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Reading Practice Test 2

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READING PASSAGE 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1-13, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.



The Extraordinary Watkin Tench

At the end of 18th century, life for the average British citizen was changing. The population grew as health and industrialisation took hold of the country. However, land and resources were limited. Families could not guarantee jobs for all of their children. People who were poor or destitute had little option. To make things worse, the rate of people who turned to crime to make a living increased. In Britain, the prisons were no longer large enough to hold the convicted people of this growing criminal class. Many towns and governments were at a loss as to what to do. However, another phenomenon that was happening in the 18th century was exploration of other continents. There were many ships looking for crew members who would risk a month-long voyage across a vast ocean. This job was risky and dangerous, so few would willingly choose it. However, with so many citizens without jobs or with criminal convictions, they had little choice. One such member of this new lower class of British citizens was Watkin Tench. Between 1788 and 1868, approximately 161,700 convicts were transported to the Australian colonies of New South Wales, Van Diemen's land and Western Australia. Tench was one of these unlucky convicts to sign onto a dangerous journey. When his ship set out in 1788, he signed a three years' service to the First Fleet.

Apart from his years in Australia, people knew little about his life back in Britain. It was said he was born on 6 October 1758 at Chester in the county of Cheshire in England. He came from a decent background. Tench was a son of Fisher Tench, a dancing master who ran a boarding school in the town and Margaritta Tarleton of the Liverpool Tarletons. He grew up around a finer class of British citizens, and his family helped instruct the children of the wealthy in formal dance lessons. Though we don't know for sure how Tench was educated in this small British town, we do know that he was well educated. His diaries from his travels to Australia are written in excellent English, a skill that not everyone was lucky to possess in the 18th century. Aside from this, we know little of Tench's beginnings. We don't know how he ended up

convicted of a crime. But after he started his voyage, his life changed dramatically.

During the voyage, which was harsh and took many months, Tench described landscape of different places. While sailing to Australia, Tench saw landscapes that were unfamiliar and new to him. Arriving in Australia, the entire crew was uncertain of what was to come in their new life. When they arrived in Australia, they established a British colony. Governor Philip was vested with complete authority over the inhabitants of the colony. Though still a young man, Philip was enlightened for his age. From stories of other British colonies, Philip learnt that conflict with the original peoples of the land was often a source of strife and difficulties. To avoid this, Philip's personal intent was to establish harmonious relations with local Aboriginal people. But Philip's job was even more difficult considering his crew. Other colonies were established with middle-class merchants and craftsmen. His crew were convicts, who had few other skills outside of their criminal histories. Along with making peace with the Aboriginal people, Philip also had to try to reform as well as discipline the convicts of the colony.

From the beginning, Tench stood out as different from the other convicts. During his initial time in Australia, he quickly rose in his rank, and was given extra power and responsibility over the convicted crew members. However, he was also still very different from the upper-class rulers who came to rule over the crew. He showed humanity towards the convicted workers. He didn't want to treat them as common criminals, but as trained military men. Under Tench's authority, he released the convicts' chains which were used to control them during the voyage. Tench also showed mercy towards the Aboriginal people. Governor Philip often pursued violent solutions to conflicts with the Aboriginal peoples. Tench disagreed strongly with this method. At one point, he was unable to follow the order given by the Governor Philip to punish the ten Aboriginals.

When they first arrived, Tench was fearful and contemptuous towards the Aboriginals, because the two cultures did not understand each other. However, gradually he got to know them individually and became close friends with them. Tench knew that the Aboriginal people would not cause them conflict if they looked for a peaceful solution. Though there continued to be conflict and violence, Tench's efforts helped establish a more peaceful negotiation between the two groups when they settled territory and land-use issues.

Meanwhile, many changes were made to the new colony. The Hawkesbury River was named by Governor Philip in June 1789. Many native bird species to the river were hunted by travelling colonists. The colonists were having a great impact on the land and natural resources. Though the colonists had made a lot of progress in the untamed lands of Australia, there were still limits. The convicts were notoriously ill-informed about Australian geography, as was evident in the attempt by twenty absconders to walk from Sydney to China in 1791, believing: "China might be easily reached, being not more than a hundred miles distant, and separated only by a river." In reality, miles of ocean separated the two.

