ENGLISH FOR LOGISTICS

TEST 1

A. VOCABULARY

I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD TO PUT IN THE BLANKS:

1. Logistics means that you manage the procurement and movement of goods and the _____ of inventory

   a. responsibilities **b. warehousing** **c. storage** **d. distribution**

2. My job is to _____ the transport of goods either by sea, air, road or rail.

   a. dealing **b. negotiate** **c. arranging** **d. organize**

3. My job is to _____ that the cargo is not damaged onboard the ship or while loading or unloading.

   a. make sure **b. advise** **c. arrange** **d. negotiate**

4. As a _____ non - vessel operating common carrier, we can offer our customers competitive rates with all major shipping lines.

   a. major **b. provide** **c. happy** **d. range**

5. Our services include order picking, packing, distribution, and handling of all transport _____.

   a. distribution **b. provider** **c. documentation** **d. equipment**

II. MATCH THE WORDS AND THE DEFINITIONS. THERE IS ONE EXTRA WORD.

1. Outsourcing	a. Including a wide range of services
2. consolidation	b. the grouping of small shipments into one container
3. break-bulk	c. direct flow of goods from receipt at warehouse to shipping, by passing storage
4. cross-docking	d. contracting functions out to third-party providers
5. comprehensive	e. packing goods in small, serapable units

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B. READING

READING 1

An American company based in Carlifornia has recently developed a tracking device which may help post offices to improve their services. It can be used to find out more about hold - ups and delays in postal operations.

The small tracker, called the Letter Logger, uses the GPS to store information about an item's position in transit. Similar devices have been used in the past to track expensive customer goods like cars, but until now none of these systems was small enough to travel in an envelope.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

11. What is the name of the tracking device mentioned in the text?
12. How does the Letter Logger improve postal services?
13. What technology does the Letter Logger use to track items in transit?
14. What types of items have similar tracking devices been used for in the past?

READING 2

Now that's all changed. As well as fitting into a US standard-size business letter, the GPS Letter Logger also meets other postal requirements: it is bendable and able to withstand rough handling. This is particularly important as the envelopes are thrown into sacks, then transported by van to automatic sorting locations where they run through high - speed shuffling systems.

The tracker itself does not transmit its position during transit, but stores the journey log on a memory card which can be read by a laptop computer. The GPS device offers several programming options ranging from checking its position every few minutes to checking only when on the move.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

15. What are the physical characteristics of the GPS Letter Logger that make it suitable for postal use?
16. What happens to envelopes during transportation that makes durability important for the tracker?

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17. What programming options does the GPS device offer for tracking

C. STRUCTURE:

18. in I'm of systems computer modern charge .

19. I suitable advise on the method most often clients transport.

20. warehouse The manager also responsible machinery for vehicles is and.

21. loads for specialize solutions in full We loads and less container consolidated container than.

22. price The request for allows you obtain tool prices to shipments.

23. ELOS you track pick-ups and book helps shipments.

24. To use QOS, on from selecting left your drop-down town or by the menu on the log region.

25. up can check You records for 90 shipment to days.

26. IES allows enquiries to make price you.

D. LISTEN AND CHOOSE CORRECT ANSWERS:

Customer

Tracking shipments is a lot easier with SMS-Fast Track. Now I can use my _____(27) to find out where my shipment is.

I just have to ____ (27) my air waybill number on my mobile and wait a few seconds.

The I get a ____ (28) with the details of my consignment's current status. It's such a great idea!

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Truck driver

All our trucks are ____ (29) with a GPS-based truck support system now.

For me that's a great help as I can always use maps that show me exactly where I am and whre I have to go. They can ____ (30) my vehicle at any time, see the route I'm taking and where I make stops.

a. distribute
b. mobile phone
c. maintain
d. reply
e. provide
f. check
g. allows
h. equipped
i. device
j. track
k. phone
l. compete
m. warehousing
n. enter

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