

PRACTICE TEST 1

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
M: Should I leave the potatoes on the kitchen table or under the sink?
W: Actually, I want you to put them in the fridge.
M: In the fridge? I thought we kept them under the sink!
W: Just do as you're told!
Q: Where does the woman want to keep the potatoes?
2.
M: Where should I put this dirty towel?
W: Put it in the tool box or with the kids' toys!
M: Come on, be serious!
W: Well there's a basket full of dirty laundry in the basement.
Q: Where does she tell him to put the towel?
3.
M: We don't seem to like the same TV programs.
W: Look, just because I didn't like the basketball game you wanted to watch and you hated my favorite soap opera doesn't mean we can't watch TV together. After all, we both enjoyed that movie.
Q: How did they probably feel about the movie?
4.
M: How did you do so much damage to your car? Did you run into a pole or something?
W: No! I ran a red light because I was careless and smashed into another motorist.
M: You're lucky you didn't hit a pedestrian!
Q: What happened in the accident?
5.
M: You've really cooked up a storm! I told you I was going to bring you some food!
W: It's okay. Besides, I like preparing meals.
M: Well, you should've made a few sandwiches and then relaxed.
Q: What has the woman done?
6.
M: All the musicians were great, but I especially liked the girl on the sax. She was dynamite.
W: What about the guitarist or the girl playing the flute?
M: They were really good, but not like the saxophonist.
Q: Which musician did the man like most of all?
7.
W: I have a couple of canaries, but neither of them sings!
M: For one thing you shouldn't keep them in the same cage. And keep them next to an open window for as much as you can during the day. Canaries don't like closed windows!
Q: What is the man's advice?
8.
W: What should we get my sister as a wedding present?
M: I don't know. Maybe something practical like a toaster or a sewing machine.
W: No, I want to get her a big-ticket item.
M: Then a washing machine might be nice.
Q: What will they probably buy as a wedding gift?
9.
M: Did you enjoy the movie last night?
W: No. We didn't even get into the theater because of the tremendous line, which was too bad since we walked to the theater.
M: Why'd you walk?
W: Well, traffic's so bad that it's faster to walk downtown from where I live.
Q: Why didn't they see the movie last night?
10.
M: Where are you going for your vacation?
W: Our original plans were for a Caribbean resort ... you know, tropical beach, palm trees ... But then we changed plans completely and decided to go camping.
M: Well we're going to a hotel in the mountains.
Q: Where is she going to spend her vacation?
11.
M: Mary! You haven't changed one bit!
W: Well my hair didn't use to be so long, and I was a bit fatter.
M: That's right, you have lost weight! What's your secret?
Q: What does the woman look like?
12.
W: This portable TV doesn't work, unless of course I'm pushing the wrong button to turn it on!
M: Maybe it needs batteries ... oh, look! We've got to plug it in!
Q: What must they first do so the TV will turn on?
13.
M: How are your grades?
W: I'm having endless problems in Math.
M: Is that so? How about your other subjects?
W: Well, I'm more or less okay at History, but I find English to be a piece of cake.
Q: What is true about the woman's grades?
14.
W: You shouldn't be snacking on potato chips and soft drinks!
M: Well what should I snack on?
W: Why don't you try fruit and vegetables?
M: Okay. Next time you'll see me munching a carrot.
Q: What is the man probably eating now?
15.
W: I think I have the flu or something.
M: Why? What are your symptoms?
W: I feel really tired and I have a sore throat. But the thing that's bothering me most of all is this painful headache. It's even worse than my sore throat!
Q: What seems to be the woman's most serious problem?
16.
M: I've just bought this really neat computer game. D'ya wanna see it?
W: Not now. I've got to get to the post office.
M: How about later?
W: Well there's something I don't wanna miss on TV!
Q: What would the man like to do?
17.
W: Could you please tell me where your footwear department is?

M: Shoes are on the fourth floor. But we also have athletic shoes and sportswear on the sixth.

W: Actually what I want to buy is a pair of slippers.

M: In that case, you'll want to go to the second floor, to the bedroom and lingerie department.

Q: What floor will the woman go to?

18.

M: Why are you sleeping on the job today?

W: I'm sorry. I didn't sleep a wink last night. There was this wild party next door that kept me awake until 2 am. The party upset me so much that I couldn't sleep. So I ended up reading and then watching TV until 6 o'clock.

Q: Why couldn't the woman fall asleep?

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W: Why not get Helen a CD or something?

M: No, that's what I got her for Christmas.

W: Hey, I know. I'll buy her a really nice skirt and you can go for a matching blouse. She'll like that.

M: Great idea! That's what we'll do.

Q: What is the man going to buy?

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W: Look! It's really raining hard.

M: It's been really cloudy all day so the rain shouldn't be so surprising.

W: I know, but the weather forecast said something about sunny skies today, so I left home without an umbrella!

Q: What sort of weather did the woman expect?

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M: Is this the way to the Golden Hotel?

W: Yes, just keep going down this street until you get to a bakery, where you'll turn right. You'll then go down a couple of blocks where you'll turn left. The hotel is on the right. You can't miss it.

Q: How will the man get to the hotel?

22.

W: I'd like to report a lost suitcase.

M: Could you please describe it 'cause we get a lot of unclaimed luggage.

W: Well, it's not a normal suitcase, really, but more like the ones with wheels and with handles on two sides ... like the ones you pull along ... Oh, and my initials are in one of the corners ... JP

Q: Which suitcase is the woman describing?

23.

M: I have to call a client I'm seeing tomorrow. I have to change the time of our meeting.

W: Why don't you email her?

M: I have, but I want to call her too, just to make sure.

Q: What is the man about to do?

24.

M: Who did the electrical work in your home?

W: Yours truly!

M: Come on! I can't believe that. You must've had an electrician, or maybe even two do it for you.

W: You seem to forget that my dad was an electrician before he retired!

Q: Who did the woman's electrical work?

25.

W: Oh, dear! We're lost! I'd better turn at this next corner and find someone who can tell us where we are.

