

Listening (7-8)

points: 20

time: 20 minutes

Participant's ID number

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Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Part 1

You will hear an announcement about a competition. For questions **1-9**, complete the sentences. You are going to listen to Part 1 **twice**.

THE IDEAS COMPETITION

The money given to the winner is not a 1 _____.

The winner might be 2 _____ with a plan for improving a water supply.

The winner might have an idea about how to help the 3 _____ in the world.

If you enter the competition by phone you must explain your idea in a maximum of 4 _____.

One of the categories is for people who want to take part in a project that is 5 _____.

One of the rules is that 6 _____ for the competition are not allowed.

Before you phone, it may be a good idea to prepare a 7 _____.

To win, you must show that you have a lot of 8 _____ for your idea.

Judges will listen to the ideas presented by 9 _____ people.

Part 2

You will hear five different people talking about the reasons why they became very successful. For questions **10–14**, choose from the list (**A–F**) the reason each person gives for their success. Use the letters **only once**. There is one extra letter which you **do not** need to use. You are going to listen to Part 2 **once only**.

A	natural ability	Speaker 1	10	
B	encouragement from others	Speaker 2	11	
C	careful planning			
D	constant good luck	Speaker 3	12	
E	determination to improve	Speaker 4	13	
F	lack of competition	Speaker 5	14	

Part 3

You will hear an interview with someone who has started a magazine for children. For questions **15–20**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**). You are going to listen to Part 3 **once only**.

15. When talking about her job as a primary school teacher, Kate emphasizes
- A how much effort the job required.
 - B how good she was as a teacher.
 - C how difficult the children could be.
16. Kate decided to start her own magazine for children
- A because both children and parents suggested the idea.
 - B when she was working in publishing for children.
 - C after considering what was available for children.

17. What does Kate say about enthusiasm?
- A Children respond positively to it.
 - B Children cannot maintain it for long.
 - C Children experience it more than adults.
18. Kate says that the age range for the magazine
- A may change to some extent in the future.
 - B may not be exactly what it is stated to be.
 - C has been decided after asking parents.
19. Kate says that the magazine makes use of the Internet because
- A some children prefer using it to learn about subjects.
 - B some subjects cannot be covered fully in the magazine.
 - C it is used a great deal in connection with some school work.
20. Kate says that one of her aims for the magazine is to
- A include subjects that children don't normally read about.
 - B create an interest in subjects some children consider boring.
 - C encourage children to choose what they want as a career.

You have up to 5 minutes to finish your work and transfer your answers.

Use of English (7-8)

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Part 1

Find the verb which does not collocate with the noun in bold.

1	apply for, catch, create, get, generate, hunt for, lose, take up	job
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2	acquire, brush up, enrich, learn, pick up, tell, use	language
3	assess, cause, mend, repair, suffer, sustain, take	damage
4	brush, cap, drill, fill, gnash, grit, wash	teeth
5	derive, enhance, find, give, provide, reach, savour	pleasure

Part 2

Choose the best answer for each of the following sentences.

6. If you ordered hake, would you expect meat, fish or fruit?

a) fish b) meat c) fruit

7. Which one of the following is a vegetable?

a) squid b) cod c) kohlrabi

8. Which one of these is of dark red colour?

a) beetroot b) celery c) leek

9. 'This food is so _____ – it's completely tasteless!'

a) sickly b) stodgy c) bland

10. This is meat from a young cow.

a) veal b) pork c) mutton

11. In American English, this vegetable is known as eggplant.

a) courgette b) cabbage c) aubergine

Part 3

Complete the text below by filling each space with one suitable word.

Adventures at sea

Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* is a novel that you should never read late in the evening if you intend to get (12) _____ sleep at night! It is definitely a page-turner; I personally found it absolutely impossible to (13) _____ down before I had read it cover (14) _____ cover.

The book tells the unusual story of a sixteen-year-old boy, Pi. (15) _____ Pi is making the voyage from India to Canada on a boat full of zoo animals, his boat sinks. Being the (16) _____ human survivor, he finds (17) _____ sharing a lifeboat with a menagerie of creatures, including a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a 200 kg Bengal Tiger.

Although the book is written in a fairly simple style, it examines some very complex themes. In (18) _____, the novel reads like a fable or a fairy tale as it discusses the question of faith and belief.

If you read only one good book this year, I (19) _____ strongly recommend Martel's *Life of Pi*. The writer has come up (20) _____ a story that is enlightening, humorous and therefore highly entertaining.

Reading (7-8)

points: 20

time: 30 minutes

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Part 1

You are going to read a magazine article in which people talk about their favourite London theatres. For questions **1–15**, choose from the theatres (**A-E**). The theatres may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order.

