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TASK 2

In this section, you are going to hear a story about two famous film directors: George Lucas and Steven Spielberg.

- Your task is to write one word in each of the gaps below using the exact words that you hear in the recording.
- First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.



✓ *A lot of people know that Lucas and Spielberg are **good** **pals**..... .*

13. Lucas was that Star Wars wouldn't be a huge success.

14. Due to problems and breakdowns, Lucas was well behind his

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15. Besides malfunctioning electronics and broken props, the film also suffered from

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16. Harrison Ford was sure that the movie would be a

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17. Alec Guinness, who played Obi-Wan Kenobi, thought the film was just a stupid

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18. Lucas almost had a nervous breakdown because the film was not living up to his

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19. Lucas and Spielberg were arguing about which movie would

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20. Spielberg took the bet after a

21. Besides theatrical releases, Spielberg has continued to get his share from sales.

22. In the years since the, Lucas and Spielberg have produced four Indiana Jones films together.

That is the end of Task 2.

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TASK 3

In this section you are going to hear a radio program about Jack Ma, who is the Chairman of Alibaba, a Chinese e-commerce company.

- Your task is to write the letter of the correct answer into the boxes on the right.
- First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.



✓ *Jack Ma is ... Google chairman Eric Schmidt and media mogul Rupert Murdoch.*

- A) richer than
- B) as rich as
- C) not as rich as

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23. The reporter says Jack Ma ...

- A) is a household name for almost everyone.
- B) didn't found Alibaba all by himself.
- C) is one of the top twenty richest people in the world.

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24. According to Laura Marcinek, ...

- A) e-commerce was already a booming business in China when Jack Ma started his company.
- B) Alibaba is functioning better than Amazon.
- C) Facebook does not have a real business model.

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25. Jack Ma ...

- A) was making money while practicing English with tourists.
- B) easily got into university thanks to his excellent English.
- C) started teaching in the same city where he had graduated.

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26. Jack Ma ...

- A) had been interested in computer science ever since high school.
- B) may have started an internet company because he hadn't found any Chinese results for "beer" on the Internet.
- C) was able to get by reasonably well with the money his internet company made.

27. Jack Ma ...

- A) borrowed the money he needed for another company from his best friend.
- B) stopped teaching in 1999.
- C) started Alibaba because of the success he had achieved with China Pages.

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28. Jack Ma ...

- A) is a shy person who hates being in the center of attention.
- B) teaches kung fu to some of his employees.
- C) bought a huge apartment on top of a building.

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29. Jack Ma ...

- A) arranges ceremonies where many of his employees get married simultaneously.
- B) buys his employees their first homes.
- C) believes that employees are the most important in business.

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