

Directions: You will hear a text about a sailing holiday, twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 5 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.

1 Sail boats are very expensive.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

2 Sailing a boat is complicated.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

3 There are sailing courses available at every level of expertise.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

4 Anyone that successfully completes a sailing course will receive a certificate.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

5 It is easier for teenagers to learn to sail than other members of the family.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

PART 1: Task 2

Directions: You will hear a text on how to cure insomnia (the inability to fall asleep), twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you will have 5 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.

6 People with insomnia often feel exhausted and find it difficult to focus.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

7 Insomnia can cause arthritis.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

8 Drinking coffee before going to bed can disrupt your sleep.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

9 Working out in the daytime can help promote a good night's sleep.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

10 Many doctors prescribe sleeping pills to cure insomnia.
A True
B False
C No information in the text

Directions: You will hear part of a radio programme, twice. Before you listen to it, you have 2 minutes to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole recording, you have 5 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, C or D. Then, you will hear the recording again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.

11 While Todd was making his way home, he ...
A had difficulties maintaining the direction of his car.
B slipped on something and went off the road.
C noticed something on the side of the road.
D saw cars moving from one side of the road to the other.

12 Todd was certain there had been an earthquake when ...
A he saw cracks in the road.
B he noticed all the cars were out of control.
C his car began moving from side to side.
D his car fell into a hole in the road.

13 Todd's wife ...
A called him because she was terrified.
B was knocked down by the earthquake.
C took the children to a safe place.
D told the children to come to the kitchen.

14 Todd thinks he was fortunate because ...
A his wife acted wisely.
B his family wasn't upset by the experience.
C he managed to get over the bridge in time.
D his house had little damage.

15 The earthquake has made Todd ...
A start to appreciate his family.
B panic about problems at work.
C worry about natural disasters.
D take little problems less seriously.

Directions: Read the text below. Then, read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B or C, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

Disappearing Snow

Can you imagine the world's highest mountains without snow? Well, according to scientists, global warming is changing the appearance of Africa's most famous landmarks. The ice cap on Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, is expected to disappear in the next twelve years.

Scientists have been saying for a long time that the first signs of global warming would appear in the high altitude ice caps and glaciers of the world. The disappearance of the ice cap on Mount Kilimanjaro is the most serious evidence of this. At least one third of the ice on Kilimanjaro has melted in the last twelve years.

Fifteen years ago, the mountain's twin peaks, Kibo and Mawenzi, wore shiny ice caps but now Mawenzi is completely bare, without any snow or ice on it at all. One local, who lives at the foot of Kilimanjaro, says that many changes have taken place since he was a young boy. "When I was a child, the whole mountain was covered in snow and the ice cap was very thick. The mountain used to be hidden in clouds for months", he says.

"It's gone, it's all melted away," says Joris Thijssen, who works for Greenpeace. "This is the price we pay because nothing is being done about global warming. Here in Africa, we will lose the ice caps and glaciers."

Other researchers have seen similar ice losses around the world. The ice cap on Mount Kenya, for example, has got much smaller since 1963. Two glaciers on top of the mountains in New Guinea are also disappearing. In Venezuela there were six glaciers in 1972, now there are only two and scientists say that they will melt in the next ten years.

Perhaps Dr Guy Midgley of the National Botanical Institute sums up the problem best, "Ignoring global warming will not make it go away!"

16	One of the highest mountains in the world is Mount Kilimanjaro.	19	People in Africa will face many droughts and floods.
A	True	A	True
B	False	B	False
C	No information in the text	C	No information in the text
17	In recent years, all the ice on Kilimanjaro has vanished.	20	In the near future, there will be no glaciers in Venezuela.
A	True	A	True
B	False	B	False
C	No information in the text	C	No information in the text
18	At one time, thick clouds covered Kilimanjaro all year round.		
A	True		
B	False		
C	No information in the text		

MODULE 2

Directions: Read the text below. Then, read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

Pollyanna lifted her head and listened. A dog had barked some distance ahead. A moment later he came running towards her, still barking.

"Hullo, doggie – hullo!" She had seen the dog once before, she was sure. He had been with Mr John Pendleton. She was looking now, hoping to see him, but he did not appear, so she returned her attention toward the dog.

