

LISTENING

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. For each question, choose the correct answer. You will hear the conversation twice.

- 1 You will hear two friends talking about a new clothes shop
What does the girl say about it?
A The staff are helpful.
B It only has the latest fashions.
C Prices are reduced at the moment.

- 2 You will hear two friends talking about a pop band's website.
They think the site would be better if
A its information was up to date.
B it was easier to buy concert tickets.
C the band members answered messages.

- 3 You will hear a woman telling a friend about an art competition she's won.
How does she feel about it?
A upset that the prize isn't valuable
B excited that the judges liked her picture
C disappointed that she can't use the prize

- 4 You will hear two friends talking about the girl's flatmate.
The girl thinks that her flatmate
A is too untidy.
B talks too much.
C plays music too loud.

- 5 You will hear two friends talking about a football match.
They agree that their team lost because
A the players weren't confident enough.
B they were missing some key players.
C the players didn't do the right training.

- 6 You will hear two friends talking about a tennis match they played.
The boy wants the girl to
A help him to get fitter.
B practise with him more often.
C enter more competitions with him.

Task 2. For each question, choose the correct answer. You will hear the conversation twice.

You will hear an interview with a woman called Vicky Prince, a champion swimmer who now works as a swimming coach.

- 7 Who is fond of sport in Vicky's family
- A Vicky herself
 - B her parents
 - C her grandparents
- 8 When did she use to get up?
- A at 8 o'clock
 - B at 5 o'clock
 - C at 5.35
- 9 Vicky first went in for competitions because
- A she had joined a swimming club.
 - B her parents were keen on swimming.
 - C her swimming teacher encouraged her.
- 10 As a teenager, Vicky's training involved
- A exercising on land as well as in the water.
 - B going without meals during the day.
 - C travelling to a pool once a day.
- 11 What did Vicky find hard about her training programme?
- A She couldn't go on school trips.
 - B She lost some of her friends.
 - C She missed lots of parties.
- 12 What helped Vicky to do well in the national finals?
- A She was not expected to win.
 - B She trained harder than usual.
 - C She wanted to take a cup home.
- 13 Why was she surprised at the competition?
- A The crowd was interested in her.
 - B She took part in the national competition.
 - C She won the cup.

14 As a swimming coach, Vicky thinks she's best at teaching people

- A to deal with failure.
- B to improve their technique.
- C to get swimming qualifications.

15 Why has Vicky started doing long-distance swimming?

- A She needed to get fit again.
- B She thought it would be fun.
- C She wanted to do some travelling.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

READING

Time: 35 minutes

Task 1. Read the texts and for each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to visit a city market. Read the descriptions of eight markets. Decide which market would be the most suitable for the people below.

1. Jenny wants to buy locally-produced food traditional to the area. She needs somewhere convenient to eat, and as she's sightseeing in the city, the market shouldn't be far from local attractions.
2. Matt wants a market where he can get something to wear at reasonable prices, and something hot to eat. He's also keen on music, and likes finding rare recordings by different bands.
3. Sammie wants to visit a market after spending the day in the city. He would like to photograph a historic place, and buy a painting by someone unknown.
4. Alexia is looking for a really special necklace for her grandmother's birthday. She'd like to spend the whole day at the market, and wants to avoid the cold by staying inside.
5. Ella is looking for objects from other countries for her friends. She'd like to choose a second-hand book to read on the journey home, and wants a snack at the market, too.

City Markets

A Beckfield Market

This market's world-famous for second-hand camera equipment and books on photography. As well as an amazing range of cameras, we have old pictures of local places of interest for you to buy, and of course the stall owners are happy to give you advice for free! Don't miss our hot soup stall in cold weather.

B Rosewell Hill

Our market's in an amazing building that's hundreds of years old. Visitors find our late-night opening hours convenient, and there are always performers entertaining the crowds. We've recently opened more stalls specializing in pictures both from well-known artists and also those beginning their careers.

C Camberwall Market

There's lots to see in this interesting indoor market, so it's open from morning until late, in a fantastic modern setting. Find everything from rare gold and silver jewellery to designer clothes – although the prices aren't cheap, the quality's excellent. After shopping, enjoy a meal in a nearby restaurant.

