

GIỚI THIỆU

Cuốn sách này được biên soạn nhằm hỗ trợ các bạn học viên ôn thi VSTEP LISTENING hiệu quả. Nội dung được chất lọc từ những tài liệu hay, trình bày súc tích, ngắn gọn dễ hiểu.

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TỔNG QUAN VỀ BÀI THI NGHE

Bài thi Vstep Listening bao gồm 3 phần như sau:

PART 1: INSTRUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tổng số câu hỏi: 8
- Phần 1 bài thi Nghe Vstep Listening, thí sinh nghe 08 thông báo, hướng dẫn, các đoạn trao đổi ngắn và trả lời các câu hỏi đa lựa chọn ABCD. Mỗi file nghe tương ứng một câu hỏi. thí sinh được nghe duy nhất 1 lần.

PART 2: CONVERSATIONS

- Tổng số câu hỏi: 12
- Trong bài thi nghe Vstep phần 2, thí sinh nghe 03 đoạn hội thoại có độ dài khoảng 2 đến 2,5 phút.
- Mỗi hội thoại có 4 câu hỏi kiểm tra nghe hiểu thông tin chi tiết, ý chính. Giữa các đoạn hội thoại thí sinh có khoảng 15 giây để xem trước. Thí sinh chỉ được nghe duy nhất 1 lần.

PART 3: LECTURES

- Tổng số câu hỏi: 15
- Thí sinh nghe 3 bài giảng, bài nói chuyện có độ dài khoảng 3 đến 3,5 phút/bài. Mỗi bài nghe có 5 câu hỏi. Thí sinh nghe và chọn đáp án ABCD. Thí sinh chỉ được nghe duy nhất 1 lần.

SAMPLE TEST

Direction: In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand to conversation and talks in English. There are three parts to this section with special directions for each part. Answer all the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied by the speakers in this recording. There will be time for you to read the instructions and you will have a chance to check your work. The recording will be played ONCE only. Time allowance: about 40 minutes, including 07 minutes to transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

PART 1

Questions 1-8

Directions: In this part, you will hear EIGHT short announcements or instructions. There is one question for each announcement or instruction. For each question, choose the right answer A, B, C or D. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer that you have chosen.

Now, let's listen to an example. On the recording, you will hear:

***Woman:** Hello. This is the travel agency returning your call. You left a message about the holiday you've booked, asking which meals are included in the cost during your stay at Sunny Hotel. Lunch and dinner are free but if you wish to have breakfast in the hotel, you will need to pay an extra amount of money, depending on what you order. Let me know if I can help you with any other information. Goodbye.*

On the test book, you will read:

Which meal is NOT included in the price of the holiday?

- A. Breakfast B. Lunch C. Dinner D. All

The correct answer is A. Breakfast. Now, let's begin with the first question.

1. How many languages are taught at Hanoi International Language School?

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

2. What is the boarding time of Flight VN178?

- A. 3.30 B. 3.45 C. 4.15 D. 4.45

3. What will be happening in Lecture hall 4 next Monday?

- A. An art workshop B. An art exhibition C. A history lesson D. talk about history of art

4. Where does the woman live?

- A. Opposite the cinema B. Next to Anna Boutique
C. On Floor 1 of C5 building D. On Floor 3 of C5 building

5. What is the woman doing?

- A. Introducing the sports centre B. Selling equipment to the new members
C. Explaining the rules in the centre D. Answering members' questions

6. What time do the banks open in winter?

- A. 8.00 a.m. B. 8.30 a.m. C. 9.00 a.m. D. 9.30 a.m.

7. What is the woman talking about?

- A. How to change the topic of a term paper B. When and where to hand in a term paper
C. How to write a term paper D. The list of topics for a term paper

8. How is the weather today?

- A. Cool all day B. Rainy in the early morning
C. Windy at noon D. Sunny during the day

PART 2-Questions 9-20

In this part, you will hear **THREE** conversations. The conversations will not be repeated. There are four questions for each conversation. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Questions 9 to 12. Listen to the discussion between two exchange students Martha and Peter.

9. How has the man mainly learnt Japanese?

- A. By listening By speaking C. By writing Kanji D. By reading aloud

10. Why did the woman travel to Spain?

- A. To reach her goal B. To learn Japanese
C. To meet her pen friends D. To practice her Spanish

11. According to the woman, why do young people learn language more quickly?

- A. They have friends at university.
B. Their brains are fresher.
C. They do not have much concern other than study.
D. They find languages easier than the elder.

12. What is the conversation mainly about?

- A. Learning English B. Learning languages
C. Learning French D. Age and learning

Questions 13 to 16. Listen to the conversation between Emma, the tourist and Felipe, a local person from Ecuador.

13. What does the man say about the Galapagos Islands?

- A. They are unattractive.
B. They are a must-visit place for tourists.
C. They are more popular with foreigners than locals.
D. There are a lot of famous hotels and food there.

14. Why are the costs in Galapagos Islands so high?

- A. To improve their service quality
- B. To protect the environment
- C. To attract international tourists
- D. To solve local economic problems

15. Which place can be compared to the Galapagos in terms of scenery?

- A. The Amazon region
- B. The lowlands
- C. South Ecuador
- D. Ecuadorean countryside

16. What do the speakers mean by mentioning “more rights”?

- A. Islanders should have more freedom to do business.
- B. Ecuadoreans should visit the island with more ease.
- C. Tourists should be given more freedom on the island.
- D. Visitors should be encouraged to visit the island.

Questions 17 to 20. Listen to the conversation between Todd and Katia.

17. What is the topic of the conversation?

- A. Ways to get an internship
- B. Methods of studying at university
- C. Contrasts between working and studying
- D. Skills needed in working environment

18. What does the girl say about presenting skills?

- A. She wanted more practice with them.
- B. She was not aware of their importance before working.
- C. She didn't know how to do them in Spanish.
- D. She taught them to herself at university.

19. What does the girl think about making mistakes in the working world?

- A. It's frequent and natural.
- B. It's undesirable but normal.
- C. It's worrying and unacceptable.
- D. It's annoying but totally avoidable.

20. What advice does the girl have for those about going to start working?

- A. Prepare themselves for unexpected situations
- B. Relax and have some fun
- C. Make good transition from university to work
- D. Make their best effort and follow their passion

PART 3-Questions 21-35

In this part, you will hear THREE talks or lectures. The talks or lectures will not be repeated. There are five questions for each talk or lecture. For each question, choose the right answer A, B, C or D.

Questions 21 to 25. Listen to a presentation about summer job searching.

21. What factor deserves initial consideration when a summer job search is launched?

- A. Sort of jobs within the field
- B. Flexible working hours
- C. Employees' hobbies
- D. Commitment to the job

22. Why does the speaker mention photography?

- A. To highlight the importance of hobbies in job searching
- B. To illuminate a job search process
- C. To prove the role of local area in job searching
- D. To suggest looking for a job on the internet

23. What principle does a person necessarily stick to when looking for the second job?

- A. Value the second job over the current one
- B. Ask for the current employer's permission
- C. Make all the contact out of company time
- D. Have interviews scheduled during official working hours

24. What behavior will place a candidate at a great advantage in an interview?

- A. Showing up on time
- B. Having a great outfit
- C. Stressing the achievements with the current company
- D. Emphasizing the working experiences

25. What is of greatest importance for a successful attempt at the job search?

- A. Asking for references from the current company
- B. Referring to what have been achieved in the current job
- C. Getting the track record of the current job
- D. Talking to somebody in the current company for advice

Questions 26 to 30. Listen to a talk about recycling carbon.

26. Which process is mainly discussed in the talk?

- A. Producing carbon through photosynthesis
- B. Returning carbon to the atmosphere through decomposition
- C. Recycling carbon into the soil through soil breathing
- D. Maintaining the availability of environmental factors

27. What happens during decomposition?

- A. Natural elements directly come into the soil when they fall on the ground.
- B. Natural nutrients are produced in death leaves and trees.
- C. Organic matter is absorbed into the soil through some natural processes.

D. Organic elements are mineralized to CO₂.

28. What does “soil respiration” refer to?

- A. The cycle of minimalizing CO₂ in the soil
- B. The stage of decomposing organic matter
- C. The circle when CO₂ is recycled
- D. The process when CO₂ gets out of the soil

29. What does the speaker say about the cycle of carbon?

- A. It helps remain carbon in litter for a long time.
- B. It finishes when CO₂ comes out of the soil to the air.
- C. It is the result of soil respiration.
- D. It creates the amount of carbon in the living biomass.

30. What does the example of tropical rainforest and the Arctic Tundra illustrate?

- A. The balance between photosynthesis and decomposition rate
- B. The importance of litter and organic matter in the production of carbon
- C. The effect of environmental factors on photosynthesis and decomposition rate
- D. The way how the nutrient availability stores carbon within the soil

Questions 31 to 35. Listen to a lecture about poor comprehenders.

31. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. The difficulties poor comprehenders encounter
- B. The definition of poor comprehender
- C. The reading process of a poor comprehender
- D. The causes and effects of poor comprehension

32. What can be inferred about poor comprehenders’ level of understanding?

- A. They are better at decoding than reading a text fluently.
- B. They are not good at decoding and understanding a text.
- C. They struggle to reveal what they have read.
- D. They often have general understanding of the text.

33. What is the speaker’s opinion about exploring poor comprehenders?

- A. It is challenging in a regular classroom context.
- B. It is best to work with one child at a time.
- C. It requires children to make some questions about the text.
- D. It is done by asking children to talk about the text in pairs.

34. What does the speaker say about poor comprehenders at primary school age?

- A. They make up the majority of primary students.

- B. They perform badly in subjects that require higher cognitive levels.
- C. Oral tasks are more difficult for them to achieve than reading ones.
- D. They have greater receptive skills than productive ones.

35. What is meant about poor comprehenders' ability to look over their comprehension?

- A. They actually know reasons for their poor comprehension.
- B. They can monitor their comprehension only occasionally.
- C. They change their monitoring process when their comprehension has broken down.
- D. Controlling comprehension is beyond their ability.

MỤC LỤC

CHƯƠNG 1: HƯỚNG DẪN THÔNG BÁO

1. Giới thiệu chung
2. Các đề thi theo định dạng
3. Các đề thi có độ khó tương đương

CHƯƠNG 2: HỘI THOẠI

1. Giới thiệu chung
2. Các đề thi mẫu

CHƯƠNG 3: BÀI GIẢNG

1. Giới thiệu chung
2. Các đề thi mẫu

ANSWER KEY & TRANSCRIPT

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1. Giới thiệu chung

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Một số lưu ý khi làm bài nghe Vstep Listening part 1

- Đọc trước các câu hỏi, gạch chân các từ khóa và lướt qua các lựa chọn trả lời.
- Định hướng trước thông tin cần phải nghe.
- Nắm chắc thông tin cách nói giờ, thời tiết, làm quen các thông báo ở sân ba, nhà ga, quảng cáo ngắn...

Cách nói giờ trong tiếng Anh

Một số từ buộc phải biết khi nói giờ:

Quarter: 15 phút

Half: 30 phút

VD:

3.10, 4.15, 5.30

- Cách 1: nói giờ trước phút sau

Three ten, four fifteen

- Cách 2: Nói phút trước, giờ sau dùng với part (quá), to (kém)

Ten past three, quarter past four, half past five

Một số từ vựng chỉ thời tiết trong tiếng Anh

Rain (n) Rainy (adj): mưa, có mưa

Shower (n), showery (adj): mưa rào, có mưa rào

Sunshine (n), sunny (adj): ánh dương, trời nắng.

Snow (n) Snowy (adj): tuyết, có tuyết

Ice (n), icy (adj): băng đá, có tuyết

Wind (n), windy (adj): gió

Storm (n), stormy (adj): bão

II. Các đề thi theo dạng VSTEP

TEST 1

1. Which part(s) of England will have the heaviest rainfall?

- A. London and south-east
- B. Northern

- C. Western and Central
- D. Mainland Britain

2. What should you do in case of losing money?

- A. Call the lost property office
- B. To contact the police to make a statement
- C. To contact your bank immediately
- D. Go to the lost property office

3. Why can't she be at the meeting?

- A. Her flight was delayed.
- B. She is feeling unwell.
- C. Her car has broken down.
- D. Her train was delayed.

4. What was stolen in the burglary?

- A. A painting
- B. A statue
- C. A famous jewel
- D. Antiques

5. What are the instructions about?

- A. How to change a light bulb
- B. How to change your car's hazard lights
- C. What to do if your car breaks down
- D. How to change a flat tire

6. Which prizes are mentioned?

- A. A holiday and a CD player
- B. A DVD player and a CD player
- C. A DVD player and a holiday
- D. A holiday and a television

7. How much would five tickets cost?

- A. \$100

- B. \$50
- C. \$20
- D. \$200

8. If there is a fire, what should you do?

- A. Run out of the building
- B. Stay seated
- C. Walk out of the building
- D. Jog out of the building

TEST 2

1. What time will the flight now be leaving at?

- A. At 6:00
- B. At 7:00
- C. At 7:15
- D. At 7:50

2. How much will a \$50 sweater cost now?

- A. \$50
- B. \$5
- C. \$15
- D. \$25

3. What number is the white line?

- A. 6
- B. 4
- C. 7
- D. 3

4. What color is the dog?

- A. White with brown paws
- B. Brown with white paws
- C. Brown with black paws
- D. Black with brown paws

5. What difference will be seen between Monday and Tuesday?

- A. Monday will be far hotter.
- B. Tuesday will have more rain.
- C. There will be some higher temperatures on Tuesday.
- D. There will be some extra rain showers on Mon day.

6. Why are the students being sent home?

- A. It is a school holiday.
- B. There is a problem with the heating system.
- C. Some of the teachers are absent.
- D. The gas pipes burst.

7. What will happen in thirty minutes?

- A. They will land.
- B. Dinner will be served.
- C. They will enter into some bad weather.
- D. Lunch will be served.

8. What is the problem?

- A. A car has a flat tire.
- B. A car has been stolen.
- C. A car has broken down.
- D. A car is blocking the entrance.

TEST 3

1. Which part(s) of the body does the exercise affect well?

- A. Knees
- B. Back
- C. Hands
- D. Legs

2. Which TV program is on at 9 o'clock tonight?

- A. Ski jumping finals

- B. Nature Program
- C. Tim Wong's Chinese Kitchen
- D. A program about dolphins

3. What time will the writer arrive at the bookshop?

- A. At 1.45
- B. At 2.15
- C. At 3.30
- D. At 2.30

4. What will the weather be like tomorrow?

- A. Rainy
- B. Cloudy
- C. Sunny
- D. Both sunny and rainy

5. What should the students take on the school trip?

- A. Drink, fruit and some change
- B. Drink, fruit and colored pencils
- C. Fruit, some change and colored pencils
- D. Fruit and colored pencils

6. What will the weather be like tomorrow afternoon?

- A. Rainy
- B. Windy
- C. Sunny
- D. Cloudy

7. What does the woman's house look like now?

- A. It has another bedroom over the garage
- B. It has trees in the garden
- C. It has a hedge in the front
- D. It has trees in the garden and a hedge in the front.

8. What is the next TV program about?

- A. The satellite
- B. The Earth
- C. African animals
- D. Photography

TEST 4

1. Where can visitors see the ducks?

- A. In the cages
- B. In the pond
- C. Near the wastebaskets
- D. In the field

2. What will the weather be like when the festival starts?

- A. Sunny
- B. Cloudy
- C. Rainy
- D. Rainy and cloudy

3. What has the man sent back to the company?

- A. An iron in a damaged box
- B. A damaged iron in a good-condition box
- C. A damaged iron in a damaged box
- D. An iron in a good-condition box

4. Which part of the Arts Centre only opened recently?

- A. An open-air concert area
- B. A cinema
- C. An art gallery
- D. A restaurant

5. Which vegetable is used in all today's recipes?

- A. Tomatoes
- B. Potatoes
- C. Cabbage

D. Onion

6. How did the man want to pay?

- A. In cash
- B. By credit card
- C. By check
- D. Bank transfer

7. What is the woman phoning about?

- A. A guitar
- B. A book
- C. Glasses
- D. The library

8. What will the weather be like for the race?

- A. Sunny
- B. Snowy
- C. Rainy
- D. Cloudy

TEST 5

1. Which part of the gallery did the man visit?

- A. Paintings
- B. Vases and bowls
- C. A sculpture exhibition
- D. Photographs

2. How much will a dietary and fitness assessment cost you?

- A. £20
- B. £30
- C. £33
- D. £5

3. Who do you contact when dialing number 4?

- A. Customer care department
- B. Service engineering department
- C. Emergency service department
- D. HR department

4. Who is the message intended for?

- A. People in Britain
- B. People leaving Britain
- C. People returning to Britain
- D. People visiting Britain

5. What will the weather be like on Friday?

- A. Cloudy and dull
- B. Sunny
- C. Very wet
- D. Cloudy

6. Why should children not use computers?

- A. They don't encourage children to think.
- B. They keep children from doing their schoolwork.
- C. They stop children developing social skills.
- D. They are harmful to children's eyes

7. What did the dog do?

- A. Annoyed its master
- B. Disobeyed its master
- C. Obeyed its master
- D. Fetched a thing its master didn't ask

8. What should passengers for London do?

- A. Take the train on platform four
- B. Take the coach from the booking hall
- C. Take the train on platform one
- D. Change the train at Oxford

TEST 6

1. What should drivers to Bridgend do?

- A. Drive down Lodge Lane
- B. Turn off at junction 32
- C. Drive down Smith Street
- D. Cancel the drive

2. What is David supposed to do?

- A. Pick Susan up at the office
- B. Meet Susan at 9 o'clock
- C. Ring Susan at the office
- D. Meet Susan at 8 o'clock

3. Which is NOT on special offers?

- A. Men's designer shirts
- B. Fruits
- C. Kitchenware
- D. Beef

4. Why was the construction of the bypass cancelled?

- A. The residents did not want to move their homes
- B. There was another plan to build houses there
- C. The government reduced spending
- D. The bypass was of no use at all

5. Who is the caller?

- A. The claims director of an insurance firm
- B. A representative of an insurance firm
- C. A secretary of an insurance firm
- D. A burglar

6. Who are the police searching for?

- A. A gas board official
- B. A well-dressed man

- C. An old age pensioner
- D. A witness

7. What should you do if you want to speak to a member of staff?

- A. Press 3
- B. Press 2
- C. Speak after the tone
- D. Dial his extension

8. Where are the cheapest houses to be found?

- A. In the new suburbs
- B. In the old suburbs
- C. In the City center
- D. Out of town

TEST 7

1. What can you get on the train?

- A. full English breakfast
- B. full continental breakfast
- C. tea and coffee
- D. sandwiches

2. When will the television be ready for collection?

- A. in Tuesday
- B. on Wednesday
- C. on Thursday
- D. on Friday

3. What should people going to Birmingham do?

- A. Cancel the trip
- B. Leave early
- C. Use minor roads
- D. Use Bury road

4. Which channel broadcasts about history?

- A. HTV
- B. Channel Wales
- C. TSW
- D. No channel at all

5. Where does Ken's father live?

- A. In the City center
- B. In Matlock village
- C. In Gate Lane
- D. Near a motorway

6. What is being advertised?

- A. A luxury hotel
- B. A fitness center
- C. A summer camp
- D. A restaurant

7. You are flying to New York Where should passengers to New York go?

- A. To terminal B
- B. To the departure lounge
- C. To luggage collection
- D. To the exits

8..What is it true about Georgina Curry?

