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PART A: Listening Comprehension

Listening Task 1.1

Listen to the text and decide if each statement below is True or False.

Britain has been ranked fifth – up from 65th last year – in an environmental league table produced by a team of international scientists and researchers from Yale and Colombia universities that will be presented to the World Economic Forum this week. The list of 133 countries is decided by how well they confronted 16 global and domestic problems and met their own and international targets. The UK came very high on environmental health, but did not score well on greenhouse gas emissions or air quality. New Zealand came top, followed by Sweden, Finland and the Czech Republic, with the United States in 28th place.

- 1) Research shows that air quality in the UK is good this year.
True / **False**
- 2) The country with the worst environmental conditions is New Zealand.
True / **False**
- 3) The UK is doing better this year than last.
True /False

Listening Task 1.2

Listen to the text and choose the correct answer for each question.

The days of the “hero headmaster”, who manages everything in a school from hiring staff to ordering books, could be numbered, according to a report which suggests that business leaders with no classroom experience can now run schools.

Although ministers deny there is a recruitment problem, they admit that the job of leading a school is now so complicated that a new, “modern” approach is needed. One of the biggest barriers to reform identified by the report is the “hero headmaster” perception, among teachers, parents and headmasters themselves, which presupposes that for big decisions, “only the head will do”.

Distributing leading responsibilities among a team is often more effective, it concluded.

1) What do “hero heads” do?

- A. **everything**
- B. nothing
- C. order books
- D. hire staff

2) According to a report, who can now run schools?

- A. parents
- B. **leaders with no classroom experience**
- C. teachers
- D. “head heroes”

3) Who says a modern approach in managing schools is necessary?

- A. **ministers**
- B. teachers
- C. parents
- D. no one

Listening Task 2

Listen to the dialogue then answer the questions below.

A = Tourist B = Receptionist

- A *Hello. I was wondering if you have any rooms available for tonight and tomorrow night.*
B *For how many people?*
A *We're two couples.*
B *We have 2 bedrooms available but with 2 single beds in each. The bathroom is ensuite in both rooms.*
A *How much are they?*
B *They're £80 a night each.*
A *Does that include breakfast?*
B *Yes, it does. We only serve English breakfast, from half past seven to half past ten.*
A *All right. we'll take both rooms.*
B *Can I see your passports, please?*
A *Er..., just a moment. I need to collect them from my friends.... (Goes to his friends outside). Here they are. Do you have a reserved parking area for your guests?*
B *It's right behind the hotel. There's a sign right around the corner. Sorry, could the four of you please fill in these forms?*
A *Sure.... Here you are.*
B *Thank you. So, here are your keys. Your room numbers are 16 and 28. They're both on the first floor. Checkout is at 12am.*
A *Thank you. Can we possibly have a wake-up call at 7 tomorrow morning?*
B *Sure you can.*
A *Great! Thanks again!*
B *You're very welcome. Have a good night.*
A *Good night!*

1) The tourist is asking for two single rooms.

True /False

2) They have to share a bathroom.

True/False

3) All guests must pay for their rooms by midday.

True / False

4) The car park is just round the corner.

True/False

5) Each guest needs to complete a form.

True /False

6) The couples have arrived in the evening.

True/False

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PART B: Reading Comprehension

Reading Task 1

Read the text and choose the correct answer for each question.

Man jumps to safety from fire at house

A man was taken to hospital after jumping out of the window of his burning home.

The man, who has not been named, jumped from the first-floor bedroom window of his terraced home in Benchfield Close, East Grinstead, during the fire.

Firefighters said the fire started in the lounge and spread through the ground floor of the house on Sunday at about 1.30am.

One cat died in the fire, but another cat and two rabbits were 'revived' by the fire service, through oxygen therapy.

The man was given First Aid by paramedics before being taken to East Surrey Hospital in Redhill with minor injuries.

Fire brigades from East Grinstead and Turner's Hill left the scene at 2.50am.

