

LISTENING

Task 1 (8 points)

You will listen to a podcast in which the host, Steve Levitt, is interviewing Charles Duhigg, the author of a book on communication. Read the questions (1–8) and choose the correct answer (A, B or C) based on what you hear in the podcast. You will hear the recording twice.

COMMUNICATION

1. What is the host asking Duhigg about in the introduction?
 - A The reasons he wrote a book on communication.
 - B The impact of writing a book on communication.
 - C Duhigg's skill as a communicator and a writer.
2. When does Duhigg realise he is not being a good conversation partner?
 - A When his wife criticises him during conversations.
 - B When his wife laughs at him during conversations.
 - C When his wife teases him during conversations.
3. Which advice on communication would Duhigg agree with?
 - A People should learn strategies of effective communication.
 - B People should rely on their gut feelings in conversations.
 - C People should think about their conversations in advance.
4. What is the book's purpose, according to Duhigg?
 - A To make readers aware of the dynamics of communication.
 - B To help readers understand different communication theories.
 - C To provide readers with a step-by-step guide to effective conversations.
5. According to Levitt, what is unique about Duhigg's book compared to other books of the same genre?
 - A The book gives advice from someone who was not an expert.
 - B The book gives more expert opinions on communication than others.
 - C The book focuses on a topic that is not commonly written about.
6. Why does Duhigg talk about his experience at work?
 - A To describe the problems managers face.
 - B To reflect on others' challenges with communication.
 - C To illustrate a professional challenge he faced.
7. Why was Duhigg frustrated during discussions about work with his wife?
 - A He didn't expect a negative reaction from her.
 - B He didn't receive the response he had expected.
 - C He didn't believe her advice was practical.
8. What aspect of conversation was Levitt unaware of for a long time?
 - A The significance of problem-solving.
 - B The need to have meaningful conversations.
 - C The differences in people's expectations.

Task 2 (7 points)

You will listen to an interview with a mathematician, Dr Cheng, about the nature of mathematics. For questions 9–15, choose and circle one correct answer (A, B, C or D) based on what you hear in the interview. You will hear the recording twice.

MATH

9. What is the main reason for the host to mention historical facts about math?
- A To invite the listeners to consider the complex nature of math.
 - B To compare the past and present roles of math.
 - C To establish the context for discussing math's nature.
 - D To build an argument for the real-world application of math.
10. According to Dr Cheng, why do people question math being real?
- A They doubt the need to study some aspects of math.
 - B They challenge the relevance of learning math.
 - C They resent the need to study complex concepts.
 - D They question the nature of mathematical concepts.
11. How does Dr Cheng address the host's comment?
- A She agrees with the host's comment about the reality of math.
 - B She develops an argument for math being real.
 - C She follows up on the examples he gave.
 - D She redirects the discussion to a different aspect.
12. What can be concluded from Dr Cheng's comment about fiction?
- A Its nature is a source of insight rather than a limitation.
 - B It provides the best insight when it perfectly mirrors reality.
 - C Its nature limits its insight rather than aids understanding.
 - D It explains reality better than mathematical concepts.
13. Why has the caller reached out?
- A To express a concern about their child's progress in math.
 - B To find a reason for their child to continue studying math.
 - C To understand whether their child actually needs a math tutor.
 - D To find the reason for their child's lack of motivation to study math.
14. How does Dr Cheng react to the caller's problem?
- A She recognizes the frustration some students experience.
 - B She opposes students' rejection of math education.
 - C She sympathizes without offering a perspective.
 - D She calls for the reconsideration of course requirements.
15. Which idea would Dr Cheng agree with?
- A Media literacy depends on the amount of math training.
 - B Math ability depends on critical thinking skills.
 - C Media can be analysed in terms of math algorithms.
 - D Math should be treated as a critical thinking tool.

Task 3 (10 points)

You will hear a podcast in which the host of the programme and Laura Globig, a researcher, are talking about social media. For questions 16–25, complete the notes on the talk with a word or short phrase (no more than THREE words) from the talk. You will hear the recording twice.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The primary goal of social media is to facilitate (16) _____.

According to Laura, social media exploit a (17) _____ that triggers the same brain response as receiving money.

It is a misconception that people cannot discern truth from lies because of a (18) _____.

Laura places the blame for the distribution of false information through social media on the absence of (19) _____ not to share misinformation.

(20) _____ of a post is not adequately conveyed through *like* and *dislike* buttons.

The research team checked their hypothesis through the modification of the (21) _____ on a social media platform by offering new buttons.

As part of their experiment, the team introduced an option to encourage users to express their (22) _____ of a post on social media.

The host uses the expression (23) “_____” to describe the reason for people using the offered buttons.

According to Laura, (24) _____ is a defining feature of trust.

The experiment resulted in an increase of (25) _____ being spread