London Theatreland

A The Lyceum Theatre

David Bateman is a huge fan of this theatre. "You cannot find a theatre with a more varied past," he argues. So is he right? Well, initially a venue for musicals, the Lyceum soon began to host a variety of different events, such as

the very first Madame Tussard's exhibition in 1802. After this came many successful theatrical productions but it wasn't long before there were more changes and the theatre was used as a music hall before once again becoming a theatre. And it was during this period, in 1934, that Queen Elizabeth II saw her very first pantomime here! Today it is the proud home of the stage musical version of the massively successful Disney animation The Lion King.

B The Savoy Theatre

The Savoy Theatre is built in a style called 'Art Deco', which is what first caught the attention of Mark Ford. "It is incredibly beautiful," he explains, "and the first place in the world ever to be lit entirely by electricity."

The Savoy was built specifically for performances of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, but other productions such as Shakespeare plays and ballet performances have also graced its stage over the years. Now it puts on Gilbert and Sullivan musical productions again. "It was recently bought by the Savoy Hotel, which added another storey to the top of the building," says Mark. "So now it has a health club and even a swimming pool, which I think is absolutely wonderful!"

C The London Palladium

Felix Knight would be surprised if you hadn't heard of this very famous theatre in the West End. "It is very dear to me," says Felix, who has fond memories of the Palladium.

In the 1950s Felix, along with millions of other viewers across Britain, would watch Saturday Night at the Palladium, a weekly variety show televised live from the theatre. Stars from all over the world appeared on the show, including Felix's idol, Frank Sinatra. "I was so familiar with the Palladium, but I had never actually been there!" laughs Felix.

Nowadays, the theatre hosts musicals, currently The Sound of Music, but it also maintains its glamorous image, hosting a number of important events such as the British film awards in 2007.

D The Globe Theatre

"People tend to overlook the Globe Theatre because it's not in the West End, but this theatre is a jewel!" says Jane Campbell.

The theatre is a replica of the Elizabethan playhouse that was built there in 1599 and where Shakespeare's plays were written and performed. Every last inch of the rebuilt Globe is authentic, even the fact that it is an open-air theatre (so consider choosing a dry day to go there!). The only difference is that four hundred years ago plays by different playwrights were performed there, whereas now the Globe is strictly for Shakespeare only.

Jane has enjoyed many plays at the Globe, but also appreciates other aspects of the theatre. "The theatre hosts many interesting exhibitions. Plus, it's only minutes away from other great attractions such as St Paul's Cathedral."

E The Piccadilly Theatre

For Mariella Clark, this theatre is her number one choice. Opened in 1928, it may not be the oldest theatre in the West End, but it is one of the biggest and has definitely made its mark - during its time as a cinema it actually showed the first talking movie ever! For a while it went back to functioning as a theatre again before its reinvention as a cabaret venue, The London Casino. Now it's a theatre once again.

"I'd always assumed that theatres put on plays or musicals from day one," Mariella says, "so I was quite surprised when I first began to realise that they often have quite interesting histories."

is very convenient for sightseeing?

1.

have helped make history?

2.

3.

4.

recently acquired a new owner?

5.

was the venue of a first experience for an important person?

6.

are sometimes visited for more than just shows and events on stage?

7.

8.

at one time made it possible for its performances to be seen by people outside the theatre?

9.

could be unpleasant on a rainy day?

10.

do people sometimes not pay very much attention to?

11.

is exactly the same as an earlier theatre built

12.

on the same site?

are being used today
for the exact purpose
they were built for?

13.	14.	15.

Part 2

You are going to read an article about a man who had a terrible holiday experience. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A-F** the one which fits each gap (16-20). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

David Small has travelled all around the world. He tells us about one holiday that he is never likely to forget.

Travel is more than a hobby to me - it's a passion. By the age of 25, I had visited over ten countries. But most of my trips had been fairly short - a week in Italy; two weeks in Indonesia in China - that kind of thing. I felt I was missing something and I was ready to go on a big journey.

So, I planned a three-month tour of Europe. Of course, I had been to Europe before, but I was really looking forward to spending more time in some of my favourite places. Unfortunately, it turned out to be my worst holiday, even worse than being stuck up a mountain in the Himalayas, lost in the desert, or travelling in a tiny plane during a thunderstorm. 16 _____ My worst experience was much closer to home.

And it was not because I was unprepared either. 17 _____ I had worked out exactly when I was going to be in each country and how long I was going to stay. I had even booked my train tickets in advance so that everything went smoothly. But, despite all my careful planning, my dream holiday became a nightmare.

