

High Note 4

Speaking test (Unit 6-10)

Task 1: Fill in the gaps (1–5) in the conversation with the phrases from the box (A–E).

- A. If you want my honest opinion
- B. I see your point, but
- C. That's exactly what I was thinking
- D. How about we start by
- E. I'm not entirely convinced that

Context: *Two students are discussing how to make their school more "green"*

Mark: I really think the school should ban all single-use plastics in the cafeteria. It's a small step for the environment.

Sophie: (1) _____. It sounds good in theory, but where will students get their water from if they forget their reusable bottles?

Mark: Well, we could install more water fountains. **(2)** _____, the cafeteria makes too much profit from selling bottled drinks to ever agree to it.

Sophie: (3) _____. Maybe we can suggest a compromise? What if they switch to biodegradable packaging instead?

Mark: (4) _____! It solves the waste problem without cutting their revenue.

Sophie: Great. **(5)** _____ writing a formal proposal to the principal?

Task 2: Put the following lines (A–F) in the correct order to create a logical conversation about coping with stress and mental health.

A. You're right. I've been feeling a bit burnt out lately. Maybe a digital detox this weekend would help?

B. Hey, you look a bit overwhelmed. Have you been staying up late studying again?

C. Definitely! Let's go for a hike on Sunday. No phones, just nature.

D. That sounds like a plan. I really need to clear my head.

E. I have, actually. I'm finding it quite hard to cope with the pressure of the upcoming exams.

F. I'm sorry to hear that. You should remember that your well-being is just as important as your grades.

Order: 1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____

Task 3 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

Matt: This debate topic looks interesting: 'Having your own business. Is it worth the risk?'

Hil: In my opinion, one ¹ **a** _____ of having a company is that you don't have a boss!

Matt: I agree! However, a ² **m** _____ point is that you might not have anyone to give you advice.

Hil: That's right. Nevertheless, another ³ **s** _____ argument for having a business is that you can do what you like!

Matt: Unless you have a business partner.

Hil: Having ⁴ **I** _____ at both sides of the argument, I can't ⁵ **h** _____ feeling I'd like to run my own business one day.

Matt: Me too. But perhaps not just yet!

Task 4: Read the statement or question and choose the most appropriate response (A, B, or C) based on the context of global issues and careers.

1. Have you heard about the recent data breach on that social media site?

- A. No, I haven't. It's scary how vulnerable our private information is.
- B. I'm thinking of applying for an internship there.
- C. Yes, the perpetrator was acquitted of all charges.

2. I'm really struggling to decide which career path to choose after graduation.

- A. Don't worry, it's a lucrative business.
- B. Have you considered talking to a career advisor to weigh up your options?
- C. I agree, success is all about perseverance.

3. Did you see the news? The local community centre was vandalized last night.

- A. That's a shame; it's such a blow to our neighborhood.
- B. I think it's a great deterrent for crime.
- C. It's a very prestigious award to win.

4. If I want to become a successful entrepreneur, what's the most important quality?

- A. You need to be able to think outside the box and take risks.
- B. It's important to avoid any strenuous exercise.
- C. You should definitely focus on your digital footprint.

5. I think the media often exaggerates stories to create "fake news".

- A. I couldn't agree more; it's hard to find reliable sources these days.
- B. I'm not sure, I've never been a victim of a scam.
- C. That's true, global warming is a devastating issue.