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to book soon to avoid disappointment. The cost is £20 per person and this includes the coach trip to the harbour, the boat to the volcano and a welcome drink when you board the boat. (15) You need to take a packed lunch and the hotel can provide one for you at a very reasonable rate, if you ask them the night before. The coach leaves at 9 o'clock sharp from outside the main entrance and will return at 5 pm, just in time for dinner. (16) Children over the age of 12 are welcome. Unfortunately, the excursion is not suitable for younger children. (17) The hotel has a creche and toddler club which opens at 7.30 am for four hours and then again in the early evening between six and eight. You may already have seen that the hotel has a fantastic, state-of-the-art gym. This is free to all hotel guests. A massage facility, hair styling, aerobics classes and yoga classes are on offer. (18) The first costs £5 an hour and yoga is offered for £4.50 an hour. (19) On Sunday morning, the fitness instructors offer water aerobics at 10 am followed by circuit training back in the gym at 11.15.

Well, that's all for now. Are there any questions?

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 3. [Pause 10 seconds.]

Part 4 [Track 24]

Now turn to part 4, questions 20-25.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You have 45 seconds to look at the questions for part 4.

[Pause 45 seconds.]

You will hear a radio interview with a young student about learning a language.

Int: Today we are talking to Anna Sanders, a language student, about learning a language. Anna is fluent in five languages already and intends to learn even more in the future. So Anna, how long have you been learning foreign languages?

Anna: (20) Well, I started at primary school, where we had a French club. We didn't actually have to learn French; it was just an after-school club once a week for 45 minutes. It was much better than having a private tutor at home. (21) It was always great fun which, I guess, is why we all liked it so much. It wasn't like any other classes during the day. They all seemed boring compared to our French lessons. And somehow all of us felt that French came naturally to us.

Int: After so many years learning languages, what advice would you give to language students, Anna?

Anna: (22) I think it is very important to learn words in phrases and sentences. Don't just learn a word on its own. As much as you study lists of words, this won't get you very far in the language learning process. (23) Try to use a new word immediately in a sentence that has to do with your life and interests and, if you can, write it down to remember it. Another important thing is to practise your new vocabulary as much as you can. Talk to a friend using any new words you've learned and have conversations where you can practise together. This will make you feel more confident and it is the best way to remember new words in the long run.

Int: (24) Are there any mistakes that language learners often make?

Anna: (24) Of course there are many things that learners do that are not helpful. You would be surprised how many students write long lists of words and then think they will remember them. Also you have to spend time studying. No one learns anything if they don't work hard. Learning a language is not easy, but there are strategies that make it easier.

Int: What about listening to people speaking in the language you are learning? I've heard that watching films and listening to songs can be a good way to learn a language.

Anna: Oh yes, that's really useful and (25) I think listening to

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songs is great for any learner but especially for younger learners as they usually like pop music. Quite often, you can listen to a song on YouTube and the words or lyrics will come on the screen for you to read while the singer is singing. It's true that people learn more easily by singing songs than by just reading words.

Int: That's all we have time for Anna, but thank you very much for talking to us. It's been very interesting.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 4. [Pause 10 seconds.]
THAT IS THE END OF THE TEST.

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[Pause 5 seconds.]

Part 1 [Track 25]

Look at Part 1. [Pause 5 seconds.]

Now we are ready to start. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. What is the woman talking about?

F: The colours are absolutely amazing. Bright yellow, orange, red, even deep blue. These are tulip flowers at their very best. I don't think you'd find better ones at the flower shop. (1) It's all about design and the way you plant them in the garden and also making sure it's the right time of year to plant them. You'll never buy flowers again once you understand how to plant your own. You just need to make sure that you water them every day, and twice on hot days.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

2. What is the current weather?

M: (2) Here is the weather. It's still sunny in our area which has helped make the snow disappear, but temperatures will again fall to below zero by the end of the week, with more snowfall for many areas. November saw the UK's most snowfall since 1965, and December has continued to be very cold and snowy. With only twelve days left to go, many will be hoping for a white Christmas, while others will be hoping for some rest from the difficulties the heavy snow has brought.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

3. Where are they?

F: Wow, this place is fantastic! I need to get my camera out of my bag and take a few photos.

M: I'd heard it was good, but I wasn't expecting such impressive architecture. (3) This is one of the best school trips we've ever been on. Can you send me some of the photos you are taking?

F: (3) Sure. It really is a work of art and there is so much here. We need to go all the way around it.

M: Yes, let's have a proper look and then we can go for a hot chocolate.

F: Good idea. I saw a coffee shop on our way up here.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

4. What is the woman going to do on Sunday?

M: Bye Jean, I hope you have a nice weekend. Are you doing anything special?

