

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

Task 1. You will hear a telephone conversation about a job vacancy. For items 1—5, choose the best option (A, B or C). You will hear the recording twice. You will have 20 seconds before a second recording.

1. Steve calls the agency to find out about
A a permanent post at a call centre.
B the nature of the job advertised.
C the amount he would be paid.
2. Ellen says that the problem with some students is that they
A are not completely honest.
B lack essential IT skills.
C arrive late for work.
3. Steve would mainly take calls from customers
A who want information about their credit card accounts.
B whose credit cards have been stolen.
C who have lost their credit cards.
4. The current proportion of female to male callers is
A 55% and 45%
B 15% and 85%
C 50% and 50%
5. Ellen says that call centre operatives should be
A experienced.
B intelligent.
C helpful.

Task 2. You will hear a speech about university societies. For items 6—10, choose the best option (A, B or C). You will hear the recording twice. You will have 20 seconds before a second recording.

6. How many societies can students join at the university?
A three
B more than 100
C about 20 or so
7. What is the Rock society about?
A rock climbing
B outdoor activities
C music

8. How many hours a week do students spend in the Mountaineering club?
A from five to ten
B from one to five
C nine
9. When does the Mountaineering club visit real mountains?
A at their regular meetings
B when they have vacancies
C during the vacation
10. What kind of classes is the Dance Club putting on in the summer?
A Scottish dancing
B a selection of dances
C salsa

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. You are going to read an article about professional autograph hunters. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap (1-7). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A Perhaps the most extreme of these high drama stories are about Alfie Pettit, who runs “Alfie Autographs of Hollywood.”

B During his presidency, President Clinton was chased for miles by a 16-year-old boy from New York to get his autograph on a photo of the White House.

C As celebrity has become one of the dominant aspects of American culture, the public’s passion for owning anything connected to celebrities has exploded.

D Joe Kraus, owner of Celebrity Galleries in Stockton, California, says “the artist has made money off the public, so the public, in some ways, is making money off the artist.”

E Autograph seekers have books that contain six or eight pictures to be signed by just one actor.

F The Hollywood trade magazines tell him which stars are cast in movies and TV shows, as well as providing him with a list of which streets will be closed for filming.

G Collectors feel that getting an autograph has become a dangerous game where some of the most successful autograph hunters literally chase celebrities for their autographs.

H Kraus said one of the hardest autographs to obtain is Elizabeth Taylor’s, because most of “her” signatures are actually done by secretaries and so aren’t genuine.

Star Signs

Each day in Los Angeles, from posh hotels to trendy nightclubs, from the back gates of television studios to peaceful restaurants, celebrities are being harassed for their signatures. A bold breed of entrepreneur has emerged in Hollywood: the professional autograph hunter. “In the old days, autograph seekers were very nice and friendly, and true collectors,” said Pat Kingsley, whose public relations firm represents some of the biggest stars in Hollywood.

In Hollywood today, autograph seeking has turned into a serious business. The fact is that autographs of famous stars can command hundreds of dollars on the open market. **1...** Because they view it as a business and part of their livelihood, these autograph hunters can become very hostile if celebrities refuse to accommodate them.

Autograph hunters defend themselves by arguing that the only reason some celebrities don't want to sign autographs is because they don't make any money from the sale of their own signatures. **2...** Many autograph hunters like Kraus agree that they shouldn't be criticised for their methods of making money, even if it is at the expense of the stars. The value of celebrity autographs varies depending on whose they are and how often the celebrity has provided their signature. **3...** Another difficult person to get autographs from is Harrison Ford. It is said that even people working on a movie with him cannot get his autograph.

While the demand for celebrity signatures is high, real collectors disapprove of autograph hunters and their methods. **4...** These hunters will stake out stars at hotels, restaurants and nightclubs and then, if the stars refuse to sign, chase their car until they pull over or escape in traffic.

There are many tales about some autograph hunters and the tricks they get up to. **5...** He cruises Hollywood in a big black Cadillac, his trunk filled with hundreds of celebrity photos, arranged alphabetically so he can have the right one on hand at a moment's notice. Alfie claims that the majority of very famous stars are courteous and very nice with him and fans in general.

Like most autograph hunters, Pettit has his own system for finding stars and getting his hands on their autographs. **6...** Pettit is also a master of disguise. He can look like a college student or dress up as a woman if he has to. Once, after getting Julia Roberts to sign a photo during the filming of one of her movies, Pettit changed his disguise, went back and got three more signatures from her.

Actors and singers are not the only celebrities that are approached by autograph hunters – the list has grown to include politicians. **7...** Later on, it was discovered that even at such a young age, the boy was a professional autograph hunter. It appears that what once was the ultimate display of admiration has now grown into a multi-million-dollar enterprise, and it seems that almost everyone wants in.

Task 2. You are going to read an article about treasure hunters. For questions 8-15, choose from the people (A-D) the one who

- 8 ___pursues his hobby as a change from his everyday life
- 9 ___turned his former hobby into a profitable job
- 10 ___says success doesn't come often in his hobby
- 11 ___is a recognised expert at what he does
- 12 ___has a job which involves something he enjoyed from an early age
- 13 ___says that certain people disapprove of what he does
- 14 ___mentions European decorative art
- 15 ___mentions those who look at the objects he finds

A. Jason Pritt

I'm a salvage diver by profession, working for an international company that helps to retrieve items from under the water – anything from cars to whole ships. Like many other people who earn their living as divers, I also do it for pleasure. In my free time I look for sunken treasure. There are still many ships lying at the bottom of the sea with cargoes of gold and silver just waiting to be discovered. But it is a very time-consuming hobby, with a very high failure rate. It requires a lot of research into the history of shipwrecks, and even with the latest technology it can be difficult to locate them. Many marine archaeologists object to people like me diving for treasure, as they claim it can disturb underwater historical sites. However, it is perfectly legal to seek out treasure under the sea. Also, if I find something I think is of historical value, I hand it over to a museum, so I think I actually help historians. Of course, anything else I find I sell to collectors.

