

### Конкурс № 1 – Понимание устного текста (LISTENING)

Время выполнения – 10 минут, максимальное количество баллов – 10. Процедура проверки ответов: работы проверяются по ключам. Каждый правильный ответ – 1 балл. Перед началом выполнения конкурса участникам дается 30 секунд для ознакомления с заданием, а по окончании аудиозаписи – 2 минуты для перенесения ответов в лист ответов.

#### **The Transcript**

*Listening. You will hear the conversation between the interviewer and the author of a new book. Choose the best answer for each question (A, B, C or D). You will hear the text twice. Now you have 30 seconds to look through the questions [Pause 30 seconds].*

*Now we begin.*

*Interviewer:* Daniel Ash, your new book is a collection of articles about people with strange jobs.

*Daniel:* Yes, I collected stories about unusual jobs from all over the world.

*I.:* So you're not talking about actors or shop assistants.

*D.:* No, all the people in the book have very strange jobs.

*I.:* I see it's organized into different industries, like the cleaning industry. But isn't cleaning a normal job?

*D.:* Normally, yes. But did you know there's a man in America called Brad Fields and he cleans chewing gum off the Statue of Liberty? Well, actually, now he's got a company called Gumbusters. But that's all they do – they clean gum off the streets and famous buildings of New York.

*I.:* Oh, what a horrible job!

*D.:* Yes, apparently Americans chew 56 billion pieces of chewing gum a year. Then they throw most of it onto the street. That's a lot of cleaning.

*I.:* OK, that job is quite unusual. But what about in the food industry?

*D.:* Well, when a company wants to advertise food they sometimes need a food stylist. Their job is to make food look good in advertisements.

I.: I've never heard of that job before.

D.: Well, there are only about 20 food stylists in Britain. For example, when we look at a picture of strawberries and cream we're really looking at strawberries and white paint.

I.: Really?

D.: Yes, and they paint sausages with washing-up liquid, then coffee, to make them look natural.

I.: So what's the strangest job in your book, do you think?

D.: Well, how about a vermiculturalist?

I.: What's that?

D.: A vermiculturalist is a worm farmer. These people manage farms that only have worms. No other animals, only worms.

I.: But why?

D.: Well, worms like eating rubbish and that's good for the environment. So companies pay a worm farmer to clean up their rubbish.

I.: Fascinating, but ugh, not a job for me. I see there's also a chapter about artists. What strange jobs did you find in...

*Now you have 20 seconds to check your answers.*

*[pause 20 seconds]*

*Now listen to the text again.*

*[Text repeated.]*

*Now you have 20 seconds to complete the task.*

*[pause 20 seconds]*

*This is the end of the listening task.*