Listening Part 2

You will hear an announcement about an evening's programme on Radio Pearl.

For questions 9-18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

7.30 pm 'Art Review': Student Art Exhibition

This evening's programme is taking place at the (**9**)..... in London.

The exhibition is of work by students in the (**10**)..... year of their art course.

At the exhibition, you can see things as different as curtains and (**11**) .....

Some of the works of art have been made using (**12**) .....technology.

8.00 pm Play: 'The Vanishing Lady'

In the play, a young couple on a train think they hear the sound of someone using a (**13**) .....

A (**14**)..... tells the couple about an old lady whom he has seen.

After writing this play, the author, Porten, became a writer for (**15**) .....

9.30 pm 'Business Scenes': Interview with Peter Field

Peter used to work for a (**16**) .....

Peter says the material he uses for his boats is a particular kind of (**17**) .....

Peter collects (**18**)..... as a hobby.

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Question 6

OFFICE CAFETERIA

After 2:00 PM, only sandwiches and cold snacks are available. Hot meals must be ordered before the kitchen closes at 1:45 PM.

What is the cafeteria policy?

- **A.** You can get a hot meal at any time if you work in the office.
- **B.** Hot food is not served in the late afternoon.
- **C.** The cafeteria stops serving all food at 1:45 PM.

Question 7

TRAIN STATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The 10:15 service to London has been moved to Platform 4. Passengers who have already purchased tickets should proceed directly to the new platform.

What should passengers do?

- **A.** Go to a different platform than originally planned.
- **B.** Buy a new ticket at Platform 4 for the London train.
- **C.** Wait for the 10:15 train at the original platform.

Question 8

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Please return all borrowed sports equipment to the locker room by Friday. Any items missing after this date will be charged to the student's account.

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What is the warning for students?

- **A.** They must pay a fee to use the locker room on Fridays.
- **B.** They will have to pay for any equipment they don't bring back.
- **C.** They can keep the sports equipment until the end of the term.

Question 9

CITY GYM

Temporary Closure: The weight room will be closed for maintenance this Tuesday. Members may use the sister branch downtown at no extra cost during this time.

What can members do on Tuesday?

- **A.** Use the City Gym weights if they pay a maintenance fee.
- **B.** Go to another gym location without paying more.
- **C.** Wait until Wednesday to use any gym facilities.

Question 10

TO: All Tenants

FROM: Building Manager

The main entrance will be painted tomorrow morning. Please use the side door located next to the parking lot until 4:00 PM.

How should tenants enter the building tomorrow?

- **A.** By using the parking lot entrance all day long.
- **B.** Through the front door once the paint is dry at noon.
- **C.** By using a different entrance for most of the day.

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The Urban Beekeeper

When James Harrison first announced to his friends that he intended to keep bees on the roof of his apartment building in the heart of the city, the reactions ranged from polite skepticism to outright alarm. His neighbor, Mrs. Gable, was convinced she would be under constant siege in her own living room. James, however, had done his research. He knew that honeybees are generally doclie unless provoked, and that the city, with its diverse range of park flowers and balcony gardens, offered a surprisingly rich diet for them.

The first few months were a steep learning curve. James quickly discovered that reading about beekeeping and actually handling a frame covered in thousands of buzzing insects are two very different experiences. He recalls the first time he opened the hive: "My hands were shaking so much I almost dropped the smoker. It's not that I was afraid of being stung, though that was a possibility. It was more the overwhelming sense of responsibility for these tiny creatures."

As the seasons shifted, James noticed a change in his own perspective. He found himself watching the weather forecasts with the intensity of a professional farmer, worrying about late frosts or heavy rain. He became hyper-aware of the flowering cycles of the lime trees in the local square. To his surprise, even the skeptical Mrs. Gable came around. She began bringing him jars of sugar to help feed the bees during a particularly dry spell, eventually admitting that her flowers had never looked better.

