Listening Test 1

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1 You hear a man telling a police officer about a robbery he saw. What was stolen?
A watches
B silver vases
C jewellery

2 You hear a doctor examining a patient. What is wrong with the patient?
A a sore throat
B a swollen eye
C a bad cut

3 You hear a man talking to a colleague. What does he want her to do for him?
A send a fax
B attend a meeting
C make some photocopies

4 You hear a husband and wife talking about their plans for a trip.
When are they going to leave?
A Wednesday
B Friday
C Saturday

5 You hear two co-workers discussing plans for something.
What are they trying to arrange?
A a meeting
B a party
C lunch

6 You hear a woman phoning to make a doctor's appointment.
When will she see the doctor?
A this Wednesday
B this Friday
C next Wednesday

7 You hear a student talking about his school books. Where did he leave them?
A in the library
B at school
C at home

8 You hear a husband and wife discussing what to call their new baby.
What name do they choose?
A Stuart
B Gregory
C Steven

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Part 2

You will hear someone giving a lecture to a group of parents about keeping children safe in water. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences.

CHILDREN AND WATER SAFETY

The speaker says a _____ **9** may be dangerous for small children.

The _____ **10** of the Royal Lifesaving Society website can be found on the fact sheet.

A child can start swimming lessons when it is _____ **11** old.

During swimming lessons, very young children learn to roll onto their _____ **12**

At a private pool, there should be one supervisor for every _____ **13** children.

Children must learn not to go close to the _____ **14** unless an adult is supervising them.

There are many more _____ **15** in private swimming pools than public pools.

At home, put an alarm on the rear _____ **16** so you hear a noise if your child has gone into the garden.

Apart from public and private pools, the _____ **17** can also be dangerous for children.

At the beach, a _____ **18** flying is a sign which means you must not swim.

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Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about exercise. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-F) which statement applies to each person. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A This person spends most of their free time exercising.

B This person is made to do exercise against their will.

C This person does a lot of exercise in spite of their age.

D This person does exercise as part of their job.

E This person does exercise as part of a social event.

F This person's good health depends on exercise.

Speaker 1		**19**
Speaker 2		**20**
Speaker 3		**21**
Speaker 4		**22**
Speaker 5		**23**

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Part 4

You will hear an interview on the radio with a dog trainer called Jane Fennet. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 In order for a dog to do what you want,
- **A** it must have a quiet, happy life.
- **B** it must think you are its leader.
- **C** you must give it enough dog biscuits.

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25 Why is it bad to let your dog jump all over you when you arrive home?
- **A** because it will take the dog five minutes to calm down
- **B** because your dog should always look after you
- **C** because the dog will think that it is your leader

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26 A dog that barks and jumps at visitors
- **A** is trying to make sure you are safe.
- **B** wants to be taken for a walk.
- **C** thinks that you are the boss.

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27 If Jane throws a ball for her dog and he doesn't bring it to her, what does she do?
- **A** She goes to pick up the ball herself.
- **B** She makes the dog bring it to her.
- **C** She tests it to see who is in charge.

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28 Jane will ignore a dog
- **A** if it ignores her.
- **B** when it gets into trouble.
- **C** when she's working with it.

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29 Jane says that intelligent dogs
- **A** need less exercise and mental stimulation.
- **B** don't like being left at home during the day.
- **C** often get angry with their owners.

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30 According to Jane, what is the difference between a Doberman and a bulldog?
- **A** The Doberman is more intelligent than the bulldog.
- **B** The bulldog gets bored more easily than the Doberman.
- **C** The bulldog runs more slowly than the Doberman.

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TEST 41

Example: 0 S P E C T A C U L A R

Rafting on the Zambezi river

Victoria Falls on the Zambezi river in Africa is one of the most **(0)** ..... sights in the world. It is also an **(17)** ..... place for water sports. The translation of the local Zambian name for the falls is 'the smoke that thunders' and it's a pretty good **(18)** ..... . On arrival, it's the noise that makes the greatest **(19)** ..... on you as the water drops 108 metres in a waterfall that is nearly two kilometres wide. The **(20)** ..... landscape is also awesome, and well worth a visit.

SPECTACLE
CREDIBLE
DESCRIBE
IMPRESS
SURROUND

You can't go white-water rafting over the falls themselves, but the rapids **(21)** ..... down the Zambezi river provide a very exciting location. Although the rapids are given grades five and six on the sports **(22)** ..... scale, there are places where relative **(23)** ..... can have a go, as long as they are accompanied by experienced operators. These people guide you through the rapids and ensure that you don't stray into the more **(24)** ..... sections by mistake.

