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LISTENING**1. Part 3 Multiple matching**

You will hear five people talking about doing sport at school. For questions **1–5**, choose from the list **A–H** what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

- A** I stopped doing a sport I was good at.
- B** I read a lot of books about sport.
- C** I found one sport particularly tedious.
- D** I couldn't do a lot of sport because of illness.
- E** I became successful because of good training.
- F** I blame my lack of talent at school for my dislike of sport.
- G** I worried about the selection procedure for sports teams.
- H** I disliked doing sports outside in certain weather conditions.

Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3 Speaker 4 Speaker 5

2. Part 4 Multiple choice

You will hear part of a radio interview with an actress called Sally. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Sally likes the part of Nerissa because
 - A it is the best acting she's ever done.
 - B it is different to her previous roles.
 - C it is a very well-written part.
- 2 When Sally looks back to her early acting experiences, she's
 - A proud of her early success.
 - B interested in what pushed her to start.
 - C surprised by her strength of character.
- 3 How can taking part in school drama productions help young people?
 - A It can teach them to work as a team.
 - B It can familiarize them with the technical aspects of a production.
 - C It can persuade them to go to drama school.
- 4 Joining the National Youth Theatre showed Sally's parents that
 - A she had determination.
 - B she was mature enough to leave home.
 - C she had real prospects in acting.
- 5 Sally says she had problems
 - A finding her way around London.
 - B adapting to the rules of the company.
 - C accepting criticism from others.
- 6 Sally lost contact with her friends from that time because
 - A they didn't exchange addresses.
 - B they were distracted by other things.
 - C they hadn't all got on very well.
- 7 Why does Sally think that going to the National Youth Theatre is beneficial?
 - A It acts as an agency for young actors.
 - B It guarantees entry to competitive drama schools.
 - C It provides opportunities for making useful contacts.

USE OF ENGLISH**3. Part 2 Open cloze**

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**. Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Example: 0 WITH

They think it's one of them!

You would think we might get fed up **(0)** _____ documentaries about the natural world. Every month **(1)** _____ seems to be a new series claiming to bring us rare pictures of parts of the world usually inaccessible to man. However, a recent documentary series about **(2)** _____ life of penguins did everything **(3)** _____ set out to do, and it was all because of the very clever use of technology. The documentary team managed **(4)** _____ put tiny cameras in objects that became part of the penguins' scenery, and they filmed **(5)** _____ remaining unnoticed. One camera was actually inside a fake penguin that looked **(6)** _____ a real penguin. It moved mechanically in just the same way **(7)** _____ a penguin does. The penguins found this **(8)** _____ believable that they even tried to make friends with it! One bird carried an egg into the sky and the pictures were simply marvellous.

4. Part 4 Transformations

For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Write the missing words in **CAPITAL LETTERS**. Here is an example (0). Example:

- 0 I don't usually listen to the radio in the evening.

UNUSUAL

It's UNUSUAL FOR ME TO listen to the radio in the evening.

- 1 Our teacher is preparing us for a difficult examination next month.

READY

Our teacher is _____ a difficult examination next month.

- 2 My boss said that I couldn't take the files home.

LET

My boss refused _____ the files home.

- 3 It will be so good to see the band live on stage next Friday.

LOOKING

I _____ the band live on stage next Friday.

- 4 Driving this new car still isn't easy for me.

GET

I can't _____ this new car.

- 5 I have to dance when I hear that song.

HELP

I _____ when I hear that song.

- 6 If we want to get there by 6pm, we need to catch the 5.15 train.

MEANS

If we want to get there by 6pm, _____ the 5.15 train.

READING**5. Part 6 Gapped text**

You are going to read a magazine article about robot cars. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A–G** the one which fits each gap (**1–6**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A Supporters, however, argue that robot cars will dramatically reduce the number of deaths on the road.

B Experts suggest monitoring this by fitting each robot vehicle with the type of 'black box' found on commercial planes.

C In spite of this, driverless cars are now geared up to go.

D It seems that just when people most need freedom of movement we make it too hard for them.

E It is too early to tell yet if driverless cars will save more lives or cause more accidents.

F They first drove it manually to construct a sensor map of the road and its surroundings.

G He does not see a sudden big change in transport, either.

Robot cars – don't write them off

Would you trust your car to drive itself? The populations of two states in the USA have been asked to take that chance. The robot taxi, common in science fiction since the 1950s, is now set to become a reality.

The fully autonomous Google car recently overcame legal problems for use on the roads of Nevada and California. This happened after hundreds of thousands of hours' testing through cities and traffic. Now RobotCar UK is set to do the same. A team at Oxford University, led by Professor Paul Newman, has equipped an electric car with lasers and cameras and put a computer in the boot.

1 Next time, it could travel that same route in driverless mode.

Some people fear that autonomous cars will take away their freedom and individuality.

2 Sensors, they claim, will be able to detect other cars and pedestrians much more quickly and reliably than a human driver and change direction to avoid them. A robot car will not get distracted by someone waving across the road or a screaming child in the back seat – and it certainly won't get sleepy.

This is a major justification to let robots take over the driving wheel. But Chuck Allen from the Nevada Highway Patrol says that 'when you have mechanical devices dictate your speed and direction, yes it does cause some concern'. **3** We will not know for some time.

Newman is optimistic that if the developments are taken slowly and introduced one step at a time, they will be safer. **4** The RobotCar will, for now, only take over on short stretches of road or in tedious traffic jams. This cautious approach is wise: one serious accident would set robot cars back a long way.

