

()

7-8 form

Listening

Time: 15 min

Task 1. You are going to listen to a conversation between two friends, Ari and Jen.

Listen for main ideas. Choose the answer (A, B or C) that best completes each statement (1 - 3)

1. The main reason for Dave's experiment is to ___.
 - A. encourage people to use worm composters
 - B. find out how much he throws away each year
 - C. get people to obey recycling laws

2. For Dave, the main reason to use a worm composter is to ___.
 - A. grow better vegetables in his garden
 - B. start a business that sells composters online
 - C. reduce the amount of trash he produces

3. Jen believes that ___.
 - A. Dave's experiment goes too far
 - B. Dave's experiment is a good idea
 - C. Recycling isn't really necessary

Task 2. Read the statements (4 - 15). Listen to the conversation again. Choose true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 4. Ari is really going to report Jen to Sustainable Dave.
- _____ 5. Sustainable Dave is saving almost all of his trash for one year.
- _____ 6. Dave is not saving banana peels and tea bags.
- _____ 7. Ari feels enthusiastic about Dave's experiment.
- _____ 8. Dave's basement smells bad.
- _____ 9. Jen feels disgusted by the idea of keeping trash in the basement.
- _____ 10. Because of his experiment, Dave now produces less trash.
- _____ 11. When Dave goes out for a cup of coffee, he brings his own cup.
- _____ 12. Dave uses the worm composter for meat and milk products.
- _____ 13. At the end of the year, Dave is going to calculate how much trash he has.
- _____ 14. Dave is probably going to take all the trash to the landfill when the experiment ends.
- _____ 15. When the experiment ends Ari is going to write a report about Sustainable Dave for the website.

Task 3. Listen to the conversation between Joe and David. Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to the following questions (16 - 20). You will hear the dialogue twice.

16. David got a bill for \$100 because _____.
 - A. he threw a big bag of magazines and empty bottles into trash.
 - B. he threw a big bag of magazines and empty bottles into the recycling bin.
 - C. he hasn't thrown his trash for a long period of time.

17. David feels _____ the fine.
- A. disappointed about
 - B. indignant with
 - C. indifferent to
18. David's attitude to the recycling law is _____
- A. Neutral
 - B. Respectful
 - C. Slighting
19. Joe says that recycling _____
- A. has a big effect and influence in the city.
 - B. is his way of life.
 - C. the main reason for fines to the apartment building.
20. Joe is angry with his friend because David _____
- A. doesn't want to pay a fine.
 - B. doesn't care about the environment.
 - C. disagree that recycling is important.

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

()

7-8 form

Reading

Time: 20 min

Task 1. Read the article about animal invaders and match the paragraphs 1- 5 with the headings A-F. There is one extra heading.

- A. Rare positive effect _____
- B. Animal invaders effect the economy _____
- C. Supermarket's attack _____
- D. The future of animal invaders _____
- E. The pets against the natives _____
- F. Dangerous insect invaders _____

Animal Invaders

How much danger are we in? How many invaders are there?

1. _____ Imagine you run a small food shop in your local neighbourhood. Suddenly, a giant supermarket opens for business opposite your shop. What happens to you and your business?
2. _____ In the natural world, things are often the same. The red squirrel was living happily in England when, in the 1880s, many people brought grey squirrels from North America as pets. Since then, these pets have escaped into the wild. They now eat the same food as the red squirrels, and they eat it more quickly. Consequently, now there aren't many native squirrels in England and they are in danger of extinction.
3. _____ There are many invaders that don't cause extinctions, but they do destroy plants and harm the economy. For example, European red deer are destroying the forests in South America because they eat the young trees. Rabbits have spread from Europe and now eat farmers' crops all over the world. These kinds of invaders are causing problems for humans, unlike the grey squirrels, which cause little damage to plants and don't damage the economy.
4. _____ Few invaders are large land animals; most of them are fish or small animals like insects. There are thousands of these invaders and these smaller animals often mean farmers lose a lot of money. The apple snail from South America doesn't cause much damage in Europe, but it causes a lot of damage in south-east Asia because it loves to eat rise plants.
5. _____ There are very few positive sides to these animal invasions. However, in Britain today, one invasion story offers some hope. Chinese mitten crabs first came on ships from China. These crabs destroy local environments and attack fish in fish farms. However, in China these crabs are an expensive food, so, now Britain is selling them back to China. The crabs are travelling on ships again, but this time they are food, not invaders; and this time they are helping the British economy.

Task 2. Choose the best summary (6) for the text (A, B or C).

6. the best summary of the text 'Animal invaders' is:
- A. It is about the problems that animals face in new environments.
 - B. It is about how foreign animals affect local animals and environments.
 - C. It is about the similarities between the natural environment and the business world.

Task 3. Answer the following questions (7 - 14). Write down your answers.

7. What do you think happens to small food shop when a supermarket starts business?

8. Is the red squirrel like the small shop or the supermarket?

9. Why did the grey squirrel come to Britain?

10. Do all invasive animals cause the extinction of native animals?

11. Why are rabbits and red deer causing problems for humans?

12. Why do you think the apple snail doesn't cause many problems in Europe?

13. Is it common to find good things about animal invasions?

14. Why is Britain selling mitten crabs to China?

Task 4. Read the article.

