PRACTICE TEST 4 – LISTENING AUDIO SCRIPT

Part 1.

1 What did the boy have to drink?

Girl Have you been to that new cafe on the High Street?

Boy Yes, I've been there a few times.

Girl What kinds of tea do they have?

Boy I don't know. I don't drink tea. I usually have a..... or something like that when I go to a cafe.

Girl Oh well, are the milkshakes any good?

Boy I don't know that either, I'm afraid, because they don't sell them. The orange juice is OK. It's nothing exciting. though.

2 On which date will the author sign books?

Man We're very pleased to announce an exciting new event at our bookshop. World-famous author Karabo Drumbo is going to be here next month! She'll be reading from her latest novel. Philo and Burke, at 7 p.m. on April 24th There's a separate book-signing event with Karabo on the 25th Tickets for both can be purchased from the 21st. We recommend booking early to avoid..... This is going to be very special indeed. Don't miss it!

3 What was the weather like in the afternoon?

Mum Well, are you all having fun at the beach today?

Girl Oh, hi Mum. Well, it started out great because the weather was amazing. It was really sunny early this morning so everyone went for a swim in the sea. That was lovely. A couple of hours later. we decided to play beach volleyball, but it was a .....because the weather completely changed! The wind was incredibly strong and no one could control the ball. It was funny, though. After lunch. it started to rain so we all went to the beach cafe for some cake. That's where I am now!

4 What time is the English exam?

Woman Can you all please remember that the date of your English exam has changed. It's no longer on Friday at nine o'clock. It's now on the following Monday. The time remains the same. but don't forget to get here half an hour earlier so that you can be calm and ready to begin. Don't forget French is still on Monday afternoon at one o'clock, so you're all going to have a busy day. Make sure you get plenty of .....on Saturday and Sunday.

5 What does the girl's new friend look like?

Girl Is it OK if I invite Sara to come shopping with us? She's a new girl at my gym. You've seen her. She works out on the .....machines a lot.

Boy Sure. that's fine. It's always nice to meet new people. Is Sara the girl with short

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dark hair?

Girl She's got dark hair, but it's long and she always ties it back.

Boy Oh yeah. I know who you mean. Yes. bring her along. I look forward to meeting her.

6 Where is the man going tomorrow?

Woman I'm going shopping and then to the cinema tomorrow. Do you fancy coming? It should be a fun day.

Man I'd love to, but I've already ..... to meet some friends in town.

Woman Are you having lunch or something? I've heard that the new burger place is quite good.

Man Yeah, that's where we're meeting, actually. We all wanted to try it out. It's right next to the cinema. so maybe you could come along after the film and join us.

7 Where is the magazine?

Boy Have you finished reading the magazine I lent you?

Girl Oh yeah. thanks. It was great. Do you want it back? I've left it upstairs in my room.

Boy Yes. please. There's an article I wanted to read in it. Can I go up to your room and get it? Is it in your bag?

Girl I took it out of there and put it on my desk. It's on ..... of my English book. And that reminds me. I need to do my homework. Can you bring my book down with you, please?

Part 2.

8 You will hear two people talking about a painting.

Woman This is an amazing portrait. isn't it? You feel as though the woman is really looking at you.

Man I know. She has a very interesting expression on her face. too. She looks as though she's done something that she really regrets. It looks like she's very sad. but she's trying not to show it.

Woman Do you think so? I think she looks as though she's just realized the answer to a difficult problem. She looks relieved and ..... to me.

Man Oh well, that's interesting. I wonder why we both have such different ideas about what she's thinking. Maybe you're a more positive person than I am!

9 You will hear a woman telling a friend about her new bag.

Woman Oh. where are my keys? I know I put them in my bag!

Man It's a very smart bag.

Woman I know. I bought it last week. It looks great, but it drives me crazy because I can never find anything in it! I thought it would be better than my old bag because it's bigger and it has so many ..... pockets.

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Man It certainly looks like there's a pocket for everything.

Woman There is. But I can never remember which pocket I've put things in! I hope I'll get used to it soon, or I'll have to go back to using my little old bag!

10 You will hear two friends talking about a song.

Man Not that song again! I can't get it out of my head. It seems to be playing everywhere I go at the moment. I can't seem to escape it!

Woman I know. It's really popular. isn't it? It's on every radio station. in every shop or cafe ... I think it's really..... !

Man You can say that again. I keep singing it without realizing. I wish I could stop. but it's like a disease!

Woman Haha! You're funny. I'd love to hear you singing it.

Man Well, if I start, please pinch me. I really need to stop doing it!

11 You will hear two friends talking about a swimming pool.

Girl Did you enjoy your swim this morning?

Boy Yeah, it was great. I feel really refreshed now. Hey, have you been to the new swimming pool?

