

LISTENING

Time 20 minutes

Task 1. Imagine you are starting a business course at college in the United States. You are going to listen to the text ONCE!

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

<p>A) Listen to the college professor and write A (true) or B (false) for each statement.</p>	<p>B) Complete the form. <u>(Example: 15 %)</u></p>
<p>1. There are five written assignments.</p> <p>2. Some assignments can be handed in late.</p> <p>3. There are two exams.</p> <p>4. Students have to do a 20-minute oral report.</p> <p>5. There are 25 classes.</p> <p>6. It is possible for all students to get an A.</p>	<p>7. _____ % Mid-term exam</p> <p>8. _____ % Final exam</p> <p>9. _____ % Written assignments</p> <p>10. _____ % Oral report</p> <p>11. ____ % Preparedness/participation</p> <p>12. ____ % of the final grade each written report present.</p>

Task 2. You will hear three different extracts. For questions 13 - 18 choose the answer (**A, B or C**) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

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

13. 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.

14. Why does the woman think the piano is not the best instrument for young children to learn?

- A.** It is not possible to play simple tunes on the piano.
- B.** Paying the piano can discourage children from learning another instrument.
- C.** Most young children are not mature enough to learn the piano.

Extract Two

You hear part of an interview with a rock climber.

15. In Ben's view, what is the best way to improve as a climber?

- A.** take the advice of other climbers
- B.** learn from the mistakes you make
- C.** watch more experienced climbers

16. 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.

Extract Three

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

17. 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.

18. In that way, according to Amanda, are most restaurant owners completely wrong?

- A. They think customers choose a restaurant only for its quality or service.
- B. They misjudge customers' motivation for going to restaurants.
- C. They think that they have different priorities to their customers.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

Time 30 minutes

Task: Read the passage. Do the task 1, task 2, task 3 which go after the text.

The Lost City

An explorer's encounter with the ruined city of Machu Picchu, the most famous icon of the Inca civilisation

1. When the US explorer and academic Hiram Bingham arrived in South America in 1911, he was ready for what was to be the greatest achievement of his life: the exploration of the remote hinterland to the west of Cusco, the old capital of the Inca empire in the Andes mountains of Peru. His goal was to locate the remains of a city called Vitcos, the last capital of the Inca civilisation. Cusco lies on a high plateau at an elevation of more than 3,000 metres, and Bingham's plan was to descend from this plateau along the valley of the Urubamba river, which takes a circuitous route down to the Amazon and passes through an area of dramatic canyons and mountain ranges.
2. When Bingham and his team set off down the Urubamba in late July, they had an advantage over travellers who had preceded them: a track had recently been blasted down the valley canyon to enable rubber to be brought up by mules from the jungle. Almost all previous travellers had left the river at Ollantaytambo and taken a high pass across the mountains to rejoin the river lower down, thereby cutting a substantial corner, but also therefore never passing through the area around Machu Picchu.
3. On 24 July they were a few days into their descent of the valley. The day began slowly, with Bingham trying to arrange sufficient mules for the next stage of the trek. His companions showed no interest in accompanying him up the nearby hill to see some ruins that a local farmer, Melchor Arteaga, had told them about the night before. The morning was dull and damp, and Bingham also seems to have

been less than keen on the prospect of climbing the hill. In his book *Lost City of the Incas*, he relates that he made the ascent without having the least expectation that he would find anything at the top.

4. Bingham writes about the approach in vivid style in his book. First, as he climbs up the hill, he describes the ever-present possibility of deadly snakes, 'capable of making considerable springs when in pursuit of their prey'; not that he sees any. Then there's a sense of mounting discovery as he comes across great sweeps of terraces, then a mausoleum, followed by monumental staircases and, finally, the grand ceremonial buildings of Machu Picchu. 'It seemed like an unbelievable dream ... the sight held me spellbound ... ' he wrote.