15. Choose the best summary of the text '**Can scientists save the day?**' (A, B or C)

- A. Scientists have had several ideas for fighting global warming, such as removing carbon from fuel. When the plans are finished, they will need to be safe and not expensive.
- B. Scientists are designing engineering projects to fight global warming. There are two approaches: removing carbon from fossil fuels and reducing the solar energy that reaches the planet. The designs are not finished yet and should be safe.
- C. If we can reduce the carbon in fuel or the solar energy that hits the Earth, we can win the fight against global warming. There are many possible solutions to the problem. Governments haven't decided which plan to follow, but they want plans that are safe.

Can scientists save the day?

Scientists are thinking the unthinkable: can engineering projects save the world from global warming? How can we save the planet if we can't reduce our production of carbon? There two main approaches to this question.

One approach involves the removal of carbon from fossil fuels. There two ways to do this. The first involves removing carbon from the fuel before it is burnt. Currently, this happens in Norway where CO₂ is removed from natural gas as it comes out of the ground. The second involves capturing the CO₂ when it is

produced by power stations. Both of these methods are expensive, but they could reduce the CO₂ produced by 90 percent.

The other approach is to reduce the amount of solar energy which hits the Earth. Some scientists have suggested putting a giant mirror in space. Others have suggested increasing the number of clouds over the oceans because they reflect back the sun's rays. This last technique has the advantage of being easy to stop and start.

There are many unanswered questions about these ideas, but they must be safe and not cause more damage. Any large engineering project mustn't harm the Earth or the life on it. Otherwise, the cure for global warming might be worse than the original illness.

Task 5. Check your understanding: true or false. Circle T (True) or F (False) or NS (Not stated) for these sentences (16 – 25). Transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|----|
| 16. The engineering ideas will be useful if we don't decrease our CO ₂ production. | T | F | NS |
| 17. The rapid change of the climate is caused by high levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere due to the burning of fossil fuel. | T | F | NS |
| 18. In Norway, the CO ₂ is removed when the natural gas is used. | T | F | NS |
| 19. The carbon removal methods could be very effective. | T | F | NS |
| 20. There are three ideas for reflecting more solar energy. | T | F | NS |
| 21. The space mirror is an expensive idea. | T | F | NS |
| 22. It is not difficult to control the cloud formation method. | T | F | NS |
| 23. Most of the ideas are dangerous for the planet. | T | F | NS |
| 24. Scientists mustn't create more problems with their solutions. | T | F | NS |
| 25. All the projects mentioned in the article can cause more harm than benefit. | T | F | NS |

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

7 - 8 form

Use of English

Time – 15 min

Task 1. To the sentences 1 – 5 write the verb in brackets in the correct form. Add the preposition if necessary.

1. After searching for two hours, I managed _____ the right book. (find)
2. Everybody keeps talking _____ the party, but no-one is. (leave)
3. Can you come to my office? We need _____. (talk)
4. A scientist has succeeded _____ a cure for the disease. (find)
5. My cat seems _____ you. Usually he doesn't sit on people. (like)

Task 2. For the sentences 6 – 9 choose the correct form (A or B) of each adjective.

6. Mr Brown is such a _____ teacher that I fall asleep in his classes.
A. boring B. bored
7. I can't wait to get my new bike. I'm so _____.
A. excited B. exciting
8. Would you be _____ in hearing more about this new product?
A. interesting B. interested
9. I have never seen such an _____ computer. It can do everything!
A. amazing B. amazed

Task 3. Use one of the prepositions (A, B, C or D) in the box to complete each sentence (10 - 14).

A. Of	B. To	C. in	D. from
-------	-------	-------	---------

10. I am not frightened ____ ghosts. Are you?
11. I still haven't received my package _____ the Internet shopping company.
12. The success of this event was all thanks _____ you.
13. Stephen Hawking has a very good understanding _____ mathematics.
14. Tiger Woods is very successful _____ the world of golf.

Task 4. Decide whether the underlined adjectives (15 – 21) have been used in the correct form, positive or negative. Correct the adjectives which are wrong. Transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

15. Don't be careless or you'll break something!
16. I've always been lucky in my investments. That is why I am so poor!
17. The designers chose a very usual style because they hope to surprise everyone.
18. My tutor is very kind with his grading. He failed my essay and I thought it was very good.
19. A local firm tried to win the contract, but it was hopeless. They could not compete against a large international company.
20. These scissors are useless. They are too blunt to cut anything.
21. The flight from Dubai was very comfortable. There was bad weather which kept rocking the plane.

Task 5. Choose the most appropriate word (A – E) from the box to complete each sentence (22 -25).

A. a lot of	B. few	C. little	D. many	E. much
-------------	--------	-----------	---------	---------

22. There are ____people who understand this. I think you might be the only one!
23. I don't have _____ ideas about how to fix this. Do you?
24. He was worried because he had _____ money to buy a present with.
25. Did you have _____ trouble finding the correct building?

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

7- 8 form

Writing

Time – 30 min

Write a review for a school newspaper of a TV-programme or film you saw recently. The review might be positive or negative.

Don't forget the steps to a good review:

- *the topic of the TV-programme or the title of the film;*
 - *introduction (an interesting beginning);*
 - *a summary of the story;*
 - *details of the main hero;*
 - *description of the place(s) where (and the time when) the action happens;*
 - *comments on the actors' performances (and / or other opinions);*
 - *a strong ending where the writer recommends (or doesn't recommend) the programme / series / film*
- Remember: a common mistake when writing a review is to write a lot about the story, but very little about your opinion of the programme.*

You should write 120 - 150 words.

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET