

2nd Mid-Term Exam (Part 2)

Listening

11 Recording 5 Read the question below. Then listen and match speakers 1–6 with appliances a)–h). You do not need all the appliances.

Which domestic appliance could each speaker live without?

1 Linda c

2 James

3 Katie

4 Charles

5 Victoria

6 Margaret

a) fridge

b) oven

c) vacuum cleaner

d) microwave

e) washing machine

f) dishwasher

g) toaster

h) iron

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12 Recording 5 Listen again and write true (T) or false (F).

1 Linda's vacuum cleaner is in a terrible condition because she's used it so much. F

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.

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13 Recording 6 Listen and answer the questions below.

1 How much money has Jeremy's cousin won?

€1.5 million

2 What would Nina do if she won a lot of money?

3 What is Jeremy's ambition?

4 When will Henry find out if he is losing his job?

5 If Henry loses his job, will he be paid?

6 What would he like to study at college?

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READING

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

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 b.

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

15 Read the article again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 The new milking system encourages cows to be milked more than once a day. F

2 It is the smell of food that encourages the cows to enter the milking building.

3 Cows are only milked when it is biologically necessary.

4 The microchips on each cow's ear collect data on how much milk has been produced.

5 As well as giving the cows more freedom, the automated milking system improves their nutritional intake.

6 One British farmer is surprised at how much his cows like the new system.

7 This new milking system is more efficient and cost-effective than the previous one.

8 Everyone agrees that the new system benefits both farmers and their cows.

• **WRITING**

16 Complete the advantages and disadvantages essay with the phrases in the box. There are two phrases you do not need.

As far as I am concerned As well as
However In addition Of course there are
The problem is that On the other hand
The most important advantage

The advantages and disadvantages of using public transport

In many countries, public transport, such as trains and buses, is still widely used by people travelling to work or school. ¹ However, as cars become more affordable, some people are wondering if it is better to use public transport or not.

² of public transport is that it is cheap to use. You only need to pay for the actual journey and can often pay less if you pay in advance for a longer period of time. There is no need to pay for insurance, road tax or repairs. ³ , it is a good way to meet other people and make new friends, especially if you always get the same train every day, for example.

⁴ , your time of travel is restricted to a timetable and it might not be possible to get to every destination easily. Also, sometimes public transport is late, delayed or even cancelled. Another disadvantage is that if it is very busy, you might have to wait for another bus or train – either that, or you may not be able to get a seat – and then there are further problems if you try to travel with a lot of luggage.

⁵ , however, public transport is a good thing. In general, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. ⁶ drawbacks, but it is important to remember that if we use public transport and not a car, we are helping the environment by reducing the amount of carbon emissions produced by our journey. We may also be reducing the number of traffic jams on the roads and the amount of countryside that is destroyed when new roads are constructed.

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