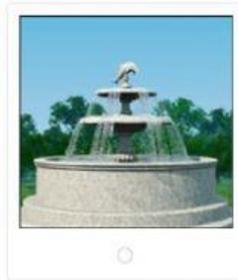
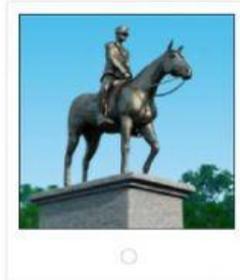
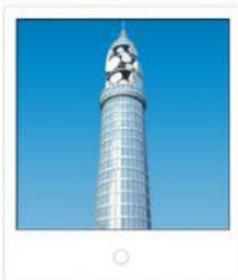


Section 1: Listening (20 points)

Read the instructions carefully. Play the audios and then answer the questions.

Listen and choose the correct picture. A girl is leaving a phone message for her friend, where does she want to meet?



A woman is calling a shoes shop. Which shoes is she interested in?



Listen to a teacher at a language school in the UK talking about a trip to a film studio.
Choose the correct answers to complete the notes. The first one has been done for you.

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Prices and times

EXAMPLE: Tickets cost £6.50 **£8.50** £10.50 .

1 The trip is on Friday Saturday Sunday .

2 The coach leaves school at 8.30 9.30 11.30 .

At the film studio

3 We'll see actors performing in a comedy a drama a thriller .

4 We'll have the chance to use the cameras talk to actors try on clothes .

5 Visitors can't bring bags phones sandwiches on the tour.

Listen to two students talking about a local history project they are doing at college. Match the people (the woman, the man, or both) to the opinions below. The first one has been done for you.



Woman



Man



Both

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	It would be a good idea to check the research topics with the teacher.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The project will be improved by researching what local people did in the past.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Preparing questions for the interviews will be useful.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	It is advisable to interview some extra people.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The best people to interview are family members.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	People who are interviewed should get a copy of the project.

Section 2: Reading (20 points)

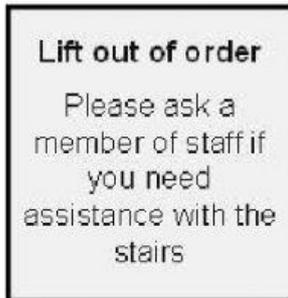
Read the message and choose the correct answer

To:	Steve
From:	Karen
I phoned the cinema and I've reserved 2 tickets for the film tonight. Can you pick them up on your way home from work?	

Order the cinema tickets.

Collect the tickets.

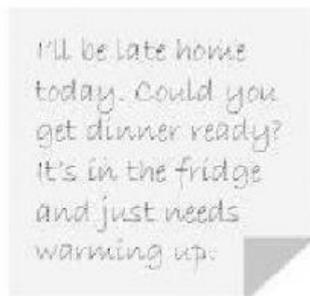
Meet after work to go to the cinema.



The lift is only for employees.

Ask someone if you need help with the lift.

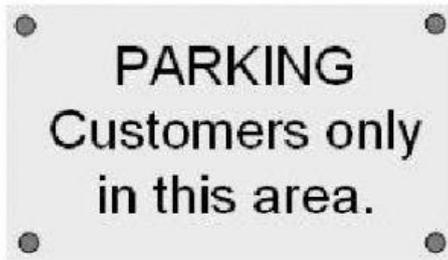
The lift isn't working.



Think about what you can have for dinner.

Buy something for dinner.

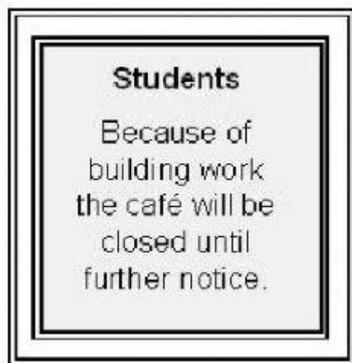
Prepare the dinner.



This car park is for people who use the shop.

No parking here.

Anyone can park here.



The cafe is where the builders eat.

Students will be told when the cafe is open.

The cafe will still be open while building work is being done.

Curriculum Vitae: Tips that can Help

Six out of ten CV's which are prepared by Information Technology professionals fail to meet the basic standards and are turned down without even being read fully, according to a recruitment company. As a consequence, thousands of candidates are excluding themselves from attractive job opportunities.

Although the company handles over 60,000 CV's per year, it estimates that at least 60% would not be admitted if they were sent directly to potential clients due to basic errors.

The company Marketing Director said, "Sadly it's often the most highly qualified candidates whose CV's are so poorly constructed that they are literally dead on arrival. Attractive job opportunities in the IT industry often generate intense competition and there is often little to choose between the candidates".

