

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_.