

**GLOBAL ENGLISH 8:
FCE LISTENING & WRITING**

***Lưu ý:**

1. Khi làm bài tập có từ mới, các con phải tra từ điển. Sau khi tra từ điển, các con chép mỗi từ mới 2 dòng để ghi nhớ.
2. Các con gạch chân các từ khoá chính trong bài đọc.

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The pink Amazon River dolphin

A special type of dolphin can be found in the waters of the Amazon River in Brazil. These dolphins are (21) from other species because they are pink. Scientists are not certain about the (22) for their skin colour, but some experts believe it could be a result of the red-coloured sand in the river. However, other scientists think that the dolphins (23) pinker as they become older.

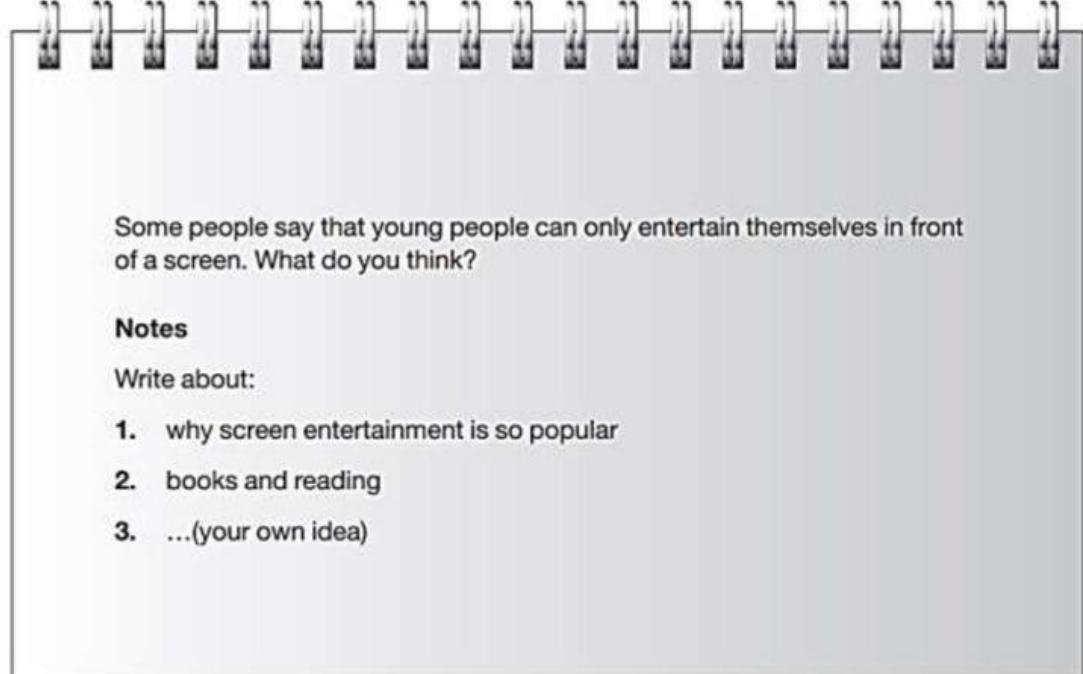
Another special (24) about these dolphins is that they can (25) their heads from side to side, while most species of dolphin cannot. In addition, they have hairs on their noses that help them (26) for food at the bottom of the river. These animals are an amazing sight, and are popular with visitors and tourists travelling on the Amazon River by boat.

21	A unusual	B different	C opposite	D unknown
22	A aim	B idea	C answer	D reason
23	A increase	B develop	C improve	D grow
24	A fact	B information	C knowledge	D reality
25	A switch	B change	C turn	D fix
26	A catch	B find	C get	D search

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style **on the separate answer sheet**.

1 In your English class you have been talking about modern entertainment. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.



Some people say that young people can only entertain themselves in front of a screen. What do you think?

Notes

Write about:

1. why screen entertainment is so popular
2. books and reading
3. ... (your own idea)

For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1 You hear two friends talking about a laptop computer.

What is the woman doing?

- A persuading her friend to buy one like it
- B offering to lend it to her friend for a day
- C explaining why she needed a new one

2 You hear two students talking about a play they have just seen.

What do they agree was good about it?

- A the script
- B the set
- C the actors

3 You hear two people talking about a friend.

What do they agree about him?

