

Questions 1&2 (Read the text aloud)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will read aloud the text below.

Preparation: 45 seconds

Response duration: 45 seconds

Stephen Hawking Launches "Biggest Ever" Search for Alien Life

Stephen Hawking launched a \$100 million project to hunt for extraterrestrial life - "the most powerful, comprehensive and intensive" search for signs of intelligent life beyond Earth. The 10-year project will involve access to two of the world's most powerful telescopes, the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia and the Parkes Telescope in New South Wales, Australia. "Somewhere in the cosmos, perhaps, intelligent life may be watching these lights of ours, aware of what they mean," the physicist said.

Source: <http://www.shortnews.com/start.cfm?id=100862>

Question 3 (Describe the picture)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will describe the picture below in as much detail as you can.

Preparation: 30 seconds

Response duration: 45 seconds



Questions 4-6 (Respond to questions)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions. For each question, begin responding immediately after you hear the question. No preparation time is provided.

Preparation: none

Response duration: Questions 4 and 5, 15 seconds each; Question 6, 30 seconds

A dating website is doing a research in your country. You have agreed to participate in a face-to-face interview about digital devices.

Question 4: Do you think using digital devices have any effect on our brain?

Question 5: What do you think about using digital devices as textbooks at schools?

Questions 6: Do you think digital devices can replace paper?

Questions 7-9 (Respond to questions using the provided information)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions based on the provided information. For each question, begin responding immediately after you hear the question. No additional preparation time is given.

Preparation: 30 seconds to read the information before the questions begin

Response duration: Questions 7 and 8, 15 seconds each; Question 9, 30 seconds

**Hammerkatz Stand-Up
Comedy Show** (February 19;
11:30AM)
Harmony Conference Hall

Session 1 (11:30AM-12:30PM)
Ellen McGrath - Life is Magic
Corey Blay - Breaking
Communities
Wendy Suzuki – Body
Connections

Lunch (12:30PM – 1:30PM)

Session 2 (1:30PM – 2:30PM)
Shaina Taub – Building
Communities
Juan Beltran – Mathematics and
Life
Mathew Veloz – Volunteering

Break (2:30PM – 3:00PM)

Session 3 (3:00PM – 4:00)
Robin Inc – Science Wonders
Tyler Johnson – Dreaming of
Trains
Ron Li – The L word

Question 7: When will the stand-up comedy show start?

Question 8: What topics will comedians in the morning talk about?

Question 9: Which comedians will I miss if I don't watch from 1:30PM-2:30PM?

Question 10 (Propose a solution)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will be presented with a problem and asked to propose a solution.

Preparation: 30 seconds

Response duration: 60 seconds

Important: In your response, be sure to:

- show that you recognize the problem, and
- propose a way of dealing with the problem

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Question 11 (Express an opinion)

Instructions: In this part of the test, you will give your opinion about a specific topic. Be sure to say as much as you can in the time allowed.

Preparation: 15 seconds

Response duration: 60 seconds

People say that honesty is the best policy. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Explain.