5. We should remember, however, that *Lost City of the Incas* is a work of hindsight, not written until 1948, many years after his journey. His journal entries of the time reveal a much more gradual appreciation of his achievement. He spent the afternoon at the ruins noting down the dimensions of some of the buildings, then descended and rejoined his companions, to whom he seems to have said little about his discovery. At this stage, Bingham didn't realise the extent or the importance of the site, nor did he realise what use he could make of the discovery.

6. However, soon after returning it occurred to him that he could make a name for himself from this discovery. When he came to write the *National Geographic* magazine article that broke the story to the world in April 1913, he knew he had to produce a big idea. He wondered whether it could have been the birthplace of the very first Inca, Manco the Great, and whether it could also have been what chroniclers described as 'the last city of the Incas'. This term refers to Vilcabamba, the settlement where the Incas had fled from Spanish invaders in the 1530s. Bingham made desperate attempts to prove this belief for nearly 40 years. Sadly, his vision of the site as both the beginning and end of the Inca civilisation, while a

magnificent one, is inaccurate. We now know that Vilcabamba actually lies 65 kilometres away in the depths of the jungle.

7. One question that has perplexed visitors, historians and archaeologists alike ever since Bingham, is why the site seems to have been abandoned before the Spanish Conquest. There are no references to it by any of the Spanish chroniclers - and if they had known of its existence so close to Cusco they would certainly have come in search of gold. An idea which has gained wide acceptance over the past few years is that Machu Picchu was a moya, a country estate built by an Inca emperor to escape the cold winters of Cusco, where the elite could enjoy monumental architecture and spectacular views. Furthermore, the particular architecture of Machu Picchu suggests that it was constructed at the time of the greatest of all the Incas, the emperor Pachacuti (c. 1438-71). By custom, Pachacuti's descendants built other similar estates for their own use, and so Machu Picchu would have been abandoned after his death, some 50 years before the Spanish Conquest.

Task 1. Reading Passage has seven paragraphs, 1-7. Choose the correct heading for each paragraph from the list of headings (A-H) below. There is one heading you do not need to use.

List of Headings

- A. Different accounts of the same journey*
- B. Bingham gains support*
- C. A common belief*
- D. The aim of the trip*
- E. Dramatic description*
- F. A new route*
- G. Bingham publishes his theory*
- H. Bingham's lack of enthusiasm*

Write the correct letter, A-H, in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

Task 2. Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage ?

In boxes 8-11 on your answer sheet, write

A (TRUE) if the statement agrees with the information

B (FALSE) if the statement contradicts the information

C (NOT GIVEN) if there is no information on this

8. Bingham went to South America in search of an Inca city.
9. Bingham chose a particular route down the Urubamba valley because it was the most common route used by travelers.
10. Bingham understood the significance of Machu Picchu as soon as he saw it.
11. Bingham returned to Machu Picchu in order to find evidence to support his theory.

Task 3. Complete the sentences below. Choose ONE WORD ONLY from the passage for each answer. Write your answers in boxes 12-13 on your answer sheet.

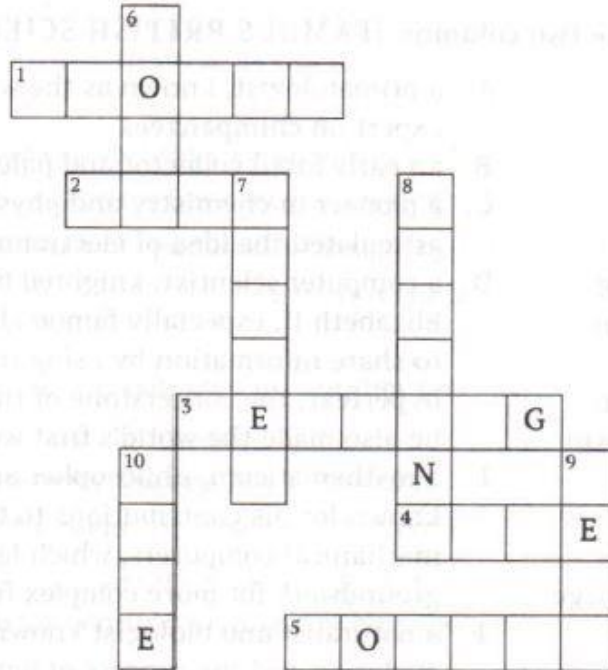
12. The track that took Bingham down the Urubamba valley had been created for the transportation of
13. Bingham found out about the ruins of Machu Picchu from a in the Urubamba valley.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Use of English