The dog was acting strangely. He continued barking – only now, they were short, erratic barks, as if he was nervous. He was running backwards and forwards, too, in the side path ahead.

"That isn't the way home," laughed Pollyanna, keeping to the main path. The little dog seemed in a panic now. Backwards and forwards, backwards and forwards between Pollyanna and the side path he ran barking. At last Pollyanna understood and turned to follow him.

The little dog raced ahead madly, and it was not long before Pollyanna came upon the reason for it all: there was a man lying on the ground a few metres from the side path.

The man turned his head. With a cry Pollyanna ran to his side.

"Mr Pendleton! Oh, are you hurt?"

"Hurt? Oh, no! I'm just taking a sleep in the sunshine," said the man crossly. "See here, what can you do? Have you got any sense?"

"Why, Mr Pendleton, I – I can't do many things; but my aunt says I have real good sense. I heard her say so one day – she didn't know I heard, though."

The man smiled a little.

"There, there, child. Now listen. Straight down the path there, about five minutes' walk, is my house. This key will open the side door. When you get into the house, go straight through the hall to the room at the end. On the big desk in the middle of the room you'll find a telephone. Do you know how to use a telephone?"

"Oh, yes, sir!"

"Call Dr Chilton and tell him that John Pendleton is in Pendleton Woods with a broken leg, and to come at once."

"A broken leg? Oh, Mr Pendleton, how perfectly awful!" cried Pollyanna.

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21 Pollyanna was familiar with ...

- A Mr John Pendleton.
- B the dog.
- C Mr John Pendleton and the dog.
- D neither of them.

22 The dog was looking for Pollyanna to ...

- A play with him.
- B take him home with her.
- C make her follow him.
- D show her the way home.

23 Mr Pendleton was ...

- A taking a nap in the sunshine.
- B looking for his pet dog in the park.
- C was playing a joke on Pollyanna.
- D needed Pollyanna to help him.

24 The text is about ...

- A a dog that can do tricks.
- B giving instructions to someone.
- C a young girl acting maturely.
- D Pollyanna's relationship with her aunt.

25 From the text we can see that Pollyanna is ...

- A an only child.
- B a kind, sensitive girl.
- C easily frightened.
- D afraid of animals.

Directions: Read the text below. Then, read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

Dogs to the Rescue

Dogs are great companions. A welcome addition to any home, they are loyal, affectionate and playful. Many dogs are excellent with children and can be especially helpful with keeping your home and family safe, as well. But did you know that apart from being wonderful pets, these canine friends have made a vast contribution to saving lives?

SAR (Search and Rescue) dogs are used in search efforts to find missing people. They are specifically trained to find victims buried under snow or debris, so they can quickly be brought to safety. In snowstorms, earthquakes and landslides, SAR dog teams are usually the first on the scene. When it comes to emergency rescues, these dogs are fast and efficient and their keen sense of smell enables them to locate accident victims much more quickly than humans.

Any breed of dog can be trained to be part of SAR rescue missions. However, they must have two basic characteristics. First, they must be people-friendly. This is important, as the missing people they find are strangers and many times the dogs have to stay with them and care for them until the rescue crew can get to them. It is also very important that they have a playful nature. This is because when the puppies are being trained, it is through fun game techniques that handlers are able to teach the necessary tasks to make them efficient rescuers later on.

Whether SAR dogs and their handlers work for a government agency or are volunteers, they go through extensive training and in many cases have to pass a certification test. During basic training, the dogs learn how to detect and follow human scents. After this, the dogs are taught a variety of tasks to prepare them for different kinds of emergencies. Avalanche dogs, for example, need to be able to dig and search in snow and very low temperatures. Other dogs are taught to walk over disaster areas carefully so as not to endanger victims under the debris.

Whatever the task, SAR dogs are not only man's best friend but in life or death situations, they are truly heroes!

26 According to the text, dogs ...

- A should not be around children.
- B are an excellent addition to a family.
- C should only be used for security.
- D are not safe to have in your home.

27 SAR dogs ...

- A are trained to bury people.
- B are afraid of earthquakes.
- C are trained to guide injured people.
- D can rescue people from natural disasters.

28 SAR dogs must ...

- A be big and strong.
- B be good natured.
- C like strange people.
- D be cute puppies.

