractions in Westley**.
- The information has **7** sections (**A-G**). Which section mentions the following information?
- Write the correct letter **A-G** in boxes **1-7** on your answer sheet.

"This Week's Attractions in Westley"

1. This attraction is closed this week.
2. People don't have to pay for an event at this attraction.
3. People can no longer buy tickets for this attraction.
4. This attraction should make people laugh.
5. This attraction is being renovated.
6. Only young people will be taking part in this attraction.
7. This attraction is open every day except Sunday.

A. The Westley Theatre

This week only, come and see *The Wild Witches of Wirral*, a comedy for all the family. Performances every afternoon (14.00) this week and both afternoons (14.00) and evenings (18.30) this weekend.

B. Cinema

Due to the refurbishment of all the theatres except one, the only film to be screened this week is *The Avenger*, the classic thriller from the 1950's filmed in black and white; showing three times daily (14.30; 17.30; 20.30).

C. Music Festival

This weekend, on Beauchamp Farm, the annual music festival will be held. With bands from all over the world, the farm will be rocking and rolling all day from 09.00 on Saturday and Sunday. As usual, the festival has been highly popular and tickets have all been sold in advance, so don't run up on spec as you will be disappointed.

D. Art Museum

In addition to the regular exhibits, this week there is a special exhibition on ancient Greek pottery. The exhibited collection is all on kind loan from the National Arts Museum and is on tour around the country. The museum is open daily besides Sundays (10.00 - 17.30) and is free for normal exhibits; ancient Greek pottery exhibition, \$5.

E. Library

Because of the annual vacation period, the library will be shut this week and the next. Any books due to be returned will have a 2-week extension or borrowers can drop them off through the special book hole in the front door.

F. Football

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evening, the sports centre summer youth 6-a-side football knockout takes place. Teams from around the area will compete in this popular event. Age groups from: under 10's, under 12's and under 14's. There is a small charge for entry to cover pitch rental and admin.

G. Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is back open for business this week now the damage from their small fire has all been repaired. The usual schedule will start up again with public swims, kids sessions and swimming club training sessions. On Saturday, there is a swimming gala from 09.30 with many top swimmers from the region coming to compete. It's all without charge, so come and cheer on the swimmers.

Instructions to follow

- Read the passage "**Your New Electron Washing Machine**" below and answer **Questions 8-13**.

Questions 8-13

Instructions to follow

- Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer of the introductory notes on Your New Electron Washing Machine?
- In boxes 8 - 13 on your answer sheet write:
- **YES** if the statement agrees with the writer
- **NO** if the statement doesn't agree with the writer
- **NOT GIVEN** if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

- 8. Buying an extended warranty is a good idea.
- 9. When using the washing machine for the first time, run a cycle with some old clothes or towels.
- 10. Installers must provide the customer with a certificate of installation.
- 11. Reading the troubleshooting guide can save you money.
- 12. Registering the washing machine requires giving an email address.
- 13. The Electron washing machine includes technology that stops calcification.

Your New Electron Washing Machine

These introductory notes will outline some basic information regarding your new Electron Washing Machine. Read the notes carefully, as you will avoid some possible problems.

1. Remember, always get your washing machine installed by a qualified installer. This will include all qualified electricians and plumbers. Your retailer will probably be able to recommend someone or provide the service. Don't use friends or try it yourself and beware of cowboys! Non-qualified installation will lead to the nullification of the guarantee.

2. Your new Electron Washing Machine will work with any good quality washing detergent, but it has been designed to work with some better brands. See the main user's guide for a list of recommended detergents.

3. It is very possible that the water where you live is hard. Prolonged use with hard water will lead to scale calcification in all washing machines, and no technology can stop this. To avoid this, it is recommended that you install a water softener to the washing machine water supply. Local plumbers will be able to advise you of your area's water type and what water softener would be suitable if applicable.

4. All new Electron Washing Machines come with a standard 2 year manufacturer's guarantee. While we are confident that your new Electron Washing Machine has been manufactured to the highest possible quality standards, if you would like to invest in a 5 year guarantee, this can be purchased online on our website, www.electronmachines.com. We believe it's the best thing to do for peace of mind.

