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LISTENING TEST

Instructions

You will hear 17 short recordings. You will hear each recording twice. Answer as many questions as you can.

Example:

Brian planned to see his friend tonight. Why does he say he can't come?
Brian said he can't come because he is _____

A. busy
B. on holiday
C. not well

1. Ken calls to plan a visit. When does Ken want his friend to visit? Ken wants his friend to visit _____?

A. at 7.30
B. after 7.30
C. before 7.30

2. Alan calls his friend to suggest ways of travelling to his city. How do most people get there?
Most people travel to Alan's city by taking a _____

A. bus
B. train
C. plane

3. Monica leaves you a message about her son Mark. What does he eat every morning? In the morning, Mark usually has _____

A. fish
B. milk
C. eggs

4. Ana calls you to change when her party is. What day will the party be? Ana's party next week will be on _____

A. Saturday
B. Thursday
C. Friday

5. Martin leaves his friend Maggie a message after a party. What did he lose? Martin lost his ____.

A. money
B. glasses

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C. bag

6. Listen to two friends discussing their plans. What do they decide to do? The friends are going to _____.

A. go to the park
B. go swimming
C. go to the woods

7. Listen to a woman in a shop. What type of TV does she want to buy? The woman wants to buy _____.

A. an old-fashioned TV
B. a flat screen TV
C. an expensive TV

8. Listen to a person talking about a house. What doesn't she like about it? She is going to remove the _____.

A. doors
B. carpet
C. windows

9. Listen to the radio announcement. Whose birthday is it in May? The person who has a birthday in May is _____

A. Kitty
B. Paul
C. George

10. Alana calls her colleague. What time is the car getting her? The car is coming at _____

A. 2.30 pm
B. 12.45 pm
C. 12.30 pm

11. Two friends are talking about a job. Why is the job difficult? The difficult thing about the job is working .

A. with doctors
B. at weekends
C. long hours

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12. Listen to an announcement in a department store. Which items have the best reductions this weekend?

This weekend, the best reductions are on _____.

A. fridges
B. sports clothing
C. casual shoes

13. Listen to the announcement about a new shop. Who is the new shop for? The new shop is for people who like _____.

A. deals
B. luxury items
C. food

14. Four people are talking about their weekends. Complete the sentences below.

14.1. Speaker A _____.

14.2. Speaker B _____.

14.3. Speaker C _____.

14.4. Speaker D _____.

a. has busy mornings before relaxing.
b. goes cycling in the park.
c. has quiet mornings.
d. doesn't relax during the day.
e. relaxes by keeping busy.
f. meets friends in the morning.

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15. Listen to two people talking about working for companies of different sizes. Read the statements below and decide who expresses which opinion – the man, the woman, or both the man and the woman.

Who expresses which opinion?

15.1. Promotion chances are more limited in smaller companies. _____

15.2. Large companies offer more training opportunities. _____

15.3. Large companies have narrowly defined roles for employees. _____

15.4. People are impressed by large companies. _____

a. Man
b. Woman
c. Both

16. Listen to a travel reviewer on the radio talking about a trip and answer the questions below.

16.1. What is the reviewer's opinion of the river trip?

A. It was too old fashioned.
B. It was not varied enough.
C. The facilities were not adequate.

16.2. What is the reviewer's opinion of cruises overall?

A. They are not suitable for individual travelers.
B. They are becoming less and less popular.
C. They are probably not worth the money.

17. Listen to a caterer talking on the radio about catering for large events and answer the questions below.

17.1. What does the man think is the most important thing at large events?

A. Excellent service.
B. A wide range of food.
C. The quality of the venue.

17.2. What is the man's opinion about catering in general?

A. The best firms always specialize.
B. It is hard to find a reliable caterer.
C. Appropriate scheduling is the key to good catering.

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Part 1: Fill in the blanks

Hi John,

Can you buy some things after you finish work today? We need (1) _____milk and eggs. Don't (2) _____ to get a can of dog food. The shop (3) _____ _____ late today. I have an appointment at the (4) _____. I will see you at home at (5) _____7 o'clock.

Love, Samantha

1.	A. very	B. more	C. same
2.	A. think	B. remember	C. forget
3.	A. closes	B. loses	C. works
4.	A. hospital	B. room	C. business
5.	A. almost	B. around	C. nearly

Part 2: Arrange the sentences into complete paragraphs.

6.

A Please use the card immediately to open the sports hall doors to test it works.

B We will give you one of these when we receive your first month's payment.

C In exchange, one of the staff there will give you your numbered key card.

D You can do this at the front desk any time during opening hours.

E Before you can use the centre, you'll need a member's card.

7.

A Artists need to learn how all these elements and their meanings relate to each other.

B This technique allows artists to use flowers to create beautiful works.

C Their choices are important because different sizes and shapes have their own meanings.

D They can learn about these in one of the many schools in Japan.

E The artist starts by choosing what to use for the flower arrangement.

