Answers

Here are the correct answers.

Answers:

- **11 H** (Reference books)
- **12 G** (Periodicals)
- **13 D** (Local history collection)
- **14 B** (Children's books)
- 15 F (Multimedia)

We'll now look at them in context and examine the language that's been used, especially synonyms and paraphrasing.

Answer 11: H (Reference books)

Here's the sentence this answer appears in. I've also underlined the positional/directional language used. I've included this information for each answer.

Well, as you see, my desk is just on your right as you go in, and opposite this, the first room on your left has an excellent collection of **reference books** and is also a place where people can read or study peacefully.

Note how much positional/directional language is used in this one sentence. This is why it is so important to develop your knowledge of this type of vocabulary.

Answers 12: G (Periodicals)

<u>Just beyond</u> the librarian's desk <u>on the right</u>, is a room where we have up to date <u>periodicals</u> such as newspapers and magazines and this room also has a photocopier in case you want to copy any of the articles.

Answers 13: D (Local history collection)

If you <u>carry straight on</u> you'll come into a large room and this is the main library area. There is fiction in the shelves <u>on the left</u>, and non-fiction materials <u>on your right</u>. On the shelves <u>on the far wall</u>, there is an excellent <u>collection of books relating to local history</u>.

This answer is paraphrased in the recording:

Local history collection à collection of books relating to local history

Answers 14: B (Children's books)

Through the far door in the library, just past the fiction shelves, is a seminar room, and that can be booked for meetings or talks, and next door to that is the children's library, which has a good collection of stories and picture books for the under elevens.

For this answer, synonyms and related words have been used to paraphrase the information.

Children's books à children's library

Library à collection of stories and picture books

Answers 15: F (Multimedia)

Then there's a large room to the right of the library area – that's the **multimedia** collection, where you can borrow videos and DVDs and so on, and we also have CD-Roms you can borrow to use on your computer at home.

If you missed hearing the word 'multimedia', you should still have been able to get this answer right by identifying the related words:

videos, DVD's, CD-Roms, computer

That's all the answer done. If you got any of them wrong, listen to the recording again and see if you can pick them out now that you're more familiar with the text.

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