M: Well, you have to keep going straight. Look at the sign. You can't turn either right or left!

Q: Which sign is the man talking about?

26.

M: What should I wear to your party?

W: I don't know. Put on whatever you feel comfortable in.

M: So, I'll wear a pair of shorts and my new shirt.

W: I don't want you to be that casual. At least wear slacks or something. But don't be too formal either!

Q: What will he probably wear?

27.

W: I really enjoy reading in bed at night before I go to sleep.

M: Believe it or not, I do most of my reading in the kitchen.

W: In the kitchen? I would've expected that you did most of your reading in the living room!

Q: Where does the man usually read?

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M: Where were you last night?

W: I had to go grocery shopping.

M: Why go to the supermarket when you can order your groceries through the Internet?

W: True, but that means you have to reveal your credit card information, and I don't like that. I'd rather pay cash.

Q: How does the man seem to buy food?

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M: What's that you're holding?

W: It's a PDA, or a personal digital assistant.

M: What's it for?

W: It's like a small portable computer you can hold in your hand, and you write with this pen-like thing. It's like an electronic calendar.

Q: What is the woman describing?

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W: Why did you become angry at the game yesterday? Were you upset when the opposing team scored the winning goal?

M: No, that didn't bother me. I became angry when that player hit me as I was going for the ball. The referee should've given him a yellow card!

Q: Why was the man upset?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to the guide at an art museum speaking to some students.

Welcome to the Museum of Modern Art. Your prof told me that you're studying cubism in your Arts History course. You'll find that many of the paintings mentioned in your course are here in our museum. So, you'll get a first-hand experience of these works. I want to remind you that cubism was a 20th century modern art form. In the early 1900s, some artists became interested in African and Native American art. There was also interest in the painting style of the ancient Egyptians, who drew figures using a lot of geometric shapes. The styles of these cultures inspired cubism. Everyone has heard of the Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso. Most believe he was the father of cubism. I guess this is partly true. This

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34. is because another painter was equally important. It was
 & 35. Frenchman Georges Braque, who collaborated closely
with Picasso. He and Picasso equally deserve the credit
 for developing the cubist style. The fascinating thing about
 36. cubism is that it began as a style of painting. But, it also
inspired styles of music, literature, and even architecture.
 In cubist paintings, objects are broken up, and put back
 together in an abstract form. Cubism basically involves
 painting people and places so that they look like a collection
 of cubes, spheres, cylinders, cones, and other geometric
 shapes. So, let's begin our study of the museum's cubist
 paintings. Feel free to interrupt me at any time to ask
 questions.
31. Why have the students come to the museum?
 32. What will students visiting the museum have an
 opportunity to see?
 33. What does the speaker say about cubist artists?
 34. Where were the first cubist painters from?
 35. What does the speaker say about Pablo Picasso and
 Georges Braque?
 36. What does the speaker consider to be fascinating?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to fitness instructor speaking to a group of people.

- Good evening everyone, and welcome to our fitness center.
 Let's go over what we'll be doing at our sessions. We'll be
 meeting three times a week for the next three months. All
 37. of you are here because you've had a knee injury that laid
you up for the last few months. You now want to get back
 38. into the swing of things. Here's a leaflet explaining the
construction of the knee, along with a list of common injuries.
 Understanding knee physiology will help you to understand
 how the exercises we'll be doing will lead to a full recovery.
 The exercises are unchallenging and uncomplicated, so
 don't feel afraid of not being able to do them. Besides, I've
 uploaded videos on my website so you can watch them at
 any time. There are also other videos with exercises for
 dealing with back and shoulder injuries. I want to alleviate
 39. any fears you may have of reinjuring yourselves. Some of
 you may even be worried that the only way to solve your
 problem is through surgery. But pain in the knee area can
 41. eventually be eliminated if you strengthen your leg muscles.
 So the first month, we'll be doing different exercises for your
 40. upper and lower legs. By strengthening these muscles, we'll
be removing stress from your knees. Then we'll move on to
 endurance exercises such as light running and swimming. By
 the time you finish the program, your knee problems will be
 behind you.
37. What do the people in the group have in common?
 38. What information is the instructor going to hand out to
 group members?
 39. What are some people in the group apparently afraid of?
 40. What will the speaker do to help group members solve
 their problem?
 41. What does the speaker apparently believe?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a woman who is introducing a speaker at an event.

- Good evening coworkers. I hope you're enjoying our annual 42.
company banquet. In keeping with our tradition, this year
 we have a guest speaker. Unlike past years, where the
 focus was sales, and clients, today's speaker is from a
 different field. Rather, I should say it seems different, but in
 fact her message is true in all contexts. Tonight's speaker
 is renowned science-fiction author Cathy Meyers. The title 43.
 of Cathy's talk is, "Be Careful What You Plan Because It
 Just May Happen." Cathy has always believed that science 45.
fiction, among other things, shows us how all can go wrong
even with the most carefully laid out plan. There's always
 that unexpected result, neglected detail, or unforeseen snag
 that turns a great idea into a disaster. You'll all agree that
 even the best of us has had this problem. Science-fiction
 novels are often about people facing disasters that they have
 accidentally created for themselves. Science-fiction teaches 44.
us that even the best plan can, not only fail, but can put us
in a messy situation. What can we do if this happens? I'll let
Cathy answer that question. I want to add, before she starts,
 that Cathy knows all about adversity. Although she's from 46.
a really poor background, she finished university when she
was only 19. She is also thriving in an area that's dominated
by men. So, Cathy, the floor is yours! Ladies and gentlemen,
 I give you Cathy Meyers.
42. What is the event where this speech is going to take
 place?
 43. What is Cathy Meyer's occupation?
 44. What is the talk probably going to be about?
 45. According to the speaker, what do science-fiction novels
 teach us?
 46. What does the speaker mean when she says: "Cathy
 knows all about adversity."?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio news report.