Part 3: Four people were asked by a local newspaper about their opinions of the town's

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library. Read the texts and choose one answer (A, B, C or D).

A Town Library

Person A

'The problem with the library is the lack of computers. The few they have are always taken and people have to wait ages to use one. This is worse during the summer months when we have exams. I prefer to revise in the library because it's too noisy at home. Many of the bookshelves seem half empty, so maybe some of them could be removed and more computers installed.'

Person B

'A lot of the books for children are quite old and in poor condition. They should update the collection with current authors and replace a few of the favorite classics as well. The children's area is well organized, but books get scattered about. You need a member of staff there to ensure the area is always kept tidy. There are usually three people working on the front desk, which seems unnecessary.'

Person C

'I find it difficult to find things in the library. The way the shelves are arranged isn't logical. They're not clearly labelled, and books often get put back in the wrong place. The children's area is too close to the study area, which is supposed to be quiet. It isn't when large school groups come in. Also, the computers are too close together and there's not enough space to work.'

Person D

'I've always loved the library. When I was a child, it was a great place to meet friends and do homework. I still go there to go online and read the news. There's no shortage of books, but there are so few people working there. I've noticed that particularly when I've been
on a computer. There's never anyone around to ask for help when they go wrong, which is frequently.'

8. Who thinks the library needs more staff?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

9. Who wants less space to be taken up with books?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

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10. Who thinks the organization of the library should be improved?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

11. Who thinks the library should have more books?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

12. Who thinks the library can get noisy?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

13. Who has had technical problems with computers?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

14. Who uses the library for study?

A. Person A B. Person B C. Person C D. Person D

Part 4: Read the text and then match the paragraph with its correct heading.

Headings

15. Where they went, others have followed
16. A debatable success
17. Water shortage
18. An experienced team
19. Three months in the Pacific
20. He had something to prove
21. The technical aspects
22. People are still talking about it

A. Heyerdahl believed that the Indonesian people had come from Peru. He said stone heads found on Easter Island were so like those around Lake Titicaca in Peru that there had to be a connection. But other scientists claimed that it would have been impossible for the Peruvians to make the journey across open sea. They said the stone figures had been made by Indonesians to frighten a local enemy they were fighting. Heyerdahl thought these battles were really between Indonesian natives and Peruvian invaders, and that the Peruvians could have made the journey. It was this that he wanted to prove.

B. Kon-Tiki was designed by copying pre-Columbian illustrations and paintings. It was built in Peru using local materials like wood, reeds and rope made from plants. There was no metal used at all in the construction. The finished boat was 15 meters long and

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5 metres wide. The six-man crew, and a parrot called Lorita, shared a small cabin of 5 metres long and 2 metres wide. They also had to carry enough supplies for the 100-day crossing. They carried with them 1,250 litres of water and 200 coconuts as well as fruits and roots. The US Army had also given them emergency rations and survival equipment. Their diet was supplemented with the wide variety of fish that they were able to catch while at sea.

C. The crew members - four Norwegians and a Swede - who went with Heyerdahl included a steward, an engineer, a sociologist and translator, a guide and radio experts. The only modern equipment they carried was a compass and a radio, which was mainly used for giving weather reports and relaying their position to the Norwegian government.

D. They set out from the Peruvian sea port of Callao on April 28th, 1947. A navy boat pulled them 50 miles out to sea before releasing them. From there they sailed west, carried along by the Humbolt current. Their first sight of land, Puka-Puka Island, was made 93 days later. Four days after that they saw Angatau Island and spoke to people from there but could not land. Finally, after 101 days at sea and sailing 6,980 kilometres, they touched dry land on the desert island of Raroia. However, people from nearby islands arrived in boats and took them to their village where they were welcomed with traditional dancing and parties.

E. Heyerdahl's trip sparked several reactions in other scientists. They said that he and his team hadn't sailed but drifted, and that it was chance that they reached their destination. They also claimed that there was more evidence that the people of the Indonesian islands had originally come from the West, and not from the East. However, as recently as 2011, genetic evidence has been found which supports Heyerdahl's claims.

F. Since the Kon-Tiki's ambitious crossing, there have been several similar expeditions. Not all of them were successful, but in 1970, the Spanish explorer, Vital Alsar, succeeded in crossing the Pacific Ocean in the longest recorded journey of its kind. Alsar was convinced that ancient sailors could read the ocean currents like road maps. He successfully proved the point in 1973 when he repeated the voyage. More recently still, a Norwegian team recreated the trip with a copy of Thor Heyerdahl's craft and made an award-winning documentary of the experience.

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G. Thor Heyerdahl's impressive journey has captured the imagination of generations. His book, The Kon-Tiki expedition was published in 1948 and immediately became a best-seller. His documentary, made on 8mm film, taken during the journey and including interviews with the crew, won an Academy Award in 1951. The Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo is one of the most visited places in Norway. And as recently as 2012, Kon-Tiki, the most expensive Norwegian feature film of the journey, was nominated for an Oscar.

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