

A hand holding a red pen, poised to write on a notebook. The background is a blurred indoor setting. The image is framed by a dark teal border with light blue circular accents. A white torn paper effect separates the image from a yellow text box.

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LISTENING

PART 1

Test 3 Listening Part 1



You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1 – 6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear two scientists, Peter Cameron and Lisa Mackie, discussing generating electricity from the energy in the oceans.

- 1 What does Peter believe is the greatest advantage of generating electricity from the oceans?
 - A The seas provide a reliable energy source.
 - B It will be cost-effective in the long run.
 - C Many countries will be able to create their own energy.

- 2 What is Lisa doing?
 - A correcting the information that Peter gives
 - B suggesting an alternative opinion
 - C predicting future developments

Extract Two

You hear two friends discussing the practice of urban foraging, which is picking nuts and fruit from around a city.

- 3 Why does the woman think urban foraging is popular?
 - A People seek a strong connection with nature.
 - B Wild food is guaranteed to be organic.
 - C It can save money on grocery bills.

- 4 How do they both feel about urban foraging becoming possible in their local park?
 - A worried that many plants will be destroyed
 - B hopeful that plant identification courses will be held
 - C surprised that local residents weren't consulted about it

PART 1

Extract Three

You hear a husband and wife talking about planning a holiday.

- 5 The woman mentions last year's holiday in an attempt to
- A justify increasing their holiday budget this year.
 - B avoid a similar situation occurring this year.
 - C influence their choice of holiday this year.
- 6 What approach to packing for their holiday do they agree on?
- A It's essential to make a detailed list.
 - B It's a good idea to do it well in advance.
 - C It's better to pack too many items than too few.

PART 2

Test 3 Listening Part 2



You will hear part of a podcast by a biologist, called Dr Larry Clark, on the subject of butterflies. For questions 7 – 14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

BUTTERFLIES

Larry explains that butterflies are less effective than (7) at
pollinating plants.

Larry has done research into plants that have a strong (8) and how
they attract butterflies.

Larry points out that butterflies are a vital link in the (9), both as a
prey and predators.

Butterflies can be a good form of (10), which means they can be a
benefit to farmers.

Butterflies are known by scientists to be good indicators of (11)

A type of butterfly called the Checkerspot now populates areas at (12)
than in the past.

Butterflies can attract (13) to an area and boost the local economy.

The European Meadow Brown butterfly produces a natural (14)
which may be of use to humans.

PART 3

Test 3

Listening Part 3



You will hear an interview in which two students, a girl called Tamsin and a boy called Farid, are talking about whether to go to university or not. For questions 15 – 20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 15 What alternative to going to university has Farid's sister suggested to him?
- A travelling for a year
 - B setting up his own business
 - C doing charity work
 - D working for a large organisation
- 16 Tamsin worries that many students go to university because
- A they are attracted by the social life.
 - B it's expected of them by their school teachers.
 - C they believe they'll be able to find a better job afterwards.
 - D certain courses are fashionable.
- 17 What do both Tamsin and Farid say about working while at university?
- A It's a good way to get practical experience.
 - B It can reduce the time available for studying.
 - C It enables more students to afford to go to university.
 - D It may result in poor health.
- 18 Why does Tamsin think going to university is the right choice for her?
- A She excelled at academic subjects at school.
 - B She believes university will broaden her mind.
 - C She needs more time before deciding on a career path.
 - D She thinks the contacts she'll make there will be invaluable.
- 19 How did Farid feel about a university Open Day he went to?
- A confident he would fit in with other students at the university
 - B pleased that the university's facilities were so modern
 - C surprised that he could talk to so many of the staff
 - D reassured that his questions were answered
- 20 Farid suggests Tamsin's letter of application to a university should include more about
- A her commitment to the subject.
 - B her positive attitude to learning.
 - C her ability to express herself in writing.
 - D her clear long-term aims.

PART 4



You will hear five short extracts in which film critics are each reviewing a film.

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TASK ONE

For questions 21 – 25, choose from the list (A – H) what each critic believes is the main message of the film they are reviewing.

TASK TWO

For questions 26 – 30, choose from the list (A – H) the weakness each critic identifies in their chosen film.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

- A what it means to be successful
- B the value of strong family relationships
- C the importance of telling the truth
- D how humour can ease tense situations
- E the difficulties of living in a small community
- F the challenge of working with relatives
- G how happiness can be found in everyday things
- H how unpredictable life is

Speaker 1 21

Speaker 2 22

Speaker 3 23

Speaker 4 24

Speaker 5 25

A the inappropriate soundtrack

B the lack of character development

C the skilled photography

D the confusing plot

E the lack of attention to detail

F the predictable ending

G the lack of originality in the dialogue

H the performance of the lead actor

Speaker 1 26

Speaker 2 27

Speaker 3 28

Speaker 4 29

Speaker 5 30