**SAMPLE LITERACY & NUMERACY TEST FOR NEW STARTERS**

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It is essential that Support Workers are both numerate and literate to enable them to complete the paperwork that forms part of their daily responsibilities.

This test will last for 30 minutes and you should read all the questions carefully and complete both tests to the best of your ability.

You are not allowed to use a dictionary or a calculator, but you can use the space at the bottom of the page to do any calculations by hand.

Please circle the correct letter to indicate your answer.

**Test A (1/2)**

**Question 1**

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| **An event starts at 6:45pm and finishes at 9:15pm. How long does it last?**   1. 1.5 hours 2. 2.5 hours 3. 3 hours 4. 3.5 hours | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 2**

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| **Write one hundred and four pounds and four pence in figures** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 3**

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| **A mobile phone costs £72. There is 25% off in the sale. How much is the sale price?**   1. £18 2. £25 3. £47 4. £54 | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 4**

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| **Four people share a flat. The weekly rent is £240. How much does each person pay?** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 5**

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| **Write 19900 in words** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 6**

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| **A gym membership costs £36.50 per month. How much is membership for a year?** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 7**

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| **I pay £438.00, £4380.00, £36.50 and £365.00 into my bank. How much do I pay in total?**   1. £4116.50 2. £5183.50 3. £5219.50 4. £52195.00 | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Test A (2/2)**

**Question 8**

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| **What is the correct spelling?**   1. Suspitious 2. Saspishus 3. Suspicious 4. Suspicioious | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 9**

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| **How many eggs in numbers is a dozen eggs?** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 10**

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| **Please circle the most suitable adverb for the gap in this sentence.**  **The presenter …… captivated the audience.**   1. spitefully 2. successfully 3. tightly 4. boastfully | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 11**

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| **The word below is spelt phonetically. Please write the correct spelling of this word.**  **Admishun (this asking you to give the correct spelling)** |  |  |  |  |

**Question 12**

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| **Please circle the appropriate word to complete the sentence.**  **The diamond ring weight at least 2 …….**   1. carrots 2. karats 3. carats 4. carets | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**PLEASE PROCEED TO TEST B**

**Score: /12**

**Test B**

Read the following passage and answer the questions which follow.

**Titanic**

In 1898 a struggling author concocted a novel about a fabulous Atlantic liner – far larger than had ever been built. He filled it with rich people and then wrecked it one cold winters night on an iceberg. Fourteen years later, a ship remarkably similar to the one in the novel was built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast for the British shipping company The White Star Line. Both ships were about the same size and tonnage and could carry a similar amount of people. Both had lifeboats for only a fraction of the passengers and crew and both ships were labelled as “unsinkable”.

On the 10th April 1912, the real ship left Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York. On her way she too struck an iceberg and went down on a freezing April night. As the sea closed over the largest and most glamorous ship in the world with a list of passengers collectively worth at the time $250 million, the awful statistics of the tragedy were engraved on maritime history. Of the 2,206 passengers and crew, only 703 were saved. 65% of the passengers saved were First Class ticket holders. The ship had only half the number of lifeboats for the people she carried.

The White Star liner was called the “Titanic”. The ship in the novel was called the “Titan”.

**Test Instructions – please circle the letter that gives the most appropriate answer.**

**Question 1**

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| **Which group of people were MOST likely to be saved from the Titanic?**   1. The best swimmers 2. The crew 3. Passengers who paid the most for their tickets 4. Women and children | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 2**

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| **What was the main contributing factor to the loss of life on both ships?**   1. They were both thought to be unsinkable 2. It was a maiden voyage 3. There were too many passengers on board 4. There were insufficient lifeboats | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 3**

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| **There is a grammatical mistake on line 2. Should the word be changed to:**   1. winter’s 2. winters’ | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** |  |  |

**Question 4**

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| **In line 3 of the second paragraph, “collectively” could be replaced by which one of the following word/words?**   1. separately 2. individually 3. in total 4. co-operatively | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Question 5**

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| **What was the name of the owners of the “Titanic”?**   1. Harland & Wolff 2. A British shipping company 3. The White Star Line 4. A ship builder in Belfast | *(Please Circle)* | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |

**Score: /5**