Things started to go wrong even before I had left England. I arrived at the airport in plenty of time (I had decided to start my trip in Italy so I was flying to Rome). With my tickets and passport in my hand, I joined the queue. Then, just

as I was checking in, there was an announcement saying that all flights to Rome had been cancelled because of bad weather. 18 _____

When the plane took off the following day, my late arrival in Rome meant that I only had two hours before I had to catch my first train. 19_____ The rest of my time in Italy was fine, though, and I was beginning to really enjoy myself. Then I went to Greece, which was where I had my accident.

I had hired a motorbike and I was travelling through some mountain villages. I had thought about hiring a car, but a motorbike gives you more freedom and I like the feeling of being in the open air. I have quite a lot of experience riding motorbikes, but nothing could prepare me for what happened next.

20_____ I tried the brakes, but the wheels just spun. I attempted to turn a corner but I was going too fast and, well you can guess what happened next! My own stupid fault! I didn't break any bones, but I had bad scratches on my arms and legs which needed first aid. This also meant that I couldn't swim for the rest of the holiday!

On top of that, I lost my wallet so I had very little money left. I spent the next two months staying in the cheapest places, living on bread and cheap tins of fish, and feeling miserable! And because of my injuries, I couldn't even go for a swim or lie on the beach!

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| A I had been planning this trip for over a year. | D I was riding down a steep hill when the bike started to speed up. |
| B Of course, the success of a holiday depends on who you go with. | E No, those adventures were fun! |
| C I had to go home and come back the next day! | F I was very disappointed because that was the first city on my trip and I hardly saw anything. |

Test in Country Studies (7-8)

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Part 1

There are a lot of outstanding British people. Match the columns. There are two extra letters.

A.	Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)	1.	Person who was behind the ever-famous theory of the evolution of man. He/she published <i>On the Origin of Species</i> which discussed the basic mechanism of evolution and the concept of natural selection.
B.	Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)	2.	Renowned British chef, restaurateur, TV host, and author. He/she has garnered a remarkable total of 17 Michelin stars, with one of his/her restaurants achieving three stars since 2001.
C.	Charles Darwin (1809-1882)	3.	British statesperson who as prime minister rallied the British people during World War II and led the country from the brink of defeat to victory.
D.	Charles Dickens (1812-1870)	4.	Legendary English sportsman known for his exceptional skills and precise free-kicks. His career at clubs like Manchester United and Real Madrid brought him global fame. A style icon and successful businessman, he is actively engaged in charity and social initiatives.
E.	David Beckham (1975)	5.	This writer is famous for a number of publications including <i>A Tale of a Tub</i> (1704), <i>An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity</i> (1712), <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> (1726), and <i>A Modest Proposal</i> (1729).
F.	Princess Diana (1961-1997)	6.	English mathematician, astronomer, and physicist, who published the <i>Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy</i> which discussed the laws of motion and universal gravitation which is used widely in the fields of science and academics.
G.	Winston Churchill (1874-1965)	7.	English singer, songwriter and musician who gained worldwide fame with the Beatles, for whom he played bass guitar and the piano, and shared primary songwriting and lead vocal duties with John Lennon.
H.	Paul McCartney (1942)	8.	Member of the British royal family whose activism and glamour made the person an international icon and earned him/her enduring popularity.
I.	Agatha Christie (1890-1976)	9.	English-born actor who achieved fame and name by working in the Hollywood adaptation of J. K. Rowling's 'Harry Potter'. The person did seven movies for the 'Harry Potter' series, which made him/her a Hollywood superstar.
J.	Gordon Ramsay (1966)	10.	The scientist discovered that sound vibrations could travel telegraphically. The discovery of telephone inspired the concept of modern gadgets.
K.	Daniel Jacob Radcliffe (1989)		
L.	Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)		

Part 2

Match these dates with the events in British or American history.

11	Elizabeth II succeeds her father, George VI	A	1837
12	Tim Berners-Lee invents the World Wide Web	B	1952
13	Oxford University is founded	C	1922
14	The reign of Queen Victoria begins	D	1564
15	The BBC is founded as the British Broadcasting Company	E	1776
16	The Great Fire in London	F	1096
17	William Shakespeare's year of birth	G	1867
18	The Declaration of Independence of the USA	H	1989
19	Alaska is purchased from Russia	I	1666
20	The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus	J	1492

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Writing (7-8)

points: 20

time: 40 minutes

Participant's ID number

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Articles wanted

How do you think schools will be different in the future? In what ways do you think they will stay the same?

A student online magazine is running a writing competition. The prize is a notebook. Readers are invited to send in articles for a series entitled

‘Visions of the Future’. You have decided to take part and submit your own article.

Suggested points to cover:

- what schools may look like in the future
- what facilities they might have
- how teaching/tests/exams might work
- what might remain the same

Use the following expressions and underline them in your work:

- to learn by heart
- to keep up with somebody
- to stand in for somebody
- to pay attention

Write 170-200 words.

Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.