- And now for the financial news. World stock market prices 47.
have slid to their lowest point in months as oil prices continue
 their upward climb. Instability in the Middle East is fuelling 48.
this latest hike. A barrel of crude is now just shy of \$120.
 Some industry analysts fear that oil may reach between
 \$122 and \$123 a barrel within the coming days. If oil prices
 remain high, then this will slow down the world's economic
 recovery. We're already paying 14 percent more for gas than
 we were paying a year ago. In other news, Trans Airways, Air 49.
America, and Royal British Air have finalized plans to merge
into the world's second largest airline company. Once the
 deal is sealed, it will be the third such merger in the airline
 industry this year. Analysts predict similar deals in the near
 future. The new company, which will be called Trans America
 Air, or TAA, will be based in New York. And finally, The World
 Coffee Forum released its latest statistics which may surprise
 listeners. Vietnam has surpassed Indonesia and Columbia to 50.
become the world's second largest coffee producer. Vietnam
 grows about 11 million bags of coffee a year. Brazil, at over
 23 million bags a year, continues to produce more coffee
 than any other country in the world.
47. What does the speaker say about stock market prices?
 48. Why is the speaker mentioning the price of oil?
 49. Why does the speaker mention the second-largest
 airline?
 50. Which country is the second-largest coffee producer in
 the world?

PRACTICE TEST 2

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
M: How do you expect me to read while you're making so much noise with the vacuum cleaner?
W: You should be the one vacuuming and I should be reading!
M: You seem to forget that I did the ironing.
Q: What is happening now?
2.
W: We're organizing a food drive for the victims of the earthquake in Pakistan.
M: Great idea! So, I guess that means milk, fruit and stuff.
W: Not exactly. We need to send stuff that doesn't spoil.
Q: What food can they send?
3.
W: Hey! That's my jacket you're wearing!
M: No it's not! This jacket has double pockets and it doesn't have a hood like yours.
W: Sorry! You're right.
Q: Which jacket is the man wearing?
4.
M: Great! It's three o'clock! Time to go home!
W: Just a minute! Aren't you forgetting the subway's on strike until three-thirty?
M: Oh, no! That means it'll be around four by the time I reach home!
Q: What time are they probably going to leave?
5.
M: Don't tell me you repair your car on your own!
W: Not exactly! I get my brother to help me. After all, he is a mechanic.
M: I bet you could do a lot of things by yourself if you tried.
Q: How does the woman get her car repaired?
6.
M: How will I find your office once I get off the elevator?
W: It's easy. It's the first door on your left.
M: I thought it was somewhere on the right.
W: That was where it was until last year.
Q: Where is the woman's office?
7.
M: I'm going to sell my SUV and buy a sports car!
W: You're crazy. But, then again, it's your money. If I could buy a nice car, it'd be a luxury sedan!
M: Sure you're not interested in an SUV?
Q: What car is the man going to buy?
8.
W: Did the burglar get away with much?
M: Just some cash, although he did try to steal my stereo. Guess it was too heavy for him!
W: You're lucky you were wearing your watch otherwise he'd have stolen that too!
Q: What did the burglar steal?
9.
W: Thanks for repairing my car. How do you want me to pay you?
M: Credit card, personal check, cash ... any way will be fine. We of course prefer cash.
W: No problem. Just let me take out my wallet.
Q: How will the woman probably pay?
10.
W: Slow down, unless you wanna get fined for speeding!
M: What do you mean? There's not a police car in sight!
W: Oh, no? Well, that flashing light behind us isn't from an ambulance or a fire truck ... I think you'd better pull over!
Q: What seems to be true?
11.
M: Those are really nice shoes! I bet you must've paid a lot for them.
W: They were on the expensive side. But I bought them for really special occasions.
M: What's the point of spending so much money for shoes that you'll only wear once in a while?
Q: Where will she probably wear her shoes?
12.
W: Can you tell me which key to punch to get this computer game going?
M: Sure! Just press F1 to start the game, F2 to pause it and F3 to exit.
W: Oh! So, it's that easy?
Q: Which key should she press to begin?
13.
W: Are you going out to get some groceries?
M: Yeah, and I also need some aspirin.
W: Do you think you can get some paper for my printer?
M: Sure! I'll drop by Helen's store to get some.
Q: What kind of store does Helen have?
14.
W: Did you make this vase yourself?
M: Yeah! I've been taking this pottery course at our community college.
W: And I see they've taught you to make some really modern-looking stuff! Are you going to paint a design on it or something?
Q: What has he probably made?
15.
M: Can you tell me what this is? I can't figure it out!
W: Oh, it's just one of Bill's notes. You know how terrible his handwriting is!
M: I wish that guy would write more neatly. Or why doesn't he just print using nice clear letters?
Q: What note are they reading?
16.
M: Oh, no! It's raining! And I was looking forward to going for a long run.
W: Great! This means we can have a game of chess. Or, hey! We can play that word game, Scrabble!
M: Yeah! It's more fun than chess.
Q: What are they going to do?
17.
M: Are there any buses to Toronto this morning?
W: Well, there's a 7:45, which you've obviously missed, then there's a 9:30 and another one at 10:45.
M: The faster I get to Toronto the better.
Q: What time will he probably leave for Toronto?

