GE8 UNIT 8 REPORTED SPEECH REVISION 2

A. LISTENING

You will hear an interview with a 15-year-old boy called Callum, who runs a successful book review website for teenagers. Click on the following blue box and scroll to LISTENING 2:

20 How did Callum learn about setting up a website? **A** through lessons at school **B** by using information online **C** a family member taught him	**21 Why did Callum decide to set up a book review website?** **A** to develop teenagers' writing skills **B** to encourage teenagers to read more **C** to create an online discussion among teenager
22 How did Callum feel when his site first went online? **A** pleased with its quality **B** certain it would be popular **C** positive it would achieve its aims	**23 What does Callum say about a typical day?** **A** It's usually full of variety. **B** It's always extremely busy. **C** It's impossible to predict what will happen.
24 When Callum is eighteen, he'd like to **A** work for a big company. **B** study for a degree. **C** run a business.	**25 What is Callum's new website for?** **A** using music to help people **B** presenting new music **C** learning how to play music

B. USE OF ENGLISH

1. Read and choose the correct answer:

You look red. _____you _____?

a. Have...been running **b.** Have...run **c.** Were...running **d.** Did...run

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I've _____got 500 pages to read. This is such a long book!

a. still **b.** already **c.** just **d.** ever

Lana is the most kind-hearted person I've _____ met.

a. yet **b.** still **c.** ever **d.** already

I_____ around the world for 2 months. So far, I_____ 5 countries in Asia.

a. have been travelling- have been visiting **b.** have travelled- have visited **c.** travelled- have visited **d.** have been travelling- have visited

Your English _____so much lately. I'm sure you'll pass the upcoming test.

a. improved **b.** has been improving **c.** was improving **d.** has improved

I always find that going _____a walk helps give me ideas for my writing.

a. to **b.** on **c.** for **d.** at

If I buy books with authors I've never read before, I usually choose the ones _____ highest ratings.

a. with **b.** at **c.** in **d.** for

Yesterday was the coldest day _____the year.

a. in **b.** during **c.** for **d.** of

Luna's taken me to all the most expensive restaurants _____ Singapore.

a. of **b.** in **c.** on **d.** at

They usually visit their family and relatives _____ Christmas when they're off work.

a. to **b.** in **c.** on **d.** at

If you walk _____ this road for about 200 meters, you'll see a bakery on the left.

a. through **b.** towards **c.** along **d.** on

We first met when we were _____ high school. We were _____ a music festival in LA.

a. at- at **b.** in- at **c.** on- in **d.** in- on

They were leaving _____ the next morning, so they didn't have time to see us.

a. in **b.** on **c.** ∅ **d.** during

''Would you mind taking a few pictures of me?''- The anchorman _____

a. asked me whether I would mind taking a few pictures of him. **b.** asked me to take a few pictures of him. **c.** told me to take a few pictures of me.

'' Everybody, line up,'' the teacher said. – The teacher _____

a. told everybody to line up. **b.** asked everybody to line up. **c.** wondered if everybody could line up.

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'' *Can you watch my kids this Sunday?'' – Joe* _____

a. asked me to watch his kids that Sunday.
b. wondered if I could watch my kids this Sunday.
c. told me to watch his kids that Sunday.

'' *Don't open the door.''- They* _____

a. asked him not to open the door.
b. asked him if he didn't open the door.
c. told him not to open the door.

2. Rewrite the sentences using the words given:

Nam's still studying English. He started studying it two years ago. **(for)**

_____.

They visited this college in 2012 and 2014. (**twice)**

_____.

This is the first time I've gone skiing. (**never**)

_____.

Kate started playing the piano when she was ten. (**since**)

_____.

He said to me, "Don't go to the beach alone." (NOT TO)

_____.

'' Pack your stuff and leave.'' Lily said to Tom.

Lily _____.

"Can you look after gran?" Susan asked us.
Susan_____.

'' Would you mind picking up my son in the afternoon?'' Tim asked them.

Tim _____.

We didn't take out the trash yesterday morning. ''- She said to us. (TOLD)

She _____.

"I am having dinner with Julio next week." He told me. (SAID)

He _____.

'' We want to eat pasta here tonight.'' The children said to me. (TOLD)

The children _____.

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C. READING

Whale-watching trip
by Jack Madison, 15

A while ago, my friend Olivia was telling me about a whale-watching trip she'd been on, in Canada. I wanted to tell her I was about to do the same thing, off the north coast of the UK, where my grandparents live. Whales had recently appeared there again, and my grandparents were convinced we'd see some – so I was sure my trip would be as good as Olivia's! But then I saw some review of the trip my dad had booked for us, when no-one had seen any whales at all. So, in the end, I decided not to tell Olivia anything about my trip, in case it wasn't successful!

Anyway, Dad and I set off on our trip – which was Dad's idea – and it was fantastic! Travelling out to sea on the tour boat with our guide, we soon reached the spot where whales often appeared. Then we waited – and nothing happened. I was sure this wouldn't last, though. People kept calling out they'd seen one, which was exciting – but then it turned out they were wrong. Then finally I saw something move under the water – a minke whale! So I felt like a hero for the rest of the trip!

The whale was a wonderful sight, with its huge back not far from the boat. Our guide said it was around five tonnes in weight and around 10 metres long. Yet, despite its size, it swam alongside us at speed, and with little effort. We waited to see if more appeared, and some time later, we saw three more some distance away, that kept diving under the water and coming up again. Then just after I'd filmed them, they disappeared.

Although the water's less deep around the coast, larger whale species appear in the area with minke whales, feeding on fish. But minkes are curious creatures, so they're more likely to approach tourist boats – which was why we were successful! Then later, up on the cliffs, we looked out to sea, searching for signs of whales. Sometimes seabirds diving into the water means whales are around, as they're stealing the whales' meal. We were unlucky, sadly – but we'll be back!

1 Jack wasn't keen to mention his whale-watching trip to Olivia because

A he thought her trip sounded a lot more exciting.

B he'd read some negative reports about where he was going.

C he wasn't sure if his dad had definitely arranged it.

D he didn't know whether she was very interested in whales.

2 On board the whale-watching boat, Jack

A was proud to be the first person to see a whale.

B began to worry that they might all be disappointed.

C tried not to get excited when anyone saw something.

D was glad he'd persuaded his dad to come with him.

3 When Jack saw the minke whale, he was

A surprised at how close it came to the boat.

B amazed that it was so much bigger than he'd imagined.

C impressed that it moved through the water so easily.

D delighted to see it had arrived with several others.

4 Jack suggests minke whales appeared in the same area as the boat because

A they knew there were plenty of fish there.

B they were attracted by the arrival of the visitors.

C they didn't have to compete for food with seabirds.

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	D they preferred how deep the water was there. **5 What would Jack text to his grandparents about the whales?** A I'll send you my video of the group of whales – they only appeared briefly, so they weren't as interesting as the first one we saw. B Dad said he'd really wanted to go to Canada to watch whales, like my friend Olivia – but now we're really happy we came here. C I must take you up to the cliffs to look for whales – we've seen them every time we've been there, so far. D You were so sure our whale-watching trip would be a success, while I still had doubts – but you were right.

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