FAR
DIFFICULT
BEGIN
DANGER

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TEST 42

Example: 0 SUITABLE

In praise of plastic

Wherever you are, you're likely to be surrounded by objects made of some kind of plastic material. There are many types of plastic, each one **(0)** ..... for a particular use. Thin, flexible plastic is good for making objects such as bags, whereas thick, hard plastic is a **(17)** ..... material for making functional objects, and has been used to make very **(18)** ..... pieces of furniture.

SUIT

USE

ATTRACT

Although plastic has a **(19)** ..... for being cheap and disposable, in the hands of a good **(20)** ..... , it can be used to make objects of great beauty. As well as offering **(21)** ..... high quality at a low price, plastic can take almost any shape, colour or consistency.

REPUTE

DESIGN

EXTREME

Plastic can also be seen as an environmentally friendly **(22)** ..... of material. It can be used in place of wood and other materials that are in short supply in their **(23)** ..... state, and it is also very hard-wearing. A good plastic chair, for example, could last you a lifetime and when you no longer wanted it, then it would probably be possible to **(24)** ..... the material.

CHOOSE

NATURE

CYCLE

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TEST 43

Example: 0 BOREDOM

Games in space

For astronauts on long missions into space, **(0)** ..... can be a real problem. In order to help the astronauts, **(17)** ..... and doctors need to find out what this feels like. As part of the **(18)** ..... programme, six volunteers will be locked away for 520 days to see what effect this has on their mind and body. During their time in **(19)** ..... , the volunteers will be able to communicate with their controllers, but only in a way that replicates the astronauts' experience. For example, the further away from 'Earth' they get, the longer the delay in the signal, so they will be **(20)** ..... to have a conversation in real time.

BORE
SCIENCE
SEARCH
ISOLATE
ABLE

As part of the experiment, the volunteers will be allowed to play computer games. There will be a **(21)** ..... of solo games and competitive games available. Afterwards, they will be asked to give **(22)** ..... on how hard they found the games to play and what their **(23)** ..... state was at the time. As a result of the **(24)** ..... gathered, it may be possible to create special software for crews on future missions.

MIX
FEED
EMOTION
INFORM

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 41

0 A bright B fair C keen D sharp

0	A	B	C	D

Messages from the Stone Age

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in **(0)** ..... colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various **(1)** ..... of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located **(2)** ..... inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals **(3)** ..... horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to **(4)** ..... modern compositions.

The first scientists to **(5)** ..... the Chauvet paintings missed some other important **(6)** ..... however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially **(7)** ..... as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is **(8)** ..... people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

1	A illustrations	B models	C cases	D examples
2	A deep	B thick	C long	D dense
3	A by means of	B apart from	C as well as	D such as
4	A rival	B compare	C compete	D oppose
5	A arrive	B reach	C meet	D know
6	A instances	B matters	C details	D issues
7	A believed	B regarded	C thought	D agreed
8	A resulting	B having	C making	D causing

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TEST 42

0 A number B amount C quantity D crowd

0	A	B	C	D

Where to go whale watching

When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising **(0)** ..... of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be **(1)** ..... surprisingly easily. It is **(2)** ..... that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies **(3)** ..... to the season.

In summer, the whales have a **(4)** ..... to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found **(5)** ..... out at sea. **(6)** ..... season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to **(7)** ..... for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in **(8)** ..... of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

1	A answered	B rewarded	C honoured	D fulfilled
2	A estimated	B counted	C guessed	D totalled
3	A according	B depending	C relying	D agreeing
4	A custom	B tendency	C habit	D trend
5	A longer	B wider	C broader	D further
6	A Whenever	B Whoever	C Whichever	D However
7	A head	B set	C point	D pick
8	A hunt	B follow	C pursuit	D seek

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TEST 43

0 A moment B present C current D minute

0	A	B	C	D

The Gesture Interface

At the **(0)** ..... , if we want mobile **(1)** ..... to the Web, we have to travel around with things like tablets and smartphones in our bags or pockets. But the inventor of something called the Gesture Interface has **(2)** ..... up with a way of doing this using only something we've **(3)** ..... around with us for millions of years – our hands.

The idea is **(4)** ..... on simple technology that is already in existence. **(5)** ..... carrying around the usual hardware, you have a small wearable device on your hands. This contains a projector, a camera and wireless technology to **(6)** ..... you to the Web. It also has sensors which read and interpret simple hand gestures. For example, when you want to **(7)** ..... a photograph, simply make a frame around the image with your hand and click your fingers. The device **(8)** ..... out what you want and operates the camera.

1	A line	B entry	C access	D link
2	A come	B thought	C found	D done
3	A delivered	B fetched	C brought	D carried
4	A based	B started	C founded	D begun
5	A Along with	B Instead of	C Except for	D Apart from
6	A sign	B download	C log	D connect
7	A make	B take	C do	D get
8	A works	B reckons	C meets	D knows

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