

LISTENING 2018 Year 12

Task 1 (12 points)

Listen to Andrew and Mia discussing their experience and study habits while studying at university. Read the statements and decide whether each statement is true (T) or false (F), according to the discussion. Tick (✓) the appropriate box. An example (0) has been given.

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STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY

Statements		T	F
0.	Andrew has just started his master's course.		✓
1.	Mia decided to study Human Resources because she lost interest in Political Science.		
2.	Andrew started his Master's course the year when he received his Bachelor's degree.		
3.	Andrew used to write by hand more in his previous studies.		
4.	Professors at Andrew's university make all notes of their lectures available online.		
5.	Andrew feels comfortable when having to take hand-written tests in class.		
6.	Andrew thinks that taking electronic notes should be discouraged.		
7.	Andrew finds writing by hand beneficial for studying.		
8.	Mia shares Andrew's opinion on writing by hand when studying.		
9.	Mia expresses doubt about students' honesty while taking online tests.		
10.	The use of textbooks during online tests is strictly controlled.		
11.	Andrew considers taking tests in the classroom less stressful than doing online tests from home.		
12.	Andrew states that studying for a test is unnecessary if he knows that he will be allowed to use a textbook.		

Task 2 (10 points)

Listen to two radio reports on scientific discoveries and complete the gaps with the missing information. An example (0) has been given.

REPORT 1: YAWNING

Example:

0. People usually view yawning as a sign of sleepiness and boredom.
1. The new theory suggests that yawning helps _____ the brain.
2. Body temperature reaches its _____ point before bedtime.
3. The researchers found the required data on animals on _____.
4. The researchers claim that the length of the yawn depends on the _____ of the brain.

REPORT 2: CATS

5. The cats for the study were mostly found in Japanese _____.
6. The researchers say that cat owners are not aware of some _____ their pets have.
7. The researcher Takagi used a total of _____ cats in the study.
8. Researchers assumed that cats' stare would be _____ in the situations which went against their expectations.
9. The observed behaviour can be linked to the cats' _____.
10. Takagi would like to perform similar research on _____.

Task 3 (8 points)

Listen to the radio interview with Nicholas Carr in which he discusses his view on the Internet and intelligence. Read the questions and statements and circle the correct option (A, B or C), according to the interview.

INTERNET AND INTELLIGENCE

1. What does the interviewer say about his guest, Nicholas Carr?

A He enjoys the benefits provided by Google's search engine.

B He is concerned about people over-relying on googling.

C He exaggerates the impact googling has on our intellect.

2. What limitation of the Internet does Carr mention?

A It cannot replace our mind.

B It provides unverified information.

C It hinders our ability to concentrate.

3. What does the interviewer imply about people's attitude to intelligence and knowledge?

A People clearly distinguish between intelligence and knowledge.

B People consider intelligence to be as important as knowledge.

C People do not see the difference between intelligence and knowledge.

4. According to Carr, how do intelligence and knowledge refer to each other?

A Carr denies the possibility of being intelligent without having knowledge.

B Carr admits that intelligent people might have little knowledge.

C Carr emphasises the relationship between intelligence and knowledge.

5. According to Carr, how has our thinking changed?

A We are less capable of solving problems logically.

B We are not as good at remembering factual information.

C We have become less interested in our environment.

6. Why does the interviewer google Queen Elizabeth I?

A He wants to show that the information is easily accessible.

B He wants to verify his knowledge of the Elizabethan era.

C He wants to share some facts regarding the Queen's life.

7. How does Carr define knowledge?

A It is the ability to produce a lot of facts.

B It is the ability to establish links between facts.

C It is the ability to access facts on the Internet.

8. According to Carr, how do people increase their intelligence?

A By memorizing valuable information when googling.

B By observing the world around them more closely.

C By incorporating new facts into existing knowledge.