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## LISTENING

Time: 30 minutes

### Task 1

**You will hear three different extracts. For items 1-6 choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.**

**You hear two people on a radio programme discussing music education for children.**

### Extract 1

**Man:** Research shows that the optimum time to start music education is between the ages of three and four. As well as improving manual dexterity and concentration, it seems that it may help emotional development ,too. The piano is the instrument that, many parents want their children to start learning, and I think three years old is the right time to start.

**Woman:** Personally, I don't think the piano is the best instrument to start with so early. Children have to show the mental, physical and emotional readiness to learn an instrument like the piano, which obviously takes a lot of effort and commitment. In my experience very few children under six are able to take on that kind of challenge Starting early is vital, yes ,but less demanding instruments would be my choice, things like the recorder or a half-size guitar.

**Man:** No, I think children of that age can learn to play simple tunes on the piano and they soon progress to more complicated pieces. And starting young on understanding musical notations lays down an excellent foundation for later on.

**Woman:** But a rather academic approach like that will turn children off for life if they're not ready for it. Enjoyment has got to be the priority.

**Man:** Well, enjoyment is certainly important, but....

## **Extract 2**

**Interviewer:** So, Ben, you're well known in the climbing world as a bit of a loner; you prefer climbing without other people. Is that true?

**Ben:** Well, to some extent. I've always talked to other climbers about the technical side of things-training, equipment, and things like that. But at the end of the day you've got to learn independently, through trial and error. If you're climbing in a group you'll always compare yourself to others, and that doesn't always help you to improve. It's good to admire other climbers, but different things work best for different people.

**Interviewer:** So you never climb with other people?

**Ben:** As far as possible, I climb alone, but occasionally I look to others for support. When I was younger I used to do most of my climbing during the summer holidays, and I haven't done much winter climbing. So I still fill out of my depth climbing alone on icy rocks faces. In those conditions you need people who've been brought up with it. It's good to have people around to advise you on what's a safe manoeuvre to make in the conditions.

## **Extract 3**

**Interviewer:** You're such a household name, it must be terrifying for stuff when you go into the restaurant. How do they react?

**Amanda:** It's true that a lot of people know me, at least at the restaurant world, so I always eat with a friend and they'll make the booking. Often, though, I get recognized and when that happens it's inevitable, I suppose, that they take a bit more care over serving the food. I've never been offered complementary wine,

thought, or anything like that. That would be just too obvious ,and of course it could be considered unethical to except a gift like that.

**Interviewer:** And what makes a good restaurant?

Amanda: A good restaurant is one where the management and waiting staff have given some thought to why their customers are there. Most restaurant owners believe that the main reason people go to restaurants is for the food, but that's completely wrong. The main reason people go to restaurants is to have a good time, not because they're hungry. So there might be a big difference between the priorities of restaurant and the priorities of diners. For example, one thing that a restaurant gets judged on is the quality of service. What restaurant owners think is good is service that is efficient, but what customers have as their priority is friendly service.

1. What do the two people agree about?
  - A Young children should learn an instrument that needs a lot of concentration.
  - B Children should learn an instrument when they are young.
  - C It is important for young children to learn some music theory.
2. Why does the woman think the piano is not the best instrument for young children?
  - A It is not possible to play simple tunes on the piano.
  - B Playing the piano can discourage children from learning another instrument.
  - C Most young children are not mature enough to learn the piano.

**You hear a part of an interview with a rock climber.**

3. In Ben's view, what is the best way to improve as a climber?
  - A take the advice of the other climbers
  - B learn from the mistake you make
  - C watch more experience climbers

4. Why does Ben prefer to climb with others when it is icy?
- A He can learn new techniques from them.
  - B He gets nervous in icy conditions.
  - C He lacks experience in icy conditions.

**You hear a part of an interview with a well-know restaurant critic called Amanda Downing.**

5. According to Amanda, how do most waiters react when they realize she is a restaurant critic?
- A They give her special attention.
  - B They get very nervous.
  - C They give her free food or drink.
6. In what way, according to Amanda, are most restaurant owners completely wrong?
- A They think customers choose a restaurant only for its quality of service.
  - B They do not think properly about customers' motivation for going to restaurants.
  - C They think that they have different priorities to their customers.

## **Task 2**

**For items 7-15, listen to a talk about three bicycle-friendly cities. Complete the sentences with words used by the speaker. You will listen to the text twice.**

Cycling is a great way to get to know a city and, at the same time, to keep fit. There are many amazing cities for biking throughout the world, cities which allow you to explore at ease and safely. Today, you are going to hear about three bike-friendly cities. Let's start with Amsterdam, which is known as the 'bike capital of the world'. According to the latest statistics 40% of all traffic movements in the city are by bicycle. The city has an extensive network of safe, fast cycle lanes as well as a highly effective theft-prevention programme. Residents or visitors can also rent bicycles. The city council is currently planning a 10,000-bike garage at the main train station.