18.
M: What are you going to be dressed as at the costume party?
W: I got this really neat witch's costume.
M: Since I'm going to be dressed as a prince, why don't you come as a princess. We'll make a really nice couple.
W: You should've suggested that last week. I've already paid for my costume.
Q: What is she going to wear to the party?
19.
M: I need to make an important call, but the pay phone's out of order.
W: I'd let you use my cell phone, but the battery's really low.
M: How about the phone on your desk?
M: I'm not supposed to let anyone use it, but since it's an emergency, go ahead.
Q: Which phone is he going to use?
20.
W: I don't like the idea of keeping that plant in the bedroom! I told you to put it in the living room, next to the armchair.
M: Yeah, but there's not enough light there.
W: Well, the kitchen's really bright!
M: Okay! I'll move it there now.
Q: Where is he going to put the plant?
21.
W: How about a coffee?
M: I've already had plenty!
W: Then, have a Coke or something.
M: You know colas have as much caffeine as coffee.
W: So, have a glass of this.
Q: What is she probably giving him?
22.
W: I have some old newspapers and magazines I'd like to recycle.
M: There are some recycling bins down the hall for glass and metal and stuff. Just dump what you have into the receptacle with the corresponding sign.
Q: What sign is she going to look for?
23.
M: This new plant of mine isn't doing so well.
W: Of course it isn't. For one thing, you shouldn't keep it outside. And stop watering it so much! Indoor plants don't need that much water.
Q: What advice does she give about the plant?
24.
W: Your desk is so cluttered! No wonder you have no room for a computer!
M: Maybe I should get one of those small desks for a computer and keyboard to have next to my regular desk.
W: Or, maybe you should try to be neater. Your desk is already big enough for books and a computer!
Q: What is his desk like?
25.
W: I can't believe you didn't try the pizza at the party last night. It was delicious.
- M:** I am on a strict diet! I did feel tempted, though! And that lemon pie looked so good, too.
W: Well, I hoped you liked your fruit salad!
Q: What did the man eat at the party?
26.
M: I had an unforgettable time in the States.
W: What did you enjoy most?
M: Washington was interesting, and I really enjoyed the desert in California. But what impressed me most for some reason was the Golden Gate. You know, that bridge in San Francisco.
Q: What did the man like a lot?
27.
M: I'm late for class and I can't find my backpack!
W: Have you looked in your closet?
M: I remember putting it on my bed ... Oh, here it is! I guess I must've kicked it there as I was hurrying to get ready.
Q: Where has he found his backpack?
28.
W: We need a new printer.
M: Yeah, but we can't afford to get that big color laser printer you want so much.
W: Then, let's get something less expensive ... and make sure it has a double tray, so it can hold more paper.
Q: Which printer are they probably going to get?
29.
W: We're moving into a new home!
M: Congratulations! Did you manage to find something with a double garage like you wanted?
W: Unfortunately, our new place has a single garage, but it's bigger than our old place.
Q: Which is their new home?
30.
W: Isn't skateboarding kinda dangerous?
M: If you take the right precautions, it's safe.
W: You should try something where you can't get hurt.
M: What? Like fishing? You know I like extreme sports! Do I criticize you for cycling so much?
Q: Which activity does he enjoy?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to this radio commercial.

Should I get an Apple iPad or would it be better to go for a Motorola Xoom? Which is better for surfing the Internet on a hand-held device, Android, Apple OS, or another operating system? What exactly is cloud computing and what are its advantages? Is it worth it to pay a little extra for a smartphone or should I go for something low-tech? Is it possible for me to compare products before paying my hard-earned cash? Stop tormenting yourself with these many important questions. At Digital Heaven, we have answers for all of them, as well as information on the latest trends in computer and mobile technology. Use the latest tablets to visit your favorite sites. See for yourself which Internet system you feel most comfortable with. Compare the latest

32. line of computers, tablets, netbooks, smartphones, and more with the help of our highly trained staff. Test any of our
 34. products yourself before finalizing your purchase. And you can do this in the comfort of our in-store lounge! If you have
 33. second thoughts about a purchase, not only do we promise you a full refund, but we'll give you a five-dollar coupon that
 35. you can use on a future purchase. Digital Heaven! With over 1,000 outlets to serve you, you're always close to Digital Heaven! We accept all major credit and debit cards. For even
 36. greater savings, order online at digital dash heaven dot com.
31. What sort of business is the commercial advertising?
 32. What seems to be the main advantage that customers can enjoy?
 33. What does Digital Heaven promise to its customers?
 34. What can customers apparently do at Digital Heaven?
 35. What seems to be true about Digital Heaven?
 36. How can customers enjoy even better prices?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone talking to parents and teachers.

- I'd like to thank Principal Fletcher for the school auditorium for our Parents-Teachers Association meeting. I appreciate
 37. it that our teachers are with us. As a parent, I'm sorry we're
 38. not discussing grades, field trips, or funds. It's bullying at our school. The problem of bullying has become worse these
 39. past six months. For instance, two children were rushed to the hospital last week after an incident during recess. Fortunately, their injuries were minor. But we need to take action before anything really serious takes place. First, I think we need to look at the problem closely. Many still believe that bullies have a low opinion of themselves. This is why they want to hurt other people. Current research, however, shows
 40. that the opposite is true. Bullies actually have an extremely high opinion of themselves. They think they have a right to make someone suffer because they are superior to others. They feel that no one is better than they are. Until recently, it was believed that boys were more likely to be bullies than girls. However, statistics show that both girls and boys are
 41. equally likely to be bullies. Finally, bullies come from all sorts of backgrounds. There is no link between bullies and any particular income-level or social group. Whether parents have a university degree or just a high school education, their kid could still become a bully. So, by understanding the problem, we will be better able to deal with it.

37. What is the purpose of the meeting?
 38. What problem is the meeting going to focus on?
 39. What happened to the two children that the speaker mentions?
 40. According to the speaker, what is true about bullies?
 41. What does the speaker mean when she says: "Whether parents have a university degree or just a high school education, their kid could still become a bully."?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a florist giving instructions to some customers.

42. You're real novices when it comes to planting a rose garden, so I'm going to give you some useful tips. Who knows?

You may grow flowers beautiful enough to enter into a competition. First, you have to choose soil that is naturally rich in nutrients. Enrich the soil with natural fertilizers, of course, and avoid chemical fertilizers as they affect the fragrance of the flowers. Make sure the soil doesn't retain moisture because if the roots of rose bushes are directly exposed to water for too long they will rot. It's generally best to water your roses about twice a week. If it's a particularly dry summer, then water them three times a week. Never water your roses too late in the evening as this too may cause powdery mildew. Powdery mildew is the worst disease for roses because it's fatal. If your rose bush gets powdery mildew then all you can do is uproot it and start all over again! So, water your roses, but don't overdo it! You should also give your roses space, so don't plant them too closely together. Roses planted close together allow the development of powdery mildew, besides making it easier for different pests and parasites to breed. Finally, plant your roses somewhere where they have at least six hours of sunlight a day. There's no such thing as too much sunlight when it comes to roses! So, good luck with your rose garden!