Time: 45 minutes

Task 1. Complete the crossword



1. Oh my God, he thought, someone had ... into his apartment. *to enter a house using force*
2. It seemed like his head had only just hit the pillow when the alarm ... off. *sound an alarm*
3. The wounds were gradually ... up. *to recover*
4. "I don't know," I said, "I ... in." *to admit defeat*
5. John ... the cat in the apartment. *to imprison or trap*
6. When anaesthetic ... off completely, he would be in pain. *to stop having an effect*
7. Normally, he ... in quite late. *go to bed*
8. He tried to put on a smile but she kept ... away and gave him the cold shoulder. *to avert your eyes*
9. His lack of confidence has always ... him back. *to not do something because of fear*
10. What can I do to ... up for my stupid behaviour? *to compensate*

Task 2. For questions 11 - 16, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

11. He may be nearly 90 years old, but in no does his enthusiasm for life appear diminished.
The company is on its to becoming the world's largest producer of satellite dishes.
She bought me a bunch of flowers by of apology for getting annoyed with me.
12. Early summer is without the best time to visit the island.
All the tickets have been sold, so there's no of rearranging the concert at this stage.
We were nearly at the end of meeting before the redundancies was brought up.
13. She never with just passing an exam; she always wants an excellent mark.
Jamie's a very responsible boy, so I'm quite to let him look after the children.
If the salt of food is very high, I try to avoid it.
14. They became increasingly about their daughter as she continued to lose weight.
I left there early as I was to avoid the heavy traffic during the rush hour.
My parents were that I should settle down and find the job.
15. There are to be fewer than 4000 tigers surviving in the wild in India.
It's an interesting idea, but I wouldn't have it was practical.
The nearest village was five miles away, but he nothing of walking there to do his shopping.
16. We first met on May 21st 1997 which, by , happened to be my 21st birthday.
Mr Turner claimed that it was mere that he sold his share of the company the day before it was declared bankrupt.
Perhaps it is no that poets often seem to lead very troubled lives.

Task 3. For questions 17 - 25, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Music really can reduce that pain

A survey has recently been carried (17) into the way music affected people in pain, and (18) it seems to show is that certain songs can actually reduce the sensation of physical pain. About 40% of people

suffering (19)continuous pain said that music helped them feel better, with an even higher figure (20) young people: a remarkable two- thirds of those taking part (21) reported to have said it had had a positive effect (22) their symptoms.

The type of music played appears to make less difference than might (23) imagined. Pop music, as (24) as it is fairly gentle and not too loud, is slightly ahead of classical as the favorite for dealing with pain. Researchers believe that listening to your favorite music, (25) may directly affect both your emotions and your thoughts, can have the very welcome effect of distracting you from what is hurting.

Task 4. Match the two columns (authors- characters)

	Author		Character
26	Ian Fleming	A	Aslan
27	Lord Byron	B	Mowgli
28	Virginia Woolf	C	Mr Ramsay
29	Rudyard Kipling	D	Elinor Dashwood
30	C. S. Lewis	E	James Bond
31	Jane Austen	F	Adam
32	Agatha Christie	G	Childe Harold
33	Lewis Carroll	H	Victor Frankenstein
34	Mary Shelley	I	Alice
35	John Milton	J	Hercule Poirot

WRITING

Time: 40 minutes

Your school has money to spend on improving the buildings and facilities. The Principal has asked each class to suggest how the money should be spent, and your class has decided it would like the library to be extended, more books to be bought and resources (e.g. computers) to be upgraded.

Write a proposal to the Principle outlining the benefits of your proposal.

Use 120-160 words.

Transfer your review to the answer sheet.

