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LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

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.

- 1. What is a new book by Daniel Ash?**
 - A. A collection of stories about famous people
 - B. A collection of articles about actors
 - C. A collection of stories about unusual jobs
 - D. A collection of articles about shop assistants

- 2. How is the book organized?**
 - A. Into different sections
 - B. Into different industries
 - C. Into separate chapters
 - D. Into different spheres of interest

- 3. Does the author of the book consider cleaning to be a normal job?**
 - A. He thinks cleaning is a horrible job.
 - B. He can't determine his attitude to this job.
 - C. He has changed his attitude to this job.
 - D. He thinks it's quite a normal job

- 4. What does the cleaning company Gumbusters do?**
 - A. Fight against chewing gum
 - B. Clean gum off the Statue of Liberty
 - C. Lay down the law against producing chewing gum
 - D. Clean gum off the streets and famous buildings of New York

- 5. What do Americans mostly do with pieces of chewing gum?**
 - A. Stick them to the famous buildings
 - B. Throw them onto the street
 - C. Stick them to the Statue of Liberty

- D. Throw them into the water
- 6. What is the job of a food stylist?**
- A. To cook special dishes
 - B. To make food look attractive
 - C. To advertise the cuisine
 - D. To advertise the recipe
- 7. Is the job of a food stylist wildly spread in Britain?**
- A. There are not many food stylists in Britain
 - B. It is quite popular and widespread
 - C. There are more than 30 food stylists in Britain
 - D. There is a tendency for decreasing
- 8. What do the food stylists use to make products look natural?**
- A. Food of the best quality
 - B. Special cameras with optical filters
 - C. Inedible substances
 - D. Coffee and broth
- 9. Who is a vermiculturalist?**
- A. A farmer who grows bugs
 - B. A farmer who recycles plastic
 - C. A scientist who recycles rubbish
 - D. A farmer who grows worms
- 10. Why do the companies pay a farmer?**
- A. To buy the worms
 - B. To wash the office
 - C. To utilize the refuse
 - D. To support the pilot program

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

READING

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. Read the text to decide if each sentence is true or false, according to the text. If it is true, mark A on your answer sheet. If it is false, mark B on your answer sheet.

A Good Idea that Gives Back to Others

After university, Kyle Berner tried many different jobs. He tried producing music, selling computers, and even selling hot dogs from a cart on the street. His dream was to travel overseas. One day, he bought a ticket to Thailand.

Kyle traveled to a small village called Phitsanulok. Kyle worked as an English teacher and studied the local culture. After a year, he went back to the United States and got a job at Tulane University, but he couldn't forget about Phitsanulok.

He returned to Thailand one year later, and during this trip he bought a pair of flip-flops made from natural rubber by a local family. He loved the shoes, and then he got an idea. He wanted to sell these shoes in the United States. So he started his own company called Feelgoodz.

The goal of Feelgoodz is not only to make money, but also to do good things for others. Feelgoodz gives one percent of its profits to groups that help people, one percent to help grow new rubber trees, and one percent to groups that help the earth.

Kyle's company has become successful, and he is now selling his flip-flops around the world.

1. Kyle Berner is from the United States.
2. Kyle initially went to Thailand because he wanted to teach English there.
3. Kyle had traveled overseas before he finished university.
4. Phitsanulok is in Thailand.
5. Kyle started his business because he couldn't forget about Thailand.
6. Kyle cares about helping the earth and other people.

Task 2. Read the text. Then choose the correct answer to complete the statements below.

The Tunguska Fireball

At night, you can sometimes see a meteor if there are no bright lights nearby. We call it a "falling star." Most meteors die as they enter the earth's atmosphere. The friction of the meteors passing through the atmosphere burns them up, even though they are made of rock and metal.

When a meteor hits the earth, it is then called a meteorite. Most are very small. However, occasionally in the past, large meteorites hit the earth and made huge craters. There is one in Australia and another in Arizona. They are both thousands of years old.

Was a meteorite the cause of the explosion in Tunguska, in central Siberian tableland, in 1908? On June 30 of that year, the inhabitants of the lonely Tungus plateau saw a very bright light in the sky. Seconds later, they heard a tremendous explosion. As far away as Europe, people saw their sky illuminated. For years afterwards, they talked about the brightness of the sky that night.

Tunguska is so remote that it was twenty years before scientists traveled there to look for the cause of the explosion. Even after all that time, the area was still completely destroyed. Trees were black from the explosion and lay flat on the ground for a twenty-mile radius. At first, scientists thought a meteorite was the cause. When they couldn't find a crater, they thought it might be a blast from an early top-secret atomic bomb. Others said it might be a huge ball of fire. A lot of the theories were really just guesswork. Newspapers printed articles on the fireball of Tunguska. Some journalists went further. They wrote about the crash landing of an alien space ship.

Years have passed since then, but even today no one can fully explain the Tunguska explosion. One recent theory is that a meteor exploded just before it hit the earth's surface. That is why there was no crater like those in Arizona and Australia.