42. Why is the florist giving instructions to the customers?
 43. Why does the florist tell customers to use natural fertilizers?
 44. What seems to be bad for rose bushes?
 45. What is powdery mildew?
 46. What happens when rose bushes get powdery mildew?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio weather report.

Here's the weather outlook for the coming week. We'll all remember January for the mild temperatures it brought us from coast to coast. We did have a body of Arctic air cover most of the North-eastern US, but that lasted only until a bit after New Year's Day. By the 5th or 6th of the month, the cold was behind us. Since then, there have been the warmest winter temperatures we've enjoyed since 2004. In fact, apart from southern Florida and the Pacific Northwest, temperatures across the country have been well above average. For instance, Michigan averaged around 40 degrees for most of the month, while temperatures in much of Arizona were in the low 70s. This is about 5 or 6 degrees more than usual for this time of year. Florida saw temperatures reach the high 70s. This may sound hot, but this is actually normal for Florida in winter. As for the outlook for February, for those who think winter is over, they should keep their warm clothing handy. We're expecting a new burst of cold air from Canada early next week. This should cause a drop in temperatures, at least in the Northeast, by Wednesday. What isn't clear yet is whether any serious snow fall will accompany this cold front. The rest of the country will continue to enjoy the highs of January, at least for the coming week.

47. What is the main weather for the month of January?
 48. What does the report say about Florida?
 49. What seems to be the forecast for the coming week?
 50. What does the speaker mean when he says: "for those who think winter is over, they should keep their warm clothing handy."?

PRACTICE TEST 3

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
W: Don't tell me you finished all that work at home! How did you manage without your little boy bothering you? Unless, of course, your wife looked after him.
M: Actually, I just gave him a toy to play with while I worked away at my computer.
Q: What is true about the man?
2.
W: I'm gonna to buy Bill a nice pen for his birthday.
M: Since I got him a nice gift for Christmas, I think I'll just get him a card.
W: Come on! At least give him some flowers, or something!
M: Yeah, I guess you're right.
Q: What is he going to give to Bill?
3.
W: I won a wide-screen TV in this contest.
M: Congratulations! Was it first prize?
W: No, first prize was a trip to Hawaii, and third prize was a stereo system.
M: Too bad you didn't win the trip to Hawaii!
Q: What did she win?
4.
M: Why are you frowning? You seemed happy this morning!
W: I know. I just got my cell phone bill. I never expected it to be so high!
M: I don't blame you then. I get really angry when my bills are high!
Q: How is the woman currently feeling?
5.
W: I'm off to get some groceries!
M: Don't forget to get some sugar.
W: We've got plenty of sugar! It's flour and coffee that we need.
Q: What seems to be true?
6.
W: Like what I just bought? And they were on sale, too.
M: I thought you only wore high heels.
W: I do, except when it comes to sandals.
Q: What shoes has she just bought?
7.
W: Do you remember how we used to watch movies on video tapes?
M: Yeah, and then before you knew it they were a thing of the past and we had DVDs.
W: I kind of miss going to the movies, though!
Q: How do they watch movies?
8.
M: Why's the baby crying? Maybe he needs to be changed. I'll get the diapers!
W: I just changed him. He's hungry, silly. Why don't you get him his bottle? I'll keep him busy with his stuffed toy.
Q: What is the man going to bring her?
9.
W: I'm going to get an MP3 player. CD players are no longer that practical.
M: I know what you mean. And, it's so much easier to download songs from the Internet onto your computer.
Q: What is she going to buy?
10.
M: What happened to you this morning?
W: I had a flat as I was driving to work, and I didn't have a spare.
M: So, did you have to take a taxi?
W: No, 'cause a friend of mine riding by on his motorcycle saw me and gave me a lift.
Q: How did she get to work?
11.
M: Do you want me to read the report to you over the phone?
W: Are you kidding? Just email it to me!
M: Well, there's something wrong with my Internet connection so I'll save it on a CD and send it to you with a courier.
Q: What is he going to do?
12.
M: Do you have a stapler or some tape or something?
W: What do you want it for?
M: I have a couple of pages that I want to keep together.
W: I don't have a stapler or tape, but you can use one of these.
Q: What did she give the man?
13.
M: How do you manage to stay fit? I bet you exercise regularly.
W: Yes, I train with weights.
M: No kidding! And I thought you played tennis or something.
Q: How does she stay in shape?
14.
M: You looked all over for a copy of that book. Where did you finally find it?
W: Believe it or not, after searching at countless online bookstores over the Internet, I managed to get it at a used bookstore downtown that doesn't even have a website!
M: Gee, and I was almost certain you would have found it at the library.
Q: Where did she find her book?
15.
M: Let's go to the new restaurant that's been advertised in the paper.
W: Call and make a reservation.
M: I did, but it was the wrong number.
W: Maybe they misprinted it. Why don't you look it up here?
Q: What has she probably given the man?
16.
M: I'd like to take out a library card. What do I need to do?
W: Give me your name, address and phone number and a piece of ID with your picture on it.
M: Like a passport or something?
W: Even your driver's license will do.