Portland, the second most bike-friendly city in the world, has a bicycle network that connects all parts of the city. This has led to a dramatic increase in bicycle use in the city. The city was also the first in the States to provide adults on low incomes with commuter bicycles as well as lessons on commuting safely. The bikes are all fitted with lights, a lock, a helmet, a pump, tool kits, maps and rainwear. In some neighbourhoods, bike commuters are as high as 9%.

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, is home to the world's most successful community cycling programme. In Denmark, almost everybody has a bike, and currently 32% of workers cycle to the work. Most of the city's extensive and well-used bicycle paths are separated from the main traffic lanes and sometimes have their own signal systems. Already one neighbourhood is completely car-free. The city provides public bicycles which can be found throughout the city centre and used with a returnable deposit of 20 kroner; your money is refunded when you return the bike to one of the many racks.

7. People refer to Amsterdam as the \_\_\_\_\_ capital of the world.
8. There is an extensive network of safe and fast cycle \_\_\_\_\_ in Amsterdam.
9. There is also an original programme designed to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of bicycles in the city.
10. It is possible for people who live in Amsterdam or visitors to \_\_\_\_\_ bicycles.
11. The creation of cycle paths in Portland has resulted in a dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ in the use of bicycles in the city.
12. Portland was the first city in America to provide adults on \_\_\_\_\_ incomes with commuter bicycles.
13. The world's most successful community cycling \_\_\_\_\_ can be found in Copenhagen.

14. In Copenhagen the majority of bicycle paths are separated from the main \_\_\_\_\_ lanes.

15. There is a 20 kroner returnable \_\_\_\_\_ when you use one of Copenhagen's public bicycles.

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!**

## **READING**

**Time: 30 minutes**

### **Task 1**

Read the article. Which paragraph contains the following information? Write the correct letter, A-F, in boxes 1-6.

1. The largest mammal
2. Myths and reality
3. Incredible creatures of Pleistocene Australia
4. Importance of animal protection
5. Giant lizards
6. Mystery of the giants' disappearance

### **The lost giants of Australian fauna**

(A) Australia's wildlife is unique. The vast majority of the animals that live there are not found anywhere else – and things were no different 1 million years ago during the Pleistocene: the age of the super-sized mammal. Before humanity became Earth's undisputed superpower, giant beasts of all shapes and sizes dominated every continent, but the Pleistocene mammals of Australia were different. Some of them could grow to the size of small cars, or possessed teeth longer than knife blades.

(B) None of these animals survive today – although exactly why that's the case is a mystery. Humans, with their advanced hunting techniques and use of fire to

modify the landscape, may have played a central role in the megafauna's disappearance, but this idea is still a matter of heated debate.

(C) Even if we cannot be sure that the arrival of Australian Aboriginals on the continent had catastrophic effects on its native animals, it seems that the animals had a rather spiritual effect on the humans. The Aboriginal mythological "Dreamtime" includes a cast of monstrous creatures, many of which bear a close resemblance to some of the real-life monsters that once stalked Australia's plains. Are the myths based in fact? Perhaps: after all, these creatures are far stranger than anything dreamed up by humans.

(D) For instance, the two-tonnes weighting Diprotodon comfortably holds the title of largest marsupial ever. In size and appearance it looked superficially like a modern rhinoceros, but the Diprotodon seems to have had a social lifestyle more like that of an elephant, another mammal with which it shares anatomical similarities. What the Diprotodon most resembles, however, is exactly what it is: an enormous wombat.

(E) Another record breaker, this time a world champion; *Varanus priscus*, commonly known by its antiquated genus name *Megalania* – was the largest terrestrial lizard the world has ever known. *Megalania* was a goanna lizard, a relative of today's infamous Komodo dragon, and conservative estimates have predicted that it was at least 5.5m long.

(F) These monster marsupials were not the only giants. Their numbers were swelled by half-tonne birds and dinosaur-like tortoises. Although this biological assemblage was truly nightmarish for humans, it greatly enriched the Australia's fauna and contributed to the world's biological diversity. Unfortunately, all of these species are extinct nowadays. This fact shows us that even strong, monstrous creatures can easily die out. So we need to care about animals that surround us today and don't let them disappear as it happened to their distant ancestors.

