

EXAM PRACTICE 27 – LISTENING

Part 1: Tom and Anna are describing their narrow escapes from storms. What happened? Correct the mistakes in the summaries. (20 points)

Tom's story:

1. The weather was nice when Tom and his girlfriend, Cindy, rented a boat to go to an island for the day.

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2. When the weather got worse, they tried to head back to the island – but the boat's engine wouldn't start.

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3. The wind was getting stronger, and the boat was being driven toward the open ocean.

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4. They were rescued by two local fishermen in a tiny inflatable boat.

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5. The boat rental guy had been worried, so he used his radio to call his fishermen friends to ask them to look for Tom and Cindy.

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Anna's story:

6. The weather was cloudy when Anna and her friends started to walk from the valley to the top of a mountain.

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7. They were halfway up when they realized there was going to be a thunderstorm.

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8. They got very wet, but they weren't frightened.

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9. Then one of them noticed a sign pointing to a path leading to a different mountain.

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10. They eventually came to a road that led to a mountain lodge, where they spent the day.

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Part 2: You will hear someone called Karen Williams talking about her career. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase. (20 points)

At the end of her first work experience, Karen spent two days (1. _____) and checking rooms with the floor housekeeper.

Her last work experience was spent in the hotel's (2. _____).

The subject of Karen's next course was (3. _____).

During her HND course, the subjects she had to study were business studies, hotel management, human resource management and (4. _____).

The topic of her report was (5. _____) in hotels.

In her report, she wrote reviews of various (6. _____).

She joined an organization with the initials (7. _____).

She got information from a magazine called (8. _____) and 9, (_____).

In her present job, she has to deal with problems caused by the hotel being (10. _____).

Part 3: You will hear an interview with someone who consulted a 'life coach' to improve her life. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear. (10 points)

1. Brigid says that she consulted a life coach because

A. she had read a great deal about them.

B. both her work and home life were getting worse.

C. other efforts to improve her life had failed.

D. the changes she wanted to make were only small ones.

2. What did Brigid's coach tell her about money?

A. It would be very easy for Brigid to get a lot of it.

B. Brigid's attitude towards it was uncharacteristic of her.

C. Brigid placed too much emphasis on it in her life.

D. Few people have the right attitude towards it.

3. What does Brigid say about her reaction to her coach's advice on money?

A. She felt silly repeating the words her coach gave her.

B. She tried to hide the fact that she found it ridiculous.

C. She felt a lot better as a result of following it.

D. She found it difficult to understand at first.

4. What does Brigid say happened during the other sessions?

A. She was told that most people's problems had the same cause.

B. Her powers of concentration improved.

C. Some things she was told to do proved harder than others.

D. She began to wonder why her problems had arisen in the first place.

5. What has Brigid concluded?

A. The benefits of coaching do not compensate for the effort required.

B. She was too unselfish before she had coaching.

C. She came to expect too much of her coach.

D. It is best to limit the number of coaching sessions you have.

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