

LISTENING Time: 20 minutes

Task 1 Listen to a telephone conversation and for questions 1-7 indicate whether the following statements are true or false by writing **T** for true and **F** for false. **You will hear the text twice.**

1. A man is calling from home. ____
2. He has been phoning for about 15 minutes. ____
3. The man keeps making a funny noise. ____
4. The man dialed a wrong number. ____
5. The man hasn't put enough money in the phone box. ____
6. The problem is because of crossed lines. ____
7. The man got through after talking to the operator. ____

Task 2.

Part 1

You are going to listen to a talk about the city of Pompeii. As you listen, for questions 9-14 fill in the gaps in the notes below with ONE word or number, for questions 15-18 indicate whether the following statements are true or not by writing T for a statement which is true, F for a statement which is false. You will hear the text twice.

Over 2,000 years ago, many rich Romans spent their 8. _____ in the city of Pompeii which was located on the Bay of Naples. Pliny saw the eruption of the 9. _____ Vesuvius. It was a 10. _____ sight. Rock and ash flew

through the air. The city of Pompeii was 11. _____ of Mt. Vesuvius. When the volcano first erupted, many people were able to 12. _____ the city. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for everyone to escape. More than 13. _____ people died. They were buried alive under the volcanic ash. The eruption lasted for about 14 ____ days.

Indicate whether the following statements are true or not by writing

T for a statement which is true;

F for a statement which is false;

15. Pompeii was buried under 20 feet of volcanic rock and ash. ____
16. The city of Pompeii could never be forgotten. ____
17. An Italian farmer found a part of a wall of the ancient city of Pompeii on his farm. ____
18. Now, tourists come to see the ruins of the famous city of Pompeii. ____

READING COMPREHENSION (20 minutes)

Part 1. The people below are all looking for a guidebook about Australia. Below there are reviews of eight guidebooks. Decide which guidebook would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 1-5 mark the correct letter (A-H) on your answer sheet.

1. Amy is a student who wants to travel around Australia. She hasn't got much money so wants information about cheap hostels and public transport. She needs a guidebook that isn't heavy.
2. Lee wants to spend time in the main cities in Australia. He'll fly from one city to another. He needs city maps and information about sightseeing, restaurants and comfortable hotels.
3. Peter and Katya want to read about Australia before going there. They're interested in the country's history and want a book with plenty of pictures and maps.
4. Amir is interested in visiting places where there are few other tourists. He'll drive from place to place so needs some route maps. He needs advice on where to stay.
5. Eve wants to live in a house or flat for two months and explore one part of Australia. She needs to decide where to go so she's looking for information about different regions.

Books about Australia

- A. **Travel Australia** has information on areas which are harder to get to and are therefore not so busy. There's a large section containing maps and detailed directions because most of the places can only be reached by car. Some are quite isolated so the lists of hotels and restaurants are essential.
- B. Use the information in **Travel with Cookson** to visit Australia's cities without spending too much. It's full of useful addresses and phone numbers for cheap accommodation, restaurants and places you can visit for free. The disadvantages are that the maps are small and there's no travel information.
- C. The relaxing way to see Australia is by rail. Plan your journeys with **About Australia** and decide where to stop by reading the sections on history and culture. Hotels and restaurants are recommended along each route. It's a large book but there's plenty to read. The maps are good but there aren't many photographs.
- D. All the accommodation in **Destination Australia** has been visited and checked by researchers and is accompanied by colour photographs to help you choose a house or flat which suits your needs. There is a brief summary of each region, with a description and a list of things to do.

houses and flats for rent.

- E. Visit Australia's most important cities with **Simpson's Guide**. It's a fat book, with information on where to stay, where to eat and what to do but focuses on the luxury end of the market. The maps of the cities are excellent and it also covers transport by road, rail and air.
- F. What makes **Greet Places: Australia** different is the outstanding photography. Printed on high-quality paper with excellent maps, it's heavy but is good to read when preparing your trip. It has information on many areas of interest including history and art but very little on hotels and restaurants.
- G. **Discover Australia** focuses on independent travellers who haven't got a lot of money. It only contains the information you need so it's much thinner than most guidebooks and fits in your pocket. Inside you'll find reviews of hostels and information about buses and trains as well as the best places to go.
- H. Whatever kind of accommodation you're looking for in Australia, you'll find it in **Open Door**. It's organised by region so you need to know where you want to go before you start looking. For each region, there's detailed information on hotels and hostels as well as

Questions 6-15

Look at the sentences about a sports stadium. Read the text below to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark T on your answer sheet. If it is not correct, mark F on your answer sheet.

