LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

FORM 11 (2016 – 2017)

TEXT 1

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about pop stars miming or 'lip-synching'. Listen and complete tasks 1 and 2 below. Remember that questions 1-5 and 6-10 refer to the same five speakers, so scan across both tasks before you listen.

TASK ONE

For questions 1-5, choose from the list A-H what each speaker feels about the music industry today. There can be only 1 answer for each speaker.

A. The only thing that matters nowadays is talent.	1) Speaker 1 _____
B. The industry creates music that follows what's fashionable.	2) Speaker 2 _____
C. Tickets for live shows should be offered to fans first.	3) Speaker 3 _____
D. The industry is too concerned about what artists look like.	4) Speaker 4 _____
E. It's not only professionals who can perform well.	5) Speaker 5 _____
F. It's a pity that a lot of talent is going to waste.	
G. It's not always easy to obtain tickets for live concerts.	
H. Many singers are second-rate live performers.	

TASK TWO

For questions 6-10, choose from the list A-H each speaker's attitude towards artists lip-synching. There can be only 1 answer for each speaker.

A. It would be unwise for some performers not to lip-synch.	6) Speaker 1 _____
B. No professional musician should need to lip-synch.	7) Speaker 2 _____
C. Most singers who lip-synch simply look awkward.	8) Speaker 3 _____
D. It's better to watch a recorded performance than artists lip-synching.	9) Speaker 4 _____
E. The press should give more coverage to the fact that artists lip-synch.	10) Speaker 5 _____
F. Lip-synching is acceptable if you know it's going to happen.	
G. Lyrics aren't important any more so it doesn't matter if artists lip-synch.	
H. If artists lip-synch, this is an insult to the audience.	

TEXT 2

You will hear part of a radio talk for young people about animals communicating with each other. Listen and complete the sentences with a word or a short phrase.

1. Bees do a _____to communicate where to find food.
2. Although parrots seem to speak, they are only _____ the human sounds.
3. Primates can communicate a few _____ using simple sounds.
4. Monkeys have not been observed to use any kind of _____.
5. Although dolphins can make vowel sounds, they cannot accurately imitate our _____.
6. Amazingly, dolphins demonstrate an _____ of when to use phrases.
7. The sounds made by whales contain _____ than human speech.
8. The songs of the bottle-nosed whale have many of the _____ of human speech.
9. The unique grammatical nature of human language arose due to life in _____.
10. Indeed, a young child needs enough _____ with other people to develop speech.