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SECTION 1

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LISTENING

You will hear five different people talking about what puts them in a good mood. For Questions 1-5, choose from the list A-F what each speaker says. Use letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. You will hear the recording twice.

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| A Talking to friends makes me feel good. | Speaker 1 | <input type="text"/> | 1 |
| B Taking exercise works for me. | Speaker 2 | <input type="text"/> | 2 |
| C Receiving e-mails cheers me up. | Speaker 3 | <input type="text"/> | 3 |
| D I have to go shopping. | Speaker 4 | <input type="text"/> | 4 |
| E I need to eat something sweet. | Speaker 5 | <input type="text"/> | 5 |
| F I rely on music. | | | |

SECTION 2

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READING

Questions 1-9

For Questions 1-9, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Write the appropriate letters A-D in boxes 1-9 on your answer sheet.

As viewed from space, the Earth's distinguishing characteristics are its blue waters and white clouds. Enveloped by an ocean of air consisting of 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen, the planet is the only one in our solar system known to harbor life. Circling the Sun at an average distance of 149 million km (93 million miles), the Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the fifth largest planet in the solar system.

Its rapid spin and molten nickel-iron core give rise to an extensive magnetic field which, coupled with the atmosphere, shields us from nearly all of the harmful radiation coming from the Sun and other stars. Most meteors burn up in the Earth's atmosphere before they can strike the surface. The planet's active geological processes have left no evidence of the ancient pelting it almost certainly received soon after it was formed.

The Earth has a single natural satellite—the Moon.

1. Approximately how much of the Earth's atmosphere is nitrogen?
- A One-fourth
 - B One-half
 - C Three-fourths
 - D All of it
2. Which of the following helps to create the Earth's magnetic fields?
- A Its blue waters
 - B Its nitrogen atmosphere
 - C Its molten metal core
 - D The Moon
3. What two factors help protect the Earth from radiation?
- A Magnetic field and atmosphere
 - B Rapid spin and molten iron-nickel core
 - C The Sun and the Moon
 - D Blue waters and white clouds
4. In line 2, "consisting" most nearly means
- A hardening.
 - B containing.
 - C withholding.
 - D shortening
5. Why does the Earth show almost no signs of having been hit by numerous meteors in the past?
- A Humans have built over most of the craters.
 - B Most meteors fell into the ocean and not on land.
 - C the Earth's magnetic field repelled most meteors.
 - D the Earth's natural geologic activity has eliminated most traces.
6. The main idea of this passage is that
- A there are life-supporting characteristics on the Earth.
 - B the Earth is predominantly water.
 - C the Earth has no common characteristics with other planets.
 - D the Earth is the only planet with a moon.
7. The word "distinguishing" as it is used in this text means
- A elevating in nature.
 - B devastating in nature.
 - C characteristics like all other planets.
 - D characteristics that set it apart from other planets.
8. As used in this text, the word "harbor" is synonymous with
- A support
 - B surround
 - C water
 - D include
9. This text leads one to believe that
- A the Earth never gets hit by meteors.

- B** the Earth always gets hit by meteors.
- C** the Earth was hit by meteors in some past time period.
- D** the Earth may be bombarded by meteors in the near future.

Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SECTION 3
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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

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For Questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** best fits each space.

Example: (0) A whether B how **C what** D when

SPACE CADETS

Everybody loves a joke, right? But **(0) C** if the joke is on you? That is what nine unwitting ‘thrill-seekers’ will eventually discover, having signed up for the experience of a (1) – to be blasted off into space in a new (2) TV series, *Space Cadets*. It is, in fact, an elaborate and very expensive hoax. The nine contestants - (3) three actors planted to help the action along – think that they are undergoing training in Russia, but in reality they’re (4) the south of England. They believe themselves to be (5) against each other for four places on a Space Shuttle flight, but the truth is, they will not leave the ground. Their ‘spaceship’ will be a prop from a science fiction film, and the flight itself just an illusion created by special (6) But is watching a hoax of this kind legitimate entertainment or just exploitation? Practical jokes by their nature tend to involve a certain (7) of cruelty, as they are designed to make the victim feel foolish. But where do you draw the (8) between a bit of a laugh and something really nasty? British comedian Arthur Smith says that, in his opinion, drawn-out hoaxes go too (9) ‘I quite like the idea of briefly fooling a friend, but on an enormous scale like this, it’s cruel. The greatest experience of your life is suddenly taken (10) from you, and you discover that you’ve been laughed at for weeks.’ Although practical jokes are cruel, they remain popular because we (11) pleasure in the misfortune of others, according to psychologists. Basically, we enjoy watching other people look stupid because that (12) us feel clever.

0	A	whether	B	how	C	what	D	when
1	A	lifetime	B	life	C	living	D	livelihood
2	A	truth	B	reality	C	realism	D	truthfulness
3	A	together	B	altogether	C	plus	D	moreover
4	A	on	B	in	C	at	D	along
5	A	wrestling	B	winning	C	trying	D	competing
6	A	results	B	effects	C	causes	D	tricks
7	A	number	B	measurement	C	part	D	amount
8	A	difference	B	barrier	C	line	D	separation
9	A	strong	B	long	C	big	D	far
10	A	away	B	apart	C	off	D	under
11	A	do	B	enjoy	C	take	D	amuse
12	A	leads	B	causes	C	makes	D	allows

Task 2

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For Questions 13-19, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.