"Advice on the presentation format of CV's in relation to the requirements that they are being submitted for should be an Industry standard so as to add real value to the candidates that you are representing and indeed to fulfil your professional obligations to your clients".

"Writing a CV can be extremely difficult and too often a CV turns out to be a generic overview including a lot of information that is irrelevant. People should remember that an employer typically spends between 15 and 30 seconds scanning each CV and you have that one chance to make an impression".

"A good CV is more than just documentation of your career path; it is a marketing tool designed to present your professional career experience according to the new job specification. It should also include details of past professional successes that effectively demonstrate your ability to undertake the job responsibilities outlined".

1. Recruitment companies say that potential clients ...

- a. Make basic mistakes
- b. Only get 60% of CV's
- c. Reject CV's with mistakes

2 The Marketing Director said that the best candidates ...

- a. are the most affected
- b. do not send CV's
- c. write the best CV's

3 The Marketing Director suggests that candidates ought to pay attention to ...

- a. CV's presentation
- b. other companies
- c. other competitors

4 The Marketing Director says that very often CV's include ...

- a. necessary details
- b. unimportant information
- c. very little information

5 Candidates should remember that employers ...

- a. are typical people
- b. are very busy people
- c. make an impression on people

6 A good curriculum should show ...

- a. the new job specifications
- b. your marketing tools
- c. your overall skills

A paranormal experience?

Ghosts, haunted houses, the spirit world or the communication with the dead have fascinated humans since the beginning of their existence. Most people, whether believers or sceptics like myself, find paranormal experiences captivating; you could go on and on listening to these kinds of stories. But the debate lies on whether the allegedly paranormal events that witnesses claim to have experienced are real or not. I personally don't doubt that many of those people really believe that what they have experienced is a paranormal event –real is what you believe to be real after all.

I myself experienced an event that might be considered paranormal by some. A long time ago, my cousin died unexpectedly and her husband, who is a great ghost sceptic, couldn't find my cousin's life insurance policy. One night, my cousin appeared in my dreams. "You smell really bad," I told her. "Of course I smell bad, I'm dead," she said. "Anyway, I'm here to tell you where the document my husband is looking for is." And she told me. The following day, I told my cousin's husband that I might know where the policy was –I didn't tell him how I knew, because that would have prevented him looking for it. The thing is that we went to his home and the document was exactly where my dead cousin had told me it would be. Paranormal?

No doubt, it's very tempting to believe that I actually talked to my dead cousin, and that I have some kind of psychic abilities. That would mean that when we die, we go somewhere in the form of a spirit, which is a nice thing to think, because that means that our soul never dies. But maybe I already knew where that document was, from one of my numerous visits to my cousin's home, and my mind just reminded me where it was through one of my daily dreams. That's more likely, and it's what I am inclined to think happened.

The truth is that there has been so much fraud in the history of the paranormal that it's difficult to give any validity to the high number of paranormal claims that populate the Internet and the different media. Actually, fraud played a key role in the very foundation of spiritualism, a religious movement based on the belief that the spirits of the dead exist and have both the ability and the inclination to communicate with the living.

The first mediums known in recent history, the Fox sisters, convinced a good part of the American and European society of the 19th century that they could talk with the spirits. They made lots of public demonstrations held before paying audiences and that gave birth to spiritualism, and attracted lots of imitators who also claimed to have the ability to communicate with spirits. But surprisingly, in 1888 Margaret Fox confessed that her abilities were just a fabrication, and showed which tricks she had been using to pretend to be talking to the spirits.

Now, can I really talk with the dead? Well, if you put enough money on the table, I might say 'yes', and I might even show you how I do it.

1 For those people who doubt the existence of the paranormal, this type of stories are...

- a. very interesting.
- b. not as interesting as for those people who believe in them.
- c. only stories that have been made up for some reason.

2 The author of this article...

- a. believes that many paranormal experiences are true.
- b. enjoys listening to paranormal stories.
- c. thinks people who have experienced a paranormal event are liars.

3 The writer didn't tell her cousin's husband about her dream because...

- a. she didn't think she had actually talked to her dead cousin.
- b. she wanted her cousin's husband to look for the document.
- c. her cousin had died very unexpectedly.

4 The writer thinks...

- a. she might have talked to her dead cousin.
- b. when we die we enter the spirit world.
- c. she knew where the document was before having her dream.

5 According to spiritualism...

- a. spirits want to talk to us.
- b. spirits can't communicate with us without help.
- c. there is a lot of fraud in the paranormal world.