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What's your hobby?

Listening Part 3

Don't worry if you don't hear the answer the first time you listen. You will listen to the conversation twice.

Exam advice



For each question, choose the correct answer. You will hear Josh talking to his friend Kyra about snowboarding.

- 1 What is Josh going to buy?
A new clothes for school
B something to wear to do sport
C a new snowboard

- 2 When is Josh going snowboarding?
A Thursday
B Friday
C Saturday

- 3 How much did Josh's snowboard cost?
A £40
B £80
C £90

- 4 Josh starts snowboarding at
A 8.00 am.
B 9.00 am.
C 10.00 am.

- 5 Kyra thinks snowboarding is
A dangerous.
B amazing.
C terrible.

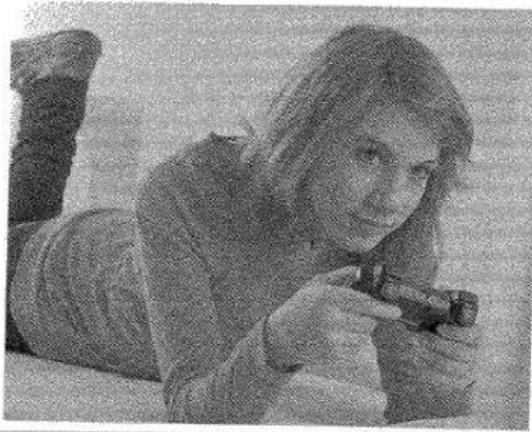


Reading Part 3

Remember that the questions follow the order of the text. Read the five questions first and look for the answer in the text before you read options A-C.

Exam advice

1 For each question, choose the correct answer.



Marina Martin, a young games tester

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Most days I finish my homework and then I have to play computer games for the rest of the afternoon. Yes, I have to! You see, I earn money by looking for mistakes in games.

I've always been crazy about computer games. My dad's a journalist and my mum's a photographer, so there's been a computer in the house since before I was born. I can remember playing very simple games on it when I was less than five years old and my dad telling me to switch it off and go outside.

I was online one day when I saw an advertisement from a video game company. They were looking for young people to give their opinions about some of their new games. I contacted them but I wasn't old enough because I was 14.

Three years later, several companies now send me their games. I often spend hours on the same game. I have to play it from start to finish several times, look at all the menus and try all the different ways of playing it. While I'm doing this, I take notes and then write a clear email which the company can understand easily.

You have to work quickly because the company often wants to sell their new game as soon as possible. I may have to spend a lot of the weekend testing. However, I think I'm very lucky that my hobby has become a job. Most of the time, I love it!

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1 What does Marina say about computer games?
 A She plays them to take a break from studying.
 B Somebody pays her to play them.
 C Lots of them have got mistakes in them.

2 Marina has been interested in computer games since
 A her mum became a photographer.
 B her dad bought her a computer.
 C she was a small child.

3 What happened when Marina was 14 years old?
 A She didn't get a job as a games tester.
 B She found an advertisement for a new video game.
 C She started to use the internet.

4 What does Marina do as part of her job?
 A She teaches other people how to play the game.
 B She makes sure that she wins all the games.
 C She checks each game carefully more than once.

5 How does Marina feel about her job?
 A She almost always enjoys it.
 B She doesn't want to do anything else.
 C She thinks it can be boring.