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B1 PRELIMINARY TEST

My name is:

LISTENING SKILL

PART 1

Questions 1-7 (7 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer.

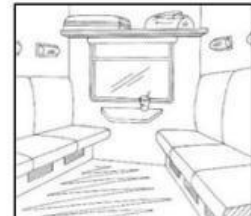
1. Where does the man think he left his wallet?



A



B

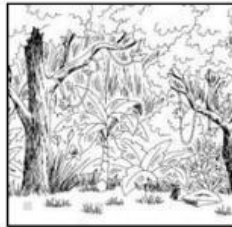


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2. What is tomorrow's talk at the Natural Society about?



A

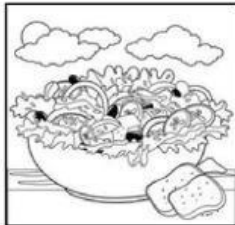


B



C

3. What will the woman order for lunch?



A



B



C

4. How did the woman find out about the exhibition?



A



B



C

5. What is the woman's brother doing?



A

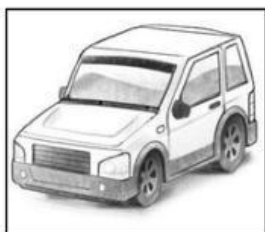


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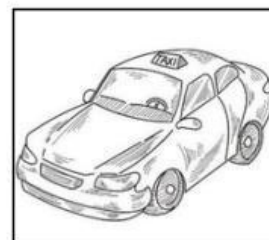
6. How will the woman travel to her meeting?



A



B



C

7. Which sport has the man stopped doing?



A



B



C

PART 2

Questions 8-13 (6 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two people talking about buying a bicycle. The woman suggests that the man should**
- A. get advice from an expert
 - B. go to a different shop
 - C. try looking online
- 9 You will hear a man telling his friend about his Welsh language course. What does the man say about it?**
- A. The lessons are too long
 - B. The grammar is too difficult
 - C. The teacher speaks too fast
- 10 You will hear a woman telling her colleague about her weekend. What did the woman like about it?**
- A. having a chance to relax
 - B. seeing her children enjoying themselves
 - C. visiting a new place in the city
- 11 You will hear two friends talking about a new restaurant. They both think the restaurant would be better if**
- A. the price were cheaper
 - B. the food was fresher
 - C. the service was faster
- 12 You will hear two old friends talking at a party. How is the man's appearance different from before?**
- A. He has started wearing glasses
 - B. He has changed his style of clothes
 - C. He has grown a beard
- 13 You will hear two colleagues talking about a meeting. How does the man feel about it?**
- A. annoyed that she will have to attend it
 - B. surprised that it is still going to take place
 - C. worried that her presentation will be unpopular

PART 3

Questions 14-19 (6 points) For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write **one** or **two words** or **a number** or **a date** or **a time**.

One – Week singing course

Teachers

Jazz: Robert Park

Songs from musicals: Susan (14)

Concert

When: Friday, at (15)..... p.m

Colour of clothes: (16)

Other general information

Map of building: available from the (17).....

Lunch: eat in the (18)

Car park: cost £ (19) per day

PART 4

Questions 20-25 (6 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer: You will hear an interview with a man called Mickey Diaz, who is talking about his work as a hairdresser.

20 Why did Mickey decide to become a hairdresser?

- A. He was offered a job by a friend
- B. He wanted to do what his family did
- C. He hoped to meet some famous people

21 On a typical day at work, Mickey says that he

- A. doesn't take enough time for breaks
- B. works longer hours than he would like to
- C. tries to do a range of jobs

22 The part of the job which Mickey likes most is

- A. hearing about customers' lives
- B. using his imagination
- C. creating new haircuts

23 What part of the job does Mickey dislike?

- A. dealing with difficult customers
- B. having to do boring courses
- C. sharing ideas with colleagues

24 How does Mickey feel after cutting a customer's hair?

- A. worried that the customer may be annoyed
- B. keen to continue learning
- C. proud of what he's achieved

25 Mickey recommends that people who want to work as hairdressers

- A. shouldn't take the first job they're offered
- B. shouldn't believe they know everything
- C. shouldn't expect to earn much at first

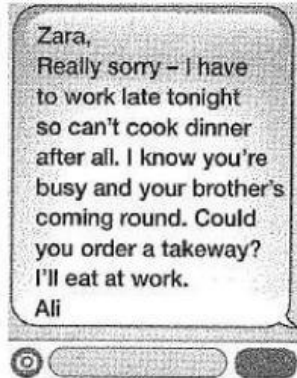
READING SKILL

PART 1

Questions 1-5 (5 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer

1. Zara should



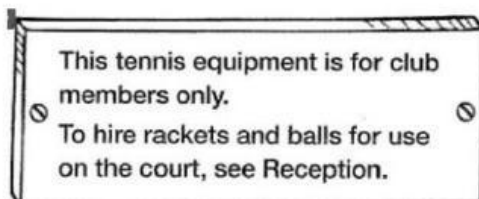
- A. Buy something for Ali's dinner.
- B. Have dinner without Ali.
- C. Eat the dinner that Ali has made.

