

INSIGHT INTERMEDIATE
UNIT 4
SKILLS TEST

1 Listen to a radio interview with Josh Hughes. Tick (✓) the best summary of the aims of Josh's organization.(1p)

A

It's a newly-formed organization that wants to get young people to understand more about the problems marine environments face, and wants them to actively take steps to transform the situation.

B

It's a government organization that teaches communities about marine life and the balance of nature, and wants a greater understanding of these issues in schools and colleges.

2 Listen again. Circle the correct answer.(4p)

- 1 What was the name of the campaign group that made Josh famous?
 - a Save the Whales.
 - b Protect the Oceans.
 - c Transform the Seas.

- 2 Josh talks about how we harm the oceans. Which of the following does he *not* mention?
 - a We hunt too many whales.
 - b We cause too much pollution.
 - c We catch too many fish.

- 3 How many signatures does Josh want on the online petition?
 - a Fewer than 1,000.
 - b Just over 1,000.
 - c A lot more than 1,000.

- 4 Which of the following examples of positive action has Josh's organization already carried out?
 - a They've started an online petition.
 - b They've carried out demonstrations.
 - c They've written letters to government officials.

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? (10p)

- 1 Africa produces a small number of diamonds each year. ____
- 2 Many illegal diamonds are sold to countries in Europe and Asia. ____
- 3 Most blood diamonds have been mined legally. ____
- 4 It is unlikely that money from the sale of blood diamonds will be used to buy weapons in the future. ____
- 5 The Kimberley Process will be made stricter in the future. ____
- 6 High street jewellery shops haven't taken the issue of blood diamonds seriously enough. ____
- 7 The Stop Blood Diamonds Campaign believes that advertisements in the press are encouraging the sale of blood diamonds. ____
- 8 High street jewellery shops already provide sufficient assurance to consumers. ____
- 9 The campaign asks supporters to complete the question sheet to give their personal opinions about the issue. ____
- 10 The campaign would like to reduce the number of diamonds on sale in high street shops. ____

Blood diamonds

Join the *Stop Blood Diamonds* campaign. Please read our factsheet and then join our campaign to prevent people from dying in Africa as a result of the West's desire for jewellery.

What are the facts?

Every year, mines in Africa produce an enormous number of diamonds which together are worth over \$8 billion. They are one of Africa's major natural resources and one of the continent's most significant exports. In fact, more than half the diamonds in the world come from Africa. It seems

ironic that such a luxurious item comes from such a poor continent, but most of these diamonds are mined legally, and the profits from their sale are good for the economies of African countries. However, some mines are controlled by rebels and warlords who sell the diamonds to rich countries in Europe, Asia and America and use the money to buy weapons. These diamonds are called 'blood diamonds'. Their sale has enabled the funding of terrible wars in Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone and, in the future, they will undoubtedly pay for many more wars.

So, what steps have already been taken to stop the sale of blood diamonds? Well, firstly, governments have co-operated to set up the Kimberley Process, which is a way of checking exactly where a diamond has come from. Nowadays, diamond exporters have to show where their diamonds were mined and, in the future, this process is going to get stricter and more thorough. Secondly, books, articles and films, such as *Blood Diamond*, which starred Leonardo DiCaprio, have raised awareness of how much damage this trade in illegal diamonds causes in Africa. The problem is that these measures haven't fully addressed the problem. Although governments and international diamond companies are taking the issue of blood diamonds more seriously, ordinary high street jewellery shops in the West still don't seem to care about the origin of the diamonds they sell.

What now?

What are we going to do next to stop the sale of blood diamonds? In the coming months, our campaign group will be organizing protests outside high street shops that sell diamonds and will be taking out advertisements in magazines and major newspapers to highlight the problem. We're also going to start an online petition which you can sign by checking out our website. We believe that high street shops do not provide sufficient assurance to consumers that the diamonds they sell won't make money for warlords and rebels. That is why we need your help. We'd like you to download our online question sheet and take it to your local jeweller's. Ask the questions about the origin of their diamonds and put pressure on diamond retailers to sell diamonds which have not come from countries or regions at war. By doing this, you'll be sending a strong message to your local jeweller's that their role in supporting wars must end.

4 Match the verbs (1–6) to the phrases (A–F). (6p)

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| 1 wash away | A on bread and water during a hard time |
| 2 evacuate | B people from the flooded village |
| 3 devastate | C the wildlife in the national park |
| 4 contaminate | D the city with a massive military attack |
| 5 survive | E the drinking water with chemicals |
| 6 preserve | F houses during a terrible flood |

5 Complete the sentences with words formed from the prefixes in A and the root words in B. (12p)

- A under- inter- co- over- semi- dis-
 B permanent crowded cooked act operate appeared

- Buying _____ fish or meat in the street is dangerous. Not cooked properly, it may cause food poisoning.
- The Indian city of Howrah became _____ in the twentieth century when the population started to grow rapidly.
- Islanders have to _____ with people from the nearby villages. If they work together, they'll be able to evacuate everybody from the flooded area.
- If you want to be a volunteer, learn the local language to form relationships and _____ with the islanders.
- Some people _____ during the earthquake. We don't know what happened to them.
- The new houses built here are _____. You'll have to leave them in a couple of months.

7 Complete the text with the correct prepositions. (7p)

Protect Tigers Now

Protect Tigers Now is a global community of people who believe ¹ _____ saving the rare animals of Asia and really care ² _____ the animals on our planet. We set ³ _____ our campaign to help wild tigers because we wanted to protest ⁴ _____ hunting tigers and trading in their skins. We insist ⁵ _____ an end to hunting. If you belong ⁶ _____ our organization, you can help save the tigers! They are relying ⁷ _____ you!

8 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences. (10p)

- 1 We should offer aid / volunteer / donate to developing countries. They need both money and expertise.
- 2 This campaign will donate / take part in / raise awareness of social and educational problems in this region.
- 3 We have two ways to volunteer / donate / address this problem.
- 4 Kate donated / took part in / transformed a volunteer walk last week.
- 5 Our organization is supporting / volunteering / donating a campaign to protect rare animals all over the world.
- 6 We've donated / addressed / raised money and old clothes to charity. We do what we can to help.
- 7 Travelling around Asia for six months is going to address / raise / transform my life. It will be a great experience.
- 8 I'd like to raise / volunteer / address my help. I don't need any money for it. I only want to take part in helping people.
- 9 Dan wants to donate / address / support some of the money from his monthly salary to an animal charity.
- 10 Karen is going to volunteer / take part in / donate a charity fundraiser this Friday.

TOTAL: 40 points