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PAPER 1 LISTENING

Part 1. Questions 1-5 (2.0 points)

You will hear an interview with a woman called Any Rowntree, who works as a fashion designer. For each question, choose the correct answer. There is ONE example. You will hear the recording twice.

Write your answers (A, B, or C) on the separate answer sheet.

0. What did Amy start experimenting with when she decided to want a fashion designer?

- A. the clothes she wore herself.
- B. the clothes her mother wore.
- C. selling the clothes at the supermarket.

1. Amy decided to become a fashion designer while

- A. she was still at school.
- B. she was working in a shop.
- C. she was helping run a fashion show.

2. Amy says the most important skill for a designer is

- A. remaining patient in difficult situations.
- B. knowing about different materials.
- C. understanding how clothes are made.

3. What does Amy particularly like about her work?

- A. being able to sell her designs.
- B. seeing her clothes on display
- C. having her name recognised

4. How does Amy feel about today's fashion?

- A. She would like clothes to be more practical.
- B. She feels clothes should be more attractive.
- C. She's pleased sports clothes are popular.

5. What helps Amy find new ideas for designs?

- A. seeing things around her.
- B. going to visit museums.
- C. looking at photos of clothes.

Part 2. Questions 6-10 (2.0 points)

You will hear a student called Steve talking about working in a forest in New Zealand. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. Write one word. There is ONE example. You will hear the recording twice.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Working in a forest in New Zealand

Steve flew out to New Zealand in (0) January

Steve had accommodation in a shared (6) _____

Steve says it was important to have good (7) _____ at the end of each day.

Steve worked with a team that made a (8) _____ through the forest.

Steve also collected information needed for a (9) _____ of the forest area.

In the morning Steve was surprised to hear the sound of (10) _____ in the forest.
When he did the trip, Steve only had to pay for his flight.

PAPER 2 READING AND WRITING

Part 1. Questions 1-5 (1.0 point)

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer (A-H) There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

How to Save Petrol and the Environment

We all know how important it is to protect the environment. (1) _____ For example, if you're a motorist jumping in the car to go somewhere is balanced against the knowledge of how harmful each journey can be. But did you know that making a few simple changes to your driving habits will not only do less damage to our world but will also save you money and could even be good for your health?

Do you really need to take the car? (2) _____. If the service is reliable you'll soon get used to using buses and trains. In fact, for shorter journeys why not take the opportunity to get into shape and go on foot.

Why not share the journey! How often do you see cars with just one occupant with the driver making the same journey as others living nearby? Why not car share and half the cost of the journey? (3) _____

Try changing your habits. When you must use the car plan your journey so you can go to all the places you need to visit rather taking the car out again and again. If you get caught in a traffic jam switch off the engine when you're stationary for a long time. Try not to brake too sharply or accelerate too quickly as this will lead to you using up more fuel. On cold mornings don't warm up the engine before you start your journey and when you next put fuel in your car think about whether you really need to fill up the tank. (4) _____

Taking care of your car is very important. (5) _____. And keep your car regularly serviced so that it runs as efficiently as possible.

Steps like this will save you money and help you do your bit to protect the environment.

Sentences

- A. There are websites where people can arrange to meet up.
- B. If your car is this old it may need replacing.
- C. Make sure you carry out basic maintenance like checking the tyre pressure regularly.
- D. Try making more use of public transport.
- E. These problems mainly affect the city centres.
- F. All that extra weight will put more pressure on the engine.
- G. But sometimes it's difficult for us to do the right thing.
- H. They can also advise you on safer driving.

Part 2. Questions 6-15 (2.0 points)

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, write the correct letter (A, B, C or D) on the separate answer sheet.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0. A. college B. reaching C. setting D. Arriving

The first question we might ask is: What can you learn in (0) college that will help you in being an employee? The schools teach a (6) _____ many things of value to the future accountant, doctor or electrician. Do they also teach anything of value to the future employee? Yes, they teach the one thing that it is perhaps most valuable for the future employee to know. But very few students bother (7) _____ it. This basic is the skill ability to organize and express ideas

in writing and in speaking. This means that your success as an employee will depend on your ability to communicate, with people and to (8) _____ your own thoughts and ideas to them so they will (9) _____ understand what you are driving at and be persuaded.

Of course, skill in expression is not enough (10) _____ itself. You must have something to say in the first place. The effectiveness of your job depends (11) _____ your ability to make other people understand your work as they do on the quality of the work itself.

Expressing one's thoughts is one skill that the school can (12) _____ teach. The foundations for skill in expression have to be (13) _____ early: an interest in and an ear (14) _____ language; experience in organizing ideas and data, in brushing aside the irrelevant, and above all the habit of verbal expression. If you do not lay these foundations (15) _____ your school years, you may never have an opportunity again.