Now, two years later, James produces enough honey to sell at a local weekend market. But for him, the financial gain is secondary. "It's about the connection," he says. "In a world of concrete and glass, I've found a way to stay in touch with the natural rhythm of life. It's a small, buzzing reminder that we aren't as separate from nature as we like to think."

Questions

1. What is suggested about James's friends and neighbors in the first paragraph?

- **A.** They were worried that the bees would not find enough food.
- **B.** They had a different understanding of bee behavior than James.
- **C.** They were supportive once they saw his research.
- **D.** They encouraged him to move to the countryside instead.

2. How did James feel during his first hive inspection?

- **A.** Terrified that he would be badly injured by stings.
- **B.** Confident because he had studied the process extensively.
- **C.** Nervous about his ability to care for the bees properly.
- **D.** Annoyed that the physical task was harder than expected.

3. In the third paragraph, the writer implies that beekeeping...

- **A.** caused James to become more isolated from his community.

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- **B.** made James more attentive to the environment around him.
- **C.** proved to be a failure during the winter months.
- **D.** was a distraction from James's professional career.

4. What does the change in Mrs. Gable's attitude show?

- **A.** She wanted to share in the profits from the honey.
- **B.** She realized that her initial fears were unfounded.
- **C.** She was persuaded by James's scientific explanations.
- **D.** She decided to start her own hive on her balcony.

5. In the final paragraph, James indicates that his main motivation is...

- **A.** the money he makes at the local markets.
- **B.** the challenge of producing honey in a city.
- **C.** a desire to prove his friends wrong.
- **D.** a feeling of being linked to the natural world.

For questions **1-9**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Child's play?

Imagine a restaurant, but with a **(1)**…… . The restaurant is run **(2) .....** by children aged under 11; they cook and serve the food, and then wash up. The children even bring the bill at the end of the meal, all with a little help from the **(3).....**staff of course. There are always four adults on hand to **(4).....**the youngsters. There's a set menu with a main course and dessert, and everything is made from fresh **(5) .....** The food is healthy and prices are **(6) .....**and so, not surprisingly, the restaurant is very popular. This means that a reservation is usually necessary to be **(7)**…… of getting a table. The **(8).....** idea is to help parents by providing childcare, and to help children learn to be responsible. This is done by giving them independence in a fun and child-friendly **(9).....** Is this the stuff of dreams? No, it's the new reality of the 21st century.

1	**A** change	**B** difference	**C** variation	**D** contrast
2	**A** entirely	**B** all	**C** substantially	**D** thoroughly
3	**A** rising	**B** increased	**C** grown-up	**D** expanding
4	**A** command	**B** order	**C** demand	**D** supervise

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5	**A** flavours	**B** ingredients	**C** courses	**D** components
6	**A** low	**B** small	**C** little	**D** minor
7	**A** sure	**B** definite	**C** truthful	**D** known
8	**A** easy	**B** elementary	**C** introductory	**D** basic
9	**A** position	**B** neighbourhood	**C** environment	**D** region

For questions **1-9**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

Tetris: the most popular video game ever

There is an almost **(1).....**(**LIMITED**) number of video games on the market today and you could be forgiven for being under the **(2).....** (**IMPRESS**) that the best ones are those packed with special effects, requiring great techniques. Nothing could be further from the **(3).....** (**TRUE**). The favourite game of all time is also one of the oldest and most basic: Tetris. The player has to fit a **(4).....**(**VARY**) of shapes together on the screen. When a whole row is made without gaps between the blocks, the line vanishes. Should a line remain **(5).....**(**COMPLETE**), however, new blocks will build up on top of it. Once the screen's full, the game's over.

Part of the **(6).....** (**APPEALING**) is that anyone can play Tetris. Scientists also believe that the game's **(7).....** (**POPULAR**) is due to the fact that it makes our brains work with greater **(8).....** (**EFFICIENT**). The more we play, the easier it becomes, so we carry on, **(9).....** (**CONTINUE**) trying to beat our last high score.

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