

## PROBA: AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

### ANSWER KEY – including SMART TIPS

1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words whenever possible. (approximately 50 words; 1 point)

*Suggested answer (many correct answers possible): A 67-year-old British woman has appeared in the newspapers because she has managed to obtain a carbon footprint of almost zero. She used to work on an energy efficiency project and because of this she decided that mass consumption was wrong. She only eats raw food and walks everywhere.*

2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T / F), according to the text, and copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point, 0.25 points each)

- i) Joan Pick stopped using her car before she became an adviser to the energy industry.  
*False. 'As a result of working on a project about energy efficiency in her capacity as an adviser to the energy industry, she ... decided to stop using her car ...' (lines 10–13)*
- ii) According to Joan Pick, we all ought to live in a way that causes little damage to the planet.  
*True. 'According to Joan, however, we should all want to live in a more sustainable way so that the world's resources don't run out.' (lines 16–17)*

#### SMART TIP: giving evidence

Remember to support your answers with evidence. You will not get any points if you only write 'true' or 'false'. Quote the EXACT words or phrases from the text.

- iii) Most British teenagers think changing their lifestyle will reduce the speed of climate change.  
*False. '... a recent survey ... found that only 12 per cent of young people think that they can help to slow climate change by changing their lifestyles.' (lines 2–3)*
- iv) The text says most people would like to live like Joan Pick.  
*False. 'To most of us, the way that Joan Pick lives doesn't sound like a very attractive proposition.' (line 15)*

3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the following. (1 point: 0.25 points each)

- i) gas which pollutes the atmosphere  
*emissions (line 1)*
- ii) the way in which a person lives  
*lifestyle (line 3)*

- iii) the purchase of goods by a large number of people

*mass consumption (line 11)*

- iv) a source or supply of something

*resources (line 15)*

**4. Pronunciation (1 point, 0.25 points each)**

- i) Write a word from the text that includes the same vowel sound as "hat" /æ/ *that*  
 ii) How is the "th" pronounced in "their", /θ/ or /ð/? *It is pronounced /ð/.*  
 iii) How is the "-s" pronounced in "actions", /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/? *It is pronounced /z/*  
 iv) Write a word from the text that includes the same diphthong as "here" /ɪə/ *zero*

**SMART TIP: reading the whole text to find the right sound**

There will probably be several correct answers for pronunciation questions. Do not worry if you cannot find a correct answer straightaway. Continue reading the whole text carefully and slowly until you find the answer you need. Try "saying" the words in your head until you find one with the same sound.

Make sure that you revise phonemes before your final examinations.

**5. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. (1.5 points: 0.5 points each)**

- i) Joan uses only a kettle, a light bulb and a radio so her carbon footprint is almost zero.  
 If Joan *didn't use only a kettle, a light bulb and a radio her carbon footprint wouldn't be zero.*
- ii) The last time Joan took a bus was years ago.  
 Joan hasn't *taken a bus for years.*
- iii) British newspapers published articles about Joan.  
 Articles *were published in British newspapers about Joan.*

**6. Will our children live in a worse environment than we do? Discuss. (approximately 120 words; 3 points)**

**Suggested answer:**

*We have known about the negative environmental effects of our modern lifestyle for years and have been trying to live 'greener' lives. However, is this sufficient to stop the damage that we are causing?*

*Today, most people recycle their waste materials and modern machines are much more energy efficient. Furthermore, modern vehicles don't produce as much pollution as older vehicles. All of this has helped the environment.*

*Nevertheless, we spend our time at home and at work using electrical gadgets such as*

*computers, so we use more energy than ever. Moreover, air travel is much cheaper and more flights are made every year. These things obviously have negative effects.*

*To sum up, I think we need to do a lot more to reduce our impact on the planet. Perhaps our grandchildren will live in a better environment, but I don't think our children will.*

**SMART TIP: understanding what the writing task involves**

After reading the writing task, think about what type of composition you have to produce. Is it an opinion essay or a 'for and against' essay? If it's an opinion essay, think of some examples to support your ideas. If it's a 'for and against' essay, make sure you give a balanced view before coming to a conclusion.