- A. She went to Jakarta for an appendix operation
- B. She is going to Jakarta for an appendix operation
- C. She went to Jakarta on her honeymoon
- D. She is going to Jakarta on her honeymoon

III. Các đề thi có độ khó tương đương

TEST 1

1. Where will the girls meet?

- A. In front of the park entrance

B. By the entrance inside the park

C. At the entrance inside the park

2. Which chair does the man want?

A. The chair with high back and arm

B. The chair with low back and arm

C. The chair with low back and without arms

3. Which picture shows what the girls need?

A. Flour, butter, a lemon, milk, two eggs

B. Flour, butter, a lemon, two eggs

C. Flour, butter, two lemon, milk, two eggs

4. Which picture shows what happened?

A. They played ball outside the house and broke the window

B. They played ball in the house and broke the mirror

C. They played ball in the house and broke the glass

5. What is Sarah's mother's doing?

A. She is washing clothes

B. She is washing her face

C. She is washing the dishes

6. What luggage is the man taking on holiday?

A. Two suitcases and a bag

B. Two suitcases

C. One suitcase and a bag

7. Which photograph does the man like?

A. He is standing on the cliff top looking down the beach

B. Some people are sitting on the beach

C. Some people are standing on the cliff top looking down the beach

TEST 2

1. When and where are they meeting?

A. At 7:30 in the restaurant

B. At 7:00 outside the restaurant

C. At 7:30 outside the restaurant

2. What will Chris get for his birthday?

- A. CDs
- B. a T-shirt
- C. A book on tennis

3. What does Mr. Jones look like?

- A. He is bald and wearing glasses
- B. He has thick beard and moustache
- C. He is has thick moustache and is wearing glasses

4. Where is he going to plant the tree?

- A. At the back of garage
- B. By the front door
- C. At the other end of the lawn

5. What is the man going to buy?

- A. grapes and apples
- B. bananas and apples
- C. bananas

6. Which is Gary's room?

- A. The one in the middle on the third floor
- B. The one in the middle on the top floor
- C. The one on the third floor on the left

7. Which is the best vehicle for the man?

- A. A 4 seat car
- B. A sport car
- C. A minivan

TEST 3

1. Where is the station?

- A. Go straight ahead. It's at the end of the road
- B. Take the second on the right. It's the end of that road

C. Take the first on the right. It's the end of that road

2. Where did the woman put the calculator?

- A. On the desk
- B. On the desk by the lamp
- C. On the pile of books next to the lamp

3. Where is Helen?

- A. She is with two men. One man is wearing shorts and a T-shirt. The other is wearing trousers
- B. She is with the man in shorts and a T-shirt
- C. She is with the man wearing trousers

4. Which building was hit by lightning?

- A. A building
- B. A factory near the church
- C. the church

5. What does the woman want to buy?

- A. a pair of boots
- B. a pair of high heels
- C. a pair of flat shoes

6. Which picture does the woman decide to send?

- A. The picture of a man in front of the house
- B. The picture of two children playing ball in front of the house
- C. The picture of two children playing in the house

7. Which hotel has the man chosen?

- A. The hotel with four floors it is on the seashore
- B. The hotel with four floors; it is in the city center and it has a swimming pool
- C. The hotel with four floors; it in on the seashore and it has a swimming pool

TEST 4

1. Where are the woman's glasses?

- A. She is wearing them
- B. They are on the TV
- C. They are on the table next to some books

2. What damage was done to the car?

- A. Someone broke the car window
- B. Someone scratched the paint
- C. Someone put on some paint on the car

3. What did she bring?

- A. Soap, a towel and toothbrush
- B. Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste
- C. Soap, a towel and toothpaste

4. What did Sally buy?

- A. a skirt and jeans
- B. a T-shirt and a pair of high heels
- C. a T-shirt and jeans

5. Where are the man and his grandma?

- A. They are at the train station
- B. They are at the airport
- C. They are on the way home

6. What would John like to be?

- A. A doctor
- B. A photographer
- C. A teacher of math

7. Which pianist are the two people talking about?

- A. The man with thick beard
- B. The man with short hair
- C. The man with short hair and thick beard

TEST 5

1. What was in the woman's bag?

- A. A purse and glasses
- B. A purse and keys
- C. A purse keys and glasses

2. Which film is the man talking about?

- A. a woman standing on a bridge watching the sunrise
- B. a woman standing on a bridge watching the sunset
- C. a woman coming back after watching the sunset

3. What should the woman do first?

- A. Put the washing powder into the machine
- B. Press the button on the wall
- C. Put the clothes in

4. What is David going to do this weekend?

- A. repair a car
- B. Go sailing
- C. Paint a house or a flat

5. How did the man get to work today?

- A. By car
- B. By bike
- C. By train

6. Which tie does the man choose?

- A. The one with squares
- B. The one with spots
- C. The plain one

7. What time is the appointment?

- A. At 10.15
- B. At 11.15

C. At 1.55

TEST 6

1. How did the film end?

- A. a man and a woman robbed a bank
- B. The man was arrested by police
- C. They got married

2. What time does the train to Rome leave?

- A. At 2.55
- B. At 2.35
- C. At 3.25

3. What is broken?

- A. A plate
- B. A table
- C. a lamp

4. Where are the man's shoes?

- A. A plate
- B. A table
- C. a lamp

5. What will Paul get at the shop?

- A. A pepper and mushrooms
- B. Two carrots and mushrooms
- C. A pepper and two carrots

6. How were they told to do their homework?

- A. write on a notebook
- B. write on paper
- C. type

7. What did Helen buy?

- A. a pair of gloves

- B. a pullover
- C. a pair of socks

CHƯƠNG 2: HỘI THOẠI

I. Giới thiệu chung

- Tổng số câu hỏi: 12
- Trong bài thi nghe Vstep phần 2, thí sinh nghe 03 đoạn hội thoại có độ dài khoảng 2 đến 2.5 phút.
- Mỗi hội thoại có 4 câu hỏi kiểm tra nghe hiểu thông tin chi tiết, ý chính. Giữa các đoạn hội thoại thí sinh có khoảng 15 giây để xem trước. Thí sinh được nghe duy nhất 1 lần.
- Các bài luyện tập

Test 01 – 05: trình độ cơ bản

Test 06 – 16: dành cho trình độ A2 – B1

Test 17 – 32: dành cho trình độ B1 – B2

Một số lưu ý trước khi nghe Vstep phần 2:

- Đọc trước các câu hỏi và gạch chân các từ khóa trong câu hỏi. Thông thường thời gian cho phép rất ngắn, do vậy bạn nên dành thời gian đầu bài nghe phần hướng dẫn để tranh thủ đọc các câu hỏi phần 2.
- Lướt nhanh câu hỏi và các lựa chọn trả lời và tìm mối liên hệ giữa chúng, cũng như đoán xem bài hội thoại này về chủ đề gì.
- Nhiều khi, bạn có thể chọn được đáp án đúng cho câu hỏi ý chính trước khi bắt đầu nghe.

II. Các đề thi mẫu

TEST 1

1. What is the topic of the conversation?

- A. Taking measurements
- B. Taking a break
- C. Looking on the Internet
- D. Finding a small MP3 player

2. What is the man's main point?

- A. The device is too small
- B. The device is too big
- C. The woman shouldn't get the device

D. The device is small enough

3. What does the device do?

- A. Reads books
- B. Searches the Internet
- C. Plays music
- D. Solves math problems

TEST 2

1. What is the man's problem?

- A. He doesn't like math
- B. He is not very good at basketball
- C. he hates school
- D. He needs help with English

2. What is the woman's main point?

- A. Math is difficult
- B. School is easy
- C. Try something new to make math easier
- D. Change your English class

3. What does the woman advise the man to do?

- A. Imagine something abstract as real
- B. Picture something entertaining in his mind
- C. Give up writing down every word in class
- D. Use pictures to represent words

TEST 3

1. What is the woman's main point?

- A. Mona Lisa is a great painting
- B. Da Vinci is the greatest artist
- C. Eyebrows always change
- D. Art history is important

2. Why do so many artists try to copy Mona Lisa's smile?

- A. It's hard to do
- B. It's beautiful
- C. It's difficult to understand
- D. It's perfect

3. What does the man imply about Mona Lisa?

- A. He has never heard of Mona Lisa
- B. He does not think the painting is very impressive
- C. He is interested in the facts the woman gives about Mona Lisa
- D. He has read many books and articles about the painting

TEST 4

1. What is the telephone operator's main point?

- A. She can give man information
- B. All of the phone lines are busy at the moment
- C. The service is not free
- D. The number is only for emergencies

2. Why does the man call the number?

- A. To add his name to the list
- B. To volunteer
- C. To get information
- D. To reserve a ticket

TEST 5

1. Where is the man's library card?

- A. He does not know
- B. It is in his dorm room
- C. His friend has it
- D. He never had one

2. Where will the student go?

- A. To the police station
- B. To the Help Desk in the library
- C. To his next class
- D. To the Student Center

3. What is the student's problem?

- A. He failed an exam
- B. His student ID card was stolen
- C. His passport is missing
- D. His driver's license is missing

TEST 6

1. What are the people mainly discussing?

- A. Biology class
- B. A lottery
- C. Graduation
- D. Transportation

2. Which is true?

- A. Parking on campus is free
- B. The woman has a car
- C. All students are allowed to park their car at school
- D. The woman wants to drive his car to school

3. What is the main thing that the man wants?

- A. To win a parking space
- B. To buy a new car
- C. To have date with woman
- D. To get to class on time

TEST 7

1. What is the topic of conversation?

- A. Going to a football game
- B. Going to a concert series
- C. Going to a film festival
- D. Going to hear rock music

2. What is the man's main point?

- A. That the movie is funny
- B. That the woman should go
- C. That the woman doesn't have to go far
- D. That rock music is cool

3. What does the man want the woman to do?

- A. Not study so much
- B. Go see a film with him
- C. Keep studying
- D. Write about the movie

TEST 8

1. What is the topic of the conversation?

- A. Using the student recreation center
- B. Playing basketball
- C. Included tuition fees
- D. Lost ID cards

2. What does the woman decide to do?

- A. Buy an ID card
- B. Go to the gym with the man
- C. Play basketball in the park
- D. Study in the library

3. What does the woman need to use the gym?

- A. A basketball
- B. Proper shoes
- C. A student ID card

D. A swimming pool

TEST 9

1. Why does the student go to see the woman?

- A. To meet her
- B. To talk about problem
- C. To request some equipment
- D. To ask permission equipment

2. Where does the woman suggest the crabs might be happier?

- A. At the beach
- B. In a bath
- C. At the store
- D. In a box

TEST 10

1. What are the speakers mainly discussing?

- A. A lecture
- B. Things in blood
- C. Types of blood
- D. Colors of blood

2. What is the man's main point?

- A. Blood types are confusing.
- B. He does not know his blood type.
- C. All blood is red.
- D. It's dangerous to mix blood types.

3. What does the woman want to know about blood types?

- A. Why A, B and 0 are used?
- B. Which type can mix with her blood
- C. What the man's blood type is
- D. Where people get them

TEST 11

1. What are speakers mainly discussing?

- A. Money
- B. Tutoring
- C. having lunch
- D. Signing up for class

2. What does the secretary tell the student?

- A. She gives him a phone number
- B. She directs him to the classroom
- C. She say there is no tutoring center is
- D. She tells him where the tutoring enter is

3. What is the student's main point?

- A. He needs money
- B. He needs to ask the secretary for an email address
- C. He wants to find a tutor
- D. He wants to make an appointment

TEST 12

1. What are the people mainly discussing?

- A. The student's class schedule
- B. The professor's class schedule
- C. The parts of a class the professor is giving
- D. The classes the student needs in order to graduate

2. What is the main point discussed by the professor?

- A. Course content
- B. Indian culture
- C. Course marks
- D. Two day

TEST 13

1. What does the man describe laying dollar bills end-to-end?

- A. To compare old and new money
- B. To show the woman how poor he is
- C. To illustrate how rich Gates is
- D. To count reason why he admires Gates

2. Why does the man admire Bill Gates?

- A. For his money
- B. For his confidence
- C. For his good looks
- D. For his money and confidence

3. What is the man's main point?

- A. He reads an interesting article
- B. He wants to study business
- C. He loves money
- D. He likes Gates

TEST 14

1. Why does the student want to buy a bicycle permit?

- A. So he can get a discount
- B. Because he lost his old one
- C. So he can sell his bicycle
- D. So he can park his bicycle on campus

2. What do we learn about the student from this conversation?

- A. He is married
- B. He is studying history
- C. He doesn't have a bicycle
- D. He can drive a car

3. Where should the man keep the permit?

- A. In his apartment
- B. On his bike
- C. At his parking space
- D. In his wallet

TEST 15

1. How does the girl explain the way she feels about the article?

- A. She lets the boy read it
- B. She gives examples from the article
- C. She reads the article to him
- D. She shows him pictures from the article

2. What does the special license plate tell?

- A. When spiders are in a bathtub
- B. When the driver needs a rest
- C. The distance to home
- D. The gender of the driver

3. What is true about the inventions described in the article?

- A. They were made a long time ago
- B. They were all made by the same person
- C. They are unusual
- D. They use electricity

TEST 16

1. Why do students need identification?

- A. The professor can't remember their names
- B. The test requires it
- C. There are not enough calculators
- D. Too many students want to take the test

2. According to the professor, why is it important to be prepare for the test?

- A. It will make you nervous
- B. It will help you relax
- C. It will guarantee that you get a high mark
- D. It will save time on the day of the test

3. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. What type of questions will be on the test
- B. Which subjects will be on the test
- C. How long the test will last
- D. Things you should and shouldn't bring for the test

4. What does the professor imply?

- A. There will be a test on Saturday
- B. There will be no school on Saturday
- C. Saturday is the longest day of the year
- D. He doesn't like Saturday

TEST 17

1. What must you be if you want to apply for the Camp?

- A. be a student
- B. be at least twenty-four years old
- C. be employed
- D. speak more than one language

2. What can you expect in a camp tent?

- A. mix with other nationalities
- B. share with five other people
- C. know the other people
- D. share with people from the same nationality

3. What do you NOT have to take to the Camp?

- A. tent

- B. a knife
- C. pictures
- D. postcards

4. How must the Camp fees be paid?

- A. in dollars
- B. by cheque
- C. before the Camp starts
- D. in your own currency

TEST 18

1. According to the speaker, what is the best way of travelling to Waterside?

- A. coach
- B. car
- C. train
- D. bus

2. On Friday, what time are the shops open from?

- A. 8 o'clock
- B. 9 o'clock
- C. 10 o'clock
- D. 11 o'clock

3. What can you NOT do at Waterside?

- A. feed the ducks
- B. go shopping
- C. go sailing
- D. go wind surfing

4. What does the speaker complain about?

- A. There was nowhere to put rubbish
- B. The food in the café was disappointing
- C. The service in the shops was slow
- D. There weren't any bathrooms

TEST 19

1. What does Angela say about her life now?

- A. She feels much older
- B. She likes to be active and busy
- C. She is lonely without her children
- D. Her children don't like people to call her "flying grandmother"

2. What is true about Angela's flying lessons?

- A. her course lasted five months
- B. her husband took lessons as well
- C. she got to know her teacher well
- D. She found it a bit difficult to fly at her old age

3. What did Angela enjoy most about the trip?

- A. flying at night
- B. walking in the desert
- C. watching the changes in the scenery
- D. seeing stars at night

4. What did Angela miss most while she was away?

- A. going to restaurants
- B. modern bathrooms
- C. regular exercise
- D. interesting entertainment

TEST 20

1. How long has Britta lived in Berlin?

- A. four years
- B. six years
- C. twenty years
- D. twelve years

2. What does Britta say about living in Berlin?

- A. She can't sleep at night because of traffic noise
- B. She misses the museums and theatres in Bonn
- C. She likes living in a big, busy city
- D. She prefers living in Bonn to living in Berlin

3. How does Britta usually travel around in Berlin?

- A. She walks
- B. She uses her bicycle
- C. She uses the tram or bus
- D. She drives her car

4. What is true about Britta's friends?

- A. live near her
- B. work with her
- C. are still in England
- D. are from her hometown

TEST 21

1. What did Rachel do before her children were born?

- A. an art teacher
- B. a painter
- C. an actor
- D. a doll marker

2. Who first thought of doing a show at a party?

- A. Rachel's husband
- B. Rachel's children
- C. Rachel's parents
- D. friends of Rachel's daughter

3. How does Rachel's neighbor, Lena, help?

- A. makes some dolls for the shows
- B. performs in the shows
- C. writes the music for the shows

D. records music for the show

4. How do Rachel's daughters help her?

- A. They show new dolls to their school friends
- B. They think of ideas for new stories
- C. They give her their opinions on her new plays
- D. They help her make new dolls

TEST 22

1. Where is Angela working at the moment?

- A. Britain
- B. the USA
- C. Thailand
- D. India

2. What does Angela like about her job?

- A. She loves being in dangerous situations
- B. She never knows where she'll go next
- C. She enjoys watching important events happen
- D. She likes collecting souvenirs

3. What did Angela bring home from Hong Kong?

- A. pictures
- B. carpets
- C. furniture
- D. postcards

4. Where did Angela meet her boyfriend?

- A. at her sister's house
- B. at university
- C. in Hong
- D. in a law firm

TEST 23

1. Where is the town of Swanton located?

- A. near the sea
- B. by a lake
- C. on a hill
- D. in the mountains

2. What does Jack say about entertainment in Swanton?

- A. A music festival takes place in the town
- B. Its football club has done well this year
- C. An arts centre consists of cinema, a theatre and an art gallery
- D. The arts centre is old

3. Why is Jack worried about the environment of Swanton?

- A. the water on the river is dirty
- B. there are few wild birds around today
- C. pollution has destroyed the plants in one area
- D. There are no fish in the river

4. What does Jack say about the way Swanton has changed?

- A. He preferred the town when it was smaller
- B. He thinks it a more interesting place
- C. He is sorry that there are fewer jobs available
- D. He thinks it's impossible to change people's way of life

TEST 24

1. How old was Elena when she decided to become a dancer?

- A. seven
- B. nine
- C. ten
- D. eleven

2. What does Elena say about the ballet called Cinderella?

- A. It will attract both adults and children

- B. The music was unfamiliar to her
- C. She saw it when she was a child
- D. She will play one role in it

3. What does Elena like to do in her free time?

- A. go sightseeing
- B. go to clubs
- C. go dancing
- D. go shopping

4. What does Elena like best about her job?

- A. appearing on television
- B. doing something she loves
- C. travelling to different countries
- D. meeting the president

TEST 25

1. What was Robin's job in Argentina?

- A. translator
- B. tour guide
- C. salesman
- D. tourist

2. What did Robin buy from the market he visited?

- A. a picture
- B. a chair
- C. a record
- D. a CD

3. How did Robin feel during the dance performance he saw?

- A. He wanted to get up and dance
- B. He wished he had continued his dance classes
- C. He was sad he didn't dance well
- D. He thought Argentinean dancing was much easier than his country's dancing

4. What did Robin like about his favourite place?

- A. the wildlife
- B. the views
- C. the peace
- D. the weather

TEST 26

1. Why did Harry decide to start an adventure travel company?

- A. he wanted to share his experience with others
- B. he thought he could make a lot of money
- C. his father encouraged him to do it
- D. he hoped to do more travelling himself

2. Who suggested the name for Harry's company?

- A. a friend
- B. a customer
- C. his wife
- D. his parents

3. What does Harry say about doing dangerous things?

- A. It's part of his job
- B. He always thinks of how to avoid possible dangers
- C. It's frightening
- D. It's enjoyable

4. What is Harry's favourite place?

- A. a mountain
- B. a building
- C. a river
- D. valley

TEST 27

1. Why did Linda like her first boss?

- A. paid her well
- B. was kind to her
- C. sent her on a training course
- D. mad her become confident

2. What did Linda enjoy about working in the shop?

- A. eating the cakes
- B. the smell of baking
- C. the clean workplace
- D. friendly co-workers

