

Newsbrowsing Competition 2024

Online Round – Answer Key

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How to use this key: answers in regular type are the official key answers; a slash (/) separates key answers that are equally accepted. **Answers in bold** are additional acceptable answers (spoken and written usage).

Spelling: both British and American spelling are accepted. In Task 2 the word given must be used unchanged.

Task 1

AI used to create new and final Beatles song, says Paul McCartney – reading comprehension

Accept any wording that conveys the same information as the key.

No.	Key
1	He will release the final Beatles song in 2023. / **A new and final Beatles recording, made with the help of AI, will be released in 2023.** / **He announced that a final Beatles song using AI will come out this year (2023).**
2	'Now and Then' / **Probably 'Now and Then' (a 1978 Lennon demo) – he did not name it, but it is likely to be that.**
3	They mainly were apologetic love songs. / **They were typically / mostly apologetic love songs.** / **Most of them were apologetic.**
4	A dialogue editor used AI to extract the Beatles' voices for a documentary. / **From the documentary Get Back (Peter Jackson), where AI separated the voices from the background noise.**
5	The three surviving Beatles compiled their Anthology series and released the first new material in over two decades. / **They released two Lennon songs ('Free As A Bird' and 'Real Love'), their first "new" material in 25 years.** / **They considered it as a possible reunion song while compiling Anthology.**
6	verses / **a verse / it (almost totally) lacked verses**
7	George Harrison thought the song wasn't very good. The song's recording was bad quality – there was background noise on it. / **Harrison called it "rubbish" and refused to work on it; the demo also had a constant buzz (technical defect).**
8	Fake songs by famous musicians were streamed hundreds of thousands of times before being removed. / **AI fakes of famous artists (Drake, the Weeknd, Kanye West) got hundreds of thousands of streams before being taken off streaming services; controversy was growing.**
9	He is both worried and excited. / **He has mixed feelings: he finds it scary but exciting.**

Task 2

Sentence transformation – missing part of the sentence

No.	Key
1	has always dedicated herself to her work/ job in
2	come up with a/ the solution / an/the answer / (the/some) answers/solutions
3	to Henry ’s delight / to the delight of Henry he was selected
4	want to leave anything to chance
5	purpose in calling a/the meeting was
6	as/though it seems/appears the composer lacks any
7	never occurred to me to ask
8	how hard I tried
9	in the light of (the) new
10	a sharp rise/ increase in the cost/ price of

Notes for markers

– Item 7: “occurred” must be spelled correctly (double r).

Task 3

Spirit of Inventions – word formation

No.	Key
1	mathematical
2	experimentation
3	immediately
4	unlocking
5	immunisation / **immunization**
6	Serendipity
7	enabled
8	outdid
9	works / **workshops**
10	distilleries
11	allowing
12	penniless
13	cyclists
14	ridiculed
15	impractical / **unpractical** (rare)

Notes for markers

– Gap 2: “experimenting” (after much experimenting) is only an inflected form of the given word; accept at the marker’s discretion.

– Gap 5: “immunity” is not accepted – it does not fit “worked”.
– Gap 9: “workshops” is accepted as a compound of “work”, although “works” (a factory) is the key answer.
– Gap 10: “distillers” (the companies) is possible; accept at the marker’s discretion.

Task 4

Revitalizing the Victorians – open cloze (one word per gap)

No.	Key
1	to
2	with
3	from
4	themselves / **writers / authors / novelists**
5	face
6	to
7	been
8	no / **little**
9	much
10	on
11	for
12	ever
13	into
14	at
15	high / **about / past**

Notes for markers

– Gap 4: the printed text reads “the Victorian … who”; the key “themselves” gives “Victorians themselves”, but nouns such as writers / authors / novelists also fit the context (Dickens).
– Gap 8: “a” is not accepted – the sepia photographs do not give a feel for the colours.
– Gap 15: “high time”, “about time” and “past time” are all accepted.

Task 5

York's Shambles – verb forms

No.	Key
1	is generally regarded / **has generally been regarded**
2	to provide / **providing** / **in order to provide** / **so as to provide**
3	would be hung/ were hung / **was hung** / **used to be hung** / **hung** / **would hang**
4	were raised / **had been raised**
5	is often said / **has often been said**
6	made/ which were made / **that were made**
7	being warned and imprisoned / **having been warned and imprisoned**
8	to be / **to have been**
9	to be found / **found**
10	seeing

Notes for markers

- Gap 3: "meat" is uncountable, so "was hung" is correct; "hung" (the meat hung outside the shops) is also accepted.
- Gap 7: "after warned and imprisoned" and "after being warned and imprisoned for" without "being" are not accepted.
- Gap 10: only "seeing" (Seeing is believing).