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Part 1 (20 minutes)

Listening

Task 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract one

You hear two friends discussing the topic of marketing.

1 Which aspect of college publicity material do the friends disagree about?

- A how useful the environmental rating system is
- B how well the different courses are described
- C how visually attractive the brochures are

2 In the woman's opinion, companies link themselves with charities in order to

- A boost their profits.
- B improve their image in society.
- C distract attention away from other issues

Extract two

You hear two friends talking about ways of keeping fit.

3 What is the woman's criticism of exercising in gyms?

- A Members get limited access to the facilities.
- B The membership cost is too high for the services offered.
- C It encourages exercise habits that lead to unhealthy lifestyles.

4 How does the man respond to his friend's criticism?

- A He objects to her making sweeping generalisations about gyms.
- B He questions the value of excessive gym attendance.
- C He suspects she'd enjoy a different type of gym

Extract three

You hear a woman telling a friend about living in her capital city as a student.

5 What is she doing during the conversation?

- A admitting to regrets about her choice of place to study
- B complaining about challenges she's had to face
- C expressing her admiration for people in the city

6 Why does the man give the example of trees?

- A to support her main point

- B to present a counter-argument to hers
- C to express a reservation about her interpretation

Task 2

You will hear a student called Josh Brady talking about visiting South Africa as part of his university course in botany. For questions 7–14, complete the sentences with a word or a short phrase.

TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

As well as his research project, Josh planned to write a (7) for a website while he was in Africa. Josh’s group planned to check out a particular region after a (8) that had occurred there. Josh was surprised to see (9) being grown in the first area they visited. Josh describes the vehicle they travelled in as a (10) when they went in search of specimens. Josh uses the word (11) to give us an idea of the shape of the leaves he found. Josh was particularly impressed by one type of flower which was (12) in colour. Josh uses the word (13) to convey his feelings about an area of vegetation he studied. Josh really appreciated the view he got from the (14) of his accommodation.

Transfer your answers into the answer sheet

Part 2 (20 minutes)

Task 3

READING

You are going to read a magazine article in which five career consultants give advice about starting a career. For questions 15–24, choose from the consultants (A – E). The consultants may be chosen more than once.

STARTING OUT ON YOUR CAREER

Are you a graduate trying to plan out the best career path for yourself? We’ve asked five careers consultants to give some tips on how to go about it.

Consultant A

A university degree is no guarantee of a job, and job hunting in itself requires a whole set of skills. If you find you are not getting past the first interview, ask yourself what is happening. Is it a failure to communicate or are there some skills you lack? Once you see patterns emerging it will help you decide whether the gaps you have identified can be filled relatively easily. If you cannot work out what the mismatch is, get back to the selection panel with more probing

questions, and find out what you need to do to bring yourself up to the level of qualification that would make you more attractive to them: but be careful to make this sound like a genuine request rather than a challenge or complaint.

Consultant B

Do not be too dispirited if you are turned down for a job, but think about the reasons the employers give. They often say it is because others are 'better qualified', but they use the term loosely. Those who made the second interview might have been studying the same subject as you and be of similar ability level, but they had something which made them a closer match to the selector's ideal. That could be experience gained through projects or vacation work, or it might be that they were better at communicating what they could offer. Do not take the comments at face value: think back to the interviews that generated them and make a list of where you think the shortfall in your performance lies. With this sort of analytical approach you will eventually get your foot in the door.

Consultant C

Deciding how long you should stay in your first job is a tough call. Stay too long and future employers may question your drive and ambition. Of course, it depends where you are aiming. There can be advantages in moving sideways rather than up, if you want to gain real depth of knowledge. If you are a graduate, spending five or six years in the same job is not too long provided that you take full advantage of the experience. However, do not use this as an excuse for apathy. Graduates sometimes fail to take ownership of their careers and take the initiative. It is up to you to make the most of what's available within a company, and to monitor your progress in case you need to move on. This applies particularly if you are still not sure where your career path lies.

Consultant D

It is helpful to think through what kind of experience you need to get your dream job and it is not a problem to move around to a certain extent. But in the early stages of your career you need a definite strategy for reaching your goal, so think about that carefully before deciding to move on from your first job. You must cultivate patience to master any role. There is no guarantee that you will get adequate training, and research has shown that if you do not receive proper help in a new role, it can take 18 months to master it.

Consultant E

A prospective employer does not want to see that you have changed jobs every six months with no thread running between them. You need to be able to demonstrate the quality of your experience to a future employer, and too many moves too quickly can be a bad thing. In any company it takes three to six months for a new employee to get up to speed with the structure and the culture of the company. From the company's perspective, they will not receive any return on the investment in your salary until you have been there for 18 months. This is when they begin to get most value from you – you are still fired up and enthusiastic. If you leave after six months it has not been a good investment – and may make other employers war.