3. In the shop, what did Linda help with?

- A. baking bread
- B. displaying cakes
- C. making sandwiches
- D. creating new bread recipes

4. What does Linda say about the full-time shop assistants?

- A. were friendly to her
- B. hadn't got the same skills as her
- C. helped her a lot with her work
- D. didn't work as hard as her

TEST 28

1. What does Lucy usually paint?

- A. scenery for stage plays
- B. pictures of pop stars
- C. the walls in people's homes
- D. pictures on people's homes

2. What does Lucy say about her present job?

- A. she enjoys working by herself
- B. she chose it because she couldn't get a job in advertising

- C. she earns a good salary
- D. it does not need any special skills

3. What does Lucy find difficult about her work?

- A. She sometimes misses lunch
- B. Some days are too busy
- C. She always has too much work to do
- D. She feel bored because she doesn't have much to do

4. How does Lucy get to work?

- A. by bus or train
- B. by car
- C. on foot
- D. by bike

TEST 29

1. What does Tim enjoy most about his job?

- A. sorting out all the details
- B. getting to know the musicians
- C. listening to lots of good music
- D. meeting some famous musicians

2. What does Tim say about the teachers on the course?

- A. usually enjoy themselves
- B. are always complaining
- C. are extremely well-paid
- D. They are difficult

3. Where is the course held?

- A. a place which is specially designed for musicians
- B. is convenient for public transport
- C. is a long way from a big City
- D. in the middle of the countryside

4. What does Tim say about the concert tour after the course?

- A. It has to make a lot of money
- B. It needs to be carefully planned
- C. It's difficult to sell tickets
- D. It's a good experience for both students and Tim

TEST 30

1. What did Marta dislike about her first job?

- A. It was really badly paid
- B. The boss didn't listen to her
- C. She found the staff unfriendly
- D. The restaurant was mobile

2. At first, what did Marta find most surprising about mobile restaurants?

- A. They are only advertised online
- B. Food never gets thrown away
- C. Menus can be easily changed
- D. People enjoy their meals in any place

3. What made Marta have difficulty serving food on a beach?

- A. the sun
- B. the rain
- C. the wind
- D. not being allowed to eat on the beach

4. What worries Marta about the future?

- A. mobile restaurants going out of fashion
- B. the wrong people opening restaurants like hers
- C. health inspectors coming to her restaurant
- D. people getting ill because of bad food

TEST 31

1. Why did Jack go into his yard to take his winning photo?

- A. He wanted to be out in the sunshine
- B. He was looking for shots of flowers
- C. He was trying out some new equipment
- D. He wanted to take photos of his own yard

2. How did Jack feel when he first looked at his winning photo?

- A. proud of how good it was
- B. worried about the background
- C. the photo was terrible
- D. unsure how clear the detail was

3. Why was Jack surprised by the other photos from the competition?

- A. because the quality was so high
- B. because the styles were so similar
- C. because the subjects were so unusual
- D. because they are sent from faraway places

4. What does Jack want to do after winning the competition?

- A. get ideas from other photographers
- B. come to London for another exhibition
- C. take more photos of people
- D. take more photos of landscapes

TEST 32

1. According to Amy, what is the most important skill for a designer?

- A. remaining patient in difficult situations
- B. knowing about different materials
- C. knowing how to make clothes
- D. turning your idea into product

2. What does Amy particularly like about her work?

- A. being able to sell her designs
- B. seeing her clothes on display
- C. having her name recognized

D. earning a good salary

3. What helps Amy find new ideas for designs?

- A. Talking with other designers
- B. going to visit museums
- C. looking at photos of clothes
- D. seeing things around her

4. What project is Amy working on at the moment?

- A. a collection of clothes for a film
- B. a fashion show in New York
- C. a new range for a London store
- D. special clothes for her own store

CHƯƠNG 3: BÀI GIẢNG

I. Giới thiệu chung

- Tổng số câu hỏi: 15
- Thí sinh nghe 3 bài giảng, bài nói chuyện có độ dài khoảng 3 – 3.5 phút/bài. Mỗi bài nghe có 5 câu hỏi. Thí sinh nghe và chọn đáp án ABCD. Thí sinh nghe duy nhất 1 lần.
- Một số lưu ý khi luyện nghe Vstep phần 3: Dành thời gian trước khi nghe để đọc trước câu hỏi, lướt qua các lựa chọn. Phỏng đoán nội dung bài nghe liên quan đến chủ đề gì. Câu hỏi ý chính thường có thể đoán trước được nội dung khi bắt đầu nghe.
- Bài nghe phần 3 thường dài và khó cho các bạn trình độ B1 nên trình độ B1 nên ôn chủ yếu phần 1, 2.

II. Đề thi mẫu

TEST 1

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. How to do a quick test
- B. Going to university
- C. Reading faster
- D. Understanding difficult works

2. What does the speaker suggest doing after reading?

- A. Reading again
- B. Taking notes
- C. Seeing what you can remember
- D. Looking at the clock

TEST 2

1. What is the main idea of the talk?

- A. Helping people who need quiet
- B. Making “white noise”
- C. Building a machine
- D. Winning a Science fair prize

2. Why did Choi Min-Soo win first prize at the Science fair?

- A. He is a great scientist
- B. He built a very useful machine
- C. He has a doctorate degree
- D. He discovered “white noise”

TEST 3

1. How is the information in the lecture organized?

- A. People and their new ideas
- B. Terms and examples
- C. Steps within a process
- D. Shapes and things in the room

2. Why does the professor mention periods?

- A. To explain what a point looks like
- B. To explain what a segment looks like
- C. To illustrate what congruent means
- D. To illustrate what continuous means

3. What is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. points
- B. lines
- C. segments
- D. spaces

TEST 4

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. The works of Beethoven
- B. Beethoven's mysterious lover
- C. Beethoven's disease
- D. Facts about Beethoven

2. How does the speaker present the information in the lecture?

- A. Chronological order
- B. Contrasting major works
- C. In order of importance
- D. Cause and effect

3. Which is true about Beethoven?

- A. He died in Bonn, Germany
- B. He had a wife
- C. He wrote the Fifth Symphony
- D. He was born in 1827

TEST 5

1. What is the topic of the lecture?

- A. Hibernation
- B. Winter
- C. Animal habits
- D. Sleep

2. How does the professor explain the places for animal's hibernation?

- A. By reminding students of a story

- B. By providing pictures in class
- C. By listing the different places
- D. By classifying temporary and permanent homes

3. Which is the main idea of the talk?

- A. Animals can store energy and fat
- B. Animals hibernate in holes, caves and bushes
- C. Hibernating animals are weak in the spring
- D. Some animals sleep through the winter

TEST 6

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. Writing letters
- B. Organizing files
- C. Understanding letters
- D. Responding to problems

2. Why does the woman mention the golden rule?

- A. To show what is most important to do
- B. To show what is wrong to do
- C. To give information
- D. To answer a letter

3. What are the main points in the talk?

- A. Use big words and be positive
- B. Write long, specific sentences
- C. Be specific, be positive, and remember the golden rule
- D. Use polite language and list problems

TEST 7

1. What aspect of Antarctica does the professor mainly discuss?

- A. History
- B. Climate
- C. Location

D. Scientists

2. How does the professor emphasize that Antarctica is cold?

- A. By giving statistics
- B. By telling a story
- C. By comparing Antarctica to Australia
- D. By stating the dimensions of the South Pole

3. How much of the world's ice is contained in Antarctica?

- A. 98 percent
- B. 88 percent
- C. 87 percent
- D. 68 percent

TEST 8

1. What are the three types of plays mentioned in the talk?

- A. Comedy, tragedy, tragicomedy
- B. Drama, comedy, tragedy
- C. Tragedy, humor, tragicomedy
- D. Thriller, comedy, tragedy

2. Why does the professor mention the play by Ibsen?

- A. To remind students of an example they previously studied
- B. To give an additional example of the comedy
- C. To show how Shakespeare influenced other writers
- D. To present a new type play

3. Which is an example of a tragicomedy?

- A. Much Ado about Nothing
- B. Saint Joan
- C. Ghosts
- D. Shakespeare

TEST 9

1. What is the topic of the lecture?

- A. Reading newspapers
- B. Increasing vocabulary
- C. Writing in a notebook
- D. American history

2. Why does the speaker mention newspapers?

- A. They are expensive
- B. They are free
- C. They don't have many difficult words
- D. They are cheap and have a variety of new words

3. What is the professor's main point?

- A. Newspapers are a good place to learn new words
- B. Increasing your vocabulary is difficult
- C. Everyone should have a notebook
- D. Students must learn 100 new words each week

TEST 10

1. What is the main idea of the talk?

- A. The way people first hunted
- B. One reason for long-distance running
- C. Following antelope tracks
- D. Running

2. What type of hunt is done by the San people?

- A. Spear
- B. Bow and arrow
- C. Clever traps
- D. Persistence

3. How does the professor organize the information in the lecture?

- A. By listing different kinds

- B. By describing a process
- C. By using contrasting examples
- D. By answering common questions

TEST 11

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. Geology
- B. Biology
- C. History
- D. Nature

2. What is the main idea of the talk?

- A. What happens when we sneeze
- B. Why people say “Bless you”
- C. How the plague started
- D. How many germs are in sneezes

3. Which statement is true?

- A. Sneezing caused the plague
- B. Responding “God bless you” to a sneeze began in Europe
- C. A pope died from sneezing too often
- D. When you sneeze, the devil will try to rush down your throat

TEST 12

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. The sun
- B. Sunrises
- C. Rays from the sun
- D. Sunsets

2. According to the speaker, why is the sky blue?

- A. Because blue rays are the strongest
- B. Because blue rays scatter the least

- C. Because blue rays scatter the most
- D. Because blue rays are the weakest

3. Which color of light ray scatters the least?

- A. Red
- B. Yellow
- C. Blue
- D. They all scatter the same

TEST 13

1. What aspect of health does the professor mainly discuss?

- A. Being healthy in long winters by staying warm
- B. Not getting skin cancer
- C. Getting enough sunshine to give your skin color
- D. The important of getting vitamin D from sunshine

2. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. Don't go outside too much
- B. Many people need to take vitamins
- C. It is possible to get vitamin D from fish
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TEST 16

1. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. The Pueblos are good weavers
- B. The Pueblos grew cotton
- C. The Pueblos had sheep
- D. The Pueblos live in North America

2. Why did the Pueblos start weaving with a loom?

- A. The loom was cheaper
- B. Their fingers were broken
- C. They were afraid to try something new
- D. The loom made weaving faster and easier

3. How does the speaker present the information in the lecture?

- A. Chronological order
- B. Major types with examples
- C. Order of importance
- D. Steps within a process

TEST 17

1. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. Acupuncture comes from China
- B. Nobody understands why acupuncture works
- C. Acupuncture is an ancient treatment still used today
- D. Acupuncture is better than Western medicine

2. Why does the professor mention cars?

- A. To explain a personal experience
- B. To give general example
- C. To highlight an important body part
- D. To present one exception

3. Why does acupuncture help people?

- A. It is magic

- B. We don't know
- C. It uses heat
- D. Because the needles hurt

TEST 18

1. Why does the professor mention a race car?

- A. To give an example of china's strength
- B. To explain the clay-making process
- C. To show how beautiful china is
- D. To boast how fast he works

2. What can be inferred about how china is painted or decorated?

- A. There are only a few acceptable ways to decorate real china
- B. The type of glaze determines the decoration used on china
- C. China can have various decorations
- D. Expensive china is usually rather plain

3. What is a pug?

- A. A metal mold with plaster inside it
- B. A certain kind of china
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- A. Explaining historical developments over the years
- B. Listing problems that led to faster connections
- C. Describing hardware related to types of connections
- D. Comparing different kinds of connections

2. Which statement is NOT true?

- A. VDSL is the newest, fastest Internet connection
- B. Copper telephone wires can be used to send DSL signals
- C. There are too many kinds of Internet connections
- D. Home networks need higher speed Internet connections

3. What type of Internet connection is the fastest?

- A. VDSL
- B. 56K modem
- C. Cable modem
- D. ADSL

TEST 21

1. How does the professor organize the information in the lecture?

- A. Most common to least common
- B. Type followed by example
- C. Most effective to least effective

D. Small animals to large animals

2. Which animals use camouflage to blend in with their surroundings?

- A. Deer and tigers
- B. Fish and snakes
- C. Tigers and crocodiles
- D. Snake and birds

3. What are the three main types of camouflage mentioned in the talk?

- A. Blend in, copy, surprise
- B. Run away, blend in, hide
- C. Copy, disguise, blend in
- D. Disguise, change, colors, copy

TEST 22

1. What aspect of caffeine does the professor mainly discuss?

- A. History
- B. Marketing
- C. Physical effect
- D. Coffee A

2. According to the professor, what is adenosine?

- A. chemical in caffeine
- B. A part of brain
- C. A chemical in the body
- D. A plant used to make coffee

3. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. Caffeine is a drug
- B. Caffeine can harm your body
- C. Caffeine is found in coffee
- D. Everyone consumes too much caffeine

4. What does the professor imply?

- A. She is Canadian
- B. She doesn't live in the United States
- C. She's very worried about consuming caffeine
- D. She is not worried about consuming caffeine

TEST 23

1. Why does the professor mention dyes?

- A. They were used with light microscopes
- B. They were developed with microscopes
- C. He studies them with microscopes
- D. All microscopes use them

2. Why can electrons give clearer magnification than light?

- A. Electrons travel in waves
- B. Light is out of phase
- C. Light is too weak
- D. Electrons have shorter wavelengths

3. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. Microscopes are interesting
- B. There are three types of microscope
- C. Microscopes are useful to scientists
- D. Microscopes have improved

TEST 24

1. Why did Lincoln go to Gettysburg?

- A. To ask people to vote for him
- B. To tight the army from the South
- C. To honor the soldiers who died there
- D. To build a school for soldiers

2. Why did Lincoln say they couldn't do anything to make the place special?

- A. They had lost the battle

- B. The battle had ruined the field
- C. It couldn't be done
- D. The soldiers who fought there had already done that

3. What is the speaker's main point?

- A. The Northern army won the war
- B. Edward Everett talked for almost two hours
- C. It was a great speech, long remembered
- D. No one remembers this speech anymore

TEST 25

1. What is shown in the picture in the students' books?

- A. Old bones
- B. Milk, cheese, and eggs
- C. Children
- D. Human brain

2. According to the professor, why do old people have weak bones?

- A. Milk was not popular long ago
- B. Ultraviolet rays damage bones
- C. Old people sleep more than younger people
- D. Old people don't go outdoors enough

3. Why do we need to spend time in the sunshine almost every day?

- A. To get a suntan
- B. To get minerals
- C. To get enough vitamin D
- D. To help our bodies get rid of calcium

TEST 26

1. Why does the professor mention "horses"?

- A. To introduce the information about horses
- B. To show students how to do web based research

- C. To introduce her lecture with an example students could relate to
- D. To contrast today's computer with older computers

2. According to the speaker, why are computers able to think so fast?

- A. Because of AND gates
- B. Because of electrons
- C. Because of NOT gates
- D. Because of Boolean logic

3. What would be the output for the input 0, 0 into an AND gate?

- A. 0, 0
- B. 1, 1
- C. 1
- D. 0

4. What will the speaker probably discuss next?

- A. George Boole's childhood
- B. Multiple bits of input
- C. Google
- D. More types of gates

TEST 27

1. What did the class study in a previous lecture?

- A. Parts of birds
- B. Kinds of animals in swamps
- C. Parts of fish
- D. Things living in deserts

2. What does the speaker imply about a shark's movement?

- A. It moves vertically slower than fish with swim bladders
- B. It can move quickly in all directions
- C. It moves as little as possible, unless it attacks something
- D. It can go faster by moving its vertical fins

3. Which of the following is true according to the lecture?

- A. People studied sharks to make better airplanes
- B. Sharks and airplanes have similar parts
- C. Sharks use their tails for protection
- D. The shark's vertical fin holds its swim bladder

TEST 28

1. According to the speaker, who are interested in fashion?

- A. rich people
- B. young people
- C. old people
- D. most people

2. How were fashion clothes before the 1900s?

- A. they were individually made
- B. they were copied from pictures
- C. they were made of light material
- D. they were often loose-fitting

3. What is true about Coco Chanel?

- A. She was born in 1908
- B. She changed people's ideas about fashion
- C. She liked wearing tight-fitting clothes
- D. Her designed clothes in the 1990s become out of fashion now

4. How was the fashion in the 1920s?

- A. white skirts were fashionable
- B. clothes started to cost less
- C. women took up sports
- D. sport clothes were cheap

5. Which of those was part of the "New Look"?

- A. material with flowers
- B. very short skirts

- C. longer skirts
- D. boots that went up to the knee

TEST 29

1. Which tickets are still available?

- A. the piano concert
- B. Twelfth Night
- C. Spider and Rose
- D. The Wild Duck

2. Which exhibition do visitors have to pay a fee?

- A. the Russian ballet exhibition
- B. the Scottish jewellery
- C. the South American photographs
- D. prize winning paintings from a children's competition

3. Where can you buy clothes?

- A. on the first floor
- B. in the souvenir shop
- C. close to the Arts Center
- D. in the main theatre

4. Where can you enjoy cakes?

- A. the Fountain
- B. Charlie's coffee
- C. the cinema kiosk
- D. The Balcony Restaurant

5. What time does the concert end?

- A. 10.10
- B. 10.15
- C. 10.20
- D. 9.50

TEST 30

1. How often does Sarah paint now?

- A. two days a week
- B. three days a week
- C. five days a week
- D. every evening

2. How does Sarah use money from her painting?

- A. to give up her computing job
- B. to pay for her flat and car
- C. to pay for her artist's materials
- D. to pay for three-year full time fee at Art College

3. When did she learn when she was at primary school?

- A. she painted pictures of people
- B. she learnt to use chalk
- C. she learnt to use different kinds of paint
- D. she drew scenes in pencil

4. What pleased Sarah most about her painting holidays?

- A. meeting other artists
- B. seeing beautiful scenery
- C. receiving individual teaching
- D. painting the countryside

5. What will the audience NOT do after watching Sarah's video?

- A. find out some information about the next exhibition
- B. look round an art exhibition
- C. have a break and a drink
- D. ask Sarah some questions

TEST 31

1. What should readers do to really understand my life?

- A. read it very slowly
- B. know about the writer's life
- C. read it with a picture
- D. read the write's other books

2. Why does John go to London in Goodbye to the fields?

- A. his parents do not like the country
- B. his father has to be close to his work
- C. his parents both come from the city
- D. his parents want him to have better education

3. What information is NOT included in The A-Z of photography?

- A. Basic equipment in photography
- B. how to take good pictures
- C. Basic information about taking pictures
- D. advanced information about photography

4. What information do readers get from Holidays in Europe?

- A. a small map
- B. famous places
- C. the main tourist areas
- D. less common places

5. For whom are next week's programme useful?

- A. those who enjoy reading reports
- B. those who are trying to save money
- C. those who are planning to buy gifts
- D. those who enjoy making friends

TEST 32

1. What did John do for his most recent television programme?

- A. drove from the North to the South Pole
- B. filmed relaxing beach holidays
- C. went to the Pacific Ocean for a year

D. traveled round the world

2. Why is John giving up very long trips?

- A. because he's too old now
- B. because he's been everywhere
- C. because they're too tiring
- D. because his family want him to spend more time with them

3. What is John's next television series probably about?

- A. farms in Scotland
- B. old ruins in Wales
- C. cycling tours in France
- D. cycling tours in England

4. Why does John want to spend more time near home?

- A. His family might need him
- B. His wife misses him
- C. He has very young children
- D. His wife is ill

5. What has John written so far?

- A. newspaper articles
- B. travel books
- C. poems
- D. fictions

TEST 33

1. Why did Paul choose the part of Africa he visited?

- A. It is good for walking
- B. It will soon change
- C. He had been there before
- D. It was easiest route to go

2. What made the team's journey slow?

- A. clearing paths through the forest
- B. finding somewhere safe to camp
- C. carrying heavy equipment
- D. finding something to eat

3. What did Paul worry about during the trip?

- A. the number of dangerous animals
- B. getting the information he needed
- C. being responsible for a team of people
- D. asking the team to help him

4. Paul says that the team didn't have enough food because

- A. some people ate more than they should
- B. the walk took longer than expected
- C. some of the food went bad too quickly
- D. They underestimated the amount of food to bring

5. How does Paul feel now he is back home?

- A. He is planning to do another trip
- B. He misses the people in the team
- C. He thinks the trip was a valuable experience
- D. He wouldn't mind travelling to Australia

TEST 34

1. How long has Sarah worked as a weather forecaster?

- A. two years
- B. seven years
- C. eleven years
- D. thirty years

2. What does Sarah say about her job?

- A. She sometimes has to work at night
- B. She enjoy getting up early
- C. She works ten or twelve hours a day

D. She sometimes forgets her words

3. What does Sarah say about her doing weather forecast?

- A. she prepares it in advance
- B. she sometimes forgets her words
- C. she worries about making a mistake
- D. she sometimes get nervous on television

4. What is true about Sarah's husband?

- A. He works on the same days each week
- B. He wants to move nearer his work
- C. He spends a lot of time travelling
- D. He has little time to relax

5. What did Sarah say about her hobby?

- A. She has got her pilot's license
- B. She taught her husband to play tennis
- C. She took part in a long race
- D. Flying is difficult so she gave it up

ANSWER KEY & TRANSCRIPT

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TEST 1

1D

Question 1 And now for tomorrow's weather Partly cloudy in the morning for London and the south-east but overcast by midday with rain in the afternoon Temperatures will range from 11-19°C There'll also be rain in the north which will quickly spread to the rest of the country Rain will be very heavy in some areas by late afternoon especially in western and central England and there will be strong winds over most of mainland Britain.