29 A SAR dog and its' handler must ...

- A work for the government.
- B be volunteers.
- C be well trained.
- D have agents.

30 SAR dogs are trained to ...

- A adapt to different situations.
- B walk over snow in cold temperatures.
- C show rescue workers where to dig.
- D do tricks and be friendly.

Close Test

Directions: Read the text below and for each numbered gap circle the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes each space, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

Languages of Spain

Many people 31) that Spanish is the only language spoken in Spain but this is not true. In 32), there are four recognised languages in this country, and these are: Castilian, Euskera (more commonly known as Basque), Catalan and Galician.

The 33) language of Spain is the Latin-based Castilian, which used to be the language of the royal court and was 34) on the Spanish people in 1714 by King Felipe V. Today every Spaniard knows, 35) is supposed to know, the Castilian language.

The second most spoken language in Spain is Euskera. About 600,000 people speak this language and they live mainly in the central 36) of the country. This region is sometimes referred to as the Basque country, the capital of 37) is Bilbao. The region has its own culture, which it 38) with a further 100,000 people just across the border in southwest France. This language is very 39) from other European languages and experts have long 40) its origins. Some maintain that it is an ancient form of an old Iberian language while others 41) that it is a Semitic language and many 42) that it is related to languages of the Caucasus.

Catalan, which is spoken in the eastern part of Spain, in parts of Andorra, France and Sardinia, is also Latin-based. It is 43) as a first language by around 5 million people, and is understood by most Castilian speakers.

Galician is in some ways similar to Portuguese and was traditionally the language of poetry. It is spoken in northwest Spain which borders with Portugal. Three million Galician speakers live in Spain but there are 44) some living in Portugal and South America. In South America, Spaniards are known as 'Gallegos' and their language and culture are widely 45) by Casa de Galicia (Galicia Houses), which nurture the language and culture of this region.

31	A suppose	B maintain	C pretend	D presume
32	A turn	B fact	C addition	D order
33	A official	B lawful	C enforced	D real
34	A impressed	B obliged	C required	D imposed
35	A moreover	B or	C or else	D otherwise
36	A field	B nation	C sector	D region
37	A that	B which	C who	D what
38	A parts	B portions	C divides	D shares
39	A distinct	B assorted	C diverse	D varied
40	A debated	B agreed	C believed	D persuaded
41	A speak	B talk	C claim	D chat
42	A trust	B believe	C confide	D convince
43	A announced	B used	C considered	D read
44	A also	B too	C besides	D as well
45	A ignored	B promoted	C advertised	D forgotten

Sentence Completion

Directions: Read the sentences and for each gap, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase which best completes its meaning, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

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If they hadn't overcharged him, he ... to go back into town.

A would have C wouldn't have
B didn't have D shouldn't have

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Nathan said he would fix my car, but he's been known to go ... on his word.

A back C out
B in D ahead

46

There aren't ... for everyone so fetch some from the kitchen, please.

A glasses enough C some glasses
B enough glasses D no glasses

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The Renoir paintings are ... loan to a museum in Prague which is putting on a special exhibition.

A in C at
B on D to

47

There are a lot of people I know who like ... at the end of the winter season.

A having their overcoats dry-clean
B to have their overcoats dry-cleaning
C having their overcoats be dry-cleaned
D having their overcoats dry-cleaned

MODULE 3

Sentence Transformations

Directions: On your sheet for open-ended answers complete the second sentence so that it is as close as possible in meaning to the first one.

56 Mary is supposed to be here by now.

Mary
.....

57 The last time I spoke to her was three years ago.

I haven't
.....

58 A robber was breaking into our house when we arrived.

Our house
.....

59 It is forbidden to enter this area.

You
.....

60 She rarely behaves so tactlessly.

Rarely
.....

61 The moment I got to her house I remembered I had forgotten to turn off the cooker.

It was when
.....

62 Mona regrets not consulting anyone before buying a new DVD player.

Mona wishes
.....

63 "How long has Dane been working for Billy's company?" he asked me.

He asked me
.....

64 The school director is accusing Philip of having offended his Biology teacher.

Philip
.....

65 Mike will probably try to find a well-paid job before he gets married to Kylie.

Mike is
.....