

## 2.5 Definitions

### 1 Simple definitions

(a) instrument

(b) organs

(c) organisation

(d) material

(e) behaviour

(f) process

(g) period

(h) grains

(Example answers)

(i) A lecture is an academic talk used for teaching purposes.

(j) Tuberculosis is a disease mainly affecting the lungs.

(k) The Red Cross is a humanitarian organisation which helps people affected by disasters.

(l) An idiom is a phrase used in colloquial language.

### 2 Complex definitions

(a) a failed project

(b) development

(c) attachment

(d) self-brightening

(e) globalisation

(i) c

(ii) a, e

(iii) b, d

(iv) b (process) c ( system) d (effect)

### 3 Practice

(Example definitions)

(a) **Capital punishment** involves the execution by the state of convicted criminals.

(b) An **entrepreneurial business** is set up by somebody who demonstrates the effective application of a number of enterprising attributes, such as creativity, initiative, risk taking, problem solving ability and autonomy, and will often risk his or her own capital.

(c) **E-books** are electronic books designed to be read on a computer or special device.

(d) **Urban areas** are predominantly built-up areas in which roads, housing or commercial buildings are found.

(e) **Obesity** is a medical term meaning unhealthily overweight.