2B

Question 2 Hello. This is the lost property office There's no one here to take your call at present but if you've lost something please listen carefully to the following message If you've lost valuables such as jewelry, cash or credit cards you'll need to contact your nearest police station as soon as possible to make a statement. In case of a credit card you should also contact you bank immediately For any other items please call in at out office between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday Thank you.

3C

Question 3 Erm...yeah, hello, yes, it's me Look, I know I'm supposed to be in the meeting now but something's come up I feel dreadful about it, but Oh, what a day this has been! First my train was delayed for half an hour then...er...Anyway, I could still have got there but would you believe it my engine's packed in and I'm stranded here next to the until the breakdown service turns up I'm so sorry.

4C

Question 4 Late last night thieves broke into MacHannan Hall where a collection of the late Lady Betty Baldrige's paintings statues and antiques are on display to the public The thieves, who disabled a sophisticated electronic security system ignored all the less valuable paintings and pieces on display taking only The Lonely Wanderer by Karl van Turbeck The 1-metre high bronze figure which stands on a marble base is regarded as the jewel of the Baldrige collection and is valued at over £5 million

5D

Question 5 This isn't terribly difficult but if you're one of those people who won't even change a light bulb just call a breakdown service Anyway, make sure you're safely off the road with your hazard triangle in place at least 20 metres behind you Find the jack, spanner and spare they should all be in the boot and check the spare isn't flat, too Put the jack in place under your car but before you begin to lift the side of the car don't forget to loosen the nuts on the wheel Then jack the car up undo the nuts & take off the wheel.

6C

Question 6 Attention, please We should like to remind you that next Monday at nine o'clock we will be having our yearly staff picnic All staff and their families are invited to attend Plenty of food and drink will be provided for everyone and we will be having out famous barbecue We will also have our annual fun games Prizes include a new DVD player and a holiday.

7A

Question 7 Due to problems with the lighting the concert has to be postponed until Friday the 22 The concert will also moved from hall A to larger hall C A bigger venue means a five hundred tickets will now be available twice the original number Because of the extra tickets will now be priced at the lower cost of twenty dollars.

8C

Question 8 In the event of a fire please follow these directions Stand up and walk towards the nearest exit Do not run, and do not try to gather your things When outside, wait for your teacher on the football field Next week we will have the first of out two annual fire drills.

TEST 2

1C

Question 1 Attention all passengers on flight KI 162 from Spain to Ireland This flight has been delayed due to bad weather The flight will now be leaving at 7:15 pm from gate 22A We apologize for any inconvenience.

2D

Question 2 Attention, shoppers For the next fifteen minutes we will have a sale on sweaters in the children's department Every sweater will be 50% off Yes, that's right For just a quarter of an hour you can buy any child's sweater at just half the original price Now there is a bargain you can't afford to miss Hurry now The clock is ticking

3B

Question 3 The next stop is Main Street The exit doors are on the left side You can transfer to the white line, line number 4 to Seoul soccer stadium Please be careful as you leave the train.

4B

Question 4 A small dog was lost in the City center two days ago It is brown with white paws and answers to the name Sam It was wearing a brown collar A reward of fifty dollars will be given for help in finding him Please contact Brian at 655-7951.

5C

Question 5 Monday will be warm in most areas with some rain in the north of the country Temperatures will reach up to 25 degrees in the South and around 20 degrees in the north Tuesday will also have similar conditions with slightly higher temperatures of about 23 degrees in the north.

6D

Question 6 Attention all student Due to a burst in the gas pipes as well as the extremely cold weather today's classes will be canceled The school buses will be arriving in twenty minutes to take everyone

home Tomorrow's classes will most likely be canceled also but the local radio station will make an announcement in the morning.

7D

Question 7 Ladies and Gentlemen we are experiencing some bad weather so all passengers must return to their seats and fasten their seatbelts I would like to remind you that this is a non-smoking flight so smoking will not be permitted We should pass through the bad weather within thirty minutes at which time lunch will be served.

8D

Question 8 Could the owner of a green and red Daesung Santa Lucia registration number ST 4571 please come to the parking lot immediately Your car is blocking the entrance A delivery truck is unable to enter and this causing a traffic jam in the street outside the store.

TEST 3

1D

Question 1 OK everybody This next exercise is a bit difficult but it's really good for your legs All you do is put your back against the wall place your feet about half a metre away from the wall move your back down the wall so your knees are bent at 90 degrees Now put your hands out straight in front of you right make sure your head is against the wall Now, see how long you can stay like that If you do two minutes, you're doing well.

2C

Question 2 Because of the ski jumping finals we're late finishing so there are some changes to this evening's programmers We won't now show the Nature Programme about the dolphins found near the Florida coast at nine o'clock Instead, Tim Wong's Chinese Kitchen will be at this time an hour later than advertised You can see the Nature Programme at its usual time next week.

3B

Question 3 All fans of Peter Robbins should go to the South Street book store tomorrow afternoon where Peter will sign copies of his book Love if Life and answer questions He is expected at a quarter past two and promises to stay until half past three when he has to leave for another appointment Get there as soon as you can because if it's anything like Peter's last visit queues will start to form at quarter to two or even earlier Don't miss this opportunity to meet everyone's favourite writer.

4D

Question 4 Here is the weather forecast Today will be very cloudy although it won't rain until the evening The weather tomorrow will be the same as yesterday sunshine and showers But the weekend looks good plenty of sunshine and very little rain.

5C

Question 5 Now you won't need any money for the bus of your entrance ticket to the zoo tomorrow because that's already paid for But bring some small change for when you get thirsty and want a drink The only food or drink allowed on the bus is fruit Bring some with you because it's a long trip and you'll

get hungry No food or drink must be taken into the zoo And you'll need to bring all your colored pencils for the work I'm going to ask you to do there.

6A

Question 6 And now for tomorrow's weather The day will start showery and windy Those winds should disappear by late morning but the wet weather will continue until well into the evening Although we might see some bright sunny periods between the showers early on by midday it will cloudy with temperatures of no more than ten of twelve degrees centigrade.

7A

Question 7 It was really strange going back to Redmond where I used to live Everything has changed so much I went to see my old house it used to have trees in the garden and a hedge in the front Well, the people who own it now have built another bedroom over the top of the garage and removed the trees and hedge so they have more room to park their cars It made me feel really sad because it looked so different.

8B

Question 8 Coming up next on the Science Chanel is the latest documentary produced and presented by photographer Daniel Hamilton who made the prize-winning series is simply called Earth and views can enjoy some amazing photography with pictures of the planet shot from cameras in space using the latest satellite technology So sit back, relax and enjoy!

TEST 4

1C

Question 1 Hi everyone, and welcome to City Wildlife Park, I'll explain where things are and then you're free to go wherever you want. In front of us are some empty cages where the rabbits live. They're free to run about in the long grass, but come back to their cages when they're hungry! If you're interested in ducks, surprisingly they're not right here in the pond, but over there in one of their favourite places, near the dustbins. And we keep goats in the field here, together with some sheep.

2A

Question 2 And now for the weather forecast for this Saturday and Sunday, People heading to the music festival starting in Saturday on the South coast should be prepared for different conditions over the next two days. Saturday will bring bright sunshine but cool temperatures for this time of year. Overnight, however, clouds are expected to move in and Sunday will see dull skies bringing a further drop in temperatures, and there will be a good chance of rain later on.

3A

Question 3 Hello. My name's John Masters. This is a message for the person I spoke to yesterday in Customer Services. You asked me to return the iron I bought from you in its box. I've done this, although as I mentioned to you the box was badly damaged when it arrived. Anyway, that's not the problem and the iron didn't look damaged at all. But when I switched it on, it didn't heat up. My order reference is 01376XB. I hope you'll replace the iron as soon as possible. Thank you.

4A

Question 4 In the heart of the City the Arts Center includes a concert hall, cinema and an art gallery. The cinema is presenting a programme of films by younger film-makers and is attracting larger audiences than ever. The open-air concert area is the new home to the City Orchestra with an exciting concert programme new composers and guest performers, while the city Art Gallery has a major programmer of exhibitions all summer. Guests can enjoy dinner is popular restaurant and enjoy the wonderful views of the City and river.

5D

Question 5 On today's student Cookery programme, I'm going to show you how to make some really cheap and healthy meals. Forget about opening tins and think fresh! You can do wonderful things with tomatoes, potatoes – and I don't mean chips or fries! Even cabbage, yes cabbage rolls, tilled with tasty rice and herbs. And the essential vegetable in all my recipes is the ordinary onion, red or white or brown color doesn't matter. First of all, you need a Sharp knife. So, watch carefully and off we go.

6A

Question 6 You'd think that paying a bill would be easy. On tonight's Money Today, I'm looking at some of the difficulties there can be. The story starts with my own experience. Thinking it'd be simpler, I made the mistake of trying to pay a hotel bill in cash. Well, amazingly they insisted on me using a credit card. I didn't have one with me, so had to get onto my internet banking site using my mobile phone try and get my card details. Nothing's easy.

7A

Question 7 Hello, this is Sarah Wright. I arranged to collect a guitar I ordered. I was meant to come this afternoon, but there's a problem. I had to get a book from the library and I've just missed the bus so I won't be able to get out to the shop before you close. I've got an appointment in the town center to choose some new glasses tomorrow so I could come in and pick it up then. I hope that's ok.

8B

Question 8 ... and now for the weather. What's it going to be like for the big race tomorrow morning, Mike? – Well, it's been clear and sunny all week, but it looks as if it's going to turn really cold tonight, and with ice on the track, conditions for racing could be difficult. It doesn't look like there'll be any rain until the weekend though, and later in the afternoon there'll be a bit of sun coming out from behind the clouds.

TEST 5

1B

Question 1 He there It's Paul. I've been to the gallery to get some ideas for my latest project and I got some good ones you know, for shapes and so on now I need to think about using colours, and patterns. I might go back another day and look at paintings. There are some on the first floor of indoor scenes with vases and bowls in them like the ones I looked at on display today. Oh, and there's a new sculpture exhibition on, but I didn't get a chance to see it.

2A

Question 2 There's a new service available at Jeff Dean's Gym from today. Consultant Jenny Law will offer gym members complete dietary analysis and fitness assessment. If you book before 5th November you will get a 33% discount and pay only 20 instead of the usual 30 pounds. Make sure you're fit enough for the next century Consult the experts at Jeff Dean's Gym. Join today!

3B

Question 3 You have reached the Gas Hotline. If you have a complaint concerning out service you may speak to our customer care line by dialing 3 after the tone If you would like to arrange for regular servicing to any of your gas appliances you may speak to our service engineers by dialing 4 after the tone. Our emergency service can be contacted by dialing 5 after the tone.

4C

Question 4 Just one last word, ladies and gentlemen. You probably know how dangerous rabies can be. Just one bite from an affected animal can kill if medical help is not available immediately. We've been free from rabies in Britain for over 75 years but it is still quite common here. So don't be tempted to take animals home with you. They may be infected, and you can be sent to prison for illegally importing animals Okay, now I need to tell you...

5B

Question 5 And now for the week's weather The week will start out very we. Indeed with thunder and lightning in some areas. This will last through to Wednesday. Thursday will be dry but dull, but the clouds will clear during the night, bringing us a bright end to the week-something to make up for all that bad weather...

6C

Question 6 ... and yes, I would agree that computers have made a dramatic difference in the workplace. However, computers in the home have their disadvantages especially for children. In a school setting they're fine, I think, but letting them spend too much time with computer games certainly doesn't help children learn to communicate. As to whether children have to think while they're playing on the computer. I'd say they do.

7C

Question 7 And finally, on a lighter note. When college lecturer, Chris Pearse, told Jamie his pet bloodhound to fetch his allppers, he expected the dog to go upstairs for the new pair he had got for Christmas. In fact, the dog disappeared for two hours. The legendary nose of the bloodhound had led it four miles across town to the Council tip where Jamie retrieved his master's old allppers, which had been thrown away and brought them home. Mr. Pearse said, "I didn't expect it, but I can't complain when he's only done exactly what I asked..."

8B

Question 8 We are sorry to announce that both the 9.15 from Crewe and the 10.30 to London Euston have been cancelled due to staff shortages. Passengers for Birmingham International and Oxford should cross the bridge to platform four where a relief train will shortly arrive. Passengers for Reeding can also take this train but must change at Oxford. Passengers for London and Heathrow airport should go immediately to the booking hall on platform one where a coach has been arranged.

TEST 6

1A

Question 1 There's a lorry on fire in Smith street in Bridgend town center. A lot of people have stopped to watch and delays are building up. You're advised to take Lodge lane instead. On the westbound carriageway of the M4, an overturned car is blocking two lanes of traffic before junction 32, that's the turning for Bridgend. Police advise drivers to turn off at junction 31 for an alternative route to avoid delays...

2B

Question 2 Hi David. It's Susan here. It's about meeting later on. I know we said eight o'clock at the Crown, but it looks like I'm stuck in the office for a while we've got a bit of a problem so if I don't ring again do you think you could come and get me at about nine?

3B

Question 3 This is a customer announcement. We have a range of special offers in several departments. In our fashion department on the first floor we have sale in men's designer shirts. On the second floor in household goods, there are special offers in kitchenware and small appliances And in our food hall on the ground floor some outstanding discounts on cuts of beef...

4C

Question 4 Residents of Newbury upon Thames whose homes were bought by the government to make way for a planned by pass are to be offered their houses back again. Eleven families were moved out in 1991, but now the scheme has been put on hold following government spending cuts Under a new law the former residents are allowed to buy back their former houses at the price they were given on leaving.

5A

Question 5 Hello, this is the claims manager from Royal Solihull Insurance. I'm ringing concerning your claim. I was hoping to arrange for one of our representatives to call and discuss your recent burglary with you. Um... We can't arrange a payment until we've had this discussion. Would you like to call one of our secretaries on 01214285976 and we can fix up a time? Please don't forget to quote the burglary reference number...

6B

Question 6 Police are asking old age pensioners to be on the look out for a thief who is posing as gas board official. The thief, who is a well-dressed young man, calls at pensioners' homes and tells them he is checking for gas leaks. While in the house, he steals any money he can find. Police have issued a special message for pensioners today advising them that gas board officials always wear a uniform and carry and official identity card.

7D

Question 7 Thank you for calling the Putney museum. I'm afraid all our telephonists are busy at the moment. If you want to wait you should press 3 after the short tone and your call be stacked. If you have a enquiry about opening times, you can hear a recorded message by pressing 2 after the short tone. If

you want to speak to a member of staff and you know their extension, you can dial their number after the short tone. If you want to leave a message, please speak after the long tone.

8B

Question 8 if you want to buy a house in the London area and you're on a limited budget, where's the best place to look? Of course a central location is what many of us want, but houses in the center are no bargain. If you want to move out to the leafy suburbs you'll also have to have a lot of money in the bank. To my mind, the best place to start is in the established or shall we say former suburbs, that's where you'll find the real bargains.

TEST 7

1D

Question 1 Great Midland Railway would like to apologize to passengers as we will not be providing the advertised buffet service with tea coffee cold drinks and full English and continental breakfasts on this journey. This is due to fire in the locomotive shed before departure A trolley service is available, however which will be visiting all coaches with a selection of cold drinks and sandwiches Passengers are requested to remain in their seats for this service

2B

Question 2 Well, I was afraid you'd have to wait till Thursday but just talked to the engineer and er today's Tuesday, isn't he said you could pick it up tomorrow Is that all right for you?

3B

Question 3 Motorist traveling to Bury are notified of a serious fire in the town. The traffic isn't moving at all and there are hold ups in all directions Avoid Bury is you can In Birmingham there's already heavy traffic around Edgbaston as the crowds arrive for the cricket final there. There are a number of minor roads closed around the cricket ground so if you've got a ticket for the final make sure you give yourself plenty of time to get there On the M11 to Cambridge there's been

4C

Question 4 It's 7:30 and now have a choice of our viewers here in Wales On HTV we have Bill Barnard and Jan Fall in the Sport in Question On TSW we have a documentary on the 400th anniversary of Sir Francis Drake's death which examines Drake's last voyage to the Caribbean and on Channel 4 Wales there's an adaptation of Johns McShene's novel about university life A Place in History

5C

Question 5 I've got instructions for getting to Dad's new house here. Ken Turn off at junction 28 and take the first turning signposted to the City center and Barnstable. After that, drive for about 200 yards and there's another left turn. There's no signpost but he says it leads to Matlock village and it's called Gate Lane The new house is 150 yards along on the right It's an old brick building with a lovely...

6A

Question 6 For a weekend break We have indoor heated swimming pools Jacuzzis and saunas three gymnasias with qualified fitness instruction all freely available to guests There are three top class restaurants to cater for every taste And even a crèche so the busy mum and dad are free to enjoy the facilities Double and single rooms can be booked only through

7B

Question 7 ... and all passengers should disembark while the plane is being refueled This should take about 45 minutes Passengers to London should follow the signs to the luggage collection points and the exits Passengers continuing their journeys to destinations in Europe should proceed to terminal B There is a bus to take you there Passengers continuing their flight to the USA should wait in the departure lounge We will call you as soon as it is safe for you to reboard the plane On behalf of Air Midland, I would like to thank you for choosing.

8D

Question 8 A woman whose life was saved by an emergency operation while on a flight from Cape Town to Jakarta will take another flight to Jakarta tomorrow this time on her honeymoon Georgina Curry survived thanks to quick thinking from two doctors on board the plane who performed an emergency appendix operation at 30,000 feet But today only love is in the air Miss Curry marries her fiance' David Hume

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TEST 1

1C

Where will the girls meet? Will you meet me in the park? OK. Where? By the entrance? No, at the ice-cream kiosk. You know, the one by the lake. OK. Now listen again. Will you meet me in the park? OK. Where? By the entrance? No, at the ice-cream kiosk. You know, the one by the lake. OK.