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| 6. | A. large | B. great | C. far | D. lots |
| 7. | A. learning | B. to learn | C. with learning | D. learn |
| 8. | A. interpret | B. give out | C. transfer | D. present |
| 9. | A. both | B. not | C. as well | D. either |
| 10. | A. on | B. for | C. by | D. in |
| 11. | A. on most | B. most on | C. much on | D. on much |
| 12. | A. quite | B. hardly | C. truly | D. really |
| 13. | A. lied | B. laid | C. lain | D. lay |
| 14. | A. by | B. in | C. for | D. of |
| 15. | A. during | B. of | C. for | D. when |

Part 3. Questions 16-20 (2.0 points)

Read the an article about doing a degree course from home and questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Write your answers (A, B, C, or D) on the separate answer sheet.

Distance learning

Distance learning can give students the chance to work and learn at the same time.

Nineteen-year-old Jamie Henderson hasn't had what you'd call a typical student experience. Despite wanting to read for a degree in Law, Jamie decided against the usual university route and instead opted to study from home.

'With course fees now so high in this country, I was really put off by all the debt I would have when I came out of university,' he says.

Having made this decision, Jamie was able to look into alternatives – which in the end turned out to be a degree validated by a university through a distance learning provider.

‘It was a massive weight off my mind and it was a perfect option for me,’ Jamie says. ‘It has allowed me to stay near my friends and my family and still work part-time.’

Jamie has been able to take on two part-time jobs – alongside his studies – but has also been free to undertake work experience for a law firm, which has led to a full-time job offer before he has even completed his course.

Jonathan Smith, who is studying for a BA in Business, chose to study via a distance learning course when already in full-time employment.

‘I’d studied History, Politics and Economics at school but going to university wasn’t even a consideration for me,’ he explains. ‘My friends were at home, I didn’t want to be burdened with debt and I wanted to get straight into a career.’

Jonathan completed a Business and Administration Apprenticeship with the local council. While working as a medical administrator, he studied for a diploma and after 12 months had valuable workplace experience.

‘I’d done so well at work that they kept me on. But after six months getting settled into my new role, I was financially stable and ready to progress my career with a degree. I didn’t want to give up what I’d achieved to go to university, so distance learning was an appealing choice.’

Obviously, one of the downsides to a distance learning course is that students miss out on the experience of attending university, which means missing out on traditional lectures.

‘Reading feedback and instructions from a screen isn’t quite the same as talking to someone face-to-face,’ Jamie says. ‘It’s also a lot of work to do on your own. I don’t have a close circle of friends going through the same thing, so I can’t really ask my peers for help and advice. However, I’ve found the online (line 46) student forums helpful and the firm I’ve been working for have offered advice and guidance when I’ve needed it.’

‘I haven’t met as many new people as I would have, had I moved away,’ says Jamie. ‘But I have met new people through work instead. It’s just a different type of experience, which is just as rewarding and ultimately, in my opinion, makes me more employable.’

For anyone considering a distance learning course, there are several other factors to be considered; perhaps most importantly, motivation.

‘Distance learning isn’t an easy option,’ says Dr Philip Hallam, Chief Executive Officer of a distance and online learning provider. ‘It’s going to be a substantial commitment, not only financially but also on your time. We need to make sure that people have really thought it through and understand why they want a degree. You will need to dig deep occasionally.’

Jonathan Smith is confident in the choices he's made regarding education, but believes more could be done to make young people aware of the choices they have.

'When I left school with good qualifications, I was shocked at how little advice was available on options other than university. Everyone is different and education should reflect that. I'm glad I took the route I did and I think it is important that more people have the opportunity to study in a way that suits them.'

16. Why did Jamie decide to do his degree from home?

- A. His friends were also studying by distance learning.
- B. He had already been offered a full-time job.
- C. He wanted to avoid owing a lot of money.
- D. He was unable to obtain a place at university.

17. Jonathan's reason for studying from home was that

- A. he wanted to remain in his job.
- B. the job he was doing was badly paid.
- C. his preferred subject wasn't available at university.
- D. it was too late for him to apply to university.

18. In line 46, what does 'my peers' mean?

- A. the university staff
- B. students who have already graduated
- C. the management of the firm
- D. students of the same age

19. Jamie says that studying from home has enabled him to

- A. work with people who were also studying at the same time.
- B. improve his chances of finding work in the future.
- C. get to know more people than he would have done at university.
- D. concentrate on studying rather than spend time socializing.

20. In the last paragraph, Jonathan says that young people should

- A. be advised not to go to university.
- B. be made more aware of the choices they have.
- C. apply for work with employers like his.
- D. ensure they get high grades at school.

Part 4. Questions 21-30 (2.0 points)

Read the text and complete gaps 21-30 with the correct form and tense of each verb in parentheses.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Ways to be happy!

