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Book: SpeakOut Intermediate. Units 5-6

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1) Listen to people talking about which domestic appliances they could live without and write T (true) or (F) false. (T.5)



1. Linda's vacuum cleaner is in a terrible condition because she's used it so much. _____
2. James hardly ever cooks at home. _____
3. Katie can't imagine living without a fridge. _____
4. Charles doesn't often use his oven because it isn't big enough. _____
5. Victoria's washing machine is used every day, sometimes more than once. _____
6. Margaret says single men are not interested in cooking and prefer pre-prepared meals. _____

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text below and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

Computer technology and happy cows

Cows that milk themselves? This is not science fiction, but a product of twenty first-century technology. Farmers and scientists have created a farm where the cows choose when they want to be milked using a computerised automatic milking system. As long as they turn up for milking at least once a day, the cows are free to do whatever they like. But how does it work? The animals are first attracted into the building by automated devices like skin-brushing and scratching machines, which they enjoy using. Nearby, there's a robot, which scans a microchip in the cow's collar. The chip holds information about the cow's milking history and health. If it needs to be milked, the robot machine starts the milking process, while feeding it with a protein and energy supplement at the same time.

Farmers who use this computerised milking system are very enthusiastic about it. One British farmer we interviewed told us, 'It's amazing how the cows take to it and it's certainly the biggest step forward for dairy farmers in the last thirty years.' There are now more than eight thousand farms in over twenty-five countries around the world using the new system. People who support it say the system not only saves time and money, but also shows respect for the cows by allowing them to manage their own lives. However, others claim it's just another form of 'factory farming', and has a negative effect on the animals.

- 1- Self-milking cows are _____.
 - a) expected to become a thing of the future
 - b) in existence at this moment in time
 - c) going to evolve naturally
- 2- The new system has been created _____.
 - a) by agriculturally-orientated scientists
 - b) through cooperation with farmers
 - c) as a result of researching cows' behaviour
- 3- Much of the time _____.
 - a) milk goes to waste
 - b) cows do their own thing
 - c) the scratching facility doesn't function
- 4- Robots are essential for _____.
 - a) keeping data records up-to-date
 - b) scratching and brushing the cows
 - c) attracting the cows into the milking area
- 5- _____ after having its collar scanned.
 - a) Not every cow is given supplements
 - b) Each cow automatically gets milked
 - c) A cow doesn't always gets milked
- 6- One British farmer _____ for thirty years.
 - a) has used the system
 - b) says this is the best dairy innovation
 - c) has developed this system
- 7- Over _____ farms are now using this system.
 - a) 25,000
 - b) 8,000
 - c) 21,000
- 8- Those in favour of the system believe _____.
 - a) it gives the cows autonomy
 - b) that cows respect it
 - c) farmers can now better manage their lives
- 9- There is concern from some people that _____.
 - a) dairy farmers are losing their jobs
 - b) not enough countries are interested in the system
 - c) this system is not good for the welfare of the cows

USE OF ENGLISH

1) Choose the correct answers to complete the text, a), b), c) or d).

Do you really want to win the lottery?

People often say that all their problems (1) _____ be solved if they (2) _____ the lottery. However, great wealth can bring far (3) _____ responsibilities, particularly if you have a lot of relatives or friends. If you were one of the lucky winners, you (4) _____ to decide how to distribute your new-found millions and choose who was (5) _____ deserving of your family and friends. It is likely you (6) _____ the first few weeks or months having the time of your life: buying (7) _____ hi-tech gadgets, eating in the best restaurants and taking the most luxurious holidays. (8) _____ you're very careful, it might turn out to be a lot less fun than you'd imagined. You'd probably want to do something (9) _____ serious with your money, perhaps donating some to charity. Some lottery millionaires have even returned to their old life and pretended the dream (10) _____ happened. But you (11) _____ do that, would you?