And who would be responsible if there were an accident? **5** This would keep a record of all of the software, sensor and position data. Drivers would also have to input ID before driving. All of this information would be legally available to the courts and insurance companies in the event of an accident.

One great advantage of the autonomous car we shouldn't overlook is that it could greatly help those who are physically disabled or partially sighted. Newman tells me: '**6** '. Robot cars could change this. My father, for example, would not need to worry about depending on others for transport.

If the robot car can genuinely cut down on fatal road accidents and let elderly people drive independently, we need to take these developments very seriously.

6. Part 7 Multiple matching

You are going to read an article about four people who have recently moved house. For questions 1–10, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

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| helps family members with transport? | 1 <input type="text"/> |
| moved to a house that was easier to look after? | 2 <input type="text"/> |
| finds transportation more difficult than before? | 3 <input type="text"/> |
| has to do more housework than she'd like? | 4 <input type="text"/> |
| had expected to miss her previous house more than she did? | 5 <input type="text"/> |
| regrets not moving before? | 6 <input type="text"/> |
| has some meals cooked for her? | 7 <input type="text"/> |
| was concerned she had made the wrong decision to move? | 8 <input type="text"/> |
| enjoys the scenery in the new location? | 9 <input type="text"/> |
| has returned to live in the same place as she did before? | 10 <input type="text"/> |

A Katy Brown

Quite honestly, our recent decision to move out of the city was probably the best one my husband and I have ever made. It wasn't an easy decision by any means as moving to a village was like stepping into the unknown. And it's true that once the decision had been made and the sales on both the properties were going through, the doubts began to set in. Would it be too quiet? Would we miss the constant noise of the traffic and the crowds of people? Unsurprisingly, we didn't! It was a wonderful change to sleep right through the night. Getting around in the countryside is not without its problems, but paying extra for petrol to get to work is certainly worth it. The view we have over fields and trees and the clean, fresh air all around us is a whole world away from the noise, stress and pollution that a life in the city brings.

B Janet Saunders

Last year I was living in student accommodation at the university, but a month ago I moved out to share a flat in town with three of my fellow students. I have to say that I wish I'd done it sooner! Obviously there are some downsides to looking after a house. My housemates aren't that tidy and I seem to be the one who clears up after everyone, which is a pain. Also, we have to do the cooking. When I lived in student accommodation, my room was cleaned for me and I ate all my meals in the cafeteria! But there are so many good things about sharing. We all get on very well. We take turns to cook and if I get stuck doing an assignment, there's always someone to help. One of my housemates has a car and can give us lifts into university, otherwise there's a bus stop just a few houses away. Also, we can have parties and we invite the neighbours so no one can complain about the noise!

C Penny Barker

Most people can't wait to leave home and get their own place to become independent. I did just that when I started my first job at the age of twenty-four after university. However, I recently asked my parents if I could move back in! It wasn't because I didn't have enough money or didn't like doing the housework and cooking. I actually enjoyed those aspects of having my own flat. The truth is that I missed my family. It was just too quiet. I'm much happier now that I'm back. I learned a lot from the experience and my mother appreciates the help I can give her in the house. My brothers are pleased that I'm home too as they like to borrow my car from time to time! That's fine with me as long as they pay for the petrol!

D Ruth Markham

We'd put off the decision for a long time but in the end we had to move. My husband and I loved the big old family house where we'd brought up three children but it was really far too big for us. It was also getting very difficult and expensive to maintain. The move to a smaller, more modern house was a relief in the end and nowhere near as stressful or emotional as we had imagined. We now live near the town centre so it's easy to walk to the shops. We still live quite close to two of our children and their families and see them a lot. So, really we have no regrets at all. My husband certainly doesn't miss cutting the grass in that huge garden!

VOCABULARY

7. Complete the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word. The beginning of each word has been given to help you.

- 1 Have you seen today's **he**_____ about the robberies in London?
- 2 Can you call me later on my **la**_____, not my smartphone?
- 3 My uncle has a passion for **we**_____ made in the 1940s. He loves the gunfights!
- 4 I get really **fr**_____ when there's one crossword clue left that I can't do.
- 5 It's amazing how some people refuse to take the **bl**_____ for their mistakes!
- 6 Who do you think will get the Oscar for best actress in a **su**_____ role this year?
- 7 My teacher took me **as**_____ to say I had to study harder if I wanted to pass the exam.
- 8 Your room is in a **di**_____ state! There are cold cups of coffee everywhere.
- 9 The new play that opens tomorrow has an all-star **ca**_____. It should be excellent.
- 10 You definitely take **af**_____ your mum. You're both creative people.

8. Choose the correct alternatives to complete each sentence.

- 1 Today a lot of people get back problems because of their *sedentary/simple* lifestyles.
- 2 My dad used to *direct/lead* a very active social life, but he now spends more time at home.
- 3 Sam knocked over the board and all the chess *bits/pieces* fell on the floor.
- 4 I always find *getting/going* out of bed on a Saturday morning very difficult!
- 5 I recently took up the flute. I'd wanted to play a *stringed/wind* instrument for years.
- 6 It's important not to look *scruffy/baggy* when you go for a job interview.
- 7 If I don't wear *goggles/a helmet* when I swim, my eyes get red and sore.
- 8 At the wedding reception the *bride/groom* gave an amusing speech about how he first met his new wife.
- 9 The singer was criticized for *miming/imitating* a song when everyone thought she was singing live.
- 10 I feel sad every time I hear that *record/track* on the album.