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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.

	Speaker 1	
A Talking to friends makes me feel good.	-	1
B Taking exercise works for me.	Speaker 2	
C Receiving e-mails cheers me up.		2
D I have to go shopping.	Speaker 3	3
E I need to eat something sweet.	Speaker 4	
F I rely on music.		4
	Speaker 5	
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TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

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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.

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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 <u>what</u> D when **SPACE CADETS**

Everybody loves a joke, right? But (0) C if the joke is on you? That is what nine unwitting 'thrillseekers' 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.

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

Task 2 3,5

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 <u>risky</u>	
Skiing	
Nowadays, skiing is much less (0) than it used	RISK
to be. Many people get a lot of (13) from skiing.	ENJOY
It is popular as a leisure (14) for people	ACT
of all ages and also as a highly (15)	COMPETE
sport which can be practised up to Olympic	
standard. The spectacular mountain (16),	SCENE
bright sunshine, fresh air and the sheer (17)	EXCITE
of moving at high speed attract thousands of (18)	TOUR
to the snowy (19) regions of the world.	MOUNTAIN
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Task 3 10

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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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

WRITING
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You have 20 minutes to do this task.
You have received a letter from your English pen-friend Jane who writes: Dear N
Thanks for your kind invitation to come and stay with you. I'll be coming over in January for two weeks. Is there a lot to do in January? I'd like to bring a little present for your parents. What do they like? Anyway, I'm arriving on the 4 th of January at 19:10. What's the best way to get to your house? Write back soon. Best wishes, Jane
Write a letter to Jane. Answer her questions.
Write 100-140 words.
Remember the rules of letter-writing.

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