

Транскрипции текстов для аудирования

Задание 1

Question 1

Sally: Ooh. Wasn't that a great film!

Geoff: Great? You looked terrified to me.

Sally: I wasn't really. I know I get carried away a bit but that's how I enjoy myself.

Geoff: I thought you were going to jump into my lap. It was a good laugh really.

Sally: Don't be silly, Geoff, These films are meant to make you jump.

Question 2

There's a new service available at Jeff Dean's Gym from today. Consultant Jenny Law will offer gym members complete dietary analysis and fitness assessments. If you book before 5th November you will get a 33% discount and pay only 20 instead of the usual 30 pounds. Make sure you're fit enough for the next century. Consult the experts at Jeff Dean's Gym, Join today!

Question 3

You have reached the Gas Hotline. If you have a complaint concerning our service you may speak to our customer care line by dialing 3 after the tone. If you would like to arrange for regular servicing to any of your gas appliances you may speak to our service engineers by dialing 4 after the tone. Our emergency service can be contacted by dialing 5 after the tone.

Question 4

Police in Oxwich are to charge 51-year-old local counsellor, James Reeves, after he threatened a youth who was breaking into his car last night. Mr. Reeves heard the sound of breaking glass and went to investigate, taking his shotgun with him. The gun wasn't loaded but Mr. Reeves is still to be charged. The youth, who was trying to steal the car radio, has not been charged.

Question 5

Harry: Welcome back, Sally. How was your holiday? You've certainly got a good tan.

Sally: Yes, it wasn't bad, not bad at all.

Harry: I heard the weather was bad in Sardinia.

Sally: Oh, It was terrible on the other side of the island. Rained all day apparently. But we were lucky I guess.

Question 6

The story of tartan is as old as the story of Scotland itself. It's not clear when tartans first appeared but the clan system, a bit like the tribal system, began around the twelfth century. The different colours developed as weavers used the different dyes, which are available in each area. And sometime in the fifteenth century particular patterns and colours became associated with the clan (fade out)

Question 7

Jim: (fade in) ...and parking is inside the gates. Okay. But what if I get lost?

Pete: Well, Merton is very small so you can ask.

Jim: Will everyone know where the clubhouse is?

Pete: Maybe not, but everyone will know where the new leisure centre is. Ask for the leisure centre - not the community centre - and the clubhouse is right next door.

Question 8

Hello, yes, it's the secretarial pool here, ordering lunch as usual. Have you got a pen?

(PAUSE) Okay here goes. Two egg mayonnaise on wholemeal bread. Two ham and mustard on white bread.

(PAUSE) Yes, that's right - of each.

And we want one salad sandwich and one jumbo sausage and egg sandwich,

(PAUSE) Right. And we'll want five diet cokes, an orange juice and three packets of crisps. Got that? ... (fade out)

Задание 2

Elephant polo player: Of course, polo is normally played on horses, and it's a very fast game. Well, we don't claim that elephant polo is the fastest game in the world but we always maintain it's the biggest. The elephants do actually enjoy polo. Definitely. It's a lot of fun for them because they're social animals, and a polo tournament is a week when dozens of elephants meet up, many from the same family, like a reunion. And of course they get fed extremely well — better than in their normal life. They use up a lot of energy and get through masses of sugar cane, especially at half-time.

The players sit on elephants and hit a white wooden ball, using a long bamboo stick that has a polo mallet head on the end of it. The pitch is about three-quarters the length of a football pitch, and the goals are the same width as football goals. There's a basic saddle and the players are strapped onto the elephants. We've never had a serious accident. A mahout - an elephant handler — sits behind each player and guides the elephant. Sometimes the mahouts have their own games, guiding the elephant and hitting the ball as well. That takes incredible skill.

During a game, if the ball hits an elephant, that's fine. Their legs are quite thick and they do get in the way. Quite often they will kick the ball so that they can run after it. They're not allowed to pick up the ball with their trunks, though they sometimes try. That would be a free hit to the other side.

There are four elephants per team in a tournament, plus the referee's elephant — that's nine on the pitch at any one time. We usually have sixteen animals available on any given day, in four teams. There are two halves, called chukkas, in a game of elephant polo, the same as in normal polo. We play ten minutes of actual play. Whenever the whistle blows, the clock stops. A novice team might score one or two goals, if they're lucky, while an advanced team might score about ten.

The polo rules are that a man can only hold the stick with his right arm, even if he is left-handed. Women can use both hands. Using the stick is hard work, because it's long and the head is heavy. By the end of the game, your arm will be aching. But it's an easy game to pick up with a little practice.

During the game, you chase after the ball on your elephant, going quite quickly, and you can easily miss it, though the elephant will often help you out with his foot. The elephants usually supply the entertainment. They might decide to lie down across the goal for fun but that's an absolute no-no.

Ultimately it's about elephants charging up and down the pitch, scoring great goals themselves and having a lot of fun. If the elephants didn't enjoy it, or if there was any form of misbehaving, they would be removed from the game — sent off, if you like. It's not worth risking an elephant with an attitude problem,

You get all sorts. You get big elephants that are a bit older and wiser, and we use a lot of small ones that can be exceptionally quick. We try to remove what you might call the elephant factor by swapping elephants and mahouts with the other team at half-time. If you've got elephants that don't normally live together, there can be some tension. The sport always uses Indian elephants. The problem with African ones is that their ears get in the way. And they're much taller.