# **R2a. Can show an understanding of the meaning of vocabulary in different contexts**

# **Skills Test 3**

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**2a. Can show an understanding of the meaning of vocabulary in different contexts – Test 3**

*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers or put a tick in the correct box.*

Anastasia Borkin bustled into the meeting late, leaving the featureless security guard to close the door behind her.

That, in itself, was cause for some consternation among the other Vice-Presidents as Borkin had never been late for a meeting before, or, in fact, for anything else in her life.

The lateness was deliberate, however, and she allowed herself the tiniest of smiles as she settled in her plush, leather, executive-quality boardroom chair. She had waited in a cubicle in the ladies’ toilets until 5 minutes after the meeting had started. The unexpected lateness, she knew, would add credibility to what she was going to say, and credibility was going to be paramount. If the targets of her charade believed her, she would have them hooked. If they suspected she was lying, they’d shut down everything and she might never find out who they were.

Worse, if they panicked, then their accomplices who were holding the three missing executives, might also panic and clean up all loose ends.

*(‘The Real Thing’ by Brian Faulkner)*

1. *‘Anastasia Borkin* ***bustled*** *into the meeting late…’*

Explain the meaning of the word *bustled*in this sentence.

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1. ‘That, in itself, was cause for some consternation among the other Vice-Presidents…’

What is the meaning of the word *consternation* in this sentence?

 Tick **one**

relief

alarm

confusion

 exciting

1. *‘‘If the targets of her* ***charade*** *believed her, she would have them hooked.’*

Use the context of this sentence to work out what ***charade***means.

 Tick **one**

discussion

 choice

trick

 presentation

1. *‘The unexpected lateness, she knew, would add* ***credibility*** *to what she was going to say…’*

What is the meaning of the word *credibility* this sentence?

 Tick **one**

believability

 confusion

interest

 volume

1. *‘…credibility was going to be* ***paramount****.’*

Explain the meaning of the word *paramount*in this sentence.

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**Answers:**

1. hurried / rushed / walked busily etc.
2. alarm
3. trick
4. believability
5. important