

LISTENING TEST – B2

LISTENING

The History of Female Cycling

You will hear a recording about women cycling.

For statements 1–5, choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.

- 1 The first women who rode bicycles
 - A were judged for their behaviour.
 - B were not able to travel alone.
 - C used bicycles with differently-sized wheels.
 - D rode in the same way as rich women riding horses.
- 2 Bloomers were
 - A the first women who dared to cycle.
 - B women who dared to show their ankles.
 - C a type of skirt women wore for cycling.
 - D a type of trousers women wore for cycling.
- 3 Some doctors
 - A physically attacked cycling women.
 - B praised the design of female bicycles.
 - C supported the first woman cycling around the world.
 - D thought that cycling was physically unsuitable for women.
- 4 The early female bike racers
 - A competed under the same conditions as the men.
 - B became bigger sporting stars than the men.
 - C trained hard despite being paid worse than the men.
 - D were the reason the races were eventually banned.
- 5 Today, professional cycling
 - A bears a certain similarity to Wimbledon.
 - B includes women in the most important race.
 - C offers the same opportunities for men and women.
 - D still hasn't included women at all levels of the sport.

LISTENING

The (Dis)United Kingdom

You will hear a school presentation about the history of the United Kingdom.

While listening, decide if statements 1–7 are (T) true, (F) false or (N) not stated in the recording.

- 1 Wales used to be a part of the kingdom of England.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 2 Ireland joined the United Kingdom in 1707.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 3 The Scottish parliament has greater power than the Welsh parliament.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 4 Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish nationalists seeking independence have generally not been in the majority.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 5 Scots nicknamed their vote in 2014 "Project Fear".
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 6 Over 55% of Northern Irish voters didn't support Brexit.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐
- 7 The UK's EU membership played a role in the result of the 2014 vote in Scotland.
(T) true ☐ (F) false ☐ (N) not stated ☐

LANGUAGE IN USE

Don't Turn On The Light

For questions 1–20, read the text below and fill in each gap with the correct answer (A–D).

Kate decided to stay in the study room on the bottom floor of the dormitory as soon as she realised that she would **1** stay up all night **2** to prepare for her final exam. Her roommate, Jenna, liked to get to bed early, so Kate packed up everything she needed and went downstairs to review **3** more materials. It was 2.00am when she **4** that she'd left one of her textbooks upstairs on her bed. With a dramatic sigh, she stood up and slowly began to climb the stairs to her third-floor dorm room.

5 the lights in the long hallway were dim, she couldn't see very well, and the old boards creaked under her weary feet. She arrived at her room and opened the door as **6** as she could, opening it just **7** to slip inside so that the hall lights wouldn't wake her roommate.

There was a strange, dark feeling in the room. Kate crept along the wall until she **8** her bed, identified her history textbook, picked it up and tiptoed out of the room. In the silence, she **9** hear a steady "drip-drip-drip" sound.

She sighed. Someone would have to come **10** the sink in the bathroom, again.

Relieved to be out of the room, she hurried back downstairs, and studied **11** 6.00am. She finally decided that enough was enough. If she **12** upstairs now, she could get a couple hours of sleep before her exam at 9.00am. The first of the sun's **13** were beaming through the window as she slowly pushed the door open, hoping not to awaken Jenna.

Suddenly Kate's eyes **14** the scene in her dorm room. Jenna **15** on her bed against the far wall, her throat cut from ear to ear, blood dripping from the saturated blanket with a "drip-drip" noise that sounded **16** a leaky faucet.

And on the wall above her roommate's bed, written in Jenna's blood, were the words: "Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?"

That's when Kate fainted.

When she **17**, she was sitting in the study room, her head on her textbook. The faucet was still dripping its "drip-drip" sound, and her wristwatch read 8.00am. She'd had such **18** horribly vivid dream and now she would have to hurry **19** her exam. She only had half an hour to get ready because John had promised to **20** her up at half past eight, and he was not one to wait.

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| 1 A) must | B) has to | C) have to | D) ought to |
| 2 A) for | B) in order | C) so | D) due |
| 3 A) any | B) some | C) few | D) little |
| 4 A) realised | B) revised | C) reminded | D) recommended |
| 5 A) Because of | B) However | C) Although | D) As |
| 6 A) soft | B) softly | C) soften | D) softly |
| 7 A) so | B) such | C) enough | D) like |
| 8 A) achieved | B) came | C) gained | D) reached |
| 9 A) can | B) could | C) was able | D) managed |
| 10 A) to fix | B) to have fixed | C) fixing | D) for fixing |
| 11 A) by | B) for | C) within | D) until |
| 12 A) has slipped | B) had slipped | C) would slip | D) slipped |
| 13 A) rays | B) belts | C) radiation | D) lightning |
| 14 A) took notice | B) registered | C) fell | D) joined |
| 15 A) has been lying | B) has lain | C) had lain | D) was lying |
| 16 A) as | B) like | C) so | D) similarly |
| 17 A) comes to | B) wakes up | C) woke up | D) set up |
| 18 A) — | B) an | C) a | D) the |
| 19 A) not missing | B) not miss | C) not to miss | D) to miss |
| 20 A) collect | B) lift | C) pick | D) raise |