2A

Which chair does the man want? Good afternoon. Can you show me your office chairs? I'm looking for something with a high back and arms. Now listen again. Good afternoon. Can you show me your office chairs? I'm looking for something with a high back and arms.

3A

Which picture shows what the girls need? Now, have we got everything? Four, butter, a lemon, milk... Don't we need eggs? Of course! Now listen again. Now, have we got everything? Four, butter, a lemon, milk ... Don't we need eggs? Of course! Two eggs.

4B

Which picture shows what happened? Look at the mirror How did it get broken? We were playing ball and I missed it. I've told you before you are not to play ball in the house. Well, you both have to buy a new mirror. Now listen again. Look at the mirror How did it get broken? We were playing ball and I missed it. I've told you before you are not to play ball in the house. Well, you both have to buy a new mirror.

5C

What is Sarah's mother doing? When can we go out, Mum? In about half an hour, Sarah, when I've finished doing the washing-up. Now listen again. When can we go out, Mum? In about half an hour, Sarah, when I've finished doing the washing-up.

6A

What luggage is man taking on holiday? I thought you were only taking two suitcases on holiday with you? Well, I was, but I decided to take my overnight bag as well. I couldn't get everything into two cases and there's no way I could carry a third! Now listen again. I thought you were only taking two suitcases on holiday with you? Well, I was, but I decided to take my overnight bag as well. I couldn't get everything into two cases and there's no way I could carry a third!

7C

Which photograph does the man like? I'm really disappointed with my holiday photos The only good one is the one of us all standing together on the clifftop looking down at the beach. Now listen again. Which photograph does the man like? I'm really disappointed with my holiday photos The only good one is the one of us all standing together on the cliff top looking down at the beach.

TEST 2

1C

When and where are they meeting? What time are we meeting Jane? At half past seven outside the restaurant. I told her to wait inside, at a table. I know, but she said she's prefer to meet us outside. Now listen again. What time are we meeting Jane? At half past seven outside the restaurant. I told her to wait inside, at a table. I know, but she said she's prefer to meet us outside.

2C

What will Chris get for his birthday? It's Chris's birthday on Friday. What shall we get him? Mmm, it's difficult, Tapes? CDs? But he's already got a lot of those ... We could get him something to wear. No, let's get him a book on sport – he's really keen on that. Why not? Now listen again. It's Chris's birthday on Friday. What shall we get him? Mmm, it's difficult, Tapes? CDs? But he's already got a lot of those ... We could get him something to wear. No, let's get him a book on sport – he's really keen on that.

3C

What does Mr. Jones look like? So, could you describe Mr. Jones for me please, madam?

Well, he's about 40 years old bald, with a moustache. He's got large ears and he wears glasses. Now listen again. So, could you describe Mr. Jones for me please, madam?

Well, he's about 40 years old bald, with a moustache. He's got large ears and he wears glasses.

4A

Where is he going to plant the tree? Where are you going to plant the tree? By the front door? No, that would be silly. It'll grow too big. I'm going to put it at the back of the garage. When it's grown, it'll give us some shade in the summer. I thought it would be better right at the other end of the lawn. Oh, no. Now listen again. Where are you going to plant the tree? By the front door? No, that would be silly. It'll grow too big. I'm going to put it at the back of the garage. When it's grown, it'll give us some shade in the summer. I thought it would be better right at the other end of the lawn. Oh, no.

5C

What is the man going to buy? Shall I get some fruit for the picnic? Yes, can you get some oranges and bananas? I'm not very keen on oranges. How about grapes instead? They're so expensive at the moment. Just get the bananas. Now listen again. Shall I get some fruit for the picnic? Yes, can you get some oranges and bananas? I'm not very keen on oranges. How about grapes instead? They're so expensive at the moment.

6A

Which is Gary's room? Look. Gary's sent us a postcard of his hotel, and he's put a cross to show us his window! Ah, right on the middle. Yes, he says he wanted a room on the top floor, but the only room available was on the floor below that. Now listen again. Look. Gary's sent us a postcard of his hotel, and he's put a cross to show us his window! Ah, right on the middle. Yes, he says he wanted a room on the top floor, but the only room available was on the floor below that.

7A

Which is the best vehicle for the man? Good morning, sir, how can I help you? Well, I'd like to hire a car, please. Something fast and comfortable, with enough room for four adults and a child. Now listen again. Good morning, sir, how can I help you? Well, I'd like to hire a car, please. Something fast and comfortable, with enough room for four adults and a child.

TEST 3

1B

Question 1. Where is the station?

Excuse me, can you tell us the way to the station? Take the second on the right and it's at the end of that road. Now listen again. Excuse me, can you tell us the way to the station? Take the second on the right and it's at the end of that road.

2C

Question 2. Where did the woman put the calculator?

Have you used mu calculator? Yes, can't you find it? I put it back on the desk. Where? Next to the lamp. I think. No, wait a minute, it's on that pile of books. Now listen again. Have you used mu calculator? Yes, can't you find it? I put it back on the desk. Where? Next to the lamp. I think. No, wait a minute, it's on that pile of books.

3A

Question 3. Where is Helen?

Is Helen here? Yes, she's over there, next to the man in the shorts. Who's that with her? Her brother, I think. Now listen again. Where is Helen? Is Helen here? Yes, she's over there, next to the man in the shorts. Who's that with her? Her brother, I think.

4B

Question 4. Which building was hit by lightning?

Did you hear the storm last night? Of course. It was right over our apartment and seemed to hit something near the hotel. Yes, the factory near the church was hit by lightning. It's lucky no one was at work. Now listen again. Did you hear the storm last night? Of course. It was right over our apartment and seemed to hit something near the hotel. Yes, the factory near the church was hit by lightning. It's lucky no one was at work.

5C

Question 5. What does the woman want to buy?

Now I've bought this skirt, I think I need some new shoes to go with it. Can't you wear your boots? No they're too old. I think it would look better with flat shoes. Come on then, let's try that shop over the road. Now listen again. Now I've bought this skirt, I think I need some new shoes to go with it. Can't you wear your boots? No they're too old. I think it would look better with flat shoes. Come on then, let's try that shop over the road.

6A

Question 6. Which picture does the woman decide to send?

My mother wants me to send her a photo of our new house. Which one shall I send? This one is nice, with the children playing in the back garden. I prefer this one with you standing by the front door. Well, send her that one then. Now listen again. My mother wants me to send her a photo of our new house. Which one shall I send? This one is nice, with the children playing in the back garden. I prefer this one with you standing by the front door. Well, send her that one then.

7C

Question 7. Which hotel has the man chosen?

Have you decided which hotel you're going to stay in? Oh yes. It's the largest in the area, it's got four floors and it's right on the seashore ... and there's an outdoor pool as well. So we'll be able to swim every day. Now listen again. Have you decided which hotel you're going to stay in? Oh yes. It's the largest in the area, it's got four floors and it's right on the seashore ... and there's an outdoor pool as well. So we'll be able to swim every day.

TEST 4

1A

Question 1. Where are the woman's glasses?

I can never find my glasses! Where did you have them last? I either had them when I was working, or I left them in the lounge when I was watching television. They're not in either of those places, you know you're wearing them! Now listen again. I can never find my glasses! Where did you have them last? I either had them when I was working, or I left them in the lounge when I was watching television. They're not in either of those places, you know you're wearing them!

2C

Question 2. What damage was done to the car?

I'm really annoyed. Someone's damaged my car again. Don't tell someone's scratched the paint again! No, not scratches this time. Someone's put paint all over the side. Now listen again. I'm really annoyed. Someone's damaged my car again. Don't tell someone's scratched the paint again! No, not scratches this time. Someone's put paint all over the side.

3A

Question 3. What did she bring?

Did you remember to bring some toothpaste? I think so. Wait a minute, I'll look... soap, towel, toothbrush. Er...no, sorry, I forgot. Now listen again. Did you remember to bring some toothpaste? I think so. Wait a minute, I'll look... says who time now toothbrush soap, towel, toothbrush. Er...no, sorry, I forgot.

4C

Question 4. What did Sally buy?

I see you've been shopping, Sally. What have you got in the bag? Well, I went into town to buy a new skirt but I've come back with a T-shirt and a pair of jeans. I thought you wanted some new shoes too. Yes, I did. But it couldn't find any I like. Now listen again. I see you've been shopping, Sally. What have you got in the bag? Well, I went into town to buy a new skirt but I've come back with a T-shirt and a pair of jeans. I thought you wanted some new shoes too. Yes, I did. But it couldn't find any I like.

5A

Question 5. Where are the man and his grandma?

Hello, Grandma, can I carry your case? Oh, that's nice of you. Thank you for coming to meet me. Travelling always makes me so nervous! Don't worry we'll be in the car soon, and it won't take long to get home. Good. I'll be glad to get away from this noisy station. Now listen again. Hello, Grandma, can I carry your case? Oh, that's nice of you. Thank you for coming to meet me. Travelling always makes me so nervous! Don't worry we'll be in the car soon, and it won't take long to get home. Good. I'll be glad to get away from this noisy station.

6C

Question 6. What would John like to be?

What do you want to be when you leave school, John? You always wanted to be a professional footballer, didn't you? Well, I did, I thought about being a doctor, too but I don't think I could pass all the exams. What about being an engineer like your brother? It's a nice idea, but I think I'd like to do what my dad does. He teaches math. Now listen again. What do you want to be when you leave school, John? You always wanted to be a professional footballer, didn't you? Well, I did, I thought about being a doctor, too but I don't think I could pass all the exams. What about being an engineer like your brother? It's a nice idea, but I think I'd like to do what my dad does. He teaches math.

7C

Question 7. Which pianist are the two people talking about?

I thought the most interesting pianist in the whole competition was Gavin Willow. Was he the tall one with long hair? Weill he was tall, but he had short, dark hair and a beard. Ah, yes I know. Now listen

again. I thought the most interesting pianist in the whole competition was Gavin Willow. Was he the tall one with long hair? Well he was tall, but he had short, dark hair and a beard. Ah, yes I know.

TEST 5

1B

What was in the woman's bag?

Was there anything valuable in the bag that was stolen, Madam? Yes, it had my purse in it and my keys. Anything else? Well, luckily I was wearing my glasses, so no, nothing else. Now listen again. Was there anything valuable in the bag that was stolen, Madam? Yes, it had my purse in it and my keys. Anything else? Well, luckily I was wearing my glasses, so no, nothing else.

2B

Which film is the man talking about?

I'm sure I've seen this film before. That bit where she's standing on the bridge watching the sunset reminded me. Now listen again. I'm sure I've seen this film before. That bit where she's standing on the bridge watching the sunset reminded me.

3C

What should the woman do first?

Well, you put the washing powder in the machine. Is that before or after you put the clothes in? Oh, it's after you put them in and then remember to switch it on at the wall when you're ready. Now listen again. Well, you put the washing powder in the machine. Is that before or after you put the clothes in? Oh, it's after you put them in and then remember to switch it on at the wall when you're ready.

4B

What is David going to do this weekend?

Could you help me paint my flat this weekend, David? Oh, sorry. I'm going sailing. I decided to enjoy myself for a change. I spent last weekend helping my mum do her garden and I need to repair the car next weekend. Now listen again. Could you help me paint my flat this weekend, David? Oh, sorry. I'm going sailing. I decided to enjoy myself for a change. I spent last weekend helping my mum do her garden and I need to repair the car next weekend.

5A

How did the man get to work today?

Sorry I'm late. I never know whether to take the underground or drive. I was held up in a traffic jam for half an hour, and then when I got to work the car park was full I think I'll have to move nearer so I can walk or use my bike. Now listen again. Sorry I'm late. I never know whether to take the underground or drive. I was held up in a traffic jam for half an hour, and then when I got to work the car park was full I think I'll have to move nearer so I can walk or use my bike.

6C

Which tie does the man choose?

Which tie shall I wear for the interview? Do you think my blue silk one would look all right? A bit boring! I'd wear something with a small pattern squares or spots. Something like that. Oh, I don't know. I think I'll wear the plain one. Now listen again. Which tie shall I wear for the interview? Do you think my blue silk one would look all right? A bit boring! I'd wear something with a small pattern squares or spots. Something like that. Oh, I don't know. I think I'll wear the plain one.

7C

What time is the appointment?

Dr. Brown's Clinic. Can I help you? Yes. Can I have an appointment to see the doctor, please? Well, he's free at quarter past eleven today or tomorrow at quarter past ten or five to two. I'll come tomorrow afternoon. Thank you. Now listen again. Dr. Brown's Clinic. Can I help you? Yes. Can I have an appointment to see the doctor, please? Well, he's free at quarter past eleven today or tomorrow at quarter past ten or five to two. I'll come tomorrow afternoon. Thank you.

TEST 6

1B

How did the film end?

... and in this film a young man and his girlfriend try to rob a bank so they can afford to get married and go round the world together. But he gets caught outside the bank, and their dream never comes true. Now listen again. ... and in this film a young man and his girlfriend try to rob a bank so they can afford to get married and go round the world together. But he gets caught outside the bank, and their dream never comes true.

2C

What time does the train to Rome leave?

Excuse me – what time does this train leave? This train for Paris at five to three, Paris? Isn't it the Rome train? No – that goes twenty five past three from platform four. Now listen again. Excuse me – what time does this train leave? This train for Paris at five to three, Paris? Isn't it the Rome train? No – that goes twenty five past three from platform four.

3A

What is broken?

I'm terribly sorry, Mum I've just broken something. Oh dear – what was it? Well, I got up too quickly from the table to answer the phone and knocked one of your plates on to the floor at least it wasn't your new lamp! Ah – I thought I heard a crash. Now listen again. I'm terribly sorry, Mum I've just broken something. Oh dear – what was it? Well, I got up too quickly from the table to answer the phone and knocked one of your plates on to the floor at least it wasn't your new lamp! Ah – I thought I heard a crash.

4C

Where are the man's shoes?

Have you seen my old shoes? I thought they were under the chair by the television. Not anymore! They're by the door with the other rubbish. I've been tidying the flat. Well, the living room looks very nice... but you're not throwing my old shoes away, all the same. Now listen again. Have you seen my old shoes? I thought they were under the chair by the television. Not anymore! They're by the door with the other rubbish. I've been tidying the flat. Well, the living room looks very nice... but you're not throwing my old shoes away, all the same.

5C

What will Paul get at the shop?

Right now what do we need for this sauce so Paul can get it for me ... let me see ... onions, tomatoes on red pepper, mushrooms and two carrots .. so what have I got ... onions ... I've always got those ... tomatoes ... yes ... red pepper ... no I'll need one of those ... I've got mushrooms ... oh dear ... no carrots ... oh dear no carrots. Paul could you got to the shop for me please? Now listen again. Right now what do we need for this sauce so Paul can get it for me ... let me see ... onions, tomatoes on red pepper, mushrooms and two carrots .. so what have I got ... onions ... I've always got those ... tomatoes ... yes ... red pepper ... no I'll need one of those ... I've got mushrooms ... oh dear ... no carrots ... oh dear no carrots. Paul could you got to the shop for me please?

6A

How were they told to do their homework?

Wow, your homework looks great! Thanks ... I typed it on my Dad's computer. But didn't Mrs. Smith tell us we had to write it in our books? Oh no, you're right!... Oh, what am I going to do now? Now listen a gain. Wow, your homework looks great! Thanks ... I typed it on my Dad's computer. But didn't Mrs. Smith tell us we had to write it in our books? Oh no, you're right! ... Oh, what am I going to do now?

7B

What did Helen buy?

Look, Roger I've been shopping. They've got some great things in StyleRight Hey! That's brilliant. Lovely colors and it'll keep you warn in the winter. Yes – but are the sleeves too short for me? No – they look fine. Now listen again. Look, Roger I've been shopping. They've got some great things in StyleRight Hey! That's brilliant. Lovely colors and it'll keep you warn in the winter. Yes – but are the sleeves too short for me? No – they look fine.

CHƯƠNG 2: HỘI THOẠI

TEST 1 – 5 TRÌNH ĐỘ CƠ BẢN

TEST 1

1. D

2. D

3. C

Hi, Ms. Jansen. Can we keep Romeo and Juliet in our dorm room? What on Earth....! They're our pet hermit crabs! Oh, poor crabs! Don't you think they'd be happier on the beach? Well, at the store they were squished into a little box. We thought they'd be happier with us. We let them out when we're home. We give them baths too! I see/ do you know what to feed them? There's free Internet information The Hermit Crab Association They help crabs in captivity and we will take them back to a beach someday.

TEST 10

1. D

2. D

3. D

I'm still confused about the lecture today on blood types OK. What questions do you have? Well first the way we classify blood types. We use the letters A, B, and O, right? That's right. There are four different types of blood: A, B, AB, and O. Each person on Earth has one of these types. And... where do we get our blood types? They come from both our father and mother. Your blood type could be the same as one of your parents, or completely different. But everyone's blood is red! yes, it all looks the same, but it's dangerous to mix two different blood types together. If you get hurt and need blood, you have to make sure the new blood is the same type as your. If it's not, you might die. But didn't the professor say there was one type that could mix with any of them? Yes. That's type O.

TEST 11

1. B

2. D

3. C

Hello, Lance! What can I help you with today? I heard there's a tutoring center for each department. Can you tell me where it is for the English Department? Yes! Ours is just next door. Can I go there right now? You can, but they might still be at lunch. You know, you'll have to sign up for an interview first, anyway. You can do that over the Internet, too. OK. Can you give me the address? Go to www.pentutoring.info. They'll get in touch with you within three working days. What will they send me? They'll send you the tutor's name, phone number, email address Oh, yes, and how much you have to pay per hour. Uh-oh! I don't have any money. That's OK. You can get free tutoring. You'll just need to agree to do a three-week feedback survey. That's all! Great! Thanks! No problem!

TEST 12

1. C

2. C

I'm interested in your course on Indian culture. Can you tell me about it, please? Certainly. The course is eight weeks long. There will be a mid-term examination, a final exam, and two essays. How do you determine the grades? The final will account for 30 percent of your mark. The mid-term is 15 percent, the first essay is 10 percent, and the second essay is 30 percent. Let's see. 30, 15, 10, 30... that's only 95 percent. The other 5 percent is based on your attendance and participation in the class. It sounds interesting. I think I'll take it.

TEST 13

1. C

2. D

3. D

Hey Frank. If you could be any person in-the world, who would you be? That's easy, Bill Gates! Why? I'll give you 30 billion reasons. Ha, ha. Ah, so it's the money. Not totally. But the money is nice. I was reading that if you made all of Gates' money one-dollar bills, and then laid them end-to-end, the line would stretch for almost six million kilometers. Wow! But what would you do with all that money? Gates gives a lot to the poor. He's donated almost even-and-a-half billion since the year 2000. I'd give away even more. Really? Sure! It costs about \$240 a year to feed starving child. So, Bill could save almost 121 million children. Hmm... why else do you like Gates? I admire his confidence. Did you know he earned a scholarship to Harvard, but left after two years to start Microsoft? That took courage!

TEST 14

1. D

2. D

3. B

Excuse me. I'd like to buy a bicycle permit please. That will be four dollars. Here you are. And permit will let me park my bike anywhere on campus? Yes. How long is the permit valid for? It's valid for the next four years. Ok, now I need your bicycle serial number. Just a minute. Ah, here it is. A7-10023. All right. Next. I need some identification with your address on it. My address? Um, oh yeah. I have my driver's license. Sure, your driver's license will be fine. All right. Las but not least, you need to fill out this bicycle registration card. Then we'll give you your permit. Here you are. Thank you. Now, you need to make sure this permit is in plain sight on your bicycle. Attach it to the main frame, on the center post below the seat. If we can't see it, you will have to pay a fine. No problem. Thanks.