Example: 0 risky

Skiing

Nowadays, skiing is much less (0)..... than it used to be. Many people get a lot of (13)..... from skiing. It is popular as a leisure (14)..... for people of all ages and also as a highly (15)..... sport which can be practised up to Olympic standard. The spectacular mountain (16)....., bright sunshine, fresh air and the sheer (17)..... of moving at high speed attract thousands of (18)..... to the snowy (19)..... regions of the world.

- RISK**
- ENJOY**
- ACT**
- COMPETE**

- SCENE**
- EXCITE**
- TOUR**
- MOUNTAIN**

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Task 3

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For Questions 20-39, supply the required form for the verb in brackets.

Example: 0 come

I (0) (COME) from a very large family, and recently my parents (20) (DECIDE) that they (21) (SPEND) long enough living in an overcrowded house in Birmingham. 'We (22) (MOVE) to the country,' my father (23) (ANNOUNCE) one evening. 'I (24) (SELL) this house, and we (25) (LIVE) on a farm.' So last week we (26) (LOAD) all our possessions into two hired vans, and for the last few days we (27) (TRY) to organize ourselves in our new home. Yesterday, for example, my three little brothers and I (28) (START) painting the downstairs rooms. Unfortunately while I (29) (MIX) the paint, one of my sisters (30) (OPEN) the door. Nobody (31) (TELL) her that we (32) (BE) in the room, you see. So instead of painting the walls, we (33) (SPEND) all morning cleaning the paint off the floor. But worse things (34) (HAPPEN) since then. This morning when I (35) (WAKE UP), water (36) (DRIP) through the ceiling next to my bed. We (37) (SPEND) today so far repairing the roof. It's not all bad news, though. The school in the village nearby (38) (CLOSE DOWN) two years ago, and my parents (39) (NOT FIND) another school for us yet.

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Task 4

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For Questions 40-44, translate the following sentences from Russian into English.

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SECTION 4

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SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPETENCE

For Questions 1-5, answer the following questions about English-speaking countries:

1. What woman was the Prime Minister in Britain?
2. What is the Scottish national musical instrument?
3. What is *Eisteddfod*?
4. Who is Sir Winston Churchill?
5. What is the oldest and probably most famous American university?

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SECTION 5 -6

ANSWER KEYS

SECTION 1

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LISTENING

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2	C
3	F
4	B
5	A

SECTION 2

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READING

1	C
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3	A
4	B
5	D
6	A
7	D
8	A
9	C

SECTION 3 – 24,5

USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1 - 6

1A

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4B

5D

6B

7D

8C

9D

10A

11C

12C

Task 2 - 3,5

Task 3 – 10

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15	competitive
16	scenery
17	excitement
18	tourists
19	mountainous

20	decided
21	had spent
22	are going to move/are moving
23	announced
24	have sold
25	are going to leave
26	loaded
27	have been trying
28	started
29	was mixing
30	opened
31	had told
32	would be/were going to be/were
33	spent
34	have happened
35	woke up
36	was dripping
37	have spent
38	closed down
39	haven't found

Task 4 – 5

40 He said he was going to see her the next week, and he would certainly tell her about my request.

41 He would appear in his mother's house.

42 If they hurry up, they will be able to complete the work in time.

43 He asked if we would book/were going to book the tickets beforehand.

44 When I came in, my issue was being discussed.

SECTION 4

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SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPETENCE

- 1 _____ Margaret Thatcher from 1979 to 1990 _____
- 2 _____ the bagpipe.
- 3 _____ a type of festival, held in Wales, in which there are singing, music and poetry competitions
- 4 _____ an English politician who was the Prime Minister of Britain during the Second World War.
- 5 _____ Harvard _____

LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

1

I think I'm a fairly well-balanced person, although there are days when I feel a bit down. Even listening to my favourite music doesn't help, and I like being alone until I feel more positive. One thing that does help me feel better is what people call 'comfort food'. I know it varies from person to person but for me something like chocolate or a sugary bun – that instantly cheers me up. It's crazy, I know, but I think there are good scientific reasons for the way it affects one's mood – something to do with body chemistry I'm told.

2

I used to love getting letters. If the post came before I left for school, I'd be in a good mood all day. That's all changed now. I rush back from work to see if I've got any e-mails as they have exactly the same effect on me. I still spend quite a lot of time on the phone to my friends but it's easy to run up huge bills and that's hardly likely to put me in a good mood. One of my friends has got a video phone but I'm not sure I fancy one of those. The good thing about using a computer is that you can contact people in your own time and it doesn't matter how you look.

3

My friends say I'm quite a moody person. I'm convinced it's to do with the weather and that if the sun's shining, I automatically feel better. But that's completely outside my control. If I need to pick myself up, I reach for my walkman, put on my headphones, shut out the world and listen to my favourite groups. I've tried listening to music on the internet but it's not the same because I don't have that feeling of being enclosed in my own private world. I can guarantee that I'll be in a good mood for the rest of the day.

4

There's nothing worse than sitting around wondering why you feel moody, and if I don't get out there and do something, I'm sure I'd just carry on feeling depressed. I generally go for a long run, what ever the weather and I come back exhausted – but my mood's changed completely. Perhaps it's to do with tension or the need to get rid of energy/ But it's weird because I don't actually like organized sport. I hated it at school and I made every excuse to avoid having to run anywhere, at any time!

5

I spend hours on the internet, e-mailing my friends and joining in chat rooms. And then there's suddenly a day when I don't even bother to switch on my computer. I might feel really fed up and although going shopping cheers me up, the good mood doesn't last long because I get home and decide I don't like what I've bought – so I feel depressed again. Then I rely on my friends and I'll phone around to see who's free. We might just stay in and chat or we might go out for a coffee but either way I go home feeling heaps better at the end.

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