## **Task 2**

**Read the information from the web page about Middletown University. Are the statements below true (A), false (B) or the web page does not say (C)?**

7. Only face-to-face learning opportunities are available.
8. There is one fee for all courses.
9. More than 30 different courses are available.
10. Courses are assessed in different ways.
11. Essays and dissertations must be written on a computer.
12. To access the BA English course, you need to have passed school examinations.
13. Students can choose any of the modules on the second term.
14. Students can choose any of the modules on the teaching diploma course.
15. There are opportunities for part-time jobs at Middletown University.

## **Welcome to Middletown University**

### **Preparing you for success, whatever you want to do**

Whether you are a national or an international student, we welcome you to Middletown University. Our reputation is built on providing high-quality education in both academic and vocational subjects. As well as priding ourselves on our traditional face-to-face learning, we have recently introduced a range of distance-learning courses.

### **Our most popular courses**

Academic courses: Mathematics, English literature and History.

Vocational courses: Engineering, Nursing, Accounting, Plumbing, Teaching and Catering.

### **Sample course overview**

#### ***BA in English Language and Literature***

The main purpose of this course is to develop your ability to describe, analyze and manipulate features of the English Language, and to see how these are expressed in literature. AS well as taking core modules which cover these areas, students will be able to specialize in their fields of interest.

Duration: three-year course.

Course: Choose 12 out of 20 modules.

Weekly timetable: eight hours of lectures / four hours of seminars.

Assessment: essays, exams and an 8000-word dissertation at the end of the third year.

Requirements: academic experience and interest in the subject; good school-exam grades.

### ***Diploma in teaching***

In the first term, you will learn about the theory of teaching and how to be an effective teacher. In the second term, you will also begin teaching in a school. The third term is completely practical.

Duration: one year course.

Course: choose six out of ten modules (three are compulsory).

Weekly timetable: six hours of lectures / two hours of seminars / six hours of classroom teaching

Assessment: combination of essays and classroom observation

Requirement: first degree in specific subject area

### **Frequently asked questions**

*What kind of courses do you have?*

Are you looking for a general academic course to increase your knowledge? Or do you need a vocational course to develop your skills for a specific profession? Or perhaps you need both. Whatever your academic and vocational needs, we are sure to have an appropriate course for you.

*What do they cost?*

Costs for our courses vary considerably. Click on each department's homepage for more information. Scholarships and bursaries are available for certain courses, particularly for those in the sciences and education.

### **Latest news**

- ) Apprenticeship opportunities now available with local business including carpenters, electricians and plumbers
- ) New part-time job opportunities available for undergraduates / graduates

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!**

## **USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 30 minutes**

### **Task 1**

**For questions 1-6, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.**

When three days of rain left most of the site under water, they decided to (1)..... off the festival.

Hi, Tony. This is Gordon returning your (1)..... at seven fifty on Saturday evening. Give me a ring if you fancy a pint.

At quarter to midnight, I was having trouble keeping my eyes open so I decided to (1)..... it a day and get some sleep.

When the boat's engine died, it took him three hours to swim to (2) .....and get help.

They decided to pull down their old house and sell the (2)..... to a property developer.

I shall be waiting for you inside the terminal building when you (2)..... in Singapore.

There was quite a powerful earthquake in my city not (3)..... after I arrived in Japan.

After climbing the mountain trail for six hours most tourists are ready for a

(3)..... cold drink.

Electric cars have come a (3)..... way since they first appeared on our roads.

It seems that O'Reilly (4)..... a false name when he checked into the motel that night.

In the UK it is currently possible to buy a (4)..... car for one tenth the price of new one.

By the end of the century we will have (4)..... up all the Earth's fossil fuels.

It made me feel really (5)....., being in the company of so many famous, talented people.

Before you sign any kind of agreement you should carefully read the (5)..... print to see what you are committing yourself to.

The new tax will be especially unpopular with (5).....businesses with fewer than ten employees.

The smell of curry cooking in the kitchen made my (6)..... water.

I'm afraid I put my foot in my (6)..... again and told him about the surprise party.

The port city of Rotterdam is situated near the (6)..... of the River Rhine

## Task 2

**For questions 7-19, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

The classical composer Ernst Hoffsbeger, who passed (7) .....earlier this week, truly (8)..... the world of contemporary classical music and was a great (9) ..... of inspiration to a whole generation of (10).....young artists in various fields. In many ways his three symphonies completely (11)..... the achievements of all other composers of the late twentieth century and by (12) ..... the classical genre with jazz, rock and latterly hip-hop, his

work at times bore little (13) ..... to what is commonly considered to be a classical sound.