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| 1 a) will | b) are | c) would | d) have |
| 2 a) win | b) won | c) 'd win | d) 'll win |
| 3 a) great | b) greatest | c) more great | d) greater |
| 4 a) 'd have | b) have | c) 'll have | d) able |
| 5 a) more | b) the most | c) less | d) least |
| 6 a) spend | b) 've spent | c) 'd spend | d) spent |
| 7 a) best | b) the latest | c) the modern | d) latest |
| 8 a) But if | b) If when | c) But unless | d) So if |
| 9 a) bit less | b) far much | c) little more | d) more |
| 10 a) won't | b) has | c) never | d) had |
| 11 a) won't | b) wouldn't | c) will | d) 'd |

2) Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

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1. The Airbus A380 is the world's largest _____ aeroplane and was first used by Singapore Airlines in 2007.
2. I will have to complete my _____ before I can share my findings.
3. The police are going to _____ the man they have just arrested.
4. Sue is a very _____ driver and has never had a car accident.
5. I'm sorry I didn't call. I couldn't get any _____ for my phone.
6. Our village is trying to _____ money for the local school.
7. In our next chemistry class we're going to _____ some experiments using hydrogen gas.
8. If I _____ my job, I think I'll travel the world using my redundancy money.

3) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

1. If we didn't have _____, life as we know it would be impossible. **ELECTRIC**
2. _____ engineering will completely change the way diseases are treated. **GENE**
3. Miki works in a garden centre and is very _____ about all types of plants. **KNOWLEDGE**
4. Before you buy the company you should check it is a _____ business. **PROFIT**
5. Lucy's a _____ cook. She can't make anything unless it comes out of a tin. **HOPE**
6. Did you know that Adam is _____ of butterflies? **FRIGHT**
7. He doesn't like his new job at all. He says it isn't very _____. **SATISFY**
8. I suddenly realised they were laughing at my shoes. I looked down and saw that I was wearing one black one and one brown one. I was so _____! **EMBARRASS**

4) Match questions and statements 1–6 with responses a)–f).

1. Do you know when they'll arrive? _____
2. Would you mind helping me with my suitcase? _____
3. I'm really pleased to tell you that you've got the job. _____
4. We've got something to tell you. We're getting married! _____
5. Could you tell me the way to the Theatre Royal, please? _____
6. I'm afraid your car won't be ready until next Friday. _____

- a) I'm afraid I don't know. Which street is it on?
- b) I'm not sure. I think they said 10.30.
- c) Oh, congratulations! Wow! That's great!
- d) That's fantastic news! Thanks for letting me know so quickly.
- e) Of course not. Here, let me take that.
- f) That's a shame. I was hoping I could drive home.

5) Complete the sentences with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

1. Technology is much _____ in today's world. It has also made the world a much _____ place than it used to be. (important / small)
2. It's far _____ to fly by plane these days and it is also one of _____ ways to travel. (cheap / safe)
3. His marks in the last test were slightly _____ in maths, but much _____ in English. (low / high)
4. The new restaurant was a lot _____ than we expected but now we know why. Their food was _____ we've ever tasted. (busy / delicious)
5. Our new car is a little bit _____ than the last one and is also a lot _____ to drive. (economical / easy)

6. I'm not sure if this is _____ way to get to their house but it certainly is a much _____ one because of the scenery. (quick / good)

6) Write the correct question tag.

1. You already know my brother James, _____?
2. Catherine didn't call you last night, _____?
3. You haven't cancelled our hotel yet, _____?
4. Margaret hasn't passed her driving test, _____?
5. Richard wasn't working in South Africa then, _____?
6. You knew I wouldn't be able to get here early, _____?
7. The rest of the class will be at the concert tomorrow, _____?
8. Zhen's already finished university, _____?
9. Let's watch a series on Netflix, _____?

7) Choose the correct alternative.

1. If I miss / I'll miss lunch, I'll get a sandwich later.
2. We'll have to leave without John if he doesn't arrive / he won't arrive soon.
3. They won't refund / didn't refund your money if you don't keep your receipt.
4. Will you send me a text when you reach / you'll reach Mexico City?
5. If I make some coffee, do you cut / will you cut the cake?
6. Did you work / Would you work harder if you were better paid?
7. If you don't complain / didn't complain so much, you might be more popular.
8. Weren't my friends / Wouldn't my friends be envious if they could only see me now!