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TEST- UNIT 8 BUSINESS PARTNER A2+

READING

1) Read the article and choose the correct option.



Green and pleasant Curitiba

Curitiba is city of over 1.8 million inhabitants in the south of Brazil, and like many cities in South America, it grew very fast. It was founded in 1693, but by the 1960s there was a huge environmental problem. There were too many people, too many vehicles on the roads and not enough public transport.

There were many other cities with similar problems, but Curitiba managed to find a solution without destroying the old city, without building all over green spaces or creating more and wider roads for cars. On the contrary, the Mayor of Curitiba at the time, Jaime Lerner, did the exact opposite. Lerner is an architect and when he became Mayor, he decided they should close a part of the city centre to cars. Shop owners were very worried about this plan because they thought nobody would come to their shops if they couldn't drive there, but Lerner did it anyway, very quickly and secretly, in just three days. Luckily (and not surprisingly), everybody loved the new pedestrian area and now it is like a huge outdoor mall, full of people shopping and enjoying the city. There are hundreds of shops and restaurants, and there are benches everywhere for people to sit and watch the world go by.

Next, Lerner created a transport system that was cheap and easy to complete. Instead of an expensive underground system that would take many years to finish, he created express bus lanes in the middle of the city's main avenues. Very big buses go in both directions every few minutes, taking people to work and back, quickly and cheaply. Eighty percent of travellers use the buses, which means that there is much less pollution and Curitiba is easier to get around than any other city in Brazil.

Other environmental innovations include having parks that absorb water during the rainy season and so prevent flooding. These also provide around fifty square metres of green space per person in the city. There is also a unique system of recycling and rubbish collection. The poorest in the city can collect rubbish and bring it to neighbourhood centres where they can exchange it for bus tickets and food. This has helped make Curitiba a clean and pleasant city, and the greenest in South America.

1. What caused the environmental problems in Curitiba?

- a. population increase b. the weather c. bad government

2. Which is Jaime Lerner's occupation?

- a. shop owner b. architect c. businessman

3. What did the mayor of Curitiba do in secret in the city centre?

- a. close shops b. make a pedestrian area c. build an underground system

4. What is the main transport system in Curitiba?

- a. the underground b. cars c. buses

5. What environmental problem do parks in Curitiba help to stop?

- a. rubbish b. floods c. traffic

LISTENING

2) [BP_A2+_Test_08_02.mp3] You will hear eight short recordings twice. For questions 1–8 choose the correct answer.

1. What is the company going to do to help the environment?

- a. reduce air pollution
- b. recycle paper in the offices
- c. use less water

2. What is the best way to travel around the city?



3. What advice does the woman give her colleague?

- a. Go to bed early.
- b. Prepare well for the presentation.
- c. Check the presentation slides.

4. How has the council made the city greener?

- a. by introducing more cycle lanes
- b. by introducing car sharing
- c. by introducing electric buses

5. What does the man need to improve?

- a. his relationship with colleagues
- b. his management skills
- c. his admin skills

6. What does the woman do at the end of the meeting?

- a. invite questions
- b. thank everybody
- c. check understanding

7. What is the company going to do with its product?

- a. use less plastic packaging
- b. make it from recycled materials
- c. reduce waste by improving how it's produced



8. What kind of energy is the company going to start using?



FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

3) Write one word which best fits each space.

Sam: Does anyone _____ a question?

Layla: Yes, I do. What are the marketing costs?

Sam: I'm not sure what you _____.

Layla: I mean how much exactly did we spend on the marketing campaign?

Sam: OK. That's an _____ question, thanks. Um, we spent £15,000. Does that _____ your question?

Layla: Yes, thanks Sam.

Sam: Are there _____ more questions?

VOCABULARY

4) Choose the correct option a, b or c.

I live in a large city and there is a lot of ¹ _____. I care about the ² _____, so I am a member of a local ³ _____ group. We help to ⁴ _____ a large park. A lot of people go walking in the park and ⁵ _____ the plants. Dropping rubbish can also ⁶ _____ nature. We try to help to ⁷ _____ this problem. Our group does many things in the park. We pick up the rubbish and ⁸ _____ as much as possible. People should think about the ⁹ _____ of what we do every day and how it affects our environment. I think the best way to stop more damage to nature is by ¹⁰ _____.

GRAMMAR

5) Complete the dialogues with **COULD**, **SHOULD** or **SHOULDN'T**.

Akos: In my opinion, people ¹ _____ use cars – they're bad for the environment.

Jon: I agree. There are other possibilities. For example, people ² _____ share cars.

Barbara: The government ³ _____ invest more in buses because they're cheaper than trains.

Philippe: I don't know. Trains could help more people travel than buses because they have more space in them.



Ting: I want to get fit.

Laura: Well, you ⁴ _____ cycle to work, but there's a lot of traffic
so you ⁵ _____ be careful.

Remember that you ⁶ _____ cycle at night.

**6) Complete the sentences with the correct FUTURE FORM:
PRESENT CONTINUOUS, WILL or GOING TO.**

1. The company has already decided to increase production next month.

We _____ more granulated urea. (*produce*)

2. "I think fertilizer prices _____ higher next year." (*become*)

3. "The customer needs the information today."

"Don't worry. I _____ the report right now." (*send*)

4. Look at those dark clouds! It _____ soon. (*rain*)

5. The maintenance team has already made a plan. They _____ the
production equipment next weekend. (*check*)

6. We _____ our new fertilizer packaging machine on Monday morning.
The appointment is already confirmed. (*test*)

**7) Write 3 sentences with SHOULD, SHOULDN'T AND COULD about things
you can do to protect the environment.**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