B. Steve Adams

When I was a little boy, I really used to enjoy digging around in our back garden and at the beach, looking for anything of interest. So it's hardly surprising that I grew up to become an archaeologist. I wouldn't say it was easy getting to the top of the profession, and it took me many years to become a respected leader in my field. It's usually hot, hard work on an archaeological dig, sifting carefully through layers of ancient dirt under the sun all day long. It is very rewarding, though. I'm very proud of the priceless objects that have been uncovered at the sites I'm in charge of. I believe that I have helped to give the world some beautiful ancient artefacts that we would never have found otherwise, and that this has contributed both to our world heritage and to our knowledge of the past.

C. Mike Irwin

I used to work as an office manager, but when I realised that I was actually making more money from my hobby, I handed in my notice and became a full-time antique collector and dealer. Most collectors have a speciality, and mine is Art Deco objects, jewellery and furniture. This is a style that was very popular in the 1920s and 30s, and which is still popular with many collectors today. My favourite hunting grounds are flea markets, car boot sales and jumble sales, because I can often find items at amazingly cheap prices and sell them on for a good profit. I sometimes go to antique fairs, too, but I don't usually go to auctions, as they tend to be quite expensive. If you want to succeed in this business you need to have a very well-trained eye in order to be able to tell which pieces are authentic and which ones are simply modern replicas of the Art Deco style. I'm very lucky, in that I can make a good living doing something I enjoy so much.

D. *John Lessing*

During the week I'm a schoolteacher – I teach Maths – but at the weekend I need to take a break from my usual routine, so my son and I become amateur treasure hunters. Every weekend we take our metal detectors to the countryside to scour the fields for interesting objects. Some of the best places are fields that were once battle grounds, as you can come across all sorts of fascinating items. Most of the time we tend to unearth things such as old coins or uniform buttons. We keep our best finds in the dining room at home, so we can show our collection to friends and visitors. I'll always remember the time we actually discovered a Viking hoard that had been buried for over a thousand years. It was one of the most substantial and valuable finds ever made in our region, and it is now on exhibit at our local museum.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Why Roblox?	
<p>Roblox, an online game platform and game creation system, boasts 56 million monthly players. This puts it ahead of Minecraft.</p>	
<p>The secret is that it provides teenagers with an (1)..... entrepreneurial opportunity as it lets them build games using its technology and earn money. There are some other reasons why Roblox is sticky and (2)..... for children. Generally, children can access and create various games in any (3)..... genre developing creativity and proficiency. Due to created games many 18-year olds have finance and pay for their college education. In this respect they call Roblox (4)..... attractive.</p>	<p>PRECEDENT</p> <p>ADDICT IMAGINE</p> <p>LUCRATIVE</p>
<p>Another property of this platform is being experiential. (5)..... classes in a virtual school is a big part of the experience in the “Roblox High School” game. One player gets to be the teacher, and the rest sit in class until time is up. Role play develops social skills. Many games such as “Jailbreak” or “Murder Mystery 2” are called (6)..... by experts since they look complicated because of details but in fact too simple to play.</p>	<p>ATTEND</p> <p>SIMPLE</p>
<p>They also mention a (7)..... array of creative games among which is “Pockémon Brick Bronze” that gives unique, user-generated 3D experiences from a stunning adventure and enhances search skills. Further, every game is (8)..... , and a friends-list feature makes it easy to play in a group. And because every Roblox game is free to play, it is easy for the whole crew to roll from one game to another.</p>	<p>DIZZY</p> <p>PLAYER</p>
<p>Ultimately, the secret to Roblox’s success is no mystery. It provides an endless stream of new and novel experiences that children can enjoy with their friends, on every device. It is a cross between "The Matrix" and their favourite (9) park.</p>	<p>NEIGHBOUR</p>

Task 2. Read the text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

Tips for Flying

The number and length of flights has (10) sharply in the past few years and the number of passengers on long distance flights is also higher. As the human body was not designed for flying, people can (11) if they have not been on an aeroplane for a long time. Therefore, it is important to (12) certain measures to increase your comfort. In the air, your body is more (13) to the effects of coffee, tea and rich or fatty foods, so it is best to (14) these the day before you leave as well as during the flight. A long-distance journey often (15) travellers feeling stiff, because they have been sitting in one (16) for several hours.

In order to reduce the (17) of this happening to you, there are some exercises you can do while you are flying. (18) this, a hot shower taken after the flight can be an effective (19) of minimising stiffness. If you wear loose clothing made from (20) materials such as cotton, you will feel more comfortable as your skin will be able to breathe easily.

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| 10 | A increased | B spread | C elevated | D developed |
| 11 | A bear | B endure | C tolerate | D suffer |
| 12 | A have | B make | C do | D take |
| 13 | A weak | B fragile | C sensitive | D delicate |
| 14 | A delete | B ignore | C prevent | D avoid |
| 15 | A results | B causes | C makes | D leaves |
| 16 | A position | B point | C space | D situation |
| 17 | A accidents | B chances | C opportunities | D fortunes |
| 18 | A Apart | B Besides | C Except | D Despite |
| 19 | A way | B route | C direction | D path |
| 20 | A natural | B pure | C real | D pleasant |

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WRITING

Time: 30 minutes

Write an essay expressing your opinion on the following problem:

Pet experts say that today more and more people tend to have pets. They emphasize that people have a choice between adopting a pet from a shelter and buying a pet from a breeder. It is a difficult choice. What would you choose and why?

Write **100–150** words.

Remember to

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