Much of Australia was unexplored by the convicts. Even Tench had little understanding of what

existed beyond the established lines of their colony. Slowly, but surely, the colonists expanded into the surrounding area. A few days after arrival at Botany Bay, their original location, the fleet moved to the more suitable Port Jackson where a settlement was established at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788. This second location was strange and unfamiliar, and the fleet was on alert for any kind of suspicious behaviors. Though Tench had made friends in Botany Bay with Aboriginal peoples, he could not be sure this new land would be uninhabited. He recalled the first time he stepped into this unfamiliar ground with a boy who helped Tench navigate. In these new lands, he met an old Aboriginal.

Questions 1-6

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 1-6 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE	if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE	if the statement contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN	If there is no information on this

- 1 There was a great deal of information available about the life of Tench before he arrived in Australia.
- 2 Tench drew pictures to illustrate different places during the voyage.
- 3 Other military personnel in New South Wales did not TREAT convicts in the same way as Tench did.
- 4 Tench's view towards the Aboriginals remained unchanged during his time in Australia.
- 5 An Aboriginal gave him gifts of food at the first time they met.
- 6 The convicts had a good knowledge of Australian geography.

Questions 7-13

Answer the questions below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 7-13 on your answer sheet.

What could be a concrete proof of Tench's good education?

7 _____

How many years did Tench sign the contract to the First Fleet?

8 _____

What was used to control convicts during the voyage?

9 _____

Who gave the order to punish the Aboriginals?

10 _____

When did the name of Hawkesbury River come into being?

11 _____

Where did the escaped convicts plan to go?

12 _____

In which place did Tench feel unaccustomed?

13 _____

READING PASSAGE 2

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 14-26, which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.



Are Artists Liars?

A

Shortly before his death, Marlon Brando was working on a series of instructional videos about acting, to he called "Lying for a living". On the surviving footage, Brando can he seen dispensing gnomonic advice on his craft to a group of enthusiastic, if somewhat bemused, Hollywood stars, including Leonardo Di Caprio and Sean Penn. Brando also recruited random people from the Los Angeles street and persuaded them to improvise (the footage is said to include a memorable scene featuring two dwarves and a giant Samoan). "If you can lie, you can act." Brando told Jod Kaftan, a writer for Rolling Stone and one of the few people to have viewed the footage. "Are you good at lying?" asked Kaftan. "Jesus." said Brando, "I'm fabulous at it".

B

Brando was not the first person to note that the line between an artist and a liar is a line one. If art is a kind of lying, then lying is a form of art, albeit of a lower order-as Oscar Wilde and Mark Twain have observed. Indeed, lying and artistic storytelling spring from a common neurological root-one that is exposed in the cases of psychiatric patients who suffer from a particular kind of impairment. Both liars and artists refuse to accept the tyranny of reality. Both carefully craft stories that are worthy of belief - a skill requiring intellectual sophistication, emotional sensitivity and physical self-control (liars are writers and performers of their own work). Such parallels are hardly coincidental, as I discovered while researching my book on lying.

C

A case study published in 1985 by Antonio Damasio, a neurologist, tells the story of a middle-aged woman with brain damage caused by a series of strokes. She retained cognitive abilities, including coherent speech, but what she actually said was rather unpredictable. Checking her

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knowledge of contemporary events, Damasio asked her about the Falklands War. In the language of psychiatry, this woman was “confabulating”. Chronic confabulation is a rare type of memory problem that affects a small proportion of brain damaged people. In the literature it is defined as “the production of fabricated, distorted or misinterpreted memories about oneself or the world, without the conscious intention to deceive”. Whereas amnesiacs make errors of omission, there are gaps in their recollections they find impossible to fill - confabulators make errors of commission: they make things up. Rather than forgetting, they are inventing. Confabulating patients are nearly always oblivious to their own condition, and will earnestly give absurdly implausible explanations of why they're in hospital, or talking to a doctor. One patient, asked about his surgical scar, explained that during the Second World War he surprised a teenage girl who shot him three times in the head, killing him, only for surgery to bring him back to life. The same patient, when asked about his family, described how at various times they had died in his arms, or had been killed before his eyes. Others tell yet more fantastical tales, about trips to the moon, fighting alongside Alexander in India or seeing Jesus on the Cross. Confabulators aren't out to deceive. They engage in what Morris Mosevitch, a neuropsychologist, calls “honest lying”. Uncertain and obscurely distressed by their uncertainty, they are seized by a “compulsion to narrate”: a deep-seated need to shape, order and explain what they do not understand. Chronic confabulators are often highly inventive at the verbal level, jamming together words in nonsensical but suggestive ways: one patient, when asked what happened to Queen Marie Antoinette of France, answered that she had been “suicided” by her family. In a sense, these patients are like novelists, as described by Henry James: people on whom “nothing is wasted”. Unlike writers, however, they have little or no control over their own material.