When Suzy went home yesterday, she (21) (tell) her mother about her day. Their teacher (22) (arrange) for a guest speaker to give a talk to the students on "Ways to be happy". Suzy's mother said, "I (23) (make) a cup of tea, then you can tell me all about it." (24) (sit) at the kitchen table, Suzy relaxed and (25) (wait) for her mother. As she put the tea on the table, her mother asked, "Why (26) (they/ give) a talk about being happy?" Suzy explained that the guest speaker had told them that happiness affected their overall health. Many students had laughed but he had said it (27) (not/ be) a joke. He told us that (28) (have) _choices make people happier. He said, "We should also take up a hobby and improve our relationships.". Suzy's mother thought that the talk (29) (be) a very good idea. "Well, I am very happy that you (30) (learn) such useful things at school!" she said.

Part 5. Questions 31-40 (2.0 points)

Complete the following text, using the correct form of the words in brackets. The number zero has been done as an example.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example: (0) COMPETITIVE

THE SPORT OF KINGS

The (0) _____ (COMPETE) racing of horses is one of humankind's most ancient sports. Horse racing was an organised sport in all major (31) _____ (CIVILISE) from Central Asia to the Mediterranean and became an (32) _____ (OBSESS) with the public in the Roman Empire.

The sport has (33) _____ (TRADITION) been associated with royalty and the nobility. It became a (34) _____ (PROFESSION) sport at the beginning of the eighteenth century. It is the second most (35) _____ (WIDE) attended spectator sport in the US, after baseball.

In the UK the Jockey Club, founded in 1750, has complete (36) _____ (RESPONSIBLE) for horse racing. It is also responsible for the (37) _____ (REGULATE) regarding the breeding of racehorses. Although science has been (38) _____ (ABLE) to find a breeding system that guarantees the birth of a champion, it is possible to produce horses that are (39) _____ (SUCCESS) on the racetrack. Commercial breeding is a very (40) _____ (PROFIT) business, and racehorses can be worth millions of pounds.

Part 6. Questions 41-50 (2.0 points)

Fill in each of the gaps with the correct preposition.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

My name is Catherine and I'm from Yorkshire. I work as a shop assistant (0) **for** a boutique in London. It's very expensive living in the capital, you know, so I live (41) _____ my own (42) _____ the suburbs (43) _____ the outskirts of the city and commute to work every morning. My flat is (44) _____ the second floor and it's (45) _____ good condition and rather well-equipped. It consists (46) _____ three rooms and is very convenient for the shopping. The bedroom looks (47) _____ onto a garden, which I share (48) _____ four other people. I want to convert the bedroom (49) _____ a study. I found the flat (50) _____ an agency. Now I'm working hard and saving up money. I hope to run my own business some day.

Part 7. Questions 51-60 (2,5 points)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use **NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS** including the words in **BOLD**. Remember **NOT TO CHANGE** the words in bold. The number **ZERO** has been done as an example.

Write only the missing words on the separate answer sheet.

0. You have lots of hats. (**lot**)

1. --> What **a lot of hats** you have!

51. The mistake by scientists caused a massive explosion. (**in**)

--> The mistake by scientists _____ a massive explosion.

52. Dr Atherton finally succeeded in discovering the secret formula. (**managed**)

--> Dr Atherton finally _____ the secret formula.

53. Another name for iron oxide is "fool's gold." (**as**)

--> Iron oxide _____ "fool's gold."

54. Many local residents intend to protest about the nuclear power plant. (**plan**)

--> Many local residents _____ about the nuclear power plant.

55. We are thinking of appointing Dr. Knight to the position of Professor. (**considering**)

--> We _____ the position of Professor.

56. We cannot live in outer space without special equipment. (**us**)

--> It _____ to live in outer space without special equipment.

57. I can't understand how they built the Pyramids. (**impossible**)

--> I _____ how they built the Pyramids.

58. I can't wait until we do some experiments in the science lab. (**forward**)

--> I'm really _____ some some experiments in the science lab.

59. You should consider the fact that he hasn't spoken French for years. (**allowances**)

-> You should _____ speaking French for years.

60. I couldn't go away for the weekend because I didn't have enough money. (**prevented**)

--> I was _____ for the weekend by lack of money.

Part 7. Questions 61-70 (2,5 points)

Read the text below and think of the word which best fit each space. Use only ONE word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0)

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Miss Darby was one of those people who never (0) threw anything away. "You never know when you might need it" was (61) _____ of her favorite sayings. She lived (62) _____ herself in a large Victorian house across the road from us. Although I never went to her house, I knew it was full (63) _____ antique furniture, Persian carpets and so on. In every room, there were dozens of paintings so that her house was (64) _____ an art gallery. I remember my father (65) _____ that she was a "Staffordshire Darby" but I had (66) _____ idea what he meant. I (67) _____ out years later that the Darby family had made their money from coal-mining in Staffordshire. We used to make up stories (68) _____ her. My sister Alice, who (69) _____ a romantic girl, told us that Miss Darby once had a lover, but he walked out one day and she (70) _____ saw him again!

THE END

