

Listening

1	B
2	C
3	C
4	A
5	B
6	C
7	B
8	1.00/ 13.00/ 1 pm/ 1 o'clock
9	9.00/ 21.00/ 9 pm/ 9 o'clock
10	Reception
11	Common Room
12	Thurs(day) 5 (th) July
13	free
14	(the) (exotic) food/ food and drink (s)/ dishes/ refreshments
15	discount card

Reading

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	B	C	A	A	B	A	A	C

Use of English

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

Listening (transcript)

Task 1.

For items 1-7 listen to a radio interview with an elderly man. Choose the correct option **A, B or C** according to the text you hear. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have 30 seconds to look through the items.

(pause 30 seconds)

Now we begin.

Radio presenter

Good afternoon, listeners. Today, in our programme 'People Around Us' Helen Crow is talking to Mr Alistair Sinclair, a farmer from Carston who's one hundred years old.

Helen Crow

Mr Sinclair, how does it feel to be one hundred?

Alistair Sinclair

Well, actually. I'm not one hundred yet. I was born on 10 September, so my birthday's in two weeks' time. I couldn't forget about it, everybody is making so much fuss.

Helen Crow

You have such a big family, how many people are coming to celebrate?

Mr Sinclair

I've had six children, two by my second wife and four by my third. Four of them are still alive and they're all coming, together with ten out of my twelve grandchildren and most of my great-grandchildren. My eldest great-granddaughter's expecting a baby, so you could say there'll be five generations present.

Helen Crow

You're in perfect shape, what do you do to keep lit?

Mr Sinclair

Nowadays, people seem crazy about having a healthy lifestyle. When I was young, nobody thought about such things. I was one of ten children in my family; we had no idea what a healthy diet was, we were happy if we had enough to eat. There was no need to take any exercise, the work on the farm was hard, and we spent all day outdoors. You had to be strong; I lost one brother and one sister quite early, but those that survived lived into old age. We all probably took after my father, who died at the age of ninety-four. I don't think you can do anything to guarantee a long life, it just happens to you. You can't avoid hardship, even tragedies, because that's what life is like. What you can do is be as active as possible and have a positive attitude.

Helen Crow

Have you ever smoked?

Mr Sinclair

Well, I haven't tried cigarettes, no. But once I thought I'd look interesting

with a pipe, so I tried that. But after a week or so my wife couldn't stand it, so I threw the pipe away. Actually, she left me a few months later, but I didn't start smoking again.

Helen Crow

Thank you, Mr Sinclair, on behalf of our listeners I wish you all the best and a very happy birthday.

Mr Sinclair

Thank you.

Now you have 30 seconds to check your answers.

(pause 30 seconds)

Now listen to the text again.

(Text repeated)

Now you have 30 seconds to complete task 1.

(pause 30 seconds)

Task 2.

You will hear a teacher talking to a group of students who have just arrived at Westford College for an English summer course. For each item **8-15** fill in the missing information in the numbered space. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have 30 seconds to look through the items.

(pause 30 seconds)

Now we begin.

Welcome to you all! I'm sure you're going to have a great time with us here at Westford College - and maybe you might even learn a little English while you're here! I'm just going to say a few words about practical aspects of the college. OK, classes: now, you'll be in class every morning during the week. Classes begin at quarter past nine and go straight through till one, although they stop at twelve o'clock on Fridays, to help the weekend get going. You're expected to do more than just study in class, of course, and it's important to make use of the Self-Access Centre, which is available from eight thirty in the morning until nine p.m. There's a wealth of materials and resources there for you to take advantage of. All the computers have access to our network of English - learning software. Demand is high for the web-linked ones, and you need to reserve time on one of those at Reception. If you're desperate to email home, you might find a spare computer in the Common Room. Right, London: we organise a trip up to London during the course. We're going on Tuesday July the tenth, and you must book your place no later than Thursday the fifth of July. The trip's always very popular, so don't forget to sign up early! Another date for your diaries is the Food and Drink Festival, where you can try and hopefully enjoy all kinds of exotic food and drink from just

about every country on the planet. It does get busy, and some of the food's a little expensive but the good news is that it's free to get in, and it's worth going along just to look. Talking of money, you can get money off all sorts of things in Westford, from cinema tickets to books to drinks in cafes, if you're a student. Take your passport along to the office so that they can issue you with a student discount card. Well, I think that's it for now. Are there any questions?

Now you have 30 seconds to check your answers.
(pause 30 seconds)

Now listen to the text again.
(Text repeated)

Now you have 30 seconds to complete task 2.
(pause 30 seconds)

This is the end of the listening comprehension section.

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