5. Before washing clothes for the first time in your new Electron Washing Machine, it is important that you run the machine one time with no clothes. You can use detergent if you wish, but this is not necessary. Use setting 8 at 40 degrees for best results.

6. Remember, before washing clothes, check all pockets etc. for any coins, tissues or other belongings. Coins and tissues can sometimes get into the machinery and cause your new Electron Washing Machine to break down.

7. Some minor faults with your new Electron Washing Machine can be fixed without having to call in expensive help. To help you with this, we have created a troubleshooting guide on our website, www.electronmachines.com. There are straightforward questions that cover most possible problems and, once diagnosed, the problems can usually be dealt with by yourself without having to call the plumber or electrician.

8. Why not take a little time to register your new Electron Washing Machine with us? It doesn't take much time, and if we know who you are, we will be able to service you better. Just go to the appropriate icon on our website (www.electronmachines.com) to register. You will be taken to a page where you will be asked for a few details.

9. Finally, we are extremely interested to know what your experience is like with your new Electron Washing Machine. On our website, www.electronmachines.com, we have feedback pages, blogs and forums where you can have your say. Come and share with us!

Section 2

Questions 14 - 20

Instructions to follow

- Read the passage below and in boxes 14 - 20 on your answer sheet, write
- TRUE if the statement is true
- FALSE if the statement is false
- NOT GIVEN if the information is not given in the passage

14. The originator of the property took over the property from his father after he died.
15. There are many plants and wildlife species not found anywhere else.
16. One of the nice things about the grounds of Keele is the naturalness of the landscape and its wealth of rare wildlife.
17. The grounds had barely any trees when Sneyd took them over.
18. It is so peaceful and quiet in the grounds because they are located far from the disturbances of human activity.
19. The grounds are maintained by students of the university.
20. If you want to see the plant life and insects it is not difficult to move around the grounds.

Introduction to the Grounds of Keele University

Keele University is situated in 600 acres of landscaped pounds to the west of the Potteries conurbation in North Staffordshire. These well-wooded grounds with their lakes, streams and formal flower beds support a wealth of wildlife. The surrounding countryside of the

Staffordshire/ Shropshire/ Cheshire borders is also a rich area for the naturalist and Rambler. While the majestic gritstone moorland of North - Staffordshire and the limestone dales of Derbyshire and northeast Staffordshire are not far away. Of the 600 acres some 300 are leased out as Home Farm. Of the remainder, about half is woodland while the rest comprises the campus buildings and sports fields. The landscape we see today owes much to the work of Ralph Sneyd (1793 to 1870) who began planting on a grand scale in 1830 after inheriting the estate from his father.

Throughout the period of its construction, the university has been careful to preserve as many mature trees as possible and to restrict the height of buildings to maintain the feeling of living and working in a landscape. The university has a continuing programme of landscaping, and many ornamental trees have been planted. Keele campus is, then, one of the most picturesque and tranquil in the country, yet is only a short distance from the Potteries and the M6 motorway.

Although the landscape is an artificial one, it nonetheless has rich flora and fauna with more than 110 species of birds. 120 species of flowering plants, more than 60 species of trees, 24 species of butterflies, 380 species of moths, 100 species of beetles and 100 species of flies have been recorded so far. Although there is little of great rarity here, a wide variety of common species and a good network of paths from which to see them make Keele an ideal place to visit for the casual observer, as well as for both the novice and the more experienced naturalist.

Questions 21 - 26

Look at Keele University Services For Students on the following page.

Instructions to follow

- Read the passage below. From the given list (i - xi) choose the most suitable summaries for B - H.
- Write the appropriate numbers (i - xi) in boxes 21 - 26 on your answer sheet.
- (There are more summaries than paragraphs. so you will not use them all).

Each paragraph A - G describes a different service provided by the college.

- i The administration and financial management centre of the University.
- ii A place where people can receive financial suggestions and services.
- iii A place where one can receive student loans, access funds and hardship funds.
- iv A place where you can go if you are having problems in your dormitory.
- v The place you go that will help you find a place to live.
- vi If you need a non-student to discuss your problems with...
- vii A place where you can get help with your English.
- viii The place you would visit if you are interested in a study-overseas plan
- ix A place that will find you a job.
- x A place that offers a variety of sources to help you plan your job search.
- xi A place where you can get counseling that is not affiliated with the faculty.