- 1) What is the man's name and address?
 - A. Benchfield Close, East Grinstead.
 - B. We don't know his name, but he comes from East Grinstead**
 - C. He comes from East Grinstead, but we don't know his address.
 - D. We don't know.

- 2) How many animals died in the fire?
 - A. None.
 - B. One.**
 - C. Two.
 - D. Three.

- 3) The man escaped
 - A. from where the fire started
 - B. from above the fire**
 - C. from below the fire
 - D. from the lounge

- 4) What happened to the man?
 - A. He went to hospital, but his condition was not serious.**
 - B. He went to hospital where he unfortunately died.
 - C. He stayed at home after being treated by paramedics from East Surrey Hospital.
 - D. He stayed with friends in Redhill, who helped him recover from the event.

- 5) Local firemen
 - A. arrived alone on the scene at 1.30am.
 - B. arrived with other firemen at 1.30am.
 - C. spent less than one and a half hours at the scene**
 - D. spent more than one and a half hours at the scene

Reading Test 2

Read the text and say whether the statements below are true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (NM)

English requirements for immigrants

Skilled workers and other immigrants wanting to settle in Britain will need to prove that they can speak English under new rules announced by the Home Office this month.

The government says that the new requirements are intended to improve integration and ensure that immigrants make a full contribution to the economy. People who are applying to live permanently in Britain and workers with high-value skills will also have to pass the "Life in the UK" test, which was introduced last year as part of a new process for gaining citizenship.

Stricter rules for the Highly Skilled Migrant Programme (HSMP), which was established in 2002 to attract talented people to Britain, were announced suddenly last month. All applications were suspended for 28 days to avoid a rush to qualify before the new rules came into effect.

Now HSMP candidates will need to accumulate a number of points by giving proof of their educational background and qualifications.

To demonstrate their English-language skills, they will either need to have gained a level six in the IELTS test (equivalent to an "effective proficient user" or C1 in the Common European Framework scales) or prove that they studied for their degree in English.

The Home Office has said that it will consider other English language qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

The level of English required of other immigrants is lower. From April 2007 all will need sufficient English to pass the "Life in the UK" test (equivalent to B1 or "independent user"). Alternatively, they must successfully complete an English for Speakers of Other Languages with Citizenship course, developed as part of the new citizenship requirements.

Max de Lotbinière, Friday December 15, 2006
Guardian Weekly

1. Immigrants have always had to prove they can speak English. T F NM
2. The new measures are designed to help immigrants from Africa. T F NM
3. All immigrants need to pass two tests to stay in England all their lives. T F NM
4. The HSMP was created to help people with particular abilities enter Britain. T F NM
5. The new rules were not expected. T F NM
6. New male immigrants will have to wait a month. T F NM
7. A degree will give an immigrant points. T F NM
8. Any language qualifications may be considered. T F NM
9. A university education in English is not enough to show language ability. T F NM
10. It is now more difficult to get a house in England. T F NM

Reading Task 3

Read the text below then answer the multiple-choice questions that follow.

BBC NEWS - Tobacco companies tell kids: '(0) __D__ smoke!'

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

"Philip Morris does not want children (1) _____", Mr Harris asserts. "We work (2)_____, spend money, make a great deal of effort in the places we (3)_____ business, we encourage staff and support governments to do everything we can to prevent children smoking."

He also points to the health warnings that the company prints (4)_____ all the packs of cigarettes it sells as proof of the company's commercial responsibility.

On issues such as youth smoking, prevention of contraband, marketing and disclosure of ingredients, Mr Harris argues that the company's position is close to that held by (5)_____ other governments around the world.

"We are an international company, we operate in (6)_____ 180 countries and territories. There is a health warning on every packet and every carton of our cigarettes, no matter where they are sold in the world - even where governments don't require it. We want to do the right thing."