TEST 15

1. B

2. D

3. C

Ha ha! Hey Trevor, check this out! I'm trying to study here1 oh, sorry. But this is really funny. What is? This article about strange inventions. Like what? Well, one guy invented a ladder for spiders. It's a rubber strip you can put on the side of your bathtub. Ha! Yeah? What else? A portable seat. You carry it around your waist like a big cushion. Ha! That's really stupid. Here's the best one A car license plate that tells if the driver's a man or a woman. I like that one. Then I could stay away from women drivers. Yeah... Hey!

TEST 16

1. B

2. B

3. D

4.A

All right. Saturday's the big day. Are you ready? Yes, Susan? Tests make me nervous. What can I do? Good question. It's natural to be a little nervous before a test The important thing is: don't panic. You're studied hard for this test. You can pass it. Be confident! Relax! Now, you're more likely to be relaxed if you are well prepared. Here are some tips. First, before you leave home, check to make sure you have everything you need. You should have your admission ticket. This was mailed to you last week. You should have two number-two pencils and a good eraser. You should have identification your student ID card, a driver's license, or passport If you're taking the math portion of the test, you should have a

calculator. Second, know what you can't bring to the test. You cannot bring a watch with a loud alarm. You cannot bring any food or drink. You cannot bring extra paper to write on. You cannot bring any books, notes, or dictionaries. You cannot bring compasses rulers, protractors, or other aids-except for the calculator. You cannot bring colored pens, pencils, or highlighters. You cannot bring cell phones or pagers. You cannot bring any portable tape recorders, walk-mans, or headphones Questions? Um... what if I uh, have to go to the bathroom during the test? You can't. So go before! Don't worry, there will be breaks after each section of the test. You'll be able to go then.

TEST 17 – 32: TRÌNH ĐỘ B1 – B2

TEST 17

1. D

2. A

3. D

4.C

Hi there. On last week's programme we interviewed the man behind the idea of the International camps so I thought that this week you'd be interested to hear more about one of the camps which will be held later this year over to you Michael Thank you. Yes, the Camp is open to everyone between the ages of 18 to 23 You don't have to be a student you don't even have to be employed but you must be able to speak one foreign language in addition to your mother tongue OK. And what about accommodation? Well, the International Camp organizers supply tents which sleep up to four people but you are unlikely to know the people who you'll be sharing a tent with. The nationalities are mixed so you'll be sharing with people who may not even speak your language! Sounds interesting. Who does the cooking at the Camp? Everybody is expected to help with the running of the Camp. That means helping to prepare food, keeping the camp site clean and tidy, and so on The Camp organizers are looking for people who can get along with others whatever happens. And is there anything you need to take? Well as I've said, tents are provided but you'll need to bring your own pillow, knife, fork and spoon if you get chosen, you're also asked to bring along photographs, postcards anything that shows some of the traditions and customs of your own country. Everything goes into an exhibition at the start of the Camp together with a huge map of the world showing the different countries people come from. And is there any entertainment? Yes, there is. Everyone helps to provide the Camp entertainment. You are expected to sing dance or play something musical it doesn't matter how good or bad you are. There is a space on the form to write down what you can do. Sounds great fun. And what does it all cost? Well, you have to find your own way to the Camp so it's up to you whether you fly, cycle. Walk, hitch-hike or whatever. The charge for a week's Camp is 300 dollars but you'll have to change that into your own currency to get a better idea of the cost. You have to pay the full cost before you arrive but you can pay in any currency you want or you can use a credit card if you have one. Right. Now for the number to ring...

TEST 18

1. B

2. C

3. A

4.A

In today's programme David Green has come along to tell us about Waterside Shopping Center near Northport. Good morning, David. Good morning. Well, I visited Waterside last week and I think it has something for everyone and I would recommend it for a day out. It's taken three years to build and finally opened three weeks ago, two months later than planned. Firstly, getting there; there are organized

coach trips from most towns in the area but they leave early and come home very late, so I drove. There are 12,000 free parking spaces, so parking is no problem. You can also get there by train, but the station is 15 minutes from Waterside by bus and the buses are really crowded so you sometimes have a long wait. And what about opening times? Well, one thing to remember is that the shops don't open till 10.00 in the morning except on Saturday when they open at 9.00. So don't get there too early on a weekday. They close at 8 o'clock every day except Friday when they're open until 9 pm. Can you tell us some more about the facilities at the shopping center? Yes, it's arranged on three levels. You'll find all your favourites here. In fact if you want to buy a pair of shoes there are 15 different shops to choose from on levels one and two. When you run out of money there are seven different banks but collect your money before you get to the third level as there aren't any banks up there. On that level, however, there are several restaurants as well as a cinema with seven screens. And don't get lost like I did, go to the information desk on the first level and get a map. What else can you do at Waterside? Before you go back to your car or the bus and in fact it might be better to do this before you go shopping and have too much to carry go and see the lake. Take walk or have a go at fishing, sailing or wind surfing if you have time. Or you can rest your tired feet and watch the birds and ducks, but you are asked not to feed them. Was there anything you didn't like about the shopping center? Oh. Well, although I had a good day I would complain about one thing but not the usual thing the service in the shops was good and I had an excellent lunch in a café. No, silly thing was that everywhere was quite clean but people were dropping their sweet papers and empty drink cans on the ground because there wasn't anywhere else to throw them Apart from that I would recommend it. And so that's all for today's programme...

TEST 19

1. B

2. C

3. C

4.C

And today I'm talking to Angela Morgan Angela, what made you decide to fly round the world in a helicopter? People often ask me why I decided to do it but I'm surprised they don't ask 'Why did you wait so long?' because I'm 57 now! I'm sorry I didn't do it year ago, because it was such a wonderful experience. But the main purpose for going was to collect £500,000 for sick children by getting different companies to pay us money for each kilometer that we flew. And now everyone calls you the flying grandmother! Yes, the thing about growing older is that you don't feel any different inside so you have to do as much as you can while you can I'm healthy, and my own children are grown up, so I was free to go. And what about preparing for the trip? Well, it took five months to plan. I was going to go with my husband but he couldn't take time off work. Instead I made the trip with my flying teacher who became a great friend while she was teaching me to fly three years ago. I passed my flying test after two weeks; found it quite easy. And what was the trip like? It was really exciting flying over so many different countries. The only thing was that we weren't able to spend much time sightseeing because we only stopped to get water and to camp. We took very little with us but we did have tents and cooking things to use at night. We had to spend two days in Thailand because of an engine problem but that was the longest we spent anywhere Fortunately nothing else went wrong, so we just kept on going after that. What did you enjoy most about the trip? The most wonderful thing about flying was seeing the differences in the countryside as we flew across 26 countries in 97 days We flew over oceans and close to mountains; sometimes it was quite frightening, but we didn't travel when it was dark. We spent

several nights camping in the desert and the sky was just full of stars. I made a video of the trip; you'll see it in a minute. Was there anything that you missed while you were away? Well, to my surprise I didn't miss going to work or going out to restaurants or films. The most difficult thing was sitting still all the time I normally play tennis and swim several times a week, so I started to feel very unfit I missed hot water and proper showers sometimes too, but not as much as I thought I would!

TEST 20

1. C

2. C

3. B

4.A

Britta, you're English, but you live in Berlin. Have you lived here for a long time? Well, I was born in England, but I've lived in Germany for the past twenty years. I arrived in Berlin about four years ago. Before that, I lived in Bonn for six years. I arrived in Berlin about four years, but I work as a journalist and when the newspaper moved to Berlin, I moved with them. Were you pleased to come Berlin? Yes, I was. I was looking forward to being in a big city like Berlin. Bonn was quite a lot smaller, so I love the busy atmosphere and all the cultural entertainment here museums, theatres and so on. The only thing I don't like is the traffic it's a bit noisy in the mornings It wakes me up about 6.30, but most days I have to get up early anyway! Where do you live in Berlin? I have a flat in the old part of the city. It's right in the center and it's not too expensive it costs me about £500 a month My street is becoming very popular there are lots of new art galleries, and small café's and friendly restaurants everywhere Eating out in Berlin is fun, and it's cheap, so it's something I do quite often. How do you find transport in Berlin? Well, the transport system here is very good, so I have a tram and bus ticket but in fact, most of the time I cycle Travel here is much cheaper than in other countries I know perhaps that's why people don't walk very much! What do you live to do in Berlin at the weekends? Well, I like art, so sometimes I go to one of the galleries. I have a nephew called Philippe. He's only three but he likes coming with me. He likes the café's best, I think. And it's a change from going to the park that's something he does very often. He usually comes out with me while his parents go shopping. Do you miss your friends and family in England? I don't really miss England most of my friends are here. I don't see much of my work colleagues socially but I've got some very good friends who live in the same street as me j enjoy meeting people, and I find Berlin is a very friendly city. Thank you for talking to us, Britta.

TEST 21

1. B

2. A

3. B

4. C

Rachel, tell us how your shows for children started. You studied art at college, didn't you? That's right. But I gave up my career as an artist when my twin daughters were born. Painting took up too much time when I was looking after them. I thought about teaching art classes part-time, but instead I started making dolls for my daughters. I love acting, so I often invented little plays for the dolls, doing the voices myself. And when did you start doing shows for other people? When our daughters were five, my husband suggest using the dolls to entertain the children at their birthday party I wrote a little show and he built a doll's theatre. My daughters and their friends loves it. As a result, other parents asked me to come and do the show at their children's parties. That's how it all began. It must be a lot of work for you? Yes. I love making the dolls, but I decided that I needed someone to help me with the shows.

Luckily my neighbor, Lena, was keen to perform with me. Her husband records the music to go with the shows. It would be impossible to do everything on my own. Have you ever had any problem? Only once. I did a show for a group of three-year-olds, and I'd written a story about a lion. Unfortunately, the children were really afraid of the lion and started crying. I was worried the parents might complain but luckily they were all able to laugh about it afterward. And what did you learn from that? The experience taught me that I had to find out beforehand just what children enjoy. Like me, Lena has two daughters, so whenever we've invented a new story we show it to our four girls first. They always tell us exactly what they think of it. And sometimes I take new dolls to the local primary school to check that children like them. And the shows continue to be successful? They do. I have a range of different shows for five to nine-year-olds. In fact, the shows have become so successful I could do one every day, but I don't want to do that. The reason the shows have become popular, I think, is because I love every minute of every show and so other people love them too. I certainly didn't realize when I organized that birthday party for my daughters all those years ago that it would change my life so much!

TEST 22

1. D

2. C

3. C

4. A

And today in the studio we have a family face on television, Angela Bond the news reporter. Angela, your job has taken you all over the world, hasn't it? Yes, I've reported from a number of countries in Asian and I've just returned from the United State. I must say, it's good to be able to unpack my suitcase now that the job has brought me to Britain for at least six months. Is the travelling what you enjoy about the job? It's certainly interesting, but it can be annoying never knowing where I'm going to be next week! For me, the really exciting thing is being somewhere when a big news story is taking place and seeing it develop. Sometimes that can be quite dangerous, but all jobs have their disadvantages! And travelling gives me the chance to collect souvenirs. What kind of things? Mostly things for my flat. I'm mad about anything Chinese and so when I was in Hong Kong, I got a really nice table and some chairs and in Turkey I spend a lot of money on carpets. Then I've got pictures and other bits of art from Thailand and India. The flat's getting a bit crowded! It sounds colorful! Do you have a regular working day? Not really. At the moment I'm one of the team that reads the evening news so sometimes I'm on at six thirty, and sometimes at ten o'clock. But that's at the end of the day. It all starts in the morning at eight thirty when I phone the office to see what has happened and what they want me to go and report on. So you don't have much time for a social life? It's better now I'm in London and can see my boyfriend more often. My sister introduced us. He came round for dinner when I was staying with her a year ago. We have a lot in common. He's a lawyer and studied law at university. Also we've found that we lived in Hong Kong at the same time, although we never met. What do you like to do in your free time? Well, cooking is something new I'm trying because I can't do it when I'm travelling. But I'm not very good at it yet so I find it a bit stressful. One of the best things I've bought recently was a boat and when I want to feel calm and peaceful I go for a sail on the river. It never fails! Angela – thanks.

TEST 23

1. D

2. C

3. B

4. A

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TEST 24

1. B

2. D

3. D

4. B

My guest today is the star of the London Ballet Company, twenty-two-year-old Elena Karpov Elena you were born in Bulgaria. Did you always want to be a dancer? Well, I was a very lively little girl, so at the age of seven my mother sent me to gymnastics classes. When I was nine, I went on to ballet lessons and from that moment I knew that I wanted to spend my life dancing. Two years later, when I was eleven, I won a place at the New York Ballet School. So you had to move to the United States. Did you miss your family? Oh yes. At first it was difficult being away from home and not knowing a lot of English. But it taught me how to look after myself and not to depend on others. There were other Bulgarian students there and we actually found it quite easy to learn enough English to take part in the lessons with the other students. Tell us about your latest role with the London Ballet Company. I'm going to dance the part of Cinderella. It's a story about a poor girl who marries a handsome prince. My parents used to read it to me when I was little. I'd never seen the ballet before, but I already knew the music really well. I'm sure children will love the ballet. What do you do when you're not practicing or performing? Before I joined this company I spent two weeks going round London as a tourist. I don't have time for sightseeing now, but I love trying on the latest fashions with my friends. I'm always buying new jeans and trainers! I'm not too keen on discos and nightclubs I dance enough during the day! You must have lots of fans. Quite a few! They always ask for a photograph of me, but unfortunately I don't have many to give away. I sometimes sign their programmes instead and if I can I give them one of the flowers I've

received from the audience. They always ask for tickets, but of course that's not possible. What's been the best thing that's happened in your career so far? Well, I've been a guest dancer with ballet companies in Moscow and Vienna and I appeared twice on television in Bulgaria and met the president! I shall never forget that! But the most satisfying thing for me is that I'm paid for doing what I really enjoy-dancing! Elena, thank you for talking to us. Thank you.

TEST 25

1. C

2. A

3. A

4. C

Today I'm with Robin Marshall, who has just written a book about travelling in Argentina. Robin, tell us about yourself... Well, I've travelled to South America a lot for my work and I know Argentina well now. So well that I could be a tour guide if I wanted! I speak fluent Spanish, so I don't need anyone to translate for me. My job involves travelling around selling products for my company. I meet a lot of people doing that, and I wanted to share those experiences with others, so I decided to try writing. So, tell us about your last visit to Argentina. What was the weather like? Well, it was winter there, so mornings were cold, but I'd expected that. Every day they said on the radio that it would be sunny later and sure enough, it was! I wanted to go sightseeing, and the weather was perfect for that. And where did you go when you went sightseeing? Well, I went to a wonderful market that sold everything from modern art to old recordings of traditional music, which I collect. I came home with a beautiful painting of the area I also saw a wonderful antique chair, but unfortunately it was too big to bring back. Now, Argentina is famous for its dancing. Did you see any performances during your trip? I did, yes. It reminded me of when I used to attend dance classes. I enjoyed then although I was never very good. I'm sure my teacher was pleased when I said I wasn't going to continue! But these dancers made it look so easy that at that moment I felt like joining in and dancing with them. It sounds wonderful! And what else did you do? Well, I went to a small village on the coast. I took the bus there, and got a room in a small hotel. The hotel owner was very friendly. He took me down the river in his boat. It was very beautiful – you could see the forest in the distance. Do you have a favourite place in Argentina? Definitely. It's a mountain near Buenos Aires It's famous for its spectacular scenery. But when I went there it was very misty and the sun was just rising. You couldn't see much. There were no birds or animals about It was totally quiet, and I loved that. I shall go back one day. We look forward to reading your book. Thank you, Robin. Thank you.

TEST 26

1. D

2. B

3. A

4. B

Harry Park. You run a travel company which organizes adventure holidays in some difficult places? How did you first become interested in Adventure travel? Well My father worked in an insurance company once he had a family but. Before that he'd spent several years traveling the world. And he never stopped telling us about it. His stories were much more exciting than the books I read and they make me want to travel and have adventures of my own. And what made you decide to start an adventure travel company? Well when I was in my twenties, I traveled a lot in different countries I went exploring and climbing in mountains and deserts I wanted to show other

people how wonderful these things were. The business has been very successful but when I started it I didn't know if I'd make any money. Your company is called Far and wide. How did you choose the name? Well, I just called it Park Travel at first. But everyone thought that was terribly boring! My wife kept suggesting different things but in the end it was a customer who gave me the idea. Far and wide is also the title of a book that a friend wrote so it reminds me of him too Great... The places you visit are usually very unspoilt, Harry. Some people think it's not a good idea to take tourists there. What would you say to them? Well, most of the places we visit have no inhabitants, so we aren't going to spoil people's way of life or bring in things like television and fridges! And I make sure that we always take care of the environment. We are careful not to cause pollution, so we take all our rubbish away. Some of things you do are also dangerous. Do you enjoy danger? Well, it's not a question of enjoying it. It's just that you can't do what I do without thinking about the possible dangers. I'm never frightened though. If I'm taking a group up a mountain or something like that. I just concentrate on what I have to do and get on with it. You're been to some fascinating places, Harry. What's your favourite? It's in India. You travel along a river through spectacular scenery and up into the mountains in Madhya Pradesh. In the valley on the other side there's a wonderful old castle. It's magical. The mountains hide it, so few people know it's there... Thanks for talking to us, Harry... Thank you.

TEST 27

1. D

2. B

3. C

4. B

Now Linda, let's talk about your first job. Well, I was an assistant in an expensive cake shop in the small town where I lived. It's was my last year at school, before I went to college. I wanted to earn extra money for myself because I come from a family of seven and my parents couldn't afford to give us much pocket money. Did you like your first boss? He was always polite, never shouted at us, even when we dropped thing and that was good for a young girl like me who wasn't very confident. He knew everything about the business. I had no proper training, but it was good experience working for someone with so much knowledge. He didn't pay us well, but I didn't expect to earn much in my first job. And what about the shop? Was it a nice place to work? As I say , it was an expensive shop, and the cakes were beautiful. Then in the morning there was this wonderful smell of bread baking. The first week was difficult because I just wanted to eat the cakes which wasn't allowed but then I lost interest in them. We had to keep everything clean, and that was hard work. Did you do any of the baking yourself? There were two chefs who were specialists in making cakes for celebrations and creating new brad recipes I loved watching them at work, but I wasn't allowed to touch the noes on display in the windows. We sold sandwiches at lunchtime again, very luxurious ones and the shop assistants had to make those I learn to put in really generous fillings, much more than I used at home. How did you get on with the other shop assistants? One of them was my best friend, which was great, but the full-time staff some treated us like silly schoolgirls because we couldn't cook. But I was surprised because the full-time assistants couldn't add up in their head. I was good at it, but they used calculators if there was anything difficult to work out. Did you enjoy serving customers in the shop? The best part of the day was lunchtime, when we were busy. Time just flew. Then it was interesting when people came in to plan a party or a wedding. One of the chefs would come through to discuss the design of the cake. Some customers thought the prices were too high, but usually ended up buying the cakes anyway.