- M: Oh, great! Well, then, here.
 Q: What has he given the woman?
17.
 M: Are you ready for tomorrow's English test?
 W: English is the day after tomorrow. You mean math.
 M: Oh, yeah, that's right. By the way, how did you do on that physics test?
 Q: What test are they having tomorrow?
18.
 M: What time do you start work?
 W: I get to the office at around eight every morning, but I don't really begin doing anything for about half an hour.
 M: You're lucky. I have to start working at 7:30!
 Q: What time does she start working?
19.
 W: Here's the gift I got Mary. But, you're going to have to give it to her for the both of us.
 M: It would've been better for you to give it to her, but I guess I'll manage.
 Q: What will probably happen?
20.
 W: My boyfriend and I were sitting a couple of rows behind you at the game last night ... in seats 22 and 23.
 M: Is that so? We were in 43 and 44.
 W: We coulda sat closer together 'cause seats 11 and 12 right behind us were empty.
 Q: Where were she and her boyfriend sitting?
21.
 W: I really liked the girl on the balance beam.
 M: I liked her too, and the guy on the pommel horse. But, that guy on the rings was the most impressive athlete of all!
 W: I have to agree with you there!
 Q: Which athlete impressed them most of all?
22.
 W: How about going to that diner downtown? They make great burgers. Or, we could eat at that Chinese place.
 M: Let's go to an outdoor café!
 W: But cafés serve drinks and I'm hungry!
 M: Okay! I wouldn't mind a burger myself.
 Q: Where are they probably going to go?
23.
 W: Where's Mary? She's usually home by seven.
 M: She left a note saying something about being late. So, I guess we're having supper without her.
 W: Why don't you call her on her cell?
 Q: What did Mary probably write in her note?
24.
 M: I remember taking the folder from the filing cabinet and putting it in my briefcase.
 W: Then, that's where it should be. Or look in the trunk of your car. That's where you always put stuff you don't want to lose, isn't it?
 Q: Where does she tell him to look for the folder?
25.
 M: This jacket should fit you. And, it's the color you asked for.
 W: Yeah, but it's got a zipper. I want something that buttons up.

- M: Then, how about this?
 W: Hmmm ... you wouldn't happen to have something with more buttons, would you?
 Q: What is she probably looking for?
26.
 M: Oh, no! There's a bank strike today! And I need to make a deposit.
 W: So, why don't you use an ATM? Or, give it to me and I'll keep it in my safe for you.
 M: It's okay. I'll deposit it when the strike's over.
 Q: What is he going to do with his money?
27.
 M: Are you really an artist?
 W: Not exactly. I'm a graphic artist.
 M: So, you design things.
 W: That's right, but I don't work on a drawing board. I work on a PC.
 Q: What does she do?
28.
 M: Which button should I push to start the washing machine?
 W: The first one of course! Unless you have a light load. In that case you have to push the button marked e, for economy.
 M: All I have to wash is a couple of shirts and a pair of jeans.
 Q: Which button is he going to push?
29.
 M: Don't you think you're driving a bit too fast?
 W: Why? The road's not slippery.
 M: Yeah, but according to that sign we just passed, there're a lot of kids in this area.
 W: You're right. We're turning at the next corner, anyway.
 Q: What sign is he talking about?
30.
 M: This area had all sorts of wildlife until a few years ago.
 W: I know. There were larger animals, like foxes and even the occasional bear.
 M: Now you're lucky if you see a rabbit!
 W: Actually, I did see one ... just last week!
 Q: What animal did she see?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to this recorded message from a bank.

Thank you for calling Business Bank. At Business Bank, 31.
we're your ideal partner for all your personal and commercial banking and financial needs. For your safety and for training purposes, all telephone conversations are monitored. Please 33.
press one if you would like service in a language other than English. If you would like to report a lost or stolen credit or debit card, please press two. If you would like to activate your credit card or debit card, please press three. If you want information about your savings or checking account, please press four. If you want information about your loan and to pay an installment, please press five. To automatically pay your 32.
phone, power, and other utility bills, press six. If you would like to book and pay for seats at any local cinema, theater,

- concert, or sporting event, press seven. If you want to speak with one of our representatives please wait and someone will be with you shortly. You can also enjoy full online services from our award-winning site. Visit a Business Bank branch nearest you to get more information and to receive your username and password. It's fast, convenient, and above all 35. completely secure. Please press eight if you would like to donate any sum of money to the local charity of your choice. 36. To hear this message again, please press the pound key. 34.

31. What is the purpose of the message?
32. What number would you press to pay your water bill?
33. Which number would you press if you wanted service in French?
34. Why would a customer press the pound key?
35. What do you have to do if you want to start using the Internet services of this bank?
36. What does this message emphasize about the bank's online services?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.
Listen to a tour guide explaining an itinerary to her group of tourists.

37. I want to go over tomorrow's itinerary, but let's move over a bit so we aren't bothering the people at the reception desk. It's devoted to culture. Whoever wants to go shopping on Fifth Avenue, I have to disappoint you. That's ironic because many of New York's museums, including one we're visiting, 38. is on Fifth Avenue along with New York's finest retailers! There's one stretch of Fifth Avenue known as Museum Mile. It's too bad it's not early June. That's when visitors to 39. New York can enjoy the Museum Mile Festival. It's a one-day event – usually in the first week of June – on which admission to Fifth Avenue museums is free. There are street performers, concerts, and a whole lot of other goodies. New York has hundreds of museums. People who spend a lifetime here never manage to visit half of them. So, this is something to think about on your next trip to our city. But let's 40. get back to tomorrow. First, it's the Metropolitan Museum of Art, with art spanning over 4,000 years. You'll be able to see works of art from all continents and from most of our world's civilizations. Then it's the American Museum of Natural History where you'll be able to see real dinosaur fossils. 41. After a quick lunch, it's over to the Museum of Modern Art, or MoMA. Besides its 100,000 paintings, MoMA also owns 14,000 films and 140,000 books. There's so much to see! So, we meet tomorrow after breakfast where we're now standing. The bus will pick us up right outside our hotel! Any questions?
37. Where is this talk probably taking place?
38. Based on what the woman says, what is probably true about Fifth Avenue?
39. What seems true about the museums on Museum Mile?
40. You are interested in ancient art. What will you really enjoy visiting?
41. Where will visitors probably be able to watch a movie if they want to?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.
Listen to a teacher in a photography class.

