



B2 97V1 – 97V2 – DIAGNOSTIC TEST

Name: _____ Course: 97V _____ Date: _____

LISTENING SECTION (10 MARKS)

A. Listen to the conversation between Alan and Cecilia. Then, choose the correct option for each question.**1. What is Alan's new challenge starting January first?**

a) Performing random acts of kindness every day
 b) Going to the gym every day
 c) Taking relaxation classes like yoga
 d) Running marathons every week

2. What does Cecilia say she wants to do more this year?

a) Spend more time on social media
 b) Travel more and read more books
 c) Take more relaxation classes
 d) Run more marathons

3. What problem do both Alan and Cecilia agree they have with the internet?

a) They don't have enough internet access
 b) They spend too much time online and get distracted by messages
 c) They find it hard to learn new things online
 d) They don't like social media at all

4. What deal do Alan and Cecilia make about internet use?

a) To use the internet only for work
 b) To avoid using the internet on weekends
 c) To spend no more than one hour a day on the internet
 d) To delete all their social media accounts

5. Why do Alan and Cecilia want to cut plastic out of their lives?

a) Because it is expensive
 b) Because it causes pollution and harms animals
 c) Because it is difficult to recycle
 d) Because plastic is not useful anymore

USE OF LANGUAGE SECTION (50 MARKS)

VOCABULARY

B. Choose the correct answer.

Juan-Carlos: I'm ⁶ scared / conscious to death about my interview tomorrow.
 I really want this job but ...

Kate: Try not to worry. Everyone gets nervous about interviews.
 Remember that your experience is pretty ⁷ tense / impressive.
 They're going to think you're great!

Juan-Carlos: Yeah, but you're never ⁸ reluctant / dying to go on interviews.

Kate: That's true. I'm ⁹ willing / passionate to take a risk to get what I want,
 and you should be, too. Every time we talk about your work you
 sound ¹⁰ passionate / misleading about it, so you just need
 to show the interviewer how much you love what you do.

Juan-Carlos: Yeah. I guess you're right. Science has always ¹¹ increased / captured my imagination, even
 when I was just a little kid.
 I loved it then and I love it now.

Kate: Exactly! So tomorrow, just go into the interview and focus on all the
 things that went ¹² smoothly / foolishly in your last job. After a few

minutes, you won't feel nervous anymore.

Juan-Carlos: That's great advice, Kate. Thanks.

C. Complete the news bulletin with the words below.

attention | builds | eye | headlines | incompetent | males | suspicious

Several reports about a failed bank robbery downtown are making ¹³ _____. At 3:37 p.m. two ¹⁴ _____ jumped out of a large red car which immediately caught the ¹⁵ _____ of passers-by. The men then ran into TZ Bank on Main Street. Our sources say that both men had large ¹⁶ _____ and were wearing dark-colored clothing and hats. Staff inside the bank activated the alarm system and the police arrived within minutes. The men ran away with nothing at all so, as robbers, they were fortunately ¹⁷ _____. Police officers are keeping an ¹⁸ _____ on the area. Anyone who saw anything ¹⁹ _____ in the hours before or after the attempted robbery should call the police station at 212-212-212.

D. Choose the correct answer to complete the paragraph.

Dear Mei,

Great to hear from you and to get all your news. It sounds like you're having a fantastic time in college.

I have to tell you a funny story. I went to Jose-Antonio's party last Saturday and I met two guys who had an amazing ²⁰ similarity / individual. They were named Joe and Sebastian. You almost couldn't tell them apart because they had the same physical ²¹ attitudes / features. However, in terms of their personalities, they have completely different ²² builds / characteristics – Joe was an extrovert and Sebastian was very shy and reserved. I really liked them both and I'll introduce you to them when you're home for the spring break. I have no ²³ thought / doubt you guys would get along really well.

I think I'm doing well in school. I did my math ²⁴ interpretation / examination last Friday and it was pretty hard! I had to remember how to ²⁵ calculate / ruin averages in statistics. Luckily it's the only ²⁶ assessment / identification I have to do this semester. I just hope I passed because the results are being ²⁷ boasted / announced next month!

Let's have a video chat next weekend. I'm free Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Hope to see you if you have time.

Lia

GRAMMAR

E. Complete the conversation with the words below.

being | enough | found | only | out | so | tend | up | used to | will | yourself

Jeff: Hey, Monica. I'm struggling with school work right now. Do you have any advice for me? I never seem to have ²⁸ _____ time to review the things we did in class. I'm just ²⁹ _____ busy that I jump straight to the next task ahead of me. It's terrible!

Monica: OK, I understand. I ³⁰ _____ to look through my class notes every evening. In fact I ³¹ _____ often spend about an hour just checking that I understood everything. Could you do that?