D

The wider significance of this condition is what it tells us about ourselves. Evidently, there is a gushing river of verbal creativity in the normal human mind, from which both artistic invention and lying are drawn. We are born storytellers, spinning narrative out of our experience and imagination, straining against the leash that keeps us tethered to reality. This is a wonderful thing; it is what gives us our ability to conceive of alternative futures and different worlds. And it helps us to understand our own lives through the entertaining stories of others. But it can lead us into trouble, particularly when we try to persuade others that our inventions are real. Most of the time, as our stories bubble up to consciousness, we exercise our cerebral censors, controlling which stories we tell, and to whom. Yet people lie for all sorts of reasons, including the fact that confabulating can be dangerously fun.

E

During a now-famous libel case in 1996, Jonathan Aitken, a former cabinet minister, recounted a tale to illustrate the horrors he endured after a national newspaper tainted his name. The case, which stretched on for more than two years, involved a series of claims made by the

Guardian about Aitken's relationships with Saudi arms dealers, including meetings he allegedly held with them on a trip to Paris while he was a government minister. Whitt amazed many in hindsight was the sheer superfluity of the lies Aitken told during his testimony. Aitken's case collapsed in June 1997, when the defence finally found indisputable evidence about his Paris trip. Until then, Aitken's charm, fluency and flair for theatrical displays of sincerity looked as if they might bring him victory, they revealed that not only was Aitken's daughter not with him that day (when he was indeed doorstepped), but also that the minister had simply got into his car and drove off, with no vehicle in pursuit.

F

Of course, unlike Aitken, actors, playwrights and novelists are not literally attempting to deceive us, because the rules are laid out in advance: come to the theatre, or open this book, and we'll lie to you. Perhaps this is why we felt it necessary to invent art in the first place: as a safe space into which our lies can be corralled, and channeled into something socially useful. Given the universal compulsion to tell stories, art is the best way to refine and enjoy the particularly outlandish or insight till ones. But that is not the whole story. The key way in which artistic "lies" differ from normal lies, and from the "honest lying" of chronic confabulators, is that they have a meaning and resonance beyond their creator. The liar lies on behalf of himself; the artist tell lies on behalf of everyone. If writers have a compulsion to narrate, they compel themselves to find insights about the human condition. Mario Vargas Llosa has written that novels "express a curious truth that can only he expressed in a furtive and veiled fashion, masquerading as what it is not." Art is a lie whose secret ingredient is truth.

Questions 14-19

Reading Passage 2 has six paragraphs, A-F.

Choose the correct heading for each paragraph from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, *i-viii*, in boxes 14-19 on your answer sheet.

14 Paragraph A

15 Paragraph B

16 Paragraph C

17 Paragraph D

18 Paragraph E

19 Paragraph F

List of Headings	
i	Unsuccessful deceit
ii	Biological basis between liars and artists
iii	How to lie in an artistic way
iv	Confabulations and the exemplifiers
v	The distinction between artists and common liars
vi	The fine line between liars and artists
vii	The definition of confabulation
viii	Creativity when people lie

Questions 20-21

Choose **TWO** letters, A-E.

Write the correct letters in boxes 20-21 on your answer sheet.

Which **TWO** of the following statements about people suffering from confabulation are true?

- A They have lost cognitive abilities.
- B They do not deliberately tell a lie.
- C They are normally aware of their condition.
- D They do not have the impetus to explain what they do not understand.
- E They try to make up stories.

Questions 22-23

Choose **TWO** letters, A-E.

Write the correct letters in boxes 22-23 on your answer sheet.

Which **TWO** of the following statements about playwrights and novelists are true?

- A They give more meaning to the stories.
- B They tell lies for the benefit of themselves.
- C They have nothing to do with the truth out there.
- D We can be misled by them if not careful.

E We know there are lies in the content.

Questions 24-26

Complete the summary below.