Example	Answer
Paragraph A	Vii

21. Paragraph B

22. Paragraph C

23. Paragraph D

24. Paragraph E

25. Paragraph F

26. Paragraph G

Keele University Services For Students

A. This service provides English--language tuition and support for international students at Keele University. It is a small unit, which provides a supportive and friendly study environment. With its own well-equipped space in the university, many overseas

B. This person is available to provide students with information, advice and assistance on a wide variety of residential problems, security concerns and welfare issues for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

C. These members of staff provide information on. and help with applications for, -money advice; student loans; access funds; hardship funds. Information and advice relating to student (mance is also offered by the Independent Advice Unit in the Students' Union.

D. This professional yet friendly service offers help to all categories of students and staff with a very wide range of personal, emotional and academic issues. Counselling is on a "one-to-one" basis with just the person seeking help and the counsellor present. You can talk to either a female or a male counsellor. Everything said in the sessions is confidential, and information is only passed on if you want it to be.

E. This office is responsible for the administration and financial management of all exchange and visiting student programmes in the university. It is the first place of contact for students from partner universities, and it acts as a reference and coordinating centre for Keele students wishing to spend a period abroad as part of their degree. It is also responsible for all students wishing to study at Keele University on the Study Abroad Scheme from non-partner universities.

F. This service offers free, confidential and impartial advice to all students and staff at the university. It is part of the Students' union and is funded by Students' Union resources. The centre has comprehensive information, including electronic information systems. There are many leaflets published by the centre as well as an extensive stock of externally produced leaflets and publications.

G. Our information room stocks a wide range of information covering occupations, postgraduate study, funding, employment in the UK, employment overseas and career planning. Our Information Officer will be happy to help you find the information you need. Our "occupations" film contains information about hundreds of different occupations with information from professional bodies, training details, etc. We have various handouts on a range of issues such as CV writing and vacation work. All the handouts are available, on request, in alternative formats, including large print, Braille and disk. We also have reports of career staff visits to various employers.

Section 3

Instructions to follow

- You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 27-40** which are based on Reading Passage 3 below.

Nature works for Nature Works™ PLA

A. A dozen years ago, scientists at Cargill got the idea of converting lactic acid made from corn into plastic while examining possible new uses for materials produced from corn wet milling processes. In the past, several efforts had been made to develop plastics from lactic acid, but with limited success. Achieving this technological breakthrough didn't come easily, but in time the efforts did succeed. A fermentation and distillation process using corn was designed to create a polymer suitable for a broad variety of applications.

B. As an agricultural based firm, Cargill had taken this product as far as it could by 1997. The company needed a partner with access to plastics markets and polymerization capabilities, and began discussions with The Dow Chemical Company. The next step was the formation of the joint venture that created Cargill Dow LLC. Cargill Dow's product is the world's first commercially available plastic made from annually renewable resources such as corn:

- Nature Works™ PLA is a family of packaging polymers (carbon-based molecules) made from non-petroleum based resources.
- Ingeo is a family of polymers for fibers made in a similar manner.

C. By applying their unique technology to the processing of natural plant sugars, Cargill Dow has created a more environmentally friendly material that reaches the consumer in clothes, cups, packaging and other products. While Cargill Dow is a stand-alone business, it continues to leverage the agricultural processing, manufacturing and polymer expertise of the two parent companies in order to bring the best possible products to market.

D. The basic raw materials for PLA are carbon dioxide and water. Growing plants, like corn, take these building blocks from the atmosphere and the soil. They are combined in the plant to make carbohydrates (sucrose and starch) through a process driven by photosynthesis. The process for making Nature Works PLA begins when a renewable resource such as corn is milled, separating starch from the raw material. Unrefined dextrose, in turn, is processed from the starch.