Which consultant makes the following statements?

- 15. Keep your final objective in mind when you are planning to change jobs.
- 16. It takes time to become familiar with the characteristics of a company you have joined.
- 17. You should demonstrate determination to improve your job prospects.
- 18. Make sure your approach for information is positive in tone.
- 19. It is not certain that you will be given very much support in your job initially.
- 20. Stay optimistic in spite of setbacks.
- 21. Promotion isn't the only way to increase your expertise.
- 22. Ask for information about your shortcomings.
- 23. Some information you are given may not give a complete picture.
- 24. It will be some time before you start giving your employers their money's worth.

Transfer your answers into the answer sheet

USE OF ENGLISH

(20 minutes)

TASK 4

For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 James would only speak to the head of department alone.

ON

Jamesto the head of department alone.

The gap can be filled with the words 'insisted on speaking', so you write:

Example: insisted on speaking

Write only the missing words on the separate answer sheet.

25. My brother now earns far less than he did when he was younger.

NEARLY

My brother..... much now as he did when he was younger.

26. They are demolishing the old bus station and replacing it with a new one.

PULLED

The old bus station iswith a new one.

27. The number of students now at university has reached an all-time high, apparently.

THE

The number of students now at university is..... been, apparently.

28. I'm disappointed with the Fishers' new album when I compare it to their previous one.

COMPARISON

I think the Fishers' new album istheir previous one.

29. Anna got the job even though she didn't have much experience in public relations.

SPITE

Anna got the job..... of experience in public relations.

30. 'I must warn you how dangerous it is to cycle at night without any lights,' said the police officer to Max.

DANGERS

Max received a.....at night without any lights from the police officer.

Task 5

For questions 31–35, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Write the correct word next to the number of the gap in the answer sheet.

Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 They say the new minister is a lovely person and very _____ to talk to.

My neighbours have not had a very _____ life, but they always seem cheerful.

It's enough to see why the town is popular with tourists.

0 EASY

31. I never put _____ until tomorrow what I find hard today, for tomorrow rarely brings the needed skill.

Many days of anxious coaxing on his part began to pay _____ in dividends.

I knew that my goal could not be too far _____.

32. Hard work, and hard work alone, _____ confidence in the Great Arbiter, are the keys to success.

He felt that _____ her influence it might be possible for him to go away to school.

The young lad was tingling _____ excitement at the prospects of seeing his home town again.

33. There were no hickory trees growing _____ the streets.

Perhaps the one thing which Jim loved above all else in his home town was the beautiful Shiawassee, glorious river of his childhood dreams, that flowed

_____ graceful curves throughout the length of Owosso constantly beckoning him to its banks to swim and fish.

It was here that the many stories that ran rampant _____ his childish mind later flowed from his pen.

34. _____ the gentleman and scholar that he was, Janette immediately shook hands with the boy as if he had known him all his life.

He had heard his parents speak of “the meetings” that were _____ held in the city, quite often.

Our _____ is little wonder.

35. It was quite obvious that the hard labour and toil his sons and he had administered had not been in _____.

His vivid imagination gave rise to dreams and _____ hopes of greater things.

It was _____ to continue with his writing of his childish blood and thunder stories.

Task 6

For questions 36–45, match the two halves to make sentences. Write the correct letter next to the number of the gap in the answer sheet.

36. Go to heaven for the climate	A. but expecting different results.
37. I am free of all prejudice,	B. a book is man’s best friend.
38. I love mankind...	C. day after tomorrow just as well.
39. I’m not afraid of death;	D. I just don’t want to be there when
40. Insanity is doing the same thing, it happens.	E. I lie down until it goes away.
41. Never put off till tomorrow what may be done	F. is that people will insist on
42. Outside of a dog, coming along and trying to put	G. to ruin my life.
43. Reality continues things in it.	H. it’s people I can’t stand!
44. The trouble with having an open mind, of course,	I. and hell for the company.
45. Whenever I feel the need to exercise,	J. I dislike everyone equally.

Transfer your answers into the answer sheet

WRITING

Time: 40 minutes

Write a **report** to your English Club event organizers based on the chart below. Give recommendations on what should be done to increase students' attendance and participation in school events.

Use the following words in your report:

- affect
- fluctuate
- percent
- reason
- trend

Underline the required words when used in your report.

Remember to:

- make an introduction;
- summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features (2 or more);
- make comparisons where relevant (2 or more);
- give recommendations (2 or more);
- make a conclusion

USE YOUR OWN WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS in your report.

Write 200–250 words (the words in the title are not counted).

Major, Minor, No Reason to Go to School Events