TEST 28

1. A

2. C

3. B

4. A

Today we have with us in the studio Lucy Rainbow, who earns her living as a painter. Good morning Lucy. Can you tell us about your job? Well, I don't paint pretty pictures you can hang on your walls at home. Mainly I work in the theatre painting the background scenery for plays I've also done a couple of CD covers. That was great, because I got to meet my favourite pop stars. So how did all this start? Well, I always intended to become a proper artist. But I couldn't sell any of my paintings, and anyway I got bored working alone! I was offered a job in an advertising agency but the idea of working in a theatre attracted me more I get the chance to paint something different every day I get paid reasonably well, and I work with a team of wonderful people So you enjoy your work, but doesn't it have any disadvantages? Mostly I love it. The only thing that causes me stress is that often I have too many things to do at the same time while at other times I have nothing to do. It's difficult to organize my time, but I always make sure I stop for lunch. How many hours do you work on an average day? There's no such thing as an average day! But generally, I start work at eight in the morning, and go through until seven. That makes it an eleven-hour day, which is much longer than the eight hours that most people work. Is your journey to work difficult? Not really. My dream job would be one where I could walk to work but that hasn't happened yet. I could drive to the theatre, but that makes me tired and I get a lot of my best ideas when I'm on my way to work, on the bus or train. Do you have time for any hobbies? Not as much as I'd like. I used to play a lot of tennis until I hurt my ankle and I was a regular visitor to an art gallery near my home until it closed down. In the little spare time I have, I'm doing a course in computer graphics. I hope what I learn will help me in my job. Well, thank you, Lucy. It's been interesting talking to you.

TEST 29

1. C

2. A

3. B

4. A

My guest today is Tim Jones, who organizes an international summer course for young musicians. Tim tell us all about it. Well, I'm lucky to have such a great job. Basically, young musicians come from all over the world and learn to play together as an orchestra. By the end of the six-week course, they're really good and hearing them play is what gives me most pleasure. Unfortunately, I don't get to know them all that well, as organizing every single detail of the course keeps me busy. So, how do you find the young musicians? We advertise on the Internet. Anyone between the ages of sixteen and twenty can complete the application form and email it to us along with a short recording of their playing. We're not looking for perfect performances or the stars of tomorrow just people good enough to play in an orchestra The course is in English but only a basic level of spoken language is necessary. And the teachers? The teachers are well-known musicians. Because they want to help young people, they do this work for a very low salary which is very kind of them. But it's my job to take care of them and make sure they're happy with their accommodation and so on. They generally have a great time, but some of them can be a bit difficult and sometimes complain about things. So where is the course held? In different places each year, actually, but it's usually a university during the summer holidays. They have large halls for practicing, plus plenty of bedrooms and dining-rooms. Most importantly, though, the

place has to have good rail, road and air connections so somewhere in the middle of the countryside's no good. Do the students bring their own instruments? Mostly, yes. So, another things to consider is security. Storing instruments in a locked room when they're not being used is essential. Can you imagine a hundred or more musical instruments lying around violins, trumpets, flutes, cellos- all worth a lot of money. It would be terrible if one got damaged, or even worse stolen! And at the end of course, there's a concert tour. That's right I book concert halls and work out the programmes months in advance. It's important to get it right. Ticket prices aren't high, because we're not a professional orchestra. But lots of people buy them. We don't make a profit, but take enough money to pay for the students' travel and living expenses. It's a fantastic experience for them.

TEST 30

1. B

2. A

3. C

4. A

Today I'm talking to Marta Stanston, who runs her own 'mobile' restaurant. Marta, how did you get into the restaurant business? Well, I learnt to cook at college. I always wanted to open my own restaurant but had no money so I got a job as a chef. I had all sort of ideas for new dishes, which the staff thought would sell but the guy who owned the place wasn't interested. That's when a friend told me about the 'mobile restaurant' idea. It sounded great. Tell us about it. Well, it works like this: you decide on a menu obviously you have to be able to cook then you advertise it so people can book a meal The most amazing is all the advertising's done through social-networking websites. People set up tables in their sitting-room, or in a City car park, an empty factory – anywhere in fact. And because you know how many people you're cooking for, food doesn't get wasted. So why was it good for you? Well, various reasons. Like, I could buy all the ingredients without risk because you make customers pay in advance. The greatest advantage, though, is by having a maximum of ten customers I didn't need to hire a waiter. Then, of course, I could prepare everything at home just take a camping gas cooker with me, plus some plates, glasses, knives and forks. Do you never run into problems? The whole experience is fun. People watch you cook and the atmosphere's relaxed. I did one meal on a beach which almost went wrong because I didn't think about the wind blowing sand into people's food. Fortunately, I'd brought a large umbrella to protect myself from sun so I put it around their table instead! And you sometimes use your own flat? If the weather's bad, people come to my home instead, but it gets very crowded. Even though I've actually got enough chairs and a big table, it's not ideal. I was worried we might disturb the neighbours but they've been alright about it I love the temporary feel of the mobile idea, so home's not really what it's about. So, what's the future of mobile restaurants? Well, it's rather uncertain. Lots of new ones are popping up because it's become fashionable. I think health inspectors will want to check them out. That doesn't worry me, because I'm a trained chef. But if someone got ill in a less serious one, we might all get a bad name. So I guess inspections are good thing.

TEST 31

1. C

2. C

3. A

4. D

Jack Salter is a young Canadian who has just won the young photographer of the year competition. Jack, is that right you start out taking photos of Street signs? That's right. I've been serious about photography

for about a year, maybe a year and a half but I've been taking photos ever since I was little. I probably first picked up a camera when I was about seven and went around taking photos of street signs of all shapes and sizes. My mother tells me it was all down to my being attracted to the bright colors. I guess she's right. Can you tell me a little about the winning photograph? It was the first day of dry weather for a while and decided to go out and play around with some new kit for my camera. I started off in my own yard. There wasn't much to photograph though until this butterfly happened to land on a large flower, and fortunately I was able to get what turned out to be the prizewinning photo. Were you happy with the photograph? I was lucky actually, because on the camera screen the butterfly didn't look terribly amazing. I could see that it was in a great position and the background scene was nice and clear but you couldn't see the pattern on its wings because of the size of the screen. It was only when I saw the picture on the computer that I realized how good it was. What do you think of the other photos from the competition? I've seen the work on display with mine and the standard is hard to believe. There are photos of animals and plants from all over the world and you can see the work of photographers from places as far apart as Russia and Australia. Has anything changed for you since winning the competition? That's a hard question. Before ginning on I'd been concentrating mainly on taking photos of people, although after coming to London for the exhibition and talking to all the other photographers I intend to get more into doing shots of landscapes in different countries. Do you have any advice for young people starting out in photography? Don't make excuses. My entry was taken with an excellent camera but that's not everything. My method is just to get out there, and do it and you don't have to go far to get the shot, you'll find something. You'll start to love it.

TEST 32

1. C

2. B

3. D

4. A

My guest today is Amy Rowntree, who's a fashion designer. Amy, when did you decide you wanted a career in fashion? Well, I started experimenting with the clothes I wore myself while I was still at school. It wasn't until I left school and worked as an assistant in a big store though that I knew I wanted a career in fashion. It was after that I got involved in running fashion shows. So, what skills does a fashion designer need? Well, you need to know how to turn your first idea into clothes that are ready for someone to wear. It's useful to know about materials like wool and cotton. The essential thing though is the knowledge of the techniques used in creating clothes. You also have to be patient, especially at the start of your career. What do you find most enjoyable about working in fashion? It's pleasing to see an idea come to life when you see the clothes in a show. It's also great to go from being completely unknown, to fashion stores knowing exactly who you are when you ring up that's the best thing about it for me it's hard work selling my designs but it's good to earn money doing something you love. And what about the current fashion scene? I feel that the main aim now is to make clothes easy for people to wear. I understand that's important and actually sports clothes are what make the most money for the fashion industry. But I think you need to design really beautiful clothes too. I'd like to see more of fashion as a kind of art. Do you find it easy to think of new designs? Oh, yes? I get ideas all the time, and I draw them so that I don't forget them. And I take photos too. I often get my ideas from things I see when I'm out in streets and parks. I don't get many ideas from clothes in museums although I know other designers do. And are you working on any new projects at the moment? Well, my big ambition is to put

on a fashion show in New York, but no luck yet! I've been asked to design the clothes for a film though, so I'm working on that. It'll be out next summer. And I'm talking with a big store in London about the possibility of doing a special range of suits for men. Really.

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TEST 1

1. C

2. C

As we study in university, we find we have a lot of reading. It's very productive to learn how to read faster. To do this, you need to know how fast you read now. I'll show you a quick test to find out. But before I do, let me say this. In this test, it's important to understand what you have read. Rushing to beat the clock is pointless. You won't enjoy the reading or understand it well. You'll also get a false measure of your reading speed. When you finish, you should try to see what you remember.

TEST 2

1. A

2. B

And now, the winner of this year's Science fair, Choi Min-Soo! Min-Soo, tell everyone about your work. Thank you! Let me tell you about my "white noise" machine. Does noise ever annoy you or keep you awake? Well, we can lessen noise by using "white noise." Think of water. Think of sending one big wave toward another coming in. My machine does that with sound. It can tell how much noise is coming in then send back "white noise." You don't hear it, but it shuts out the noise! I hope that my machine will help those who need quiet. Thank you!

TEST 3

1. B

2. B

3. C

Geometry is the study of points. Now, a point is a small dot, like a period at the end of a sentence. If we have two points, we know that there can be other points between them. They can also be a line. The line is continuous. It has no space between each point. Part of a line, with points at each end, is called a line segment. Two line segments can be the same length. We call these line segments congruent. That just means the line segments are equal in length.

TEST 4

1. D

2. D

3. C

We know that Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 in Bonn, Germany but we are uncertain of the month. Beethoven wrote hundreds of songs. One of his most famous is his Fifth Symphony. The first four notes go like this: dah dah dah da! Almost everyone recognizes them. He was the first to use

trombones in a symphony. At age 28, he began to go deaf. Yet, he kept on writing and conducting. He never got married. But after he died friends found some love letters. We don't know who he wrote them to. Beethoven died in 1827.

TEST 5

1. A 2. C 3. D

OK...let's talk about animals we don't see in the winter. Many animals hibernate during the cold months of the year. Basically, they go to sleep. Some animals hibernate in holes in the ground. others sleep in caves, under bushes or at the base of trees. Bears hibernate. So do cold-blooded animals, like frogs and snakes. When animals are hibernating it seems like they're dead. They have slow heartbeats and they almost stop breathing They have stored extra energy and fat to keep them alive. By the end of winter, they are very weak. They must eat soon after waking up.

TEST 6

1. A 2. A 3. C

When you're writing a business letter it's important to be specific. That is, tell the reader exactly what he or she needs to know. If something is wrong, list what the problem is and what should be done to fix it. If you need information state clearly what you want to know. Next, urn, be positive. Say "no" in a good way. How can we do that? Use polite language. For example, "we regret to inform you that..." or "We're sorry, but..." Always keep in mind this golden rule write the kind of business letter that you would like to receive.

TEST 7

1. B 2. A 3. C

Another name for the South Pole is Antarctica. This is a continent, but no people live there. There's a good reason for this. It's the coldest, windiest place on Earth. The lowest temperature ever measured was in Antarctica. Minus 88 degrees Celsius! Ninety-eight percent of the ground is permanently frozen, and the continent contains 87 percent of the world's ice. Antarctica's only human occupants are scientists. They go there to learn how Antarctica used to be millions of years ago, when it was located at the equator. Antarctica used to be connected to Australia, before all the continents on the planet shifted.

TEST 8

1. A 2. D 3. B

If a play makes you laugh, it's a comedy. Comedies have humorous characters and happy endings. A good example of a comedy is Shakespeare's classic Much Ado About Nothing. Another popular style is

called tragedy. Tragedies usually tell how a hero ruins his life, falling from good fortune to bad fortune because of a "tragic flaw" in character. One example is the play *Ghosts*, by Henrik Ibsen. In modern years have produced a third style, called tragicomedy. In tragicomedies, the play seems as though it will end in tragedy but instead has a humorous or unclear ending. An example is *Saint Joan*, by George Bernard Shaw.

TEST 9

1. B 2. D 3. A

One of the most effective ways to increase your vocabulary is through newspapers. They are cheap, and they have a wide variety of words. When you read an English newspaper, make a list of eight to ten words you don't know. Look them up in a dictionary. Then add them to your vocabulary notebook. If you learn eight new words each day, you will be learning new words faster than the average American. Professor? Yes? How can we remember the words after we write them? Spend 15 minutes each day reviewing words from the previous day. You'll be surprised how fast you learn.

TEST 10

1. B 2. D 3. B

Track and Field events happened long before they became a sport. The San people in Africa are one example. They still hold what's called a "Persistence" hunt. The men find the tracks of an antelope herd. They find the antelope and follow them for several days and nights. During this time, they study the animals and choose one. Then, the hunt begins. Only the fastest runner will go after the chosen animal. He and the animal may run for as long as eight hours. If the hunter "persists," the deer will finally get tired and fall. Then, he'll slaughter it.

TEST 11

1. D 2. B 3. B

Let's talk about sneezing. When someone sneezes — Ah choo! — the customary response is, "Bless you" or "God bless you". Why do we say this? There are several theories. Some of these are superstitions that is, things that many people believe but that aren't really true. One superstition is that saying "bless you" keeps the devil from flying down your throat. Another is that "bless you" keeps your soul from flying out of your body. Actually, there is a historical reason for this custom. There was a pope in Rome named Gregory the Great. When he was elected pope, the great plague was beginning all over Europe. Thousands of people were dying. In fact, the pope before Gregory had died of the plague. To get rid of the plague, Pope Gregory ordered people to march through the streets, asking for God's help. If someone sneezed, others would immediately say "God bless you!" They hoped this would keep the person who sneezed from getting the plague. Today, of course, we know that when you sneeze, the devil is trying to rush down your throat. Your soul won't leave your body. And saying "bless you" to sneezers in the street

is not going to cure disease. We do know, though, that each sneeze forces thousands of germs into the air. People keep germs out of public places by covering their mouths when they sneeze. And hearing an old-fashioned "bless you" from a stranger can make us feel better when the sneezes begin.

TEST 12

1. A 2. C 3. A

It's a beautiful blue sky today. Ever wonder why it's blue? It's because the sun's rays scatter, or spread out, as they enter the Earth's atmosphere. Blue rays are scattered most; they seem to be all over the sky. Yellow rays are scattered less. This is why the sun looks yellow most of the time. But, after sunrise and just before sunset, the sun looks red. Why? Because then the rays must travel a longer path into the atmosphere. More of the blue and yellow rays are scattered. The red rays are scattered the least. So, they come through in the largest numbers.

TEST 13

1. D 2. D 3. B

We all know that we can get Vitamin D from sunshine. Long winters make it hard to get enough. People who don't get outside often don't get enough either. Without Vitamin D, we may develop weak bones and teeth. We can get certain kinds of cancer more easily, too. Few foods other than fish naturally have much Vitamin D, so it's important to get some sunshine every day. But be careful. Too much can cause skin cancer. Notice what most animals that live outside all the time do. They are most active during the hours before sunrise and after sunset.

TEST 14

1. B 2. A 3. C

Folktales are stories that grow out of the lives or imaginations of people, or folk. Folktales began as an attempt to explain and understand the world around us. Many folktales all over the world are nearly the same. Travelers passed them on from one country to another. Each person telling the folktales changes it slightly. The stories that traveled mostly over land changed a great deal. The ones that traveled by water changed less. There are many different kinds of folktales. Some have simple plots with lots of repeated phrases and words. These are called cumulative folktales. One example is called "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly". This sentence is repeated on almost every page of the story. In some stories, animals talk just like humans. These are talking beast folktales. A famous example is "The Three Little Pigs". Humorous tales are meant for fun and nonsense. They are usually about someone who makes unbelievably funny mistakes; such as the Norwegian husband who has to take care of his house and nearly destroys it. Romances are stories in which lovers seem hopelessly separated until magic brings them back together. A good example is "Beauty and the Beast". Tales of magic are types of

stories we commonly call fairy tales. These include things like talking mirrors, enchanted forests, and magic kisses. "Snow white" is a popular example.

TEST 15

1. D

2. B

3. B

Spiders can spin silk better than any other insect. Only a few others, like silkworms, can make silk. Spiders use silk in many different ways. They often use same way a mountain climber uses rope. They'll drop down on a silk strand. If they get into trouble, they can quickly run back up again. Another way they use silk is to make homes for their babies. Most kinds of spiders spin a thick silk covering around their eggs. Some spin it around the new little spiders. Spiders can make different kinds of silk strands. One way is to coat a silk strand with different materials. They might sticky to catch a fly I think we've all seen a fly getting stuck spiders web. You sometimes notice because the fly buzzes loudly. Or a spider might water-proof the silk with something. Then, they can stay dry in a rainstorm. A trapdoor spiders hole is a good example. The door over the trapdoor spider 5 hole water-proof roof made of spider silk.

TEST 16

1. A

2. D

3. A

In North America, the best weavers are a group of people called the Pueblo that's P-U-E-B-L-O. The Pueblo have been wearing clothes, baskets, and blankets since at least 1000 BC. At first, they used their fingers to weave together vegetable fibers and animal hair. In the first century AD, they began growing cotton. About this time they also started using a loom a kind of, urn, machine that helped them weave the cotton into cloth more quickly and easily. By the year 1600, the Pueblos had sheep, so they began weaving wool, using the same methods they had used for weaving cotton.

TEST 17

1. C

2. B

3. B

Acupuncture is a way of treating sick people. The Chinese developed it over 2,500 years ago, and it is still used today. In acupuncture, small metal needles are inserted into spots on the human body. There are 787 of these spots. Each one is connected to a special body part or System. If, um, your ear hurts, for example, the doctor will put needles into all the spots connected with your ear. The needles don't hurt because they don't go in very far. Sometimes the doctor runs an electric current through the needles. We don't understand exactly why this helps people.

TEST 18

1. D

2. A

3. D

Today, we're going to see how much you know about China It's got the Great Wall And rice. And chopsticks! No, not that China. Yes, China is a country. But There's another china-the kind you eat off of. This china is a fancy type of porcelain. Porcelain is a material used to make plates, cups, and bowls. When people get married in America, one of oldest customs is for the bride and groom to choose which type of china they want for their new home. There are four main processes in creating china. These are clay making, glazing, and decorating. In the clay-making process, five ingredients are mixed together with water and shaped into tubes. These tubes are called pugs: P-U-G-S. In the mold-making process, plaster is poured into metal molds to make productions molds. These production molds are then used to shape the pugs into plates, cup, and bowls. Next, comes the glazing process. Glaze is like liquid glass. When it's heated, glaze forms a protective shell around each piece of china. Glaze is incredibly strong. A store in Canada once showed how strong china is by using four teacups to support a race car! Can you picture that a heavy car with only one small cup under each wheel? After glaze, the china is ready for decorating. Here, artists use 85 patterns and 400 different shapes to make the china look beautiful. Then, it's ready to be sold.

TEST 19

1. A

2. C

3. D

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TEST 20

1. D

2. A

3. C

More people are buying home computers and using them for home networks. They need taster ways to get information over the Internet. Right now, there are mainly two avenues for information to be sent. These are cable modems and Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines or ADSL. These taster ways of sending information are called broadband connections. Cable modems and ADSL are both types of broadband connections. They are much faster than a 56K modem. There is another new kind of DSL

connection. It is known as very high bit rate DSL or VDSL. Some companies already have this for certain places. VDSL isn't everywhere yet, but it may be very soon. Many people like it and are beginning to use it. VDSL accommodates a very, very large amount of bandwidth. It gives up to about 52 megabytes per second. In other words, it provides 52 Mbps In comparison, ADSL or cable modems can only give 8 to 10 megabytes per second. It's easy to see that VDSL is a lot faster. VDSL will soon be more common, making home networks cost much less. in the United States, a telephone line has two copper wires. These wires have a very broad bandwidth. A telephone call only uses a very small part of the bandwidth. The telephone wires can carry much more information than telephone calls. DSL can use this extra bandwidth at the same time a call is being made. It can do this without changing the sound of the telephone call.