Girl Yes. I went with Celia last Saturday afternoon. It was really busy, though. We could hardly find room to swim!

Boy Oh,it was lovely and quiet this morning. Next time, you should go early in the day - there was hardly anybody else there first thing this morning. The water was....., though! I nearly screamed when I jumped in! I had to swim really fast to warm up.

Girl Oh dear! That's certainly one way to make people get fit!

12 You will hear a woman telling a friend about her weekend.

Man Did you have a good weekend, Sarah?

Woman Yes, thank you. I visited some friends in the countryside.

Man That sounds relaxing. It's good to get out of the city sometimes. isn't it?

Woman Yes. it was very .....and it's wonderful to breathe clean air after all the pollution in the city. They live in a quiet village surrounded by fields and trees. Everything was so green. I found it a bit scary at night. though. When it gets dark in the countryside, it gets really dark. There are no street lights, or lights from cars and buildings.

Man I bet you had a fantastic view of the stars, though!

Woman That's true . It was really beautiful.

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13 You will hear two people talking about a curry.

Man Did you enjoy that curry, Laura? I thought itwas very tasty.

Woman What, really? I thought it was horrible! Ileft most of it on my ..... look.

Man Oh, was it too hot for you?

Woman No. I like spicy food! I just thought this curry had a terrible flavour. It tasted kind of sour tome. It was disgusting.

Man Hmm. that's very strange because I loved it. For me, it had an excellent balance of flavours. I was tempted to get some more. to be honest.

Woman Well, you can have mine. I'm going to buya sandwich or something because I'm still hungry.

Part 3

You will hear a radio presenter talking about asports festival.

Man Are you wondering what to do over the summer holidays? The international sports festivalstarts on the 30th of June, lasts for two weeks and ends on the ..... of July with prize giving andfireworks. It's well worth attending. Here's why.

The fun starts on day one with a huge event in Prospect ..... Organizers will arrive early to set up,but the event for the public begins at 12 p.m. and lasts all day until 6.00. Throughout the day, many different clubs and companies will be giving free workshops, which means you'll be able to try sportsthat you may never have tried before.

Some of the high light s at the opening event include skateboarding and break-dancing workshops. You might also like to bring your bike and try some .....cycling. Before you start, an expert will check over your bike to make sure it's safe. There willalso be a bike race.

To find out more information about exact times of each workshop, look on our website. You'll alsobe able to download a .....which shows where everything will be in the park on the day.

For the remaining two weeks of the festival. you'llbe able to enjoy further workshops and sessions in the area. Locations and event s inc lude watersports at River Swimming Complex. track events at the Athletics Stadium and you can also take part in indoor ..... games at Central Leisure. This festival is the first of its kind in our town and I reallyrecommend you see what it's all about.

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Part 4

You will hear someone talking about an organization that takes young people on expeditions.

Presenter Hello and welcome to the programme.Today. I'm talking to David Watts. who is a leader of Youth Expeditions, which is an organization that gives opportunities to young people to explore different parts of the world. David is here to try to show us that going on expeditions is a challenge thatall young people can take part in, not just the super fit and super..... . David, could you tell us first about what the organization does?

David Hello. Yes, we organize expeditions to different places and invite young people aged 16 - 20 to go on them at as low a cost as possible. Basically we provide a grant for about 75% of the total. The aim is to develop confidence and a sense of adventure, but we also work with scientists and environmentalists. Although we want people who arekeen to learn. we don't expect them to have expert scientific knowledge already.

Presenter How often do youorganize expeditions?

David About three or four every year and they include month-long summer expeditions to the Arctic for those aged between 16 and 20. And then. for those over 18, there are our Arctic and desert gap-year expeditions.

Presenter Tell us about one of your most recent.....

David This June, a group went to the edge of theArctic Ocean. Thy went with seven leaders and a group of scientists. They cross-country skied to where they were camping and then went everywhereon foot. They took part in a series of scientific studies, investigating glaciers, rivers, plants and so on. It was a very interesting trip.

Presenter You also run competitions.

David That's right. And for this year's, three young explorers can win a place on our next expedition to the Arctic for which we'll pay the whole cost. For twomonths they'll live in tents and snow caves and willlearn how to survive in the extreme cold. For part of the time they'll work with environmentalists on the subject of climate change. but there will also be opportunities for mountaineering and cross-country skiing. It should be a lot of fun.

Presenter So how do people enter?

David Entrants should make a short film that gives information about themselves; why they are interested in going to the Arctic, and what they hope to get out of the experience They should send this to us by post and we'll choose a number of people to come for an interview. From those, we'll decide who has won.

Presenter It sounds like an excellent opportunity, and I wish our listeners ..... with that.

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