D Cobbledown Road

A small market that's open in all weathers. Come and find something really fantastic – treat yourself or someone special! We have a wide selection of jewellery and musical instruments, produced locally by highly-skilled people, and home-made cakes to enjoy.

E Oldford Lane

Situated in the historic city centre, you'll find a wide range of jewellery and clothes. Arrive early to avoid disappointment – bargains are found in the morning, and the stalls pack up after lunch. If the weather's good, enjoy watching the world go by, although it gets very busy in the tourist season.

F Purford Market

Close to museums and art galleries, this is the place to buy something for lunch, as well as fresh fruit and special breads. Try the region's famous cheese – the producers are there with advice on different types. Eat on the seats situated around the market, watching the colourful scene and enjoying music from local bands.

G Teddingley Market

Situated under historic city walls, in this busy market you'll find a huge selection of great-value new and second-hand clothes. There are also stalls offering unusual albums by international singers, often hard to find in shops. Our world-food area allows you to taste food from abroad, cooked in front of you by international chefs

H Frome Place

Stalls open during normal daytime shopping hours so, depending on the weather, there's plenty to entertain you the whole day. Try our sandwich bar if you're hungry, and look for an old copy of something by a favourite author. We also have gifts from all over the world

Task 2. For each question, choose the correct answer**Artist Peter Fuller talks about his hobby**

There's a popular idea that artists are not supposed to be into sport, but mountain biking is a huge part of my life. It gets me out of my studio, and into the countryside. But more importantly, racing along as fast as you can leaves you no time to worry about anything that's going on in your life. You're too busy concentrating on not crashing. The only things you pay attention to are the pain in your legs and the rocks on the path in front of you.

I'm in my sixties now, but I started cycling when I was a kid. In the summer my friends and I would ride our bikes into the woods and see who was brave enough to go down steep hills, or do big jumps. The bikes we had then weren't built for that, and often broke, so I used to draw pictures of bikes with big thick tyres that would be strong enough for what we were doing. They looked just like modern mountain bikes. However, it wasn't until many years later that someone actually invented one. By the 1980s, they were everywhere.

At that time I was into skateboarding. I did that for a decade until falling off on to hard surfaces started to hurt too much. Mountain biking seemed a fairly safe way to keep fit, so I took that up instead. I made a lot of friends, and got involved in racing, which gave me a reason to train hard. I wanted to find out just how fit and fast I could get, which turned out to be fairly quick. I even won a couple of local races.

In the end I stopped racing, mainly because I knew what it could mean to my career if I had a bad crash. But I still like to do a three-hour mountain bike ride every week. And if I'm out cycling in the hills and see a rider ahead, I have to beat them to the top. As I go past I imagine how surprised they would be if they knew how old I am.

- 6 Peter enjoys mountain biking because
- A it gives him the opportunity to enjoy the views.
 - B he can use the time to plan his work.
 - C he is able to stop thinking about his problems.
 - D it helps him to concentrate better.
7. What does Peter say about cycling during his childhood?
- A. He is sorry he didn't take more care of his bike.
 - B. His friends always had better quality bikes than he did.

- C. His bike wasn't suitable for the activities he was doing.
D. He was more interested in designing bikes than riding them.
8. Peter says he returned to cycling after several years
A. because he had become unfit.
B. so that he could enter races.
C. in order to meet new people.
D. to replace an activity he had given up.
9. How does Peter feel about cycling now?
A. He is proud that he is still so fast.
B. He is keen to do less now that he is older.
C. He regrets the fact that he can no longer compete.
D. He wishes more people were involved in the sport.
10. What would be a good introduction to this article?
A For Peter Fuller, nothing matters more than mountain biking, not even his career. Here, in his own words, he tells us why.
B Artist Peter Fuller takes mountain biking pretty seriously. Here he describes how it all began and what he gets out of it.
C In this article, Peter Fuller explains how he became an artist only as a result of his interest in mountain biking.
D After discovering mountain biking late in life, Peter Fuller gave up art for a while to concentrate on getting as good as possible.

