SKILLS TEST 1A

UNITS 1–2

Name: _____ Score: _____ / 25 points

READING SKILLS

1 **Read the text and match the people to what they said about communication. There are two extra sentences that you do not need.** (5 points)

1 'I like to read about my friends and what they're doing.' ☐
2 'I wonder if the postman has brought anything.' ☐
3 'I think message boards are a great way to communicate.' ☐
4 'I couldn't do my job without it.' ☐
5 'I hate it when I forget to recharge the battery!' ☐
6 'Installing new programmes can be difficult.' ☐
7 'It could help me to fulfill my ambitions.' ☐

2 **Read the texts again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?** (5 points)

1 Jeff and Kate both send photos to their friends. ☐
2 Kate has been using a social networking site for six months. ☐
3 Mark thinks YouTube should have more variety of videos to download. ☐
4 Ruth has changed the way she finds information for her job. ☐
5 People are more truthful in emails than in letters. ☐

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Ⓐ ▸ ***Jeff***

I can't imagine life without my mobile phone! I can't stand it when the battery goes dead or when I can't get through to a friend or someone in my family. I always get the latest model, as soon as it comes out. I use my phone all the time. It's like an extension of myself. Anyway, 5 billion people in the world use mobiles, so I'm not alone!
I probably text about twenty times a day, but I don't make that many calls because it's expensive. I listen to music when I'm bored, I take photos to send to my friends and I read emails and post comments on my blog.

Ⓑ ▸ ***Kate***

I live in Canada now, but I've only been living here for 6 months. I use Facebook to keep in touch with all my friends from the UK. I signed up when I arrived in Canada. I think it's the best social networking site – well, there are over 200 million active users (400 million if you listen to some people). It's really nice to see photos of my friends and read what they've been doing. I really miss them! I like the fact that it's instant too. You just have to write something and click on the button and it's there.

Ⓒ ▸ ***Mark***

I love YouTube!! It's only been going since 2005 but about 100 million people use it every day! I'm in a band and I upload videos of our songs. Maybe someone will hear them and we'll become famous. It's happened to other people, so why not us? I love listening to music. You can find anything you want there. I've discovered lots of new singers and bands that are really cool. I download lots of clips too.

Ⓓ ▸ ***Ruth***

The Internet, definitely. I'm one of the 1.5 billion people who use it every day. I'm a reporter and I use it to find information. I hate it when my computer crashes and I can't get online. I send a lot of emails too. I follow some forums. They're useful to find out what people are thinking. I love the fact that I can be sitting on a train and still be connected to the Internet. When I started we only used pen and paper – what a difference!

Ⓔ ▸ ***Thomas***

Letters. I think they're the best way to communicate. I know they're becoming increasingly rare these days, because they're not instant like email or texts. However, I think they're more honest. I read a report that said that people lie 50% more in emails than in hand-written letters. That doesn't surprise me. I love receiving letters and opening them. I read them over and over again – I don't think that's true with emails.

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LISTENING SKILLS

1 CD Track 2 Class CD4.27 **Listen to a radio programme about music and fashion. Choose the correct answers.** (5 points)

1 Most teenagers in Britain all wore similar clothes until
   a the 1940s.
   b the 1950s.
   c the 1960s.
2 In the 1950s, many teenage boys in Britain
   a didn't have any money to spend.
   b laughed at people who wore Edwardian clothes.
   c started to develop their own fashion look.
3 Which of these did Teds not wear?
   a narrow trousers
   b wide belts
   c long jackets
4 Heavy metal became popular
   a first in Britain, then in America.
   b in both Britain and America at the same time.
   c in America first.
5 By the 1970s in Britain,
   a the Teds started to listen to country music.
   b there was a new kind of music called punk rock.
   c people hadn't heard heavy metal music at all.

2 CD Track 2 Class CD4.27 **Listen again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?** (5 points)

1 Before the 1950s, the kind of clothes you wore depended on how rich you were. ☐
2 The Teds got their name from the places where they used to meet. ☐
3 There were a lot of fights between different gangs of Teds. ☐
4 After rock and roll started there was a fashion for 'bad boys' for the first time. ☐
5 Heather doesn't think there was much variety in fashion by the 1970s. ☐

COMMUNICATION

1 **Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box. There are two extra phrases that you do not need. Use capital letters where necessary.** (5 points)

agree more am afraid I agree
may be true no way sorry but ~~think~~
that's so true!

Anna I think family is more important for young people than friends.
Ben I couldn't [1]_____. Family is the most important thing in my opinion. Your friends can change, but you always have your family.
Charlie I'm [2]_____ I can't agree with you. I think friends are much more important! It's easier to talk to your friends about your problems than your family.
Anna I [3]_____ I have to disagree. When I was younger I always talked to my parents about my problems.
Charlie That [4]_____, but I don't think it's the case for most young people. Everyone in my class talks to their friends about their problems.
Ben [5]_____ up to a point, but I still think family is more important.

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