TEST 21

1. B

2. A

3. C

Most animals in the world have some kind of way to hide themselves so that they can hunt for food and protect themselves from other animals. This method of hiding is called camouflage C-A-M-O-U-F-L-A-G-E The simplest form of camouflage is for animals to "blend in" with their surroundings. Their colors match the surroundings in which they live, which makes them hard to see. Deer and other forest animals, for example, have light brown colors that help them blend in with the brown trees and dirt on the forestground. Many fish have a gray-blue color. This helps them blend in with the soft light under water. other animals use color patterns to help them blend in. A tiger's pattern of black stripes and orange fur blends into the long grass where it hunts. This makes the tiger difficult for its victims to spot-until it's too late! Another form of camouflage is called copying. For instance, a king snake is red, yellow, and black. It copies the colors of the coral snake. The coral snake is very dangerous; its bite can kill you. The king snake is not dangerous, but other animals are afraid to attack the king snake because it looks like a coral snake. A third form of camouflage is disguise D-I-S-G-U-I-S-E This means that an animal looks like something else. For instance, a crocodile in the water can look just like a floating log. This disguise helps it catch deer when they come near the water to drink.

TEST 22

1. C

2. C

3. B

Mmm. I love coffee. It wakes me up! You know why? Because it has caffeine. Caffeine is a kind of drug. Ah! Caffeine is found: naturally in many plants, such as coffee beans, tea leaves and cocoa nuts. It's also added artificially to many other kinds of food and drinks. So, it's safe to say that the typical American gets plenty of caffeine As a matter of fact, most of us get too much. More than half of all adults in the United States consume more than 300 milligrams of caffeine each day. Including me! Seriously, though ..too much caffeine is not good for your body. Caffeine interferes with a chemical in your brain called adenosine. That's A-D-E-N-O-S-I-N-E Now normally adenosine helps prepare your body for rest This chemical slows down nerve cells, which causes you to become sleepy. To the nerve cells in your brain, caffeine looks just like adenosine, but caffeine acts differently. Instead of slowing

down your nerve cells, caffeine speeds them up. As a result, your heart starts to beat faster. Your breathing tubes open wider. Your blood pressure rises. Blood vessels tighten near the surface of your skin. The blood flowing into your stomach slows down. Your muscles tighten up, ready for action. This is why, after consuming a big cup of coffee, you feel excited. You can feel your heartbeat increasing. You're ready to do something, go somewhere, run, play, fight, conquer the world... or else start STUDYING to get ready for the next test!

TEST 23

1. A

2. D

3. D

We use microscopes to help us study cells. Because cells are so small, we can't see them without magnification, the ability to make them look bigger. The first microscopes were called light microscopes. They were pretty simple devices. They were also simple to use. Scientists first cut the cells, or specimens, into thin sections. Then they stained the specimens with different colored materials, called dyes. The dyes helped them see the specimens more clearly. Unfortunately, dyes often killed the cells, too. That limited what scientists could find out about the specimen. In recent years, we have developed more powerful microscopes. These help us view living specimens. One of these new microscopes is called the phase-contrast microscope. It's made in such a way that part of the light passing through it moves more slowly than the rest of the light. We say this part of the light is "out of phase" with the rest of the light. This enables scientists to see differences in living specimens as light and shade. Another type of new microscope is the electron microscope. This uses electrons to form images, instead of light. Electrons travel in waves, similar to light, but their wavelengths are over 100,000 times shorter than those of light. Therefore, they can give much clearer magnification. Electron microscopes even allow scientists to take pictures of the cells they are studying!

TEST 24

1. C

2. D

3. C

So, you've heard of the Gettysburg Address. But do you know the story behind it? The worst battle of the American Civil War was fought in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Northern Army fought back the Southern Army. The battle lasted three days. Afterward, the field was left covered with bodies of dead soldiers. In November 1863, President Abraham Lincoln came to Gettysburg. He was to speak at the opening of the cemetery there. Music played and soldiers saluted. Edward Everett, governor of Massachusetts, talked first for almost two hours. Then Lincoln stood up. He looked out over the valley. Then, he began to speak. He said they couldn't do anything to make this place special. He said that the soldiers who had fought so hard had already done that. He said that, everyone would soon forget what was spoken that day but he said that what the soldiers did would never be forgotten. He said everyone should keep doing what these soldiers began. They should keep fighting for freedom for all the people. Then, they could make sure the soldiers didn't die needlessly. The president's speech only lasted two minutes! Everyone cheered and then left. Lincoln turned to Edward Everett. He said he thought he should have planned his speech better. Edward Everett didn't agree. He said "It was perfect. You said

more in two minutes than I did in two hours." Afterward, the newspapers said it was a great speech. And, as you know, Americans still remember it today.

TEST 25

1. C

2. D

3. C

Let's begin our study of Vitamin D. It's something we must have. Among other things, it helps our bodies use the important mineral, calcium. Calcium makes our bones strong. It also helps our nerves and muscles work the way they should. Let's open our textbooks to page 63. I'd like you to take a look at these pictures. As you can see, these children don't look well at all. The bones in their heads haven't come together as they should. That's why their heads are too big. Their legs curve out. The bones are too soft to stand on. These children didn't get enough Vitamin D. Happily, we don't see this often any more. Vitamin D is not in most of the foods we eat. We get it mostly from the sun. Ultraviolet rays from the sun transform something in our skin. It becomes what's called pre-vitamin D3. Inside our bodies, it can change again. It becomes what's called active vitamin D. With active Vitamin D, our bones can make enough calcium to stay hard. Active Vitamin D helps us have enough calcium for our nerves too. This helps us feel calm and sleep well. Today, many people need to have strong bones. Many older people's bones, especially, break far too easily. One main reason why is that people don't get nearly enough sunlight. We close windows to stay warm in the winter. In summer, we close windows for air conditioning. But we really need time in the sunshine almost every day.

TEST 26

1. C

2. D

3. C

4. D

I did a search on Google yesterday. It was amazing. I typed in "horses" and hit the search button. In less than a second, it showed me more than 32 million websites related to horses. Do you ever wonder how computers can think so fast? Well, I did another Google search, and I found out computer chips are based on something called Boolean logic. This is a type of thinking developed in the mid 1800s by George Boole - B-O-O-L-E. Boolean logic maps information into bits and bytes. It begins with seven electronic pathways, called gates. The simplest gate is called a NOT gate. The NOT gate takes one bit of input, which we'll label A, and produces an output, which we'll label Q, that is exactly opposite. So, if input, A, is one, the output Q, will be zero. If A is zero, Q will be one. Simple. Next is the AND gate. The idea behind an AND gate is this: if there are two bits of input, say, A and B, and if A and B are both the same, then the output, called Q, should be the same. After the NOT gate and the AND gate comes the OR gate. Its basic idea is, "If A or B is one, or if both A and B are one, then Q is also one". The next two gates are called NAND and NOR. These two gates are simply combinations of an AND or an OR gate with a NOT gate. Now, next comes...

TEST 27

1. C

2. B

3. B

Let's begin. Last week, we learned how most fish use their swim bladder to move around in the water. Remember, when the fish breathes oxygen, some of that oxygen goes into its bladder. This causes the fish to rise in the water. When it squeezes some of the gas out of its bladder, it sinks toward the bottom. So, it can move vertically-go up and down kind of like a hot-air balloon. A shark is more like an airplane. Sharks don't have a swim bladder, so they use their forward movement to control their vertical position. The tail is like the shark's propeller. The shark swings it back and forth to move forward. In an airplane, this forward movement pushes air around the wings. For a shark, this forward movement pushes water around the fins, On both cases, the forward movement creates lift the airplanes and shark both rise. Sharks have two pairs of fins on each side of their bodies. These fins are about the position as the main wings and tail wings, on an airplane. The shark can position these fins at different angles. This changes the path of the water around them and enables the shark to move quickly upward or downward. The shark also has two vertical fins on its back. These are like the stabilizer fin on an airplane. They allow the shark to keep its balance as it moves through the water and help it turn quickly left and right.

TEST 28 - 34: TRÌNH ĐỘ B1-B2

TEST 28

1. D

2. A

3. B

4.B

5.C

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the Morecambe Museum of Fashion. Before we go up to the fashion exhibition 'Clothes of the Future' I would like to show you some slides on the screen, and say a few words about the history of fashion. I will also mention some of the important people in fashion. This will provide an introduction for you and will prepare you for the clothes that we're going to see in the exhibition. As I'm sure you know nowadays fashion is something that almost everybody enjoys. People of all age groups and all incomes usually have an interest in what they wear But this has only recently happened, and I will tell you why. Until the beginning of this century, it was only the rich who could afford to follow fashion There were no factories to make many copies of the same article, as there are today. Rich men and women wore trousers, jackets and dresses which were made especially for them. This picture here shows a young lady being measured for a dress that she will have made by hand, exactly how she wants it to be Ladies' clothes in those days were long and usually tight-fitting and made of heavy material. However, the new century - the 1900s - brought new ideas. The important person at this time was Coco Chanel who started making clothes in 1908, in Paris. Many people think she was the 20th century's most important influence on fashion Chanel loved to wear loose-fitting clothes and produced jackets and skirts which everyone admired. Here's a picture of one of her ladies' suits. Even today people still wear styles like this when they want to look smart. Young Paris designers all began to produce simple clothes, and skirts started to get shorter. The idea of special clothes for playing sports also became popular in the early 1920s. Things like long shorts and tennis clothes started to become fashionable Soon factories produced these new styles more cheaply and then many more people were able to enjoy fashion. In 1947, after the Second World War Christian Dior used all the new materials available to produce a fashion which was known as the 'New Look' As you can see in this picture, he made skirt lengths longer again. Later, in the 60s, 'flower power' and student fashion were popular. In

London, Mary Quant introduced short skirts. These were worn with boots that went up to the knee. Look at the white, shiny boots in this picture! And now we come to today's exhibition. Some of the clothes you will see today will be very different from anything which you have seen before. The exhibition aims to take a look at the sort of clothes that we might wear in the next 50 years. Let's go inside and have a look at the exciting clothes that are waiting for us...

TEST 29

1. C

2. A

3. C

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5.D

Right, everyone about the trip to the Jubilee Arts Centre next Wednesday. As you know, we have tickets for the Centre's two theatres and the concert hall. Those of you with concert tickets will hear piano music by Chopin and Schumann. Those with tickets for the main theatre will see Shakespeare's Twelfth Night while people going to the smaller theatre will see *The Wild Duck* by Ibsen. Although all the theatre and concert tickets have gone if anyone else would like to join us on the trip I can get tickets for the Arts Centre cinema to see the Australian comedy film *Spider and Rose*. The shows begin at half past seven, but we'll leave early so you can spend time looking round the Arts Centre. The coach will leave here at 3.30 and arrive at the Arts Centre at about a quarter to five. Let me tell you what you can do there. The Centre has a lot for art-lovers. In the Art Gallery there's an exhibition of the history of Russian ballet. It has dresses and shoes worn by famous dancers and photos of past performances. With your student card, you can get in very cheaply. There are also some interesting free exhibitions. On the ground floor you can see prize-winning paintings from a children's competition, and gold jewelry made by Scottish artists. On the first floor there's an exhibition of South American photographs, and there's no charge for that either. I know some of you hope to do some shopping. The Centre has a bookshop on the first floor and there's a souvenir shop by the ticket office. If you're more interested in clothes and shoes there's a large shopping center five minutes' walk from the Arts Centre. You'll probably want to eat before the show. The Balcony Restaurant has a menu with a wide range of meals and waiter service, but it is rather expensive. Or there's the Fountain Restaurant whose special three-course dinner is good value for money. There's also Charlie's coffee bar which serves coffee, sandwiches and cakes. You can get fruit juices and ice cream from the cinema kiosk. After the shows the coach will pick us up at the Bridge Street exit. Everyone should be there by twenty past ten. The two plays will finish at around 10.10 or 10.15. I'm afraid concert-goers will have to wait, as the concert finishes earlier, at ten to ten.

TEST 30

1. B

2. C

3. D

4.A

5.B

Well, good evening everyone. I've come along to talk to you about my painting. It was just a hobby but it's really more than that now I used to paint in the evenings after work but, now I work four days a week instead of five. That means I spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday on my painting. I have pictures in local exhibitions at least once a month. I'd love to give up my job and spend all my time painting, but I work with computers and I earn more that way! I do make some money from selling my pictures enough to pay for all my paint, brushes and paper and a few art lessons I'd love to go to art college full-time for

three years but I've of all the rent on my flat to pay, and a car to run. I first became interested in art when I was at primary, school. I used to go out with some paper and a few pencils during break time and draw anything I saw houses, gardens, people. Then at secondary school we had art classes twice a week and I learnt how to use chalk and then different kinds of paint: water colors, oils and so on. Those classes were really useful for me, and ever since then I've had lessons of some kind. I've attended evening classes and been on what they call painting 'holidays', where you go out into the countryside and paint during the day and then sit and discuss your work with a teacher and the other artists after dinner. Those holidays are great; you learn so much talking to other people studying with you. I've enjoyed painting in lots of different countries. I've been to Morocco and painted desert scenes with beautiful sunrises I've been to Greece and Spain and painted pictures of the local people working in the fields near their homes. My favourite place is still Scotland I love walking in the Scottish mountains, and there are so many different birds to see, especially in spring. Well, I'm going to finish now by showing you a video of the places I've visited. After that there'll be a chance to relax with a cup of coffee and then there'll be time for some questions. Oh, and I've got some information about my next art exhibition for you. It's going to be at the Queen's Gallery. Now, if someone would turn off the lights...

TEST 31

1. B

2. B

3. D

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Welcome to this week's book programme. We've got lots of great new books to tell you about. My life, by Joe Wrigley, will keep all fans of Joe's stories happy for hours. It explains a lot about where his ideas come from and gives a picture of what was happening in his life when he was working on his most successful books. I must say, though, that some of it is difficult to understand if you haven't read his other books. Now, for those of you who like a good cry Goodbye to the fields, by Susan Marks tells the sad story of John, a small boy who has to leave the countryside he loves to London because of his father's job. John and his mother would prefer to stay where they are. It's a long time before the family begins to feel comfortable living in the big city. There are plenty of books with helpful advice this week. First, the A-Z of photography would make a great present for anyone just starting out with a camera. It has everything you need to know to take really good photos, and learn about cameras, film, lighting and so on. This is not one for the experienced photographer, though there's not much advanced information here. Turning to the kitchen. Cooking for one, by Adrian White, says on Its cover that even people who hate cooking will find it useful. A month ago, I couldn't even boil an egg but now I'm producing all sorts of dishes, some quite difficult and, yes, they taste quite good, too. I'm actually enjoying cooking now I'm now going to try a new book about cooking Italian food. The last book this week is Holidays in Europe, by Mary Curtis. This is an enjoyable read, which will start your imagination working as you plan for next year's holiday It doesn't matter that the writer doesn't talk about the famous places everyone visits but describes lots of small places away from the main tourist areas. The maps are too small to be useful but the book is still good value for money. That's it for this week, then. Next week, there's a special report on giving books as presents, so if you've saved up your money and you're wondering what to get for a friend or relation for their birthdays, you might get some good ideas ... I'll look forward to talking to you then ...

TEST 32

1. C

2. C

3. B

4.A

5.B

People always ask me why I only travel the hard way! A lot of television travel programmes are about relaxing holidays on the beach but I've only ever made documentaries about really long trips. The last trip I did was a 50,000-mile journey around the Pacific Ocean and it took 12 months. But then my very first trip was a 'round the world' journey, and the most difficult one was probably a car journey from the North Pole to the South Pole! As you can imagine, I've seen a lot of the world! I'm lucky to be in really excellent health, but life is very short and I've done so much travelling that I want a change. Travelling long distances makes you extremely tired, and although it's still a great pleasure for me I want to do something more relaxing now. I think my next television series might be made nearer England. There's some really interesting work going on in Wales where they've just found what remains of a 2,000-year-old town. Or I might do something about farms in France or even cycling in Holland. There's always something to film if you look hard enough! But I hope the programmes I've made about the really long trips will encourage other people to get on a plane and have some adventures. Some people seem to be afraid of going to a strange country and perhaps being ill there but maybe they realise now that if I can do these trips, so can they. I'm only a very ordinary person. And obviously, you don't have to travel on your own as I always have. I must say that until recently I hadn't ever worried about being so far from home even when the children were very small. But while I was filming in Borneo last year my wife had to have an emergency operation and it really frightened me because I couldn't get back to England. Everything was fine in the end but I wouldn't want to be so far away if anything like that happened to my family again. Perhaps if I spend more time at home I can do more writing. I've done two books so far. I write about places I've seen and my feelings about them. I don't think I'll ever write fiction or poetry but I'd be interested in writing newspaper articles. My family says I'm very difficult to live with when I'm writing at home ... perhaps that's why they've never complained about me travelling!

TEST 33

1. B

2. A

3. C

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5.C

With us today, to tell us about his trip across Africa is the biologist Paul Hart. We started on the east coast and travelled on foot across Africa to Gabon in the west collecting plants and flowers along the way. It wasn't easy, but my route crossed a region rich in plants and I chose it because it won't stay that way for long when more roads are built. It was my only chance to get important information about the natural life of the area. I had a team of eleven scientists. We walked from six in the morning but the forest was so thick it took hours to cut our way through it and some days we only walked one kilometer before dark. Fortunately, we carried special equipment that was very light and we took as little food as possible. But we were always tired when we put the tents up at night. Sometimes we saw elephants or lions. They were amazing to watch and never attacked us. Every day, I collected plants and added to my notes. There was so much new information to write down. There were, of course, some low points, especially when I got anxious about the team. It was my job to make sure everyone got home safely.

Towards the end of the trip, I suddenly discovered one day that the food had nearly all gone. It was strange because we'd brought enough dried food with us to last the trip food that wouldn't ever go bad and we'd stopped at villages for fresh food too. But then I found that some of the team had eaten much more than they were supposed to I was angry with them because it was a silly thing to do. Then we started walking again. There were no maps for the area, but we had a local guide Then one of the team got sick and we couldn't go any further We let him rest, but he got much worse. Thankfully his life was saved by a fisherman who came along the river in a boat and took him to a doctor in the nearest village. Finally, I returned home and I'm back with my family and friends. I really missed them while I was away. But I learnt so much on the trip and I'm really glad I went. I was' to go on another trip this time to Australia but I said that I couldn't because I'm busy here in London. And I think I've done enough travelling.

TEST 34

1. B

2. A

3. A

4.C

5.C

Hello, I'm Sarah Brown, and I'm here to tell you about my job as a weather forecaster. I've been a weather forecaster for a television company for seven years and two years ago I became the head of the weather department. Now, I divide my time equally between presenting weather forecasting on television and managing the weather department which has a staff of eleven. At thirty years old I'm the youngest ever head of weather and the first woman to do the job. Since our news and weather service goes out all round the world, we all take turns to work at night I prefer that to doing the show when I have to get up at four in the morning. I normally work an eight-hour day and in that time I do ten or twelve forecasts. Before doing a weather forecast, I study data on the computer. This is the information I use in my forecasts. There isn't much time to learn what I have to say but fortunately I've never forgotten my words so I don't get nervous. My husband and I try to have the same free days, but neither of us has a regular pattern of work. He's a pilot on long-distance flights, so although he works hard he has a lot more time at home than I do. We moved to our present house about a year ago, and he's enjoying painting it. I took up flying as a hobby five years ago. I hope to get my pilot's license this year but because of the job, I haven't been to the flying school for ages. For exercise I swim and ski and I like running. I'm really proud of myself for running in the London Marathon it's a forty-kilometer race and I never thought I could manage it! My husband plays tennis, and we sometimes play together, but he's better than me so I never win. Because I'm on world news, people sometimes recognise me in really distant places. Once, in an Indian village, an old man took me to have my photo taken with all his family. I get some lovely letters one person wrote to say that my smile made her feel happy all day. People occasionally even write and ask me to marry them!