However, no one knows for certain, and the explosion in Tunguska remains a mystery.

7. There are _____ huge craters on the earth's surface that were made by meteorites

- a) no
- b) many
- c) several
- d) many hundreds of

8. On June 30, 1908, there was a tremendous _____ in Tunguska.

- a) bomb
- b) tundra
- c) mystery
- d) blowup

9. **The explosion caused a great amount of ____.**

- a) damage
- b) fireballs
- c) craters
- d) expense

10. **Even many years later, the area around Tunguska was ____.**

- a) completely exhausted
- b) completely devastated
- c) completely restored
- d) completely depleted

11. **Tunguska is a remote area of ____.**

- a) Salekhard
- b) Australia
- c) Siberia
- d) Arizona

12. **Meteorites are meteors that _____.**

- a) burn up as they enter the earth's atmosphere
- b) hit the earth
- c) make large craters in the earth's surface
- d) both b and c

13. **A plateau is another name for ____.**

- a) an area destroyed by an explosion
- b) a Siberian land
- c) a compound of ice and metal
- d) a high flat area

14. **Firstly, scientists thought the explosion happened because of the ____.**

- a) fireball
- b) meteorite
- c) hole
- d) alien spaceship

15. Which is the main idea of this text? Choose one.

- a) A mysterious explosion occurred in Tunguska. No one really knows what happened.
- b) The Tunguska fireball caused harm that was visible twenty years later. No one could explain it.
- c) Scientists found an answer to what really occurred in Tunguska. It was a meteorite.
- d) The Tunguska fireball was so powerful that it illuminated the sky in Europe. It also caused a lot of talks.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. For items 1-10, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg is the second largest city of Russia and one of the world's (1) ... cities. It has played a vital role in Russian history (2) ... its founding in 1703. Architecturally, it ranks as one of the most splendid and congenial cities of Europe.

Founded by Tsar Peter I (the Great) as Russia's "(3) ... on Europe," St. Petersburg bears the unofficial status of Russia's cultural (4) ... and most European city.

The bridges and natural canals of the (5) ... have earned St. Petersburg the nickname "Venice of the North."

Because of St. Petersburg's northerly (6) ..., the city enjoys the "White Nights," from June 11 to July 2, when daylight extends to (7) ... 19 hours.

Among the cultural events (8) ... to celebrating the White Nights are the festivals organized by the Mariinsky and Hermitage theatres and the RimskyKorsakov St. Petersburg State Conservatory. Each night (9) ... the White Nights, the bridges spanning the Neva are (10) ... to let boat traffic through.

1.	A least	B smaller	C major	D most
2.	A until	B since	C before	D still
3.	A channel	B coast	C window	D straight

4.	A universe	B country	C capital	D castle
5.	A river	B embankment	C bay	D peninsula
6.	A creation	B location	C tradition	D distance
7.	A despite	B except	C besides	D nearly
8.	A devote	B devoting	C devoted	D are devoted
9.	A during	B meanwhile	C while	D despite
10.	A raising	B rose	C risen	D raised

Task 2. For items 11-20, read the fragments below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

(11) ..., formerly Millennium Wheel, a revolving observation wheel, or Ferris wheel, in London, was built in 1999.

Loch Ness, a (12) ..., lying in Scotland, is said to be inhabited by an aquatic monster.

Houses of Parliament, also called (13) ..., in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the seat of the bicameral Parliament, including the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

In Britain the first stage of education is called (14) ... education and includes students from ages 5 to 11.

(15) ..., the highest mountain of the British Isles, is in the Highland council area, Scotland.

Channel Tunnel, also called Eurotunnel, is a rail tunnel between England and France that runs beneath (16)

The unicorn is the official national (17) ... of Scotland.

For the last 900 years, the coronation ceremony has taken place at (18) ..., London.

A (19) ... is the chief male servant of a household, usually in charge of serving food, the care of silverware, etc.

Brexit is the (20) ... of the United Kingdom from membership in the European Union.

11.	A Swansea	B Union Jack	C London Eye	D Eire
12.	A lake	B bay	C harbour	D channel
13.	A 10 Downing Street	B Buckingham Palace	C Westminster Abbey	D Palace of Westminster
14.	A junior high	B primary	C senior	D secondary
15.	A Yorkshire	B Ben Nevis	C Haggis	D Hansard
16.	A the Irish Sea	B the North Sea	C the English Channel	D the Thames
17.	A animal	B bird	C flower	D flag
18.	A Trafalgar square	B Westminster Abbey	C Piccadilly Circus	D Buckingham Palace
19.	A duke	B mayor	C butler	D peer
20.	A entrance	B prevention	C withdrawal	D exception

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WRITING

Time: 30 minutes

You have bought a new gadget recently. Write a review to a website called www.mynewgadget.com.

In your review remember to mention:

- what and why you have bought it;
- how it looks;
- if it meets your requirements;
- if you have any complaints;
- if you would recommend it to other people.

Write about **120–150** words.

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