

## B2.1 LISTENING TEST

### TASK 1 CELEBRATING EVENTS

5 X1 : 5 points

You are going to listen to a conversation about celebrating events. Choose the true sentences and write the number in the grid provided below. There are only FIVE true statements. Number 0 is an example.

You will listen to the recording twice.

0. Emma was going to have lunch when she got a message.
1. The woman's friend, Abigail, is always giving parties at her house.
2. Abigail is not a good friend of the woman's anymore.
3. The woman is having a hen party next month.
4. The woman has been to a lot of children's parties this month.
5. In the old days, parents didn't have to stay at the parties with the kids.
6. Now parents have to disguise themselves to go to parties.
7. The woman wishes the kids' birthday parties wouldn't be so tiring.
8. The man agrees that some parents are unreasonable with the parties.
9. The woman's sister prepared a family meal for her husband's retirement party.
10. The woman's brother-in-law likes to be the centre of attention, so he wanted a big party.
11. The woman's niece is going to celebrate her graduation in a pub.
12. Her niece wants her guests to dress up in costumes.
13. Her niece is going to publish all the presents she gets on Facebook.
14. The man would like to have the same social life as the woman.

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You are going to listen to Amanda talking about how to do a digital detox. **Choose the correct answer for each question.** Then, **write the answers in the grid given below.** You will hear the conversation twice.

1.	The radio host says that a digital detox...
A	... happens when we wonder what it'd be like to disconnect completely.
B	... is something younger people are trying more.
C	... implies different activities.
2.	What sentence is <b>NOT true</b> about Amanda's job?
A	... She gets lots of emails daily.
B	... She deals with fashion on social media.
C	... She uploads her own videos on the Internet.
3.	What is the name of the book that influenced Amanda?
A	... <i>Log off: How to Stay Connected after Disconnecting</i>
B	... <i>Log Off: How to Disconnect and Stay Disconnected.</i>
C	... <i>Log Off: How to Stay Disconnected.</i>
4.	The first step in a digital detox is to get rid of distractions, such as...
A	... noises the phone makes.
B	... screens in your home and workplace.
C	... the bright colours on the screen of your phone.
5.	Amanda removed notifications from...
A	... her family and friends.
B	... everything except important people in her life.
C	... everything except work-related things.
6.	The book also suggested that ...
A	... we replace digital distractions with real world ones.
B	... we think about the reasons why we look at our phones so much.
C	... we try to be more polite to other people.
7.	Amanda and her partner ...
A	... tried a two-day digital detox.
B	... found it impossible to completely disconnect.
C	... found it very easy to do a digital detox for a weekend.
8.	Amanda believes a digital detox ...
A	... is not a good idea if you have a lot of work.
B	... is better for a week, not just a weekend.
C	... is something everyone will want to do more than once.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**TASK 3****UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND WORK****5 x 1 = 5 points**

You are going to listen to a report on university graduates and work. For sentences 1-5 choose the correct option A, B, or C. Write your answers in the grid provided below. You'll hear the recording twice.

**1. U.K. university graduates ...**

- A. are getting good jobs overseas
- B. are having problems getting a job
- C. don't study very seriously

**2. On the government programme, graduates can ...**

- A. learn about development projects
- B. teach in schools in developing countries
- C. work abroad to help develop communities

**3. Participants on the programme ...**

- A. are all graduates from poorer families
- B. don't pay or earn any money
- C. pay for their travel and health expenses

**4. Critics of the programme think ...**

- A. it's a temporary solution to unemployment and a waste of public money
- B. it reduces the unemployment rate for only six months
- C. there are too many graduates on the programme

**5. Positive points were...**

- A. graduates became more optimistic about job opportunities
- B. the expeditions were exciting
- C. the programme motivated graduates at a difficult time

**Answer Grid:**

SENTENCE	1	2	3	4	5
ANSWER					