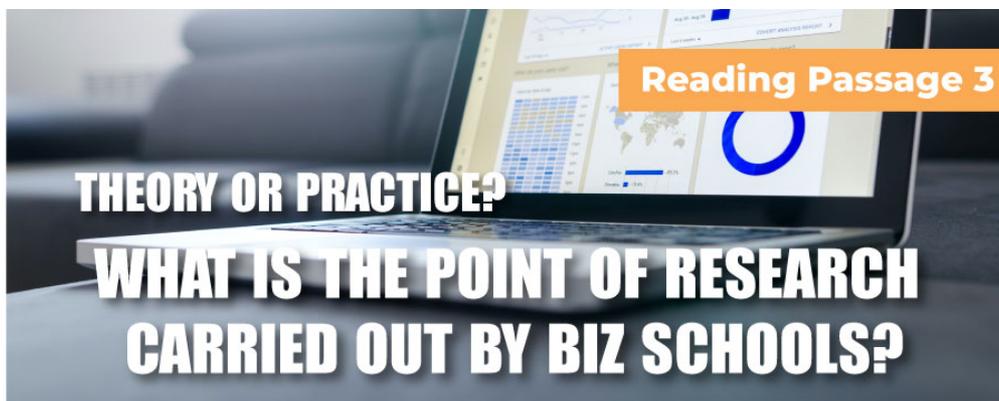
Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 24-26 on your answer sheet.

A 24 accused Jonathan Aitken, a former cabinet minister, who was selling and buying with 25 . Aitken's case collapsed in June 1997, when the defence finally found indisputable evidence about his Paris trip. He was deemed to have his 26 . They revealed that not only was Aitken's daughter not with him that day, but also that the minister had simply got into his car and drove off, with no vehicle in pursuit.

READING PASSAGE 3

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



Theory or Practice? —What is the point of research carried out by biz schools?

Students go to universities and other academic institutions to prepare for their future. We pay tuition and struggle through classes in the hopes that we can find a fulfilling and exciting career. But the choice of your university has a large influence on your future. How can you know which university will prepare you the best for your future? Like other academic institutions, business schools are judged by the quality of the research carried out by their faculties. Professors must both teach students and also produce original research in their own field. The quality of this research is assessed by academic publications. At the same time, universities have another responsibility to equip their students for the real world, however that is defined. Most students learning from professors will not go into academics themselves—so how do academics best prepare them for their future careers, whatever that may be? Whether academic research actually produces anything that is useful to the practice of business, or even whether it is its job to do so, are questions that can provoke vigorous arguments on campus.

The debate, which first flared during the 1950s, was reignited in August, when AACSB International, the most widely recognised global accrediting agency for business schools, announced it would consider changing the way it evaluates research. The news followed rather damning criticism in 2002 from Jeffrey Pfeffer, a Stanford professor, and Christina Fong of Washington University, which questioned whether business education in its current guise was sustainable. The study found that traditional modes of academia were not adequately preparing students for the kind of careers they faced in current times. The most controversial recommendation in AACSB's draft report (which was sent round to administrators for their comment) is that the schools should be required to demonstrate the value of their faculties' research not simply by listing its citations in journals, but by demonstrating the impact it has in the professional world. New qualifiers, such as average incomes, student placement in top

firms and business collaborations would now be considered just as important as academic publications.

AACSB justifies its stance by saying that it wants schools and faculty to play to their strengths, whether they be in pedagogy, in the research of practical applications, or in scholarly endeavor. Traditionally, universities operate in a pyramid structure. Everyone enters and stays in an attempt to be successful in their academic field. A psychology professor must publish competitive research in the top neuroscience journals. A Cultural Studies professor must send graduate students on new field research expeditions to be taken seriously. This research is the core of a university's output. And research of any kind is expensive—AACSB points out that business schools in America alone spend more than \$320m a year on it. So it seems legitimate to ask for, 'what purpose it is undertaken?

If a school chose to specialise in professional outputs rather than academic outputs, it could use such a large sum of money and redirect it into more fruitful programs. For example, if a business school wanted a larger presence of employees at top financial firms, this money may be better spent on a career center which focuses on building the skills of students, rather than paying for more high-level research to be done through the effort of faculty. A change in evaluation could also open the door to inviting more professionals from different fields to teach as adjuncts. Students could take accredited courses from people who are currently working in their dream field. The AACSB insists that universities answer the question as to why research is the most critical component of traditional education.

On one level, the question is simple to answer. Research in business schools, as anywhere else, is about expanding the boundaries of knowledge; it thrives on answering unasked questions. Surely this pursuit of knowledge is still important to the university system. Our society progresses because we learn how to do things in new ways, a process which depends heavily on research and academics. But one cannot ignore the other obvious practical uses of research publications. Research is also about cementing schools' and professors' reputations. Schools gain kudos from their faculties' record of publication: which journals publish them, and how often. In some cases, such as with government-funded schools in Britain, it can affect how much money they receive. For professors, the mantra is often "publish or perish". Their careers depend on being seen in the right journals.