6. The stadium is taller than most other buildings in Cardiff. ____
7. Seats were built before the first sporting event at Cardiff Arms Park. ____
8. New rules meant fewer people would be able to watch a match in the stadium. ____
9. The idea of building a new stadium in a different part of the city was considered. ____
10. It is possible to change the position of the roof depending on the weather. ____
11. Seats in the middle of the stadium have a better view than those in the corners. ____
12. The stadium is easy to reach by public transport. ____
13. On a tour, it is possible to see the parts of the stadium used by players. ____
14. The last tour finishes at 4 pm on a Sunday. ____
15. Tours should be booked and paid for by phone in advance. ____

The Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

A new sports stadium opened in Cardiff, capital of Wales, in June 1999. The stadium stands proudly over the city as there aren't many other high buildings. It was built on the site of the world-famous Cardiff Arms Park rugby stadium.

The original Cardiff Arms Park was a piece of ground next to the River Taff, given to the city residents in 1803 by the Marquis of Bute. The idea was that it would be used for leisure activities. The first sporting event on the piece of ground was in 1848 when a cricket match was organised but it wasn't until 1881 that the first seating area of 300 seats was built. Over the next hundred years, Cardiff Arms Park became well known as a location for many important rugby matches.

By the 1990s it had become clear that the stadium was no longer big enough. At that time, there was room for 53,000 people in the Cardiff stadium (including 11,000 standing). This total number would soon be reduced by a law on safety which stopped people standing in stadiums.

A number of different choices were looked at. One was to expand the size of the existing stadium, increasing the number of seats by one-third. Another suggestion was to find another site somewhere in Cardiff to build a new stadium. But in the end it was decided to knock down the old stadium and build a new one on the same site.

Work began on 27 April 1997. It was the first stadium in Britain to have a moving roof so the whole stadium can be covered if it rains or the roof can be left open if it is fine.

Another successful design feature is that wherever you sit in the stadium you have an excellent view, even if you're in one of the corners.

The stadium is just a few minutes' walk from the Central Station with bus stops nearby so it is in a perfect location. If you happen to be in Cardiff, you can take a tour of the stadium. Climb to the top and enjoy the views, run down the players' tunnel and imagine yourself being cheered by 72,000 people or visit the changing rooms, training rooms and medical rooms. Tours take place Monday-Saturday (first tour departs 10am, last tour departs 5pm), Sundays and public holidays (first tour departs 10am, last tour departs 4 pm), but there are no tours on match or event days. Tours leave from Gate 3 (Westgate Street). You should arrive 10 minutes before the departure of the tour and payment is due upon arrival. For prices of a Millennium Stadium Tour call 029 2082 2228.

USE of ENGLISH (20 minutes)

Part 1. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence, using no more than THREE words.

Example:

0 It was Marco's first visit to The Globe Theatre.

Marco _____ been to The Globe Theatre before.

Write **only the missing words** on your answer sheet.

Answer:

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- The Globe is more famous than most other theatres.
Most other theatres are not _____ The Globe.
- Many of Shakespeare's plays are shown at The Globe Theatre.
The Globe Theatre _____ many of Shakespeare's plays.
- The Globe Theatre opens in May and closes in September.
The Globe Theatre is open from May _____ September.
- The Globe Theatre does not have a roof.
There _____ no roof on The Globe Theatre.
- Visitors mustn't smoke in The Globe Theatre.
Smoking is _____ in The Globe Theatre.

Part 2. For questions 16-25, match the idioms with their definitions from the list A to M. There are two extra

idioms that you do not need to use.

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| 6. Something very unpleasant to look at (e.g. a building) | A. | A blessing in disguise |
| 7. Something extremely easy to do | B. | A scapegoat |
| 8. A very important day in someone's life | C. | A dead-end job |
| 9. Unnecessary bureaucracy | D. | A storm in a teacup |
| 10. Something which appears bad at first but then turns out well | E. | A false alarm |
| 11. A wild guess | F. | Grey matter |
| 12. A tiresome, irritating person | G. | A nest-egg |
| 13. Someone who is blamed for other people's mistakes | H. | A pain in the neck |
| 14. A lot of excitement and discussion about something trivial | I. | A piece of cake |
| 15. An amount of money saved for future use | J. | Red tape |
| | K. | A red-letter day |
| | L. | An eyesore |
| | M. | A shot in the dark |

