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Second Midterm Exam

Full Name:

LISTENING PART 1

1. Listen to three people talking about their favourite place to eat. Write Jo, Tristan or Kate next to the sentences below.

1) He / She loves fish and chips.
2) He / She doesn't like expensive restaurants.
3) He / She likes noodles with meat.
4) He / She often goes to a restaurant for lunch.
5) He / She always has Sunday lunch with his / her family.
6) He / She thinks it's a great place to go with your friends.

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2. You are going to hear the first part of the story of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Complete the gaps with the correct tense form of the verbs in the box.

be	**begin**	**fall**	**get**	**meet**
joke	**spend**	**study**	**travel**	

1) Jackie _____ born on Long Island, near New York, in July 1929.

2) She _____ a happy childhood in and around New York.

3) She _____ in the USA and at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

4) In 1951, she _____ work as a journalist, and she also _____ John F. Kennedy, the future President of the United States.

5) They _____ in love, and they _____ married two years later.

6) The Kennedys _____ to many countries together. On one trip to France, the President _____, "I am the man who accompanied Jackie Kennedy to Paris..."

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3. Listen to a radio programme about the musical "We will rock you", which is based on a song by Queen. Are the statements True (T) or False (F).

1) The song We Will Rock You came out in 1970. _____

2) Guitarist Brian May wrote the song. _____

3) Sometime people sing We Will Rock You at football games. _____

4) All the songs in the musical are by Queen. _____

5) The musical is set in the present time. _____

6) The musical came out in 2002. _____

7) The musical closed after only three years. _____

8) The musical went to Japan in 2003. _____

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4. Four people are going to stay with the Taylor family in the UK. Listen to them talking about which souvenirs from their countries they are going to buy for the family.

	Where does he / she live?	What souvenirs does he / she choose?	How does he / she describe the souvenir
Tina			
Lee			
Karim	Egypt		
Oksana			

5. Listen to Katie, Marlon, Louisa and Sam talking about what they wear at work. Write K (Katie), M (Marlon), L (Louisa) or S (Sam) next to the items in the box.

a uniform		trainers		tracksuit trousers	
earrings		a tie		a skirt suit	
a dress		a sports shirt		shorts	
trousers		a jacket		jewellery	
a shirt					

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READING PART II

6. Read the article and match statements 1 – 8 with diets A – C.













Healthy diets around the world

Harry Chen is a fitness expert. In his new book, he describes three healthy diets from around the world and tells us what we can learn from them.

A The Japanese diet
People in Japan are generally very healthy and one of the main reasons is fish. The Japanese diet includes a lot of fish, which contains healthy oil. Another reason is that they also eat a lot of fruit and vegetables – for any meal, including breakfast. People in Japan eat less than in other countries. This is because: firstly, people eat small portions on separate small plates, not one big plate. Secondly, some people eat until they are about 80 percent full, then wait for ten minutes to see if they are still hungry. This is called *hara hachi bu*.

B The Mediterranean diet
Health experts know that a lot of oil in your diet is unhealthy. The Mediterranean diet (for example, in Greece, Italy and Spain) contains a lot of oil, but it is a very healthy diet. This is because they use olive oil, which is good for your heart. Another important factor is that they eat a lot of fruit and vegetables. Vegetables in these countries are often main dishes, not just side dishes. Finally, people in this area eat with family and friends and sometimes a meal lasts several hours. This means people are relaxed and they don't eat too much.

C The South Indian diet
There are many different regions in India with different types of food. The South Indian diet is especially healthy as it contains a lot of fruit and vegetables. There is a long tradition of vegetarian food in this area. They eat some meat, but not much. In South India, they add a lot of herbs and spices, like cinnamon and turmeric, to their cooking. The spices not only make the food delicious and attractive, but they are also good for digestion. Health experts also know that some of these spices can fight diseases, such as heart disease and cancer.

1 They eat a lot of fish. ☐
2 They eat a lot of olive oil. ☐
3 They eat a lot of vegetarian food. ☐
4 They eat vegetables as a main dish. ☐
5 They eat vegetables for breakfast. ☐
6 They use spices when they cook. ☐
7 They don't eat large amounts of food. ☐
8 They take a long time to eat their dinner. ☐

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7. Read and complete the information about Ben Silbermann.

An ordinary man …

an extraordinary business







Ben Silbermann was an ordinary boy. He was born in 1982 in Iowa in the USA and he loved collecting things: stamps, leaves and especially insects. At the time, he felt like any other child … but as a young man in his 20s, his love of collecting became big business.

He went to Yale University and studied chemistry and political science. In 2006, when he graduated from university, he moved to the state of California and got a job at Google. Silbermann met a lot of people there who were very interested in technology, and he decided two things: he wanted to start a business and he wanted to do something he loved.

He worked at Google for two years. Then, in 2008, Silbermann left his job and he started his own business with two friends: Paul Sciarra and Evan Sharp. In November 2009, they got an apartment together in Palo Alto, California and started work on Pinterest.

Silbermann and Sharp realised they both loved collecting, and they made a 'virtual pinboard' – pages online where you 'pin' pictures of things you like and things you 'collect'. Their idea was to connect everyone in the world through the things they find interesting.

And it seemed that a lot of people liked their idea. When Pinterest started in March 2010, it grew quickly and had 10 million users after the first year. This was an amazing number compared with Twitter and Facebook: Twitter took two years to reach 10 million users and Facebook took over five years. Just a year after starting, Pinterest was worth $200 million and had over 421 million page views. Silbermann's ordinary interest as a boy certainly became an extraordinary business.

Ben Silbermann



1.- When and where was he born?

2.- What were his childhood interests?

3.- What and where did he study?

4.- Where was his first job?

5.- When did he start his first business?

