

Answer Key

C-Test #1

Thomas Midgley **was** an American chemist **who helped** to develop leaded petrol. General Motors commercialized his **discovery**, but there **were** several **deaths** from lead poisoning at the **factory where** the additive **was** produced. In 1924, Midgley took **part** in a press conference to **demonstrate** the **safety** of his **product** and he inhaled its **vapour** for a minute. It took him a **year** to recover **from** the harmful effects!

C-Test #2

I ran a triathlon and **managed** to get **over** 50 people to sponsor me. I **had** to train for **months** and it was really **hard** work but well **worth** it. I **actually** enjoyed the **training** more than the final **event** because on the day the **weather** was **terrible**. I would **often** get up at 5 o'clock in the **morning** so I could train before **going** to work.

C-Test #3

Your signature is the part of your **handwriting** that says the most **about** your personality. It is quite **common** for your signature to **change** during your **life** because it reflects **how** you develop and **evolve** as a person. You **may** have more than one signature, for **example** a more formal signature **when** you **sign** a credit card or your **passport**, and an **informal** signature when you sign a **birthday** card.

C-Test #4

There was a **time** when tobacco **companies** actually tried to **make** us believe that doctors **approved** of smoking, **or** that **certain** brands were **better** for your throat than **others**. Tobacco companies continued to **use** doctors to **convince** the public to **smoke** until the 1950s **when** evidence

showing the link **between** smoking and **lung** cancer became too **strong** to ignore.

C-Test #5

Tokyo, **with** a population of 33 **million** people, is by **far** the **largest** city in **world**. It's **also** the most technologically advanced, and the city **runs like** digital clockwork. The automated subway, for example, is so **efficient** that it is **able** to transport **almost** eight million commuters every day and on the **rare** occasions that it **goes** wrong, **nobody** believes it.

C-Test #6

The **weather** was awful and it rained **all** weekend. We were **soaking** wet and I **began** to wish that I **had** stayed at home or found a **hotel!** The organisers were **making** a fortune selling umbrellas and **plastic** raincoats. **Anyway**, the concert continued **despite** the weather. The organisers **advised** us to keep to **the** special walk-ways that they had **set** up over the **mud** and gave us plastic sheets to **put** over our tents.

C-Test #7

Companies study and make use **of** our colour associations **and** preferences in order to **sell** us their products. The packaging, for **example**, relies heavily **on** colour, **both** to carry information and to **make** the product appear **more** attractive. Sugar **is** sold in packets coloured **in** blue because, unlike colours **such** as green and brown, **these** colours **are** associated **with** sweetness.

C-Test #8

Pablo Picasso was **born** in Spain on 25 October, 1881. He showed **himself** to be a **talented** artist as a **child** and when he was 19 he **went** to Paris to paint. He experimented with a **variety** of styles, for a **time** painting sad subjects in **shades** of blue. During a **happier** time, he used reds **and** pinks to paint **more** cheerful subjects **such** as **dancers** and performers in circuses.

C-Test #9

Week **after** week, British tabloid newspapers **carry** pictures **which** intrude **into** people's privacy and **break** the newspaper editors' code of practice. Although pop **stars** do pose for paparazzi **on** occasion, this is **not** typical. More **usually**, great damage is **done** to individuals in the public **eye** when they see **their** most private moments captured on the front **page**.

C-Test #10

Matt likes to **spend** his holiday seeing lots of different places. 'I'm a restless **person** so when I go **away** on holiday I don't like to be **tied** down to one place; camping **means** you can stay for two **nights** in one place **then** pack up the tent, **jump** in the **car** and stay somewhere **else** for the next night or **two** and so on with no **need** to book **ahead**. It's a **great** way to see lots of different places in a **short period** of time.'