But at a certain point, one has to wonder whether this research is being done for the benefit of the university or for the students the university aims to teach. Greater publications will attract greater funding, which will in turn be spent on better publications. Students seeking to enter professions out of academia find this cycle frustrating, and often see their professors as being part of the "Ivory Tower" of academia, operating in a self-contained community that has little influence on the outside world.

The research is almost universally unread by real-world managers. Part of the trouble is that the journals labour under a similar ethos. They publish more than 20,000 articles each year.

Most of the research is highly quantitative, hypothesis-driven and esoteric. As a result, it is almost universally unread by real-world managers. Much of the research criticises other published research. A paper in a 2006 issue of *Strategy & Leadership* commented that "research is not designed with managers' needs in mind, nor is it communicated in the journals they read. For the most part, it has become a self-referential closed system irrelevant to corporate performance." The AACSB demands that this segregation must change for the future of higher education. If students must invest thousands of dollars for an education as part of their career path, the academics which serve the students should be more fully incorporated into the professional world. This means that universities must focus on other strengths outside of research, such as professional networks, technology skills, and connections with top business firms around the world. Though many universities resisted the report, today's world continues to change. The universities which prepare students for our changing future have little choice but to change with new trends and new standards.

Questions 27-29

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Write the correct letter in boxes **27-29** on your answer sheet.

27 In the second paragraph, the recommendation given by AACSB is

- A** to focus on listing research paper's citation only.
- B** to consider the quantity of academic publications.
- C** to evaluate how the paper influences the field.
- D** to maintain the traditional modes of academia.

28 Why does AACSB put forward the recommendation?

- A** to give full play to the faculties' advantage.
- B** to reinforce the play to the pyramid structure of universities.
- C** to push professors to publish competitive papers.
- D** to reduce costs of research in universities.

29 Why does the author mention the *Journal Strategy & Leadership*?

- A** to characterize research as irrelevant to company performance
- B** to suggest that managers don't read research papers.
- C** to describe students' expectation for universities.

- D** to exemplify high-quality research papers.

Questions 30-31

Choose **TWO** letters, A-E.

Write the correct letters in boxes 30-31 on your answer sheet.

Which **TWO** choices are in line with Jeffrey Pfeffer and Christina Fong's idea?

- A** Students should pay less to attend universities.
- B** Business education is not doing their job well.
- C** Professors should not focus on writing papers.
- D** Students are ill-prepared for their career from universities.
- E** Recognized accrediting agency can evaluate research well.

Questions 32-36

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 3?

In boxes 32-36 on you answer sheet, write

TRUE	if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE	if the statement contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN	If there is no information on this

32 The debate about the usefulness of academic research for business practices is a recent one.

33 AACSB's draft report was not reviewed externally.

34 Business schools in the US spend more than 320 million dollars yearly on research.

35 Many universities pursue professional outputs.

36 Greater publications benefit professors and students as well.

Questions 37-40

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Complete each sentence with the correct ending, **A-E**, below.

Write the correct letter, **A-E**, in boxes **37-40** on your answer sheet.

37 Most professors support academic research because

38 Schools support academic research because

39 Our society needs academic research because

40 Universities resisting the AACSB should change because

A	it progresses as we learn innovative ways of doing things.
B	the trends and standards are changing.
C	their jobs depend on it.
D	they care about their school rankings and government funds.
E	it helps students to go into top business firms.



Solution:

Part 1: Question 1 - 13

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| 1 FALSE | 2 NOT GIVEN |
| 3 TRUE | 4 FALSE |
| 5 NOT GIVEN | 6 FALSE |
| 7 (his) diaries | 8 3/three years |
| 9 (convict's) chains | 10 Governor Philip |
| 11 June 1789 | 12 China |
| 13 Sydney Cove | |

Part 2: Question 14 - 26

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| 14 vi | 15 ii |
| 16 iv | 17 viii |
| 18 i | 19 v |
| $\frac{20}{21}$ B,E | $\frac{22}{23}$ A,E |
| 24 (national) newspaper | 25 arms dealers |

26 victory

Part 3: Question 27 - 40

27 C

28 A

29 A

$\frac{30}{31}$ B,D

32 FALSE

33 FALSE

34 TRUE

35 NOT GIVEN

36 FALSE

37 C

38 D

39 A

40 B