Jeff: Well, I ³² _____ have a lot more free time, but now I have a part-time job, so I just run from school to the restaurant where I work. It's a long way from my apartment, so I get home late, too. I guess if I'd ³³ _____ a job closer to home, I might have had more time to study.

Monica: OK, let's be realistic. How about you get up an hour earlier every morning?
That way, you'd have some time, right?

Jeff: That's actually a great idea. If ³⁴ _____ I had more willpower!
Being a morning person just isn't me, but, yeah, thanks. I'm
going to try that.

Monica: Cool! Now you can dream of ³⁵ _____ a great student and a
great employee at the same time!

Jeff: Hey, thanks, Monica. You always come ³⁶ _____ with the best
Ideas. I'm hopeless at doing that!

Monica: Sure! You're welcome! It's fun figuring ³⁷ _____ how to solve
a problem for someone. I'm glad I could help. I have one
last piece of advice for you, though.

Jeff: Oh, yeah? What?

Monica: Set an alarm for ³⁸ _____!

F. Choose the correct answer for each statement.

39. Rome is such an interesting place to visit / visiting.

40. I'm starving! I really need something eating / to eat.

41. Can this spray prevent insects from biting / to bite me?

42. Do you know anywhere good to have / having lunch?

43. Sue's parents met themselves / each other on vacation.

44. What did you decide to do / doing for your birthday?

45. Abdul is very proud that he cooked the whole meal himself / itself.

G. Complete the conversation. Choose the correct answer.

Maria: Let's drive up this street. It looks interesting.

Sally: Umm. No, we 46. may / can't. Look, the sign says, "No entry." It's a one-way
street. I think we're 47. supposed / should to turn left here.

Maria: Oh, you're right! Sorry. I guess we're 48. meant / bound to go down
Main Street instead.

Sally: Yes, let's continue 49. drive / driving this way, then we can park the car and get
a coffee.

Maria: Great idea! We can go to that lovely café near the River Hotel.

Sally: Sounds like a plan but 50. only / even if you let me pay!

READING SECTION (10 MARKS)

H. Read the reviews. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

Chuck T: Model XI fitster

What a second-rate purchase! If only I hadn't wasted my money. I bought the Model XI activity tracker to measure the number of calories I burn during exercise. I run three miles every morning, and when my tracker arrived, I was super-excited to test it out and see how accurate it was. When I arrived back home after my run, feeling hot and exhausted, I took a look at my shiny new Model XI. The calories-burned tracker said, "27 calories". How is that even possible? It totally ruined my day. I'm certain to have burned at least 500 calories. I even feel thinner!

I'm returning this inferior product for a refund. Save your dollars!

Mel 09: Zorbees super window cleaner

I had wanted an efficient window cleaning machine for ages, but they always seemed to be so expensive that I just couldn't buy one. Then Zorbees came along! At only \$29.99, it's a real bargain. Plug it in, switch it on, and off you go! I used to spend hours cleaning my windows by hand, using torn up newspapers and old T-shirts, to make them look beautiful. If I had had a Zorbees back then, I'd have saved hours of time! I wish I'd bought one sooner. Unless you're the type of person who really enjoys these household chores, do yourself a favor and get a Zorbees right now. You won't regret it. I can honestly say it brightens up my days (and my windows!)

Sanjay: Fabby ballistic automatic ball launcher

My dog is constantly bringing me balls to play with, but now I have a solution that I'm more than happy to recommend to other dog owners. This imaginative automatic ball launcher keeps Ted busy for hours on end. Just keep in mind the size of ball you need. If it's too big, it won't fit well in the launcher. When I opened the box, Ted seemed unsure what to do, maybe even a little scared, but he successfully learned how to play the game and gets a lot of satisfaction out of it. He's happy because it takes his mind off the fact I'm not home. And I'm happy that I can go to work knowing he's keeping himself busy.

51. What was Chuck T's main complaint about the Model XI activity tracker?

- a) It didn't measure distance accurately
- b) It showed too few calories burned after his run
- c) It was too expensive for what it did
- d) The screen was hard to read

52. Why did Mel like the Zorbees window cleaner?

- a) It was easy to use and saved time
- b) It was very cheap but didn't work well
- c) It cleaned windows without needing electricity
- d) It came with lots of accessories

53. What problem does Sanjay's Fabby ballistic ball launcher solve?

- a) It helps train his dog to fetch better
- b) It entertains his dog when he is not home
- c) It automatically cleans his dog's toys
- d) It feeds his dog while he's at work

54. How did Ted the dog react when he first saw the ball launcher?

- a) He was excited and immediately played with it
- b) He was unsure and maybe a little scared
- c) He ignored it completely
- d) He chewed it up

55. What does Mel wish she had done sooner?

- a) Bought the Zorbees window cleaner
- b) Cleaned her windows with newspapers
- c) Asked someone else to clean her windows
- d) Used a different cleaning product