- I want to welcome you to the photography course. This course is for absolute beginners. but I'm sure all of you have taken more than a few snapshots. I'm sure almost all of you have cell phones with cameras. In fact, more photos and videos are currently being shot with phones than with cameras. Some people use their phones more as camera and less to communicate! But there's a difference between pointing a lens and randomly snapping and planning a shot with a good camera. This is what our course is going to be about. We'll study the importance of light, camera angle, and shutter speed. We'll also be touching on the use of color filters, and lots of other details that'll help you to take a truly artistic picture. Oh, and there's also thematic photography! For instance we'll talk about how to photograph people at work, or how to shoot animals. We'll even investigate photography under extreme conditions, like storms, accidents, and disasters. The important thing to remember is that, unlike photos we snap for ourselves, an artistic photo is meant for the widest possible audience. A successful photograph has to tell a story that everyone can relate to. It's not just for friends or family. We'll be working with both color and black and white photos. I'll try to teach you as much as I can. I've acquired a lot of experience as a professional with over 30 years in the field. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46.

42. Who is the course meant for?
43. What seems true about the instructor?
44. Why does the man mention cell phones?
45. According to the speaker, what will students learn on the course?
46. What does the speaker mean when he says: "A successful photograph has to tell a story that everyone can relate to. It's not just for friends or family."?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.
Listen to this voicemail message.

- Hi, Anne, it's me. I tried calling you on your cell but I guess you've switched it off or something. I hope you get this message before seven-thirty, which is when we were supposed to meet. Something has just come up that's work-related so I won't be there. It may not be anything serious, but it needs to be dealt with it immediately, and I don't really know how things will pan out. I asked our boss if it could be left for tomorrow, but you know her. She's not the procrastinating type, and she wants things done when she wants them done, and experience has taught me that you can't argue with her. You know what I'm talking about because you've had similar experiences with her. If you get this message and it's after seven-thirty, it means I've stood you up, which also means I should apologize in advance. Anyway, we'll touch base tomorrow at work either at your office or mine to arrange another time. I really need to talk to you about something, but I don't want to do this at work! Tell you what. I'll text you later this evening if I get done early enough. Bye. 47. 48. 49. 50.

47. Why has the woman called Anne?
48. What is the woman worried about?
49. What do we understand about the woman's boss?
50. What seems to be true about Anne?

PRACTICE TEST 4

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
M: Where's the dustpan? I want to get rid of all this stuff I've swept from the floor.
W: Isn't it with the broom? Hey! Use this to gather up the dust.
M: Yeah! I never thought of that! Where can I plug it in?
Q: What has she given him?
2.
W: You'd better not park there, unless of course you don't mind paying a fine.
M: The parking lot is full, so I have no choice.
W: Look over there! And here! I can even give you some change!
Q: What is probably going to happen?
3.
W: Your room won't be ready for another hour. Sir, but you can wait in the restaurant until it is.
M: What about my luggage? Can someone carry it up for me?
W: Of course. So, just go to the restaurant, and have something to drink on the house.
Q: Where is this conversation taking place?
4.
M: Where'd you find your book, finally? You seemed awfully worried when it wasn't in your backpack.
W: Oh, it was in my locker at school, under some other books. Next time, I'll just leave it on my desk.
Q: Where did she find her book?
5.
W: I think I'll have a crescent roll with my coffee.
M: What's that?
W: Come on, don't you know? It's a type of bread. I think it's originally from France. It's shaped like a moon.
M: The only bread from France that I know about is the long, thin kind.
Q: What is she going to have?
6.
M: Don't you think you should write down more than just people's numbers in your personal phone book.
W: I know where everyone lives, so I don't need to write down their addresses. And I've already got their emails on my computer!
Q: What has she written in her phone book?
7.
W: I think you should try on a bigger size, sir. Those jeans seem to be a bit too tight on you.
M: I'm afraid you're right. Guess I've been eating too much ice cream. Oh! And could you tell me where your toy department is?
Q: Where does this conversation take place?
8.
W: Hey, how do you turn on this air-conditioner?
M: Oh, it's the red button there, just under the little monitor that shows the temperature.
W: And, do the bottom buttons next to the thermometer thing here adjust the temperature?
- W:** Yeah, and the middle ones are for fan speed.
Q: Which buttons change the temperature?
9.
W: Why don't we get a cute, little puppy?
M: Because, we want a dog for protection. A puppy isn't going to scare anyone away!
W: Look! I don't want anything vicious-looking, like a Doberman. Let's get a big dog, but let it be something cuddly.
Q: What dog does she think they should get?
10.
W: Who's going to bring balloons to the party?
M: Not me! I'm going to bring some soft drinks and the cake! So, you can take care of the balloons.
W: I thought I was going to bring the cake!
M: Okay, so you can handle that then, too.
Q: What is she going to bring to the party?
11.
W: My tooth is killing me!
M: Yeah, but at least you don't have a stomachache like me!
W: Listen! A toothache is worse than a stomachache and a headache combined!
Q: What is her problem?
12.
M: What are you studying?
W: Geography. Did you know that most people in Japan live in large cities? A small percentage live in small towns, and even fewer people live in farm areas.
M: And to think that fifty years ago most people in Japan lived in smaller communities!
Q: What information is she talking about?
13.
W: Let's watch a western.
M: I didn't know you liked westerns. I always thought you were into romantic films.
W: I am, but this western has a lot of stars playing in it.
M: How about a horror film?
W: You've gotta be kidding!
Q: What movie does she want to watch?
14.
W: You're lucky to be living in the country.
M: Not quite! I live near this huge factory. Some days, the sky's so polluted, I may as well be living in the city!
Q: Where does he live?
15.
M: Hurry up! We're already an hour late! We should've been there by eight and it's nine!
W: Since we're already an hour late, there's no need to rush. We probably won't get there by ten anyway! After all, it is an hour away, even if we drive fast.
Q: What time is it now?
16.
W: What d'ya major in when you were at university?
M: My parents wanted me to become a doctor, like my sister, but I ended up getting a degree in economics. I was accepted into law school, though.
Q: What did he study?