Task 3. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A new life

I used to work as a college lecturer in the north of England, running photography courses. It wasn't a bad job and I really liked my students, but I began to feel tired of doing the same thing every day. **11** _____ I'd always loved travelling, so one weekend I typed 'international volunteering' into an internet search engine. At the top of the results page was the opportunity to go and stay on an island in the Indian Ocean, thousands of miles away, and help to protect the beaches and the sea life. **12** _____ I had some diving experience, and the more I talked about it, the more I wanted to do it. So I contacted the organisation. One week later they offered to send me to the island and I accepted. **13** _____ After all, the volunteer job was

only for two months during the summer holidays. I thought after I'd finished, I'd come home. As soon as I got to the island, I was sure I'd done the right thing. My first dive was incredible. **14** _____ I felt so lucky to be able to experience that every day. In fact I loved it so much that I never came home! I've now been on the

island for ten years and I have a permanent job. I'm working as a marine educator, teaching volunteers about the sea life and taking them snorkelling and diving. My desk is a picnic table 10 metres from the best beach on the island. Of

course not everything about my new life is perfect. **15** _____ However, I can't imagine going back to my old life.

- A** That's why I knew it was a terrible plan.
- B** I had trained in icy water in the UK so the crystal clear warm water felt amazing.
- C** They always ask lots of questions.
- D** I work far harder than I used to.
- E** I began joking to friends about sending in an application.
- F** Afterwards, some people were surprised by my decision but I wasn't too worried.
- G** I decided I needed a break.
- H** I needed to explain that first.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.

The War of the Worlds

The War of the Worlds is a science fiction novel by English author H.G. Wells which 1. _____ in 1897 by Pearson's Magazine in the UK and by Cosmopolitan magazine in the US.

The novel's 2. _____ appearance in hardback was in 1898 from publisher William Heinemann of London. 3. _____ between 1895 and 1897, it is one of the 4. _____ stories that describe a conflict between mankind and an alien race. The novel is the first-person narrative of both an unnamed protagonist in Surrey and his 5. _____ brother in London as southern England 6. _____ by Martians. At the time of publication the novel was classified as a scientific romance, like Wells' earlier novel *The Time Machine*. *The War of the Worlds* 7. _____ the work of many scientists since the time it came out. Robert H. Goddard, inspired by the book, 8. _____ both the liquid fuelled rocket and multistage rocket, which resulted in the Apollo 11 Moon landing 71 years later.

PRINT

ONE

WRITE

EARLY

**YOUNG
INVADE**

INFLUENCE

INVENT

Task 2. Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.

Herbert George Wells

Herbert George Wells, 9. _____ referred to as H.G. Wells, was an English writer. He was 10. _____ in many genres with dozens of novels and short stories. He is now best remembered for his science fiction novels and is often called a “father of science fiction”, along with Jules Verne and Hugo Gernsback. During his own lifetime, however, he was most known as a forward- looking, even prophetic social critic who devoted his literary talents to the 11. _____ of a progressive vision on a global scale. A 12. _____, he wrote a number of utopian works and foresaw many future 13. _____. His science fiction imagined time travel, alien invasion, invisibility, and 14. _____ engineering

USUAL

SUCCESS

DEVELOP

**FUTURE
INVENT**

BIOLOGY

Task 3. For each question choose the correct answer.

The Coconut Tree

The coconut tree is thought to be one of the most valuable trees in the world. It is mostly found by the sea where there is a hot and wet **15.**_____ The coconuts often fall into the sea and float on the water until they **16.**_____ another beach, where more trees then begin to grow. Holiday makers often see the coconut tree as no more than an attractive sun umbrella that provides **17.**_____ . However, this amazing tree has hundreds of **18.**_____ and more are still being discovered. People have made houses, boats and baskets from the coconut tree's wood and leaves for centuries. Even today, if you take a **19.** _____ in your cupboards, you will find coconut oil in products as **20.** _____ as medicine and desserts.

15 **A** temperature **B** condition **C** climate **D** weather

16 **A** reach **B** go **C** travel **D** arrive

17 **A** cloud **B** shade **C** dark **D** cold

18 **A** uses **B** jobs **C** roles **D** things

19 **A** scene **B** sight **C** look **D** view

20 **A** opposite **B** separate **C** strange **D** different

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WRITING

Time: 20 minutes

Write an answer to one of the following questions. Write your answers in 100-120 words.

1. You see this notice on an English-language website.

Articles wanted!

FILMS

What kind of films do you enjoy?

Do you prefer watching them at the cinema or at home? Why?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it on our website!

Write your **article**.

2. Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence.

As the plane flew lower, Lou saw the golden beaches of the island below.

Write your **story**.

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