F: Not really. We were thinking of going sailing in my husband's new sailing boat, but the weather forecast says it will be very windy and cold; not good for sailing. (4) Also, my son Ben is not very well. He has the flu and has a bit of a fever. He needs to rest, so he'll probably sit and watch TV all weekend while I carry on with painting the kitchen.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]
[Pause 5 seconds.]

5. What are the people talking about?

F: Wow! I haven't had so much fun before. That was really great, wasn't it?

M: It was OK but the sound was a bit loud. We were very close to the speakers. I feel deaf now.

F: (5) Oh no, it HAS to be loud. My only problem was the fact that it was so crowded and the guy next to me kept hitting me when he was dancing. Then a girl spilt her drink all over my trousers.

I will need to change them as soon as we go home.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

6. Where do the people work?

F: I have never had anyone behave like that before. He was so rude!

M: I know, he was rude to me, too. I nearly got very angry with him. It's lucky he left when he did.

F: I tell you what. (6) I can't wait to get my holiday booked up and enjoy people looking after me for a change. I'm tired of dealing with people like him.

M: (6) Well, at least he left me a big tip. I will give you half of it, as you also had to deal with him.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

7. At which time is the plumber available?

M: Ah, hello. I'm Rob Benson. You left a message on my answering machine saying you had an emergency with your water pipes... but... um, now I can't reach you. (7) Anyway, I'm free between half past two and five if you want me to come by and help fix your problem. I hope, if it was urgent, you will have already sorted it out. If not, contact me on my mobile phone. That's 4759 339 7443. For now, I would advise you to look for the main tap which is usually under the kitchen sink and turn it off.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 1. [Pause 10 seconds.]

Part 2 [Track 26]

Now turn to part 2, questions 8-13.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

8. You will hear two friends talking about learning to play the drums. [Pause 8 seconds.]

M: (8) Wow! It's so hard learning the drums. It looks so easy but it's really challenging!

F: (8) Yes, it does look easy. But I know it's hard because my brother plays them. I think you just have to be really patient and practise every day. That's what he did. Oh, and he watched well-known musicians to get help on techniques.

M: Yes, maybe I should do that, too. Most people don't realise that it's more than just hitting the drums. It's music and fitness together! And you need to be a bit crazy!

F: (laughs) Yeah, you're right! My brother says the same.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

9. You will hear two friends talking about a river boat trip. [Pause 8 seconds.]

M: So, how did you enjoy your river trip in Egypt?

F: It was brilliant! The scenery was amazing. We had our own cabins on the boat. But I must admit the water was a bit brown and I was always frightened of falling in, although local children swam in it!

M: Yes. When I went it was very hot and I wished I could jump in for a swim. (9) For me, the worst thing was the mosquitoes at night. I used to get so hot wearing clothes to cover my arms and legs to protect myself from them!

F: Yes! Me too!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

10. You will hear two friends talking about revising for exams. [Pause 8 seconds.]

F: Well, the exams start next week. Are you revising?

M: Not much. It's so hard to concentrate. My brother keeps disturbing me and he wants to play. Then I try to study with music, but I end up listening to the music and doing no revision!

F: Look, that's because you have not organised yourself properly. It took me days before I really started working. (10) Decide on a daily starting time and tell yourself that from now on you will work eight hours a day. Just be strict!

M: Ok. I'll try! I'll start right now!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

11. You will hear two friends talking about an adventure weekend. [Pause 8 seconds.]

M: How did you enjoy the weekend? I thought it was great!

F: Me too! I loved camping out under the stars and sitting around the fire at night with our guitars! The weather could have been better but that didn't bother me. (11) But I could have done with more sleep. The sun came out so early which made it impossible not to get up.

M: (11) Yeah! Me too! I think I'm going to sleep for two days when I get home. Also, I think we should have done more rock climbing than we did! I really enjoyed it!

F: I'm glad we didn't!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

12. You will hear two friends talking about a movie they saw. [Pause 8 seconds.]

F: Well, that was a real disappointment!

M: Why? I enjoyed it. The acting was great and the director did a great job! It was so exciting. I was so frightened when he entered that cave. The actors gave great performances and the scenery was amazing!

F: Well, I hate thrillers, first of all. (12) And I thought the acting was disappointing. Those green creatures did not look real and the scenery was strange. I didn't feel they were in a desert! The only good thing was the lovely classical music.

M: I think you are being too negative because it was a thriller!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

13. You will hear two friends arranging a meeting. [Pause 8 seconds.]

M: We need to organise the class meeting for the end-of-year trip.

F: Yes. The problem is that most of our classmates won't want to do it in the evening, so it must be sometime during a lunch break. (13) But before we decide, we need to discuss some destinations, so that we can suggest something and then everybody can vote.

M: Good idea. Otherwise we will spend the whole time trying to think of something. So, should I get on with putting up a notice for the second part of the lunch break next Thursday?

F: Let's discuss ideas first!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 2. [Pause 10 seconds.]