2. What does the seller say?



- A. The item he has got are not all in perfect condition.
- B. You can contact him any time you like.
- C. His furniture is not made in an old-fashioned style.

3.



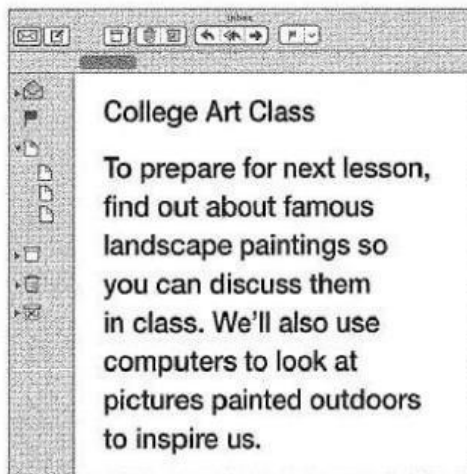
- A. You are not permitted to use this equipment unless you have club membership.
- B. If you wish to become a member of the tennis club, ask at Reception.
- C. Non-members must bring their own equipment to use on these courts.

4.



- A. Olivia is encouraging Aiden to go running today
- B. Olivia wants Aiden to tell the group that she can't run today
- C. Olivia is letting Aiden know that the running group are expecting him today.

5.



- A. Students will be working outdoors during their next art class.
- B. Students must produce their next picture using painting software.
- C. Students should do some research before the next sessions.

PART 2

Questions 6-10 (5 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to find a castle to visit. On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight castles. Decide which castle would be the most suitable for the people below.

6.



Alan is keen on history, and wants to visit a castle that was the site of well-known historical events. He'd like the castle to be near the coast, with tours led by a guide.

7.



Yoshiko wants to see a castle that people are still living in. She loves visiting beautiful gardens, and would like to explore interesting places in the castle.

8.



Paulo and Maria collect antiques, so want to visit a castle that still has some of its original furniture on display, and hear about the building's history. They also want something that's particularly suitable for young children.

9.



Kerim wants somewhere with a great historical atmosphere, with typical food from the past to try, and people dressed in costume. He'd also like to see art that's been in the castle for centuries.

10.



Jake and his brother have always wanted to visit the ruins of a castle surrounded by water, with great views. Jake also wants to learn about any wildlife living in and around the castle.

CASTLES TO VISIT

- A. Durston Castle** has a valuable art collection, secret tunnels — one leading to the beach — and visitors mustn't miss the unusual rooms deep beneath the castle walls. Because the building is the Durston family's home, some parts cannot be visited — but you can sit on the grass under the trees and admire the flower beds and fountains. There's a play area for children too.
- B. At Castle Woodward**, experience what life was like at the time it was built. Staff wear clothes typical of the time, and offer everyone tasty snacks made using recipes from different periods of history. Inside, the walls are covered with original paintings of the generations of people who've lived in the castle.
- C. Castle Hemsworth's** guides, dressed in historical costumes, give visitors information about the traditional castle building, towers and gardens. Wild horses live nearby. Inside, the castle looks unchanged, with old furniture and portraits of people who've lived here.
- D. Only a few castle parts of Marlin** are left, but you can still visit some underground rooms and see beautiful countryside from the high tower. The castle is in the middle of a lake and has lovely gardens. There are talks about the castle, and the bats, birds and butterflies that have made Marlin their home. Experts at the ruins of **Carston** will show you around and
- E. Chartsmouth Castle** was once owned and lived in by kings. Visitors love exploring the rooms, some of which have hidden tunnels. You can see the sea from the top of the walls, and younger visitors will love the outdoor games.
- F. Castle** give you information — and offer you 17th-century snacks! Hear how the building was once the scene of famous battles, and is now home to a variety of wildlife. And from the south side, there are fantastic sea views.
- G. Rushford** is an old castle on the coast which is a popular local attraction. The Rushford Castle café in the walls serves food typical of the castle's history. Inside, there are beautiful rooms with antique tables and clocks. Outside, visitors can see a wide variety of wildlife.
- H. Sawbridgce Castle** was built in 1712 on an island in a lake. Inside, you can still see beautifully designed beds, tables and other objects once used by families living there. Put on headphones and listen to information about the history of Sawbridgce Castle. Visitors of all ages will love the toy museum in the gardens.

PART 3

Questions 11-15 (5 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Ana Ronson

Singer-songwriter

Singer-songwriter Ana Ronson grew up in Ireland. Although her parents weren't musicians, there was always music in the house. Her grandfather played the guitar, and taught Ana and her brother to play.

The first time Ana tried singing in front of an audience was at school — she was so nervous that her teacher had to lead her off the stage. This teacher suggested that joining the school theatre club might make her more confident. After attending the club for a while, she happily sang with 50 other students at an end-of-term concert.

