TASK 1

- **In this section, you will hear the story of Britain's most famous talking bird, Sparkie, the budgie.**
- **Your task will be to decide whether the following statements are true, false or we do not know because the text does not say, and write the appropriate letter in the boxes on the right. Write *A* if the statement is true, write *B* if the statement is false, and write *C* if the text does not say.**
- **First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.**
- **Then, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.**
- **A = TRUE B = FALSE C = THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY**

✓ *The voice of the talking budgie can be heard in a Tyneside recorded archive.* ***A***

1. In the photo above we can see Sparkie and his owner when the bird was still alive. ☐
2. The stuffed body of Sparkie can be seen in a museum in Newcastle. ☐
3. Sparkie died at an extremely young age for a budgie. ☐
4. Sparkie was able to 'say' eight full nursery rhymes. ☐
5. *Geordie* is the local dialect used by people in the area. ☐
6. A record with Sparkie's voice on it reached the top of the charts in 1958. ☐
7. Sparkie's amazing ability was the result of regular training by his owner. ☐
8. Sparkie is not listed as a record holder in the Guinness Book of Records any longer. ☐

That is the end of TASK 1.

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TASK 2

- **In this section, you will hear about some interesting new fashion items.**
- **Your task is to complete the sentences with <u>two</u> words indicated by the gaps, <u>using the exact words you hear</u>.**
- **First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.**
- **Then, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.**

✓ *The story is about a Spanish-French luxury* ……*fashion*…… ……*house*…….

9. The company is famous for being a top ……..…….. and ……..……..….. of clothes of the highest standards.

10. The fashion house's latest item, a brand new *it-bag,* has become a(n) ……..…….. ……..…….. bestseller for the 2022 Autumn season.

11. The ridiculously expensive *Trash Pouch* has generated colossal ……..…….. ……..…….. all over the world.

12. Earlier this year, the fashion house released a pair of new, deliberately ……..…….. and ……..…… trainers.

13. The fashion house has already been in the ……..…….. ……..…….. for its new *Paris* footwear collection.

14. The brand says that they just wanted to draw attention to fashion's role in ……..…….. ……..…….. with its new *Paris* sneakers.

15. The controversial *Paris* shoes went viral on the Chinese ……..…….. ……..…….. *Weibo* last year.

16. "I can find a pair of these shoes in the ……..…….. for ……..……..……," one person wrote in a Chinese newspaper.

That is the end of TASK 2.

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TASK 3

- **In this section, you will listen to an interview about a new contest for an attractive job.**
- **Your task will be to circle the letter(s) of the correct answer(s) in the boxes on the right. Please note that in this task *both answers may be correct*. However, there is always at least one correct answer. This means you might have to circle *one or two* letters.**
- **First, you will have some time to study the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.**
- **Then, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.**

✓ *The reporter suggests that ...*
A) everybody would be happy to sit on a beach and sip a cool drink.
B) we could even get paid to sit on a beach and sip a cool drink.
(A) (B)

17. The hotel booking website offers the winner of the contest $15,000 …
A) for visiting the company's 10 best retro beach motels.
B) and an additional $10,000 for travel expenses.
A B

18. Melissa Dohmen is …
A) the spokesperson for the website.
B) being interviewed by phone.
A B

19. In addition to the money, the winner will be supplied with gifts such as …
A) a digital camera.
B) sunglasses.
A B

20. To apply for the job, applicants are required to …
A) be 21 or older.
B) give their Instagram username.
A B

21. The applicants will be asked questions about …
A) their imaginary travel partner preferences.
B) the best retro hotel they have ever stayed at.
A B

22. Applications will be evaluated regarding, for example, how …
A) experienced they are as travellers.
B) well they answer the questions.
A B

23. These hotels are special because they …
A) can "transport" people back to the past.
B) are usually cheaper than large luxury hotels.
A B

24. According to Ms Dohmen, these days …
A) more and more people want to travel.
B) travel prices are already slowly going down.
A B

25. The deadline for …
A) submitting applications is August 5.
B) notifying the winner is the end of the summer.
A B

That is the end of TASK 3 and also the end of the Listening Exam.

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