(7)_____ estimated 400,000 Americans die each year through smoking related diseases. Health care is (8)_____ but can save lives. William Banty is one of the lucky ones. His doctors diagnosed lung cancer after a routine health check and operated immediately. Mr. Banty, 48, started smoking when he was a teenager. "It was just something that you did. Everyone (9)_____, your parents, aunts and uncles, friends. You (10) _____ the odd one out if you didn't have a cigarette in your hand."

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|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 0) | A not to smoke | B stop | C not | D don't |
| 1) | A smoking | B to smoke | C smokes | D smoke |
| 2) | A hardly | B hard | C much | D more |
| 3) | A make | B have | C do | D are |
| 4) | A in | B to | C on | D off |
| 5) | A many | B a lot | C none | D no |
| 6) | A more | B less | C totally | D nearly |
| 7) | A the | B -- | C an | D a |
| 8) | A expensively | B costful | C costly | D cheap |
| 9) | A smokes | B is smoking | C likes | D smoked |
| 10) | A was | B have been | C were | D are |

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PART C: Written Production and Use of English

1. Writing an E-mail

Read the following instructions then write an e-mail using 100-120 words.

You have just come back from holiday and now you are writing an e-mail to a friend to tell him/her about it. You must include the following points in your e-mail:

- An appropriate beginning and ending.
- The location and duration of your holiday.
- One positive aspect of the holiday and one negative aspect.
- Ask your friend something about his/her holiday.
- Suggest a time when you could meet your friend.

Dear George,

I have just come back from a fabulous three-week holiday in Cambodia. It was really fascinating to see this part of the world. It is so different to home. We went to see the ancient ruins with the rest of the group, which was interesting, and in the evening we went out on our own and explored the towns. Unfortunately there are not many good places to eat and drink, but it was exciting. Where did you go this year? Let's meet up next week at the coffee bar and you can tell me all about it.

Best wishes

Chris

2. Read the first statement then complete the second so that it means exactly the same as the first.

1. There are two swimming pools in the hotel.

The hotel **has two swimming pools**

2. The main pool is just for adults.

Only adults **can use the main pool.**

3. Entry is free if you are under 18.

You **have to be 18 to get in free.**

4. Sports equipment can be hired.

You **can hire sports equipment**

5. The main pool is closed on Sundays

The pool is not **open on Sundays.**

3. Choose the most appropriate answer.

1. Mary felt ill and thought she might be _____.?
a) sick
b) vomit
c) nausea
2. That girl is _____ more intelligent than the others.
a) lot
b) much
c) always
3. You take the high road and I'll take the low _____.
a) else
b) some
c) road
4. I did everything without _____ help.
a) some
b) no
c) much
5. Everybody needs _____ to love.
a) nobody
b) somebody
c) anybody
6. My father wanted _____.
a) that I become a lawyer
b) that I should become a lawyer
c) me to become a lawyer
7. _____ him he'll have to go.
a) Say
b) Tell
c) Say to
8. _____ no business like show business.
a) There
b) There isn't
c) There's
9. I _____ collect stamps when I was a boy.
a) used to
b) usually
c) use to
10. I look forward _____ you soon.
a) seeing
b) to seeing
c) to see
11. Have you ever seen Juventus _____.?
a) play
b) to play
c) to be playing
12. He's wearing a _____ suit.
a) 500-dollars
b) 500-dollar
c) dollars 500
13. George was cooking the lunch when I passed _____ yesterday.
a) around
b) by
c) in
14. (dring, dring!!) It's OK, _____.
a) I answer it
b) I'll be answering it
c) I'll answer it
15. I'll never _____ him as long as I live.
a) forgive

- b) pardon
- c) forego

16. _____ enjoy talking about themselves.

- a) The most of the people
- b) The most people
- c) **Most people**

17. _____ attention. I'm talking to you!

- a) Make
- b) Lend
- c) **Pay**

18. If you wait five minutes, I'll _____ you home.

- a) **drive**
- b) carry
- c) car

19. He lost his job and lives on social _____.

- a) **security**
- b) assistance
- c) dole

20. How long does it _____ you to run round the field?

- a) make
- b) want
- c) **take**