17.
W: Why didn't you rent the apartment you saw yesterday?
M: Because I didn't like the way the bathroom was opposite the kitchen. Besides, it didn't have enough bedrooms for us.
Q: Which apartment would he probably like to rent?
18.
M: Hey, Helen, could you lend me your CD player?
W: My CD player? What for? Don't you have one?
M: I do, but I'm asking on Mary's behalf.
W: Tell Mary I'll let her have it, but I want her to ask me herself.
Q: What is probably going to happen?
19.
W: Hi, who is it?
M: Hi! My name is John Brown. Could I speak to Susan?
W: She's not here, but you could leave a message.
M: Great! Well, I'm calling about a party tonight at eight.
Could you please ask her to call me?
Q: What note will she leave for Susan?
20.
M: I'm trying to cut down on how much I eat.
W: How can you come to a fast food place and not eat a hamburger?
M: I'll just have two orders of fries and a soft drink.
W: Well, I'm going to have fries and a burger!
Q: What is he going to have?
21.
W: Who was that woman you just said hi to?
M: We chat every morning at the bus stop.
W: Do you ride into work together?
M: No, she takes a different bus. The funny thing is we have similar jobs, but her office is on the other side of town.
Q: Where does he usually meet the woman?
22.
M: And now we're gonna hear a news bulletin.
W: Here's the news in brief. An earthquake in Tokyo caused a building to collapse. There were no injuries. Bank robbers in London escaped with over 2 million pounds, and the President is in Rome on a state visit.
Q: Where was there a crime?
23.
M: I thought the train was going to arrive at eleven-ten.
W: No, I told you it was coming at ten-to not at ten-past eleven! And besides, look at the time! It's only ten!
Q: What time is the train arriving?
24.
M: I didn't like the act with the lion tamer much.
W: Me, neither. I generally don't like the way animals are mistreated at circuses. And I thought the clowns were silly rather than funny.
M: But you have to admit. The juggler was really something!
W: I'll say!
Q: What did they both like?
25.
M: I hear you're into martial arts. Do you practice on people or do you kick bags?
W: We mostly practice on one another.

- M:** Is it a mixed group or is it girls only?
W: Although we have both sexes in our group, I always practice with this girl I know.
Q: How does she usually practice?
26.
W: Oh, no! Our fridge is on the blink again. We should get a new one.
M: Okay, but this time, let's get one with double doors.
W: Okay, but I want it to be with the two doors side-by-side.
Q: Which refrigerator are they probably going to get?
27.
M: How was your trip?
W: Great! I met a friend as I was getting my ticket, and then I met some more friends on the train.
M: Sounds good! I wish I had traveled with you!
Q: Where are they?
28.
W: What's that noise I hear? Sounds like you're at the airport.
M: But you know I've come in by train! I'm just calling to let you know I'll be driving over. I'm renting a car.
W: Okay, but call me a bit before you get here.
Q: Where is he?
29.
W: Why are you mailing the contract to the lawyer? Use the fax machine, instead.
M: Yeah, but sometimes faxes aren't too clear and I don't want him to miss anything.
W: Well, if it's that important, then you should deliver it personally and maybe talk to him about it while you're at it.
Q: What does she finally advise him to do?
30.
M: The keys aren't in the top drawer where they should be.
W: Try one of the others. How about one of the middle ones?
M: Oh! Here they are, in the bottom one.
Q: Where do they usually keep their keys?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 – 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone speaking to visitors of a beer-making factory.

- Welcome to the Old Mare Brewery, one of the last family-run breweries in the country. The Paulsen family has been making beer here for over six generations. This isn't the original brewery, though. The first brewery opened about 100 31.
yards from here in 1829. It operated for about a century until 32.
it was burnt to the ground in 1931 after an electrical short
circuit. The Paulsen family rebuilt their brewery on the site
of the current one. That brewery had to be demolished in
1970. The current building was completed in 1971. The water 34.
for our beer comes from a spring right next to our brewery.
In other words, the Old Mare Brewery enjoys its own water 33.
supply. Our water has been tested for purity and for salinity.
It's one of the reasons we produce quality beers that are
exported to over 30 countries. As we tour the brewery, you'll 35.
see that making beer is far from simple. Beer can include
barley, hops, and yeast. You can also make beer with wheat.

It needs nine stages before it is finally fit to drink. Unlike other alcoholic drinks, you can't keep quality beer for longer than six months, because it can spoil. In many respects,

36. beer is like bread since they share similar ingredients. Food historians tell us that beer and bread first appeared at more or less the same time over 11,000 years ago in Mesopotamia. So, let's start our tour!
31. What seems to be extraordinary about the Old Mare Brewery?
32. What happened in 1931?
33. What seems to guarantee the quality of the beer made at this brewery?
34. When was the modern Old Mare Brewery constructed?
35. What is true about the products of the Old Mare Brewery?
36. Why does the speaker mention bread?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to a woman explaining an accident to a police officer.

- Well, officer, here's how the accident happened. Before I begin, I need to clarify that I've never had an accident. You can easily verify this yourself. I haven't even had a traffic violation, apart from the occasional parking ticket. Well, here's how everything happened. I was driving down Vine Street, cautiously approaching the intersection of Vine and First Streets. I had the right of way, but I slowed down to a crawl since it is a residential area, there are frequently pedestrians, and it is really close to home. The stop sign was on the First Street side of the intersection. I saw the motorcycle approaching, but I took it for granted that, since he had the stop sign, the person riding the motorcycle would stop. Unfortunately, I didn't anticipate his actions correctly. I had just started entering the intersection when he ran the stop sign and ploughed into the front end of my car, since, just before we collided I managed to hit the brakes. He flew over the hood of my car and landed about 14 feet away. He was lucky he was wearing a helmet and protective clothing because he could've been seriously injured, or worse. I immediately got out of the car and ran to him, but he had stood up before I reached him. He was visibly shaken, but he seemed unhurt. His bike wasn't in such good shape, though. And he had really damaged my car.
37. I need to clarify that I've never had an accident. You can easily verify this yourself.
38. cautiously approaching the intersection of Vine and First Streets.
41. it is really close to home.
39. I