

EXAM PRACTICE 28 - LISTENING

PART I. LISTENING (50 points)

I. For questions 1-5, complete the notes below. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/ OR A NUMBER for each answer. (10 points)

Ratner Athletics Centre

- A yearly membership costs (1)
- Features of offered include:
 - the Emily Pankhurst (2)
 - the Dalton (3)
 - personal (4) at an extra charge
- Hours: 6 a.m. to (5) on weekdays and 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends

II. You will hear an interview with a woman called Emma Stoneham, who works as a manager in the horse racing industry. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear. (10 points)

1. What does Emma say about her qualifications?
 - A. She chose to study certain subjects against her father's wishes.
 - B. She decided to do courses that dealt directly with horse racing.
 - C. She did a postgraduate course that few people knew about.
 - D. She was fortunate to be accepted on a specialist course.
2. How does Emma feel about what she calls the 'big names' in horse racing?
 - A. She resents having to plan her events to suit them.
 - B. She respects the contribution they make to the sport.
 - C. She believes that they shouldn't receive special treatment.
 - D. She accepts that she needs to put on particular events to attract them.
3. What does Emma particularly enjoy about race days?
 - A. the range of people she meets
 - B. the enthusiasm of her colleagues
 - C. the challenge of dealing with the unexpected
 - D. the pleasure of seeing people enjoying themselves
4. How did Emma feel after cancelling the midwinter race meeting?
 - A. worried that inadequate precautions had been taken
 - B. angry that bad weather hadn't been predicted
 - C. satisfied that she'd made the right decision
 - D. grateful for the good advice she'd received
5. As a result of cancelling the meeting, Emma has had to _____.
 - A. put on additional race meetings
 - B. make changes to her financial planning
 - C. sell some land belonging to the racecourse
 - D. postpone making improvements to facilities

III. You will hear part of a public meeting held to discuss plans for a new town.

Indicate whether you think each statement is True (T) or False (F). (10 points)

STATEMENTS

1. The meeting will decide which team will develop the area.
2. The first objector suggests the meeting is a waste of time.

TRUE	FALSE

3. Mrs West is against the idea of new towns in general.
4. Mrs. Thomas is worried about Metcalf becoming a tourist attraction.
5. Mr Lester persuades the meeting that the development is a good idea.

IV. You will hear a student, Hannah Jorden, giving a short talk on the topic of soil. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each gap. (20 points)

Hannah has found out that people have used soil as a (1) _____ for thousands of years. Hannah says that the increase in (2) _____ is putting pressure on the way we use soil. Pollutants from waste in the soil can enter the (3) _____ and can affect both plants and humans.

Hannah has found evidence showing that waste pollution reduces the number of (4) _____ in the soil.

The main cause of inorganic pollution is the (5) _____ which takes place in many countries.

Hannah is interested in the fact that organic pollutants can directly affect the (6) _____ in humans.

Hannah gives the example of (7) _____ as a natural cause of acid rain.

Hannah has found that soil erosion caused by (8) _____ has been of interest to the media.

Soil has become less fertile owing to the method known as (9) _____.

The gradual extension of cultivation is in favour due to (10) _____.