- A He's very helpful.
- B He's easy to get to know.
- C He rarely complains about anything.

4 You hear a lecturer talking to some of his students about their history project.

What is he doing?

- A encouraging them to ask him questions about it
- B recommending some books that will help with it
- C advising them on how to organise their time

5 You hear two TV sports presenters talking about their work.

What do they agree about sports presenters?

- A** They're generally more effective when using a script.
- B** They have to be able to relate well to their audience.
- C** They should adopt an attitude that isn't too serious.

6 You hear a woman talking about a radio programme.

What does she say about the programme?

- A** It provided her with a lot of useful information.
- B** It was more interesting than she had expected.
- C** It made her want to find out about a place.

7 You hear two music students talking about an assignment they have to do.

What are they both unsure about?

- A** what to include in the piece of writing
- B** how to organise the recording
- C** what kind of music they should perform

8 You hear a writer talking about a book she wrote which has been turned into a film.

How does the writer feel about the film director?

- A** She thinks he has made a good film.
- B** She is upset because her opinion was ignored.
- C** She found him easy to work with.

For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1 You hear two people talking about some music they're listening to.

What does the man say about the song?

- A It cheers him up.
- B It reminds him of his family.
- C It inspired him to take up a musical instrument.

2 You hear part of a radio programme in which a teacher is talking about her own education.

Why did she become a teacher?

- A She enjoyed her own time at school very much.
- B She was encouraged to do so by colleagues.
- C She wanted others to have the same opportunities as her.

3 You hear a woman telling a friend about a new job she has.

What problem does she have with the job?

- A being asked to do tasks she's not suited for
- B being too busy at certain times of day
- C being disrespected by some customers

4 You hear two students talking about an architecture course.

What do they agree about?

- A There is too much work on the course.
- B Their fellow students are creative people.
- C The course is taught in an interesting way.

5 You hear two students talking about the chemistry laboratories at their college.

What does the woman say about the laboratories?

- A The equipment in them should be updated.
- B They are not large enough.
- C They need redecorating.

6 You hear a woman talking about a place she used to visit as a child.

What point is she making?

- A She might be disappointed if she returned there.
- B She prefers more sophisticated holidays now.
- C The place appeals more to children than adults.

7 You hear a runner telling his friend about a sports injury he has.

What did his doctor advise?

- A keep going with some training
- B introduce other sports very gradually
- C start running very slowly

8 You hear a woman talking about her favourite radio programme.

What does she say about the stories in the programme?

- A The creative element in them is what makes them work.
- B They tend to vary in how interesting they are.
- C They contain messages we can all learn from.

Part 4

Questions 20–25

For each question, choose the correct answer.



Listening test audio

You will hear an interview with a wildlife photographer called James Thomson who has won a photography competition.

20 What made James become interested in photography?

- A receiving a camera as a gift
- B seeing his mother taking photographs
- C attending a photography exhibition

21 What does James say about the park where he took his prize-winning photo?

- A He had taken photos in it before.
- B Someone he knew recommended it to him.
- C It's always been well known for its natural beauty.

22 After winning the competition, James felt

- A keen to tell his parents about his achievement.
- B pleased to meet a famous photographer.
- C surprised because he hadn't won in previous competitions.

23 In James' opinion, what is most important for a good photograph?

- A It needs plenty of planning.
- B It must be beautiful to look at.
- C It teaches people something new.

24 James thinks that photography is a good hobby because

- A it involves travelling to interesting places.
- B it can become a successful career.
- C it's a great social activity.

25 What advice does James have for other photographers?

- A Spend a lot of time taking pictures.
- B Do a course to get the right skills.
- C Get the best equipment possible.

I. Circle the correct answer.

1. **Although / Despite** she joined the company only a year ago, she's already been promoted twice.
2. It **rains / isn't raining** now. We can go to the park.
3. What would you do if you **became / become** invisible?
4. Beate postponed **to go / going out** to join the group of older girls in the camp.
5. Emma, did you take the photo by **yourself / you**?

II. Change ACTIVE to PASSIVE.

1. Parents always give me proper encouragement.

→ _____

2. Someone saw him pick up the gun.

→ _____

3. Look! Someone is feeding the seals.

→ _____

4. How do people make candles?

→ _____

5. Where did they hold the 1988 Olympic Games?

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