A year later, her brother, who was in a band, asked her to write a song for them, and so she wrote her first ever song, Falling Stars. Writing it took just three days and she enjoyed it so much that she enrolled on a songwriting course run by a professional songwriter. Despite being the youngest student, she already knew more about music than many of the others. But Ana says the teacher didn't listen to anything she said, and she wrote Something to Say about how annoyed this made her feel.

She posted this song online, and it became a huge success. She was delighted when people left comments saying that they loved it and found new meanings in the words each time they heard them. Joss Alton, the owner of a recording company called Isotope Music, flew from his office on the other side of Ireland to ask her to join Isotope. At first she wasn't sure; she didn't know anything about the company, and didn't want someone telling her what to sing. However, Joss persuaded her this wouldn't happen, and a short time later she performed at a concert in Dublin arranged by Isotope. They sold all the tickets very quickly and it was an amazing evening.

Ana says she's less interested in writing songs about when life's good; when it's not, there's more for her to say. One of her favourite songs is Decision, written about why her brother stopped singing for a while, and how unhappy it made him. While she hopes that fans will like her songs, her aim is to write about personal experiences that matter to her.

11. What helped Ana stop being scared of singing to an audience?

- A. Practising her singing with a band.
- B. Asking a teacher to stand on stage with her.
- C. Being in a drama group at school.
- D. Making sure she was not in the front row.

12. How was the songwriting course useful for Ana?

- A. She was able to meet some well-known singers.
- B. The teacher's attitude gave her an idea for a song.
- C. She learnt a lot from other writers on the course.
- D. The teacher gave her advice about the music business.

13. Ana decided to work with Joss Alton because.....

- A. he promised to let her choose which songs to sing.
- B. he offered to help her put on a concert.
- C. she liked some other singers that he worked with.
- D. he owned a company in her home town.

14. Ana most enjoys writing songs that....

- A. she is sure her fans will like.
- B. deal with difficult times.
- C. her brother can sing with his band.
- D. help people remember their own experiences.

15. What would Ana write to fans in her blog?

- A. Listening to my parents playing music on their instruments really encouraged me to become a singer myself.
- B. Writing songs just gets easier with practice. Nowadays it only takes a week or so - it wasn't like that when I started!
- C. I loved playing the concert in Dublin. I hope that next time we'll sell all the tickets - it was a shame to have some empty seats!
- D. I read what people write about me online - it means a lot to me that they like listening carefully to my songs.

PART 4

Questions 16-20 (5 points)

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Steve Dalway's cycle ride

Steve Dalway has recently completed an amazing bike ride between the US cities of Los Angeles and Boston, a distance of nearly 5,500 km. He and ten other cyclists took part in a trip organised by a company that provided a mechanic, planned the accommodation and route, and carried the cyclists' bags. (16) Even with these, the ride involved a huge amount of effort.

Steve had already completed another long cycle ride in Europe. (17)..... . For example, he knew that on any ride, eating properly is important. When you don't eat enough, your ability to recover after hard exercise is reduced. For this reason, he always made sure he had a large breakfast before setting off every morning. (18) The sight of the hotel at the end of the day was still very welcome, however!

One of the toughest times for the riders in the US was when the route climbed high into the Rocky Mountains. By the end of that part of the ride, Steve had climbed an amazing 28,000 m in total.

(19) An early section of the ride, for instance, took the group of cyclists through the Mojave Desert, where the high temperatures made them feel as if they were in an oven. In the desert, Steve had to drink four litres of liquid every 40 km in order to keep going.

The cyclists used paper maps and had electronic devices to record the distances they, travelled. So that everyone knew what they'd be facing the next day, a big map was displayed every evening in the hotel where the group were staying. (20)..... At first the cyclists were disappointed when the black line drawn on the map by the organisers only moved forward by small amounts, despite all the day's work. At the end of the ride, however, they felt very proud of what they'd achieved.

- A. He therefore had an idea of what to expect on this one.
- B. It also allowed them to see the progress they had made.
- C. He was surprised that he had gone so fast.
- D. Doing that gave him the energy he needed to keep going.
- E. It also arranged stops every 50 km for snacks and drinks.
- F. This ride would be 1,000 km longer.
- G. As a result, Steve's family knew how he was feeling each day.
- H. There were other challenges, too.

PART 5

Questions 21-26 (6 points)

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Honey

People all over the world enjoy eating honey. But how much do you know about this (21)..... food? Most honey is made by bees, but what few people realise is that there are several types of bee which make honey. Bees may have to visit about two million flowers to produce only half a kilo of honey. The type of flower the bees visit (22) both how the honey tastes and its colour. In fact, there are (23)..... more than three hundred kinds of honey.

In (24)..... times, honey was added to food instead of sugar, as sugar was very rare. In many cultures, people have used it for centuries to (25)..... various health problems. (26), people all over the world still add it to hot water and drink it when they have a sore throat.

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| 21 | A usual | B shared | C general | D common |
| 22 | A makes | B affects | C guides | D directs |
| 23 | A correctly | B actually | C accurately | D absolutely |
| 24 | A antiques | B far | C elderly | D ancient |
| 25 | A cure | B mend | C repair | D assist |
| 26 | A Recently | B Lately | C Nowadays | D Already |