PROGRESS TEST 1

Task 1: You will hear eight short recordings twice. For questions 1-8 choose the correct answer.

1 What shape is the footwear sign?
a square
b circle
c triangle

2 What kind of company is GSid?
a waste management
b clothing producer
c investment

3 Which system does the man want to buy?

a

b

c

4 Why is the woman meeting a supplier?
a The supplier hasn't followed specifications.
b She is looking for a new supplier.
c The supplier has failed to deliver on time.

5 Where must staff leave their mobile phones?

a

b

c

6 What do they decide to do about the factory cleaning?
a Find another company.
b Ask a friend to help with the cleaning.
c Give the current company a warning.

7 What annoys the team members?

a

b

c

8 What caused the accident?
a not enough signs
b something left on the floor

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c no side guards on machines

Task 2: You will hear the recording twice. Listen to a man and woman discussing safety and security in their company. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1 Why was the meeting called?
a Safety and security have not been good.
b Three people had to go to hospital.
c Minor accidents are happening every week.

2 What could the reason be for the accidents?
a Workers are not aware of the rules.
b Staff sometimes forgot to wear protective clothing.
c Supervisors are not checking employees.

3 What does the woman say about training?
a Everyone does one training course per year.
b There are too many rules to remember.
c People forget to do the training.

4 What is the woman's suggestion?
a Review training at the start of every shift.
b Have a weekly check to go over rules.
c Do much more training every year.

5 What does the woman say about safety?
a Staff do not trust the company to keep them safe.
b The company must do more to protect staff.
c Staff must take responsibility for their own safety.

6 What is security like in the factory currently?
a There are video cameras working 24/7.
b It needs improving.
c Tools are stolen every night.

7 How do they decide to stop people stealing the tools?
a by turning cameras on during the day
b by installing more cameras
c by installing more security locks

Task 3: Listen and fill in the blanks with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS

Great ideas are generated in (1) _____ ways. Sometimes an idea may simply be when a company takes advantage of an (2) _____to extended ranges, to offer more choice to existing customers. Or a great idea could allow a company to (3) _____ which was closed to it before.

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Companies which are prepared to spend a lot on R&D may (4) _____ by having an original idea for a product which others later copy, e.g. Sony and the Walkman.

On the other hand, some products are developed in response to customer research. They come from customer ideas. These products are made to (5) _____, to satisfy consumer demand.

Or the product does something similar to another product, but faster, so it saves time. Some people will buy new products because the product (6) _____- gives them a new, more upmarket image.

Other people will buy any “green” product which (7) _____ or protects the (8) _____, even if it is more expensive.

If an idea is really good and the product (9) _____ in the market, it may even (10) _____ for innovation.

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