

TASK 1

Listen to the following extracts (1 – 5) and match them to the corresponding statements (A - H). There are three statements you do not need.

What's in the news?

- A.- Controversial decision on traffic control.
- B.- Financial entity refuses government aid.
- C.- Mistakes in categorising crimes.
- D.- Parents against sex lessons for youngsters.
- E.- Politicians against a third airport.
- F.- Obligatory contents for school syllabus.
- G.-Radio scandal sparks different reactions on decency.
- H.-World crisis also hits Middle East.

1	2	3	4	5

TASK 2

Listen to the following passage and complete the sentences by choosing the best option (a, b or c).

Interview: Emma Nicholson on Religion

- 1) To explain why Britain is highly secular according to a BBC poll, Nicholson claims that
 - a) most polls give completely the opposite view.
 - b) no single explanation is valid.
 - c) the BBC poll is unreliable.
- 2) According to Nicholson, the European Union wide surveys conclude that
 - a) Britain is a multicultural society.
 - b) Britain is less Christian than most polls say.
 - c) Europeans are still very Christian
- 3) According to the interviewer, Nicholson has vast experience with people through her work
 - a) as a campaigner for ethnic minorities.
 - b) as a government minister.
 - c) in favour of human rights.
- 4) According to the largest poll ever conducted, the "Millennium Poll",
 - a) Muslims considered family as important as religion.
 - b) Muslims considered health the most important aspect.
 - c) Non-Muslims put friendship before work.
- 5) In a family discussion, Nicholson's mother and aunt
 - a) believed God was more important than husbands.
 - b) gave in to the male members of the family.
 - c) upset her because of their views on religion.

TASK 3

Listen to the following passage and fill in the gaps below with a suitable word or expression.

“LOST LANGUAGES.”

Mark Abley (author of “Spoken Here - Travels among threatened languages”)

Situation of languages:

- 1) _____ languages are under threat.

OR

- One language disappears every two weeks.

Natural life-cycle of a language not valid: Disappearance caused by

- globalisation.

- 2) _____ .

Disappearing languages:

An example of resistance efforts among minority groups. The Abenaki language in Montreal

Cécile Wawanolet

- Number of Abenaki speakers she discovered:

3) _____ .

- To help maintain the Abenaki language, she

4) _____ .

- Maintaining a language requires

5) _____ .