



FINAL WRITTEN EXAM

Listening

[Track 106] You will hear two people talking about doing water sports. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Speaker 1

- 0 Jet-skiing is enjoyable for adults as well as teenagers.
- 1 Learning how to jet-ski is _____.
- 2 Whenever you go jet-skiing, make sure you are wearing a _____ correctly.
- 3 It's important not to _____ when you try jet-skiing for the first time.
- 4 Turning the jet-ski and _____ from one side to another are two things to practise when you are a beginner.
- 5 Always _____ when jet-skiing so that you are aware of other people in the sea.

Speaker 2

- 6 The speaker and her brother first tried snorkelling _____ last summer.
- 7 The speaker and her brother got their equipment from a shop in _____ not far from where they were staying.
- 8 The speaker says that _____ was difficult when she first went snorkelling.
- 9 The speaker found most fish not far from _____.
- 10 The speaker says that the weather was _____ on the day she went snorkelling.

(10 points)

Reading

You are going to read an article about the survivors of the sinking of a ship. For questions 1–10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 On 30th July 1945, the USS *Indianapolis* was
- A going to the South Pacific on a mission.
- B heading towards Japan to carry out another mission.
- C sailing on its way back from a mission.
- D returning to the South Pacific from the USA.



1 Most of the men on the ship died

- A** as soon as the ship sank.
- B** within five days of the ship sinking.
- C** while trying to get into lifeboats.
- D** after being rescued.

2 The main reason why the men died was

- A** from not having fresh water to drink.
- B** because sharks attacked and killed them.
- C** from exhaustion.
- D** as a result of shock after the ship sank.

3 The reunions have always taken place

- A** at the same time of year.
- B** in the same location.
- C** over a one-week period.
- D** on a ship.

4 At the 2015 reunion,

- A** all the remaining survivors of the disaster came to the event.
- B** there were only survivors of the disaster at the event.
- C** they celebrated the 75th get-together since the disaster.
- D** not every survivor was able to attend the event.

5 Many people at the 2015 event

- A** felt that it had lost its original purpose.
- B** were there for the first time.
- C** felt that it was perhaps one of the last.
- D** were critical of its organization.

6 The article says that reunions

- A** now number seventy or more.
- B** haven't always happened every year.
- C** have always ended with a vote.
- D** are usually a biannual event.

7 Since the last reunion

- A** three of the survivors died.
- B** two years passed by.
- C** the youngest of the survivors died.
- D** it's been hard to keep in touch.

8 According to the article, the mission of the USS *Indianapolis* in July 1945

- A** is still a secret.
- B** is always remembered at the reunion.
- C** was a disaster.
- D** was forgotten for a long time.

9 The article does not reveal

- A** when the secret mission took place.
- B** what the ship carried on its mission.
- C** if a reunion has taken place since 2015.
- D** the place the ship went to.

10 The survivors were rescued

- A** before the secret mission was completed.
- B** after an organized search.
- C** when an air force pilot saw them in the sea.
- D** after the end of the war.

(10 points)



The survivors of the USS *Indianapolis*

On 30th July 1945, an American ship called the USS *Indianapolis* was returning from a secret mission in the South Pacific when a Japanese submarine fired two torpedoes and sank it. Most of the ship's crew escaped before the ship went under the water, but they found themselves in the middle of the ocean, without any lifeboats. For the next five days, until an American ship arrived to rescue them, the men could only stay together and swim. At the time of the rescue, out of a crew of 1,196, only 317 men had survived. Of the rest, most had died of thirst or salt water poisoning, and many had got exhausted and drowned. Others had died from shark attacks. The survivors were in shock. They had lived in fear of being eaten by sharks for five days. It was something they would never forget.

Since 1960, the survivors have been meeting for reunions in Indianapolis to see their old shipmates, tell their stories and remember the worst week of their lives. In 2015, 14 of the 31 remaining survivors got together for the 70th anniversary of the incident. It was not lost on the hundreds of family members, friends and dignitaries in attendance that there may not be a similar gathering on the 75th. The reunions have been held annually for the last few years (after being biannual for several years before that), but with most of the survivors in their nineties, a vote is now taken every year whether to continue. 'Our numbers are dropping fast,' says Harold Bray, a retired police officer from Benicia, California, who at 88 is the youngest survivor left. 'We've lost three since the last reunion. It's really tough to belong to a club like this.'

The reunion, however, doesn't only remember the terrible experience the men had in the waters of the South Pacific. It also recalls the secret mission the USS *Indianapolis* had carried out four days before the ship sank. The crew of the *Indianapolis* had landed at Tinian Island south of Japan and delivered the components for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima less than two weeks later. By the time the survivors recovered from their ordeal – most were close to death when they were accidentally spotted by a passing air force pilot – World War II was over.

Grammar

Complete the text with the correct past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets. There is an example at the beginning (0).

On 26th December 2004, a deadly tsunami in the Indian Ocean (0) killed (kill) more than 230,000 people. Many holidaymakers (1) _____ (be) among the dead.



Here is one person's story. 'We (2) _____ (stay) in a beautiful beach village called Unawatuna when the tsunami (3) (reach) us. We (4) _____ (arrive) in the resort only three days before. It was all so sudden. In fact, it (5) _____ (take) just a few seconds for a wall of water of about two metres in height to start coming into our hotel. Immediately, we (6) _____ (run) outside. Everybody (7) _____ (shout) and screaming. My younger brother realized he (8) _____ (leave) his money and passport in the hotel so he tried to get back in. I (9) _____ (grab) him around the waist. Just in time. The hotel doorway (10) _____ (collapse) suddenly. It was the scariest moment of my life.'

(10 points)

Vocabulary

- 1 The show was amazing – there were _____, clowns and other entertainers. MAGIC
- 2 Billy Henry is one of the funniest _____ in the country – he really makes me laugh. COMEDY
- 3 Personally, I think drum and bass is _____ and boring. REPEAT
- 4 _____ can be dangerous if you don't follow safety procedures. DIVE
- 5 After finding out that I didn't like working as an accountant, I decided to _____ TRAIN as a teacher.
- 6 It's a _____ job. That's why so many people have nervous breakdowns. STRESS
- 7 _____, Grant went back into the house to help other people. BRAVE
- 8 _____ of the rainforest is a key part of the government's plan. CONSERVE
- 9 Please drive _____. Those roads are dangerous, especially at night. CARE
- 10 We had a very _____ time at the concert. ENJOY

Writing

Read the task below.

Think of a photo you have that you took on holiday and write about the story behind the photo.

Write your story (approximately 200 words). Make sure you:

- write about who or what is in the photo and what you were doing when it was taken.
- include interesting verbs and adjectives.

(10 points)