Born in California just after the Second World War, Hoffsberger had a strict religious (14)..... during which he was taught classical piano by his father. He first found work as a(n) (15) ..... journalist, playing and composing music in his free time. During the late sixties, he worked together in (16) ..... with a number of other amateur musicians before finally (17)..... professional with the first public performance of his inspirational Tenor Sax Concerto in 1971.

From then on, throughout the seventies and eighties, each new work seemed to (18)..... the limits of the orchestral medium and also helped to bring classical music to a wider audience. What many people consider Hoffsberger's defining quality that kept his music fresh and original was that he never lost the human (19) ..... which gave him the ability to sit down and jam with musicians and artists from all walks of life.

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| 7  | A. up             | B. down         | C. in             | D. of           |
| 8  | A. refurbished    | B. restored     | C. revolutionised | D. renovated    |
| 9  | A. kind           | B. form         | C. source         | D. outlet       |
| 10 | A. blooming       | B. budding      | C. branching      | D. bursting     |
| 11 | A. overturned     | B. overcame     | C. overwhelmed    | D. overshadowed |
| 12 | A. adjoining      | B. fusing       | C. co-joining     | D. attaching    |
| 13 | A. identification | B. resemblance  | C. similarity     | D. familiarity  |
| 14 | A. background     | B. upbringing   | C. childhood      | D. family       |
| 15 | A. freelance      | B. odd-job      | C. off-the-books  | D. non-contract |
| 16 | A. collaboration  | B. coordination | C. combination    | D. contribution |
| 17 | A. making         | B. turning      | C. getting        | D. taking       |

- 18 A. overpass            B. surpass            C. bypass            D. encompass
- 19 A. aspect            B. touch            C. contact            D feeling.

### Task 3

For questions 20-30, read the text below and choose A, B or C to fill in the gaps.

Shakespeare is England's most celebrated dramatist and poet. His works have been translated into (20) \_\_\_\_\_ languages. He helped shape the English we use today, introducing up to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ words and dozens of well-known phrases. His plays are known around the world for their universal themes and insight into the human condition. Yet much about the playwright is a mystery. Historians don't know his date of (22) \_\_\_\_\_, where he was educated or how he spent seven years of his life.

The Globe Theatre in London has been linked with Shakespeare through 400 years. It was built between 1597 and (23) \_\_\_\_\_ in Southwark on the south bank of London's River Thames. The Globe was built as a large, round, open air theatre. The Globe had (24) \_\_\_\_\_ stories of seating and was able to hold up to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ spectators in its' 100 foot diameter.

Shakespeare's plays made him both famous and wealthy. William Shakespeare was a shareholder who owned (26) \_\_\_\_\_ of The Globe Theatre. Colour coded flags were used outside the theatre to advertise the type of play to be performed – a (27) \_\_\_\_\_ flag for a history play, (28) \_\_\_\_\_ for a comedy play and (29) \_\_\_\_\_ for a tragedy play. A crest above the main entrance to The Globe Theatre was inscribed with motto "Totus mundus agit histrionem" – Latin for "The whole world is a (30) \_\_\_\_\_".

21	A 55	B 300	C 150
22	A birth	B christening	C marriage
23	A 1600	B 1599	C1609
24	A two	B three	C four
25	A 130	B 300	C 3000
26	A 100 %	B 12.5%	C 25%
27	A red	B blue	C white
28	A white	B black	C red
29	A black	B red	C white
30	A tragedy	B playhouse	C circus

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!**

## WRITING

**Time: 30 minutes**

Write an essay and express your opinion on the following problem:

**Some students live away from home and go to live in another city when they go to university. Do you think the advantages of living away from home will outweigh the disadvantages?**

Write **150 -200 words**.

**Remember to**

- make an introduction,
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion,
- make a conclusion.

**Transfer your work to the answer sheet!**

**You and your classmate are going to launch a new health awareness campaign for your school mates called “Avoiding illnesses is the responsibility of individuals”. You have to think TOP FIVE activities they have to follow in their everyday life to keep fit and healthy. Discuss the activities from the list below, give your reasons and explain your choices. In the end you have to agree on your choice. You will have 5 minutes to discuss the situation with your partner.**

Remember:

- you have to be active and polite
- come up with your ideas
- take turns to speak

You have **2 minutes** to think your choices over before you begin to speak

*washing your hands frequently      taking regular exercise      not smoking*  
*getting enough fresh air      having recommended vaccinations      eating healthily*  
*cleaning your teeth      avoiding sunburn      doing what makes you happy*  
*reducing stress      sleeping enough      drinking enough water      taking vitamins*