E. Cargill Dow turns the unrefined dextrose into lactic acid using a fermentation process similar to that used by beer and wine producers. This is the same lactic acid that is used as a food additive and is found in muscle tissue in the human body. Through a special condensation process, a lactide is formed. This lactide is purified through vacuum distillation and becomes a polymer (the base for NatureWorks PLA) that is ready for use through a solvent-free melt process. Development of this new technology allows the company to “harvest” the carbon that living plants remove from the air through photosynthesis. Carbon is stored in plant starches, which can be broken down into natural plant sugars. The carbon and other elements in these natural sugars are then used to make NatureWorks PLA.

F. Nature Works PLA fits all disposal systems and is fully compostable in commercial composting facilities. With the proper infrastructure, products made from this polymer can be recycled back to a monomer and re-used as a polymer. Thus, at the end of its life cycle, a product made from Nature Works PLA can be broken down into its simplest parts so that no sign of it remains.

G. PLA is now actively competing with traditional materials in packaging and fiber applications throughout the world; based on the technology's success and promise, Cargill Dow is quickly becoming a premier player in the polymers market. This new polymer now competes head-on with petroleum-based materials like polyester. A wide range of products that vary in molecular weight and crystallinity can be produced, and the blend of physical properties of PLA makes it suited for a broad range of fiber and packaging applications. Fiber and non-woven applications include clothing, fiberfill, blankets and wipes. Packaging applications include packaging films and food and beverage containers.

H. As Nature Works PLA polymers are more oil- and grease-resistant and provide a better flavor and aroma barrier than existing petroleum-based polymers, grocery retailers are increasingly using this packaging for their fresh foods. As companies begin to explore this family of polymers, more potential applications are being identified. For example, PLA possesses two properties that are particularly useful for drape fabrics and window furnishings. Their resistance to ultraviolet light is particularly appealing as this reduces the amount of fading in such fabrics, and their refractive index is low, which means fabrics constructed from these polymers can be made with deep colors without requiring large amounts of dye. In addition, sportswear makers have been drawn to the product as it has an inherent ability to take moisture away from the skin and when blended with cotton and wool, the result is garments that are lighter and better at absorbing moisture.

I. PLA combines inexpensive large-scale fermentation with chemical processing to produce a value-added polymer product that improves the environment as well. The source material for PLA is a natural sugar found in plants such as corn and using such renewable feedstock presents several environmental benefits. As an alternative to traditional petroleum-based polymers, the

production of PLA uses 20%-50% less fossil fuel and releases a lower amount of greenhouse gasses than comparable petroleum-based plastic; carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is removed when the feedstock is grown and is returned to the earth when the polymer is degraded. Because the company is using raw materials that can be regenerated year after year, it is both cost-competitive and environmentally responsible.

Questions 27-30

Instructions to follow

- Write the letters **A-F** in boxes **27-30** on your answer sheet.

27 scientists manage to

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐

28 Cargill needs to have contacts with

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐

29 Nature work is used for

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐

30 Ingeo is used to

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐

- A make things like clothes
- B produce plastic from plant
- C selling plastic in market