8. Ahmed and Bianca are arranging an evening out for their class. Read their text messages and put them in the correct order (1 - 7)

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a Annabel's Place is a bit expensive ... How about Viva Italia on Bold Street?

b Hi, Ahmed ... about the end-of-course meal on Friday ... any ideas for a place/time? *1* — 1

c Sure, no problem.

d Good idea ... let's go to Viva Italia, then. What time?

e Let's go to Annabel's Place ... the food's good and it's not too expensive.



f OK, fine. Can you tell the others?

g How about 7 o'clock? In front of the restaurant?

9. Read about the Top Five Unusual Shops, and answer the questions.

Top five unusual shops

Are you looking for a present for someone? Or do you want to buy something for yourself? Or perhaps you just want to enjoy the shopping experience ... in the most interesting and unusual shops in the world. Here are our top five!

1 If you're looking for something perfect, come to Senbikiya in Tokyo, Japan! Senbikiya is an elegant shop with beautiful things to buy. But you don't buy designer clothes and handbags here. You buy fruit – perfect and very expensive fruit. There are beautiful apples for $25 each, and 12 perfect strawberries cost $82 a box. Yes, it's expensive ... but it's very popular.

2 Or maybe you're looking for something old ... something other people don't want any more? Then Beacon's Closet in New York, USA is the place for you. This is a clothes shop with a difference – an 'exchange' store where people bring clothes they don't want and other people buy them. The clothes are good quality – and cheap! We found a party dress for $20 and a designer coat for $60.

3 Sometimes the building is what makes your shopping experience special; for example, The Old Curiosity Shop in London, England. It is a tiny old shop which Charles Dickens wrote about in 1841. There are lots of big modern buildings around it now, but the shop keeps its old, historical style inside. Nearly 450 years after the shop first opened, it is now a shoe shop with unusual designer shoes.

4 From a tiny building to a huge one: the famous bookshop El Ateneo Grand Splendid in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The shop covers an area of 2,000 m^2 – and every year it has around a million visitors. In 1919, the building opened as a theatre, but in February 2000, it became one of the biggest – and most beautiful – bookshops in the world, keeping many of the features of the old theatre.

5 Perhaps you want everything: the amazing building and the cool products ... then come to L'Usine in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The building is an old clothes factory with big windows and ceiling fans. Inside, there is a café, an art gallery and many interesting things to buy: designer clothes, a vintage bicycle, a colourful watch ... We think this is the coolest shop in the world!

Which shop :

a) is the biggest?

b) is the smallest?

c) is the coolest place to be?

d) has the most perfect products?

e) has the cheapest designer clothes?

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10. Read and choose the correct tense.

1 ***Do you usually wear / Are you usually wearing*** smart or casual clothes to work or college?
2 What kind of clothes ***do you wear / are you wearing*** today?
3 ***Do you wear / Are you wearing*** boots, trainers, sandals or shoes today?
4 What kind of shoes ***do you normally wear / are you normally wearing***?
5 ***Do you ever wear / Are you ever wearing*** glasses?
6 ***Do you wear / Are you wearing*** glasses now?
7 ***Do you wear / Are you wearing*** jewellery today?
8 What kind of jewellery ***do you usually wear / are you usually wearing***?
9 ***Do you wear / Are you wearing*** a hat at the moment?
10 How often ***do you wear / are you wearing*** a hat?

WRITING PART III

11. Complete the gaps using the information on the left.

Giuseppe's

Menu

Pizza Margherita
tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese
£8.95

Pizza Napoli
tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, anchovies
£9.50

Pizza Four Seasons
tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, ham, mushrooms, olives
£9.50

Pasta
Spaghetti Bolognese

... the restaurant is quite small (there are only 12 tables). But it's always busy and the service is very friendly and efficient. This is a good place to go for a good cheap meal with friends ...

Re: my favourite place to eat

Hi Danny,
You want recommendations about where to eat near here? Well, the name of my favourite place to eat is [1]_____. It's in [2]_____, near the city centre.

On the menu, you can find typical [3]_____ food; there are many types of pizza and pasta. It's not very expensive: a Pizza Margherita costs only [4]_____. The restaurant is always [5]_____. I often go there with some of my friends and we like it because the service is [6]_____ and [7]_____, and there is a very [8]_____ atmosphere.

It's open [9]_____ days a week, from [10]_____ at lunchtime and from [11]_____ in the evening.

Try it! I hope you like it!
Marco

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12. Think of a person with an amazing life (a friend / family member). Write sentences about him / her using the information bellow.

- He/She was born in ... (place) in ... (year).
- He/She spent his/her childhood in ... (place).
- He/She studied at ...
- He/She got married to ... in ...
- He/She became ... in ...

→

13. Put the sentences into the correct form (positive or negative) to make them true for you.

1 I (go out) last night.
2 I (watch) a film last weekend.
3 I (go) to the gym yesterday.
4 I (see) the TV news yesterday.
5 I (listen) to the radio this morning.
6 I (read) a newspaper yesterday.

1.-
2.-
3.-
4.-
5.-
6.-

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14. Look at the photos and write comparative and superlative sentences using the adjectives in the box.



1
Dress A: Designer dress – new £89.99
Dress B: Vintage 1940s dress £54.99

new unusual pretty

2
Car C: 1963 Triumph – top speed 106 mph £8,500
Car D: 2003 Corvette – top speed 180 mph £12,500

fast expensive stylish

3
Camera E: 8 cm x 5 cm – simple functions £105
Camera F: 15 cm x 10 cm – multifunctions £199

small **easy to use** cheap

1.-
2.-
3.-

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15. **Write a description of the people in the photos and include information about:**

- Age / general impression
- Hair, eyes, etc...
- Clothes
- What he / she is doing at the moment.
- His / her personality



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