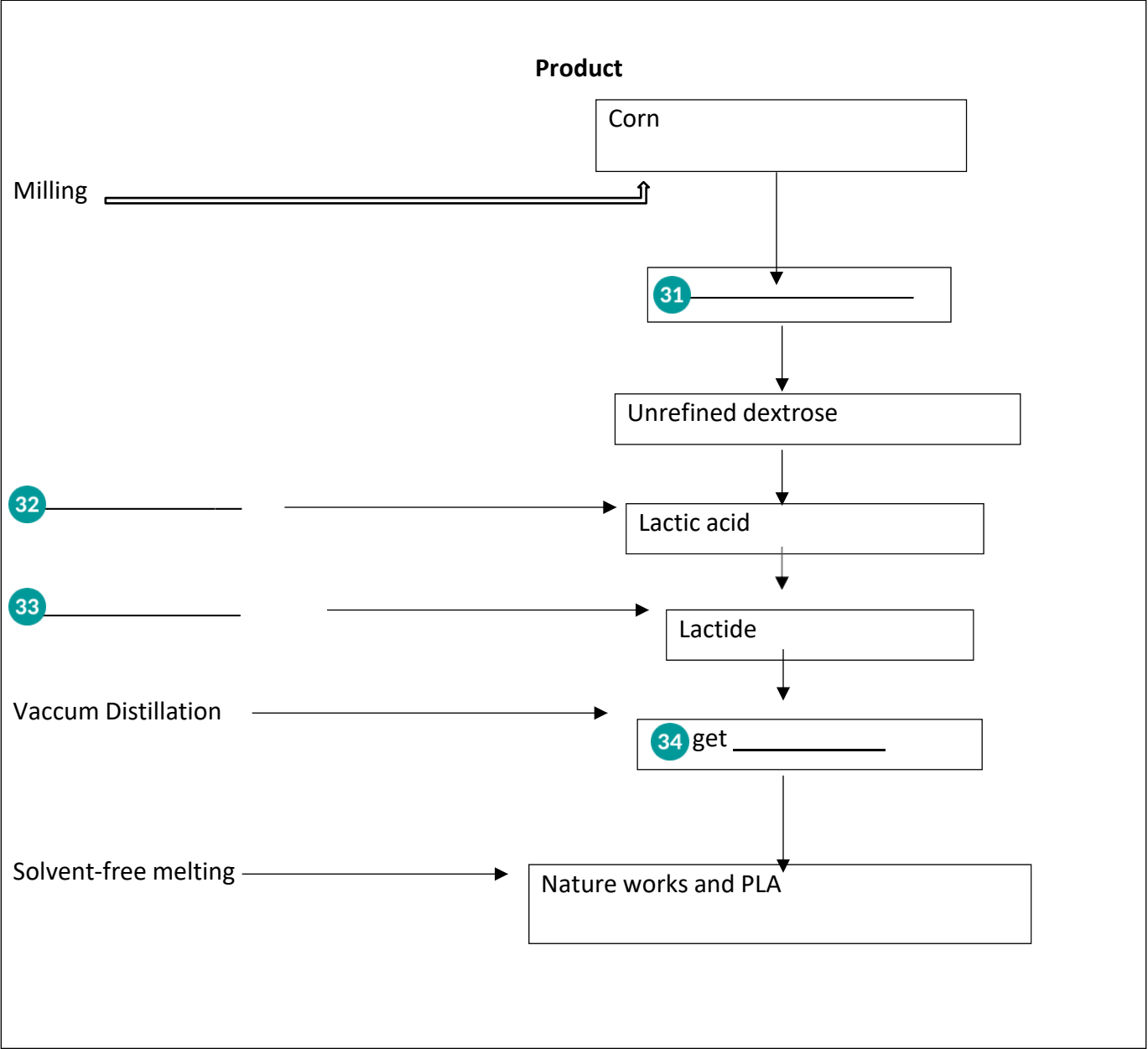
- D fermentation process
- E drape fabrics
- F wrapping products

Questions 31-34

Instructions to follow

- Complete the following summary of the paragraphs of Reading Passage.
- Using **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the Reading Passage for each answer.
- Write your answers in boxes **31-34** on your answer sheet.

Process: the production of PLA



Questions 35-40

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letter, **A, B, C** or **D**.
- Write your answers in boxes **35-40** on your answer sheet.

35 Why did you choose PLA as material for food packaging?

- ☐ A It smells good
- ☐ B It can save food freshness
- ☐ B It can be used on other materials
- ☐ A Some other things need to be revised about it.

36 What is PLA packaging used for?

- ☐ A absorbing moisture
- ☐ B composting facilities
- ☐ B Packaging fresh food
- ☐ D manufacturing

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Which two features of PLA are correct?

- ☐ A It takes in moisture of skin
- ☐ B It is waterproof
- ☐ B comfortable sportswear
- ☐ D It's fading under the sun
- ☐ E It is only made in deep color

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Which two features of PLA are correct?

- ☐ A It is made of renewable raw materials
- ☐ B It is no use of fossil fuel product
- ☐ A It uses renewable raw resources
- ☐ E It is sustenance which can absorb the CO₂ in the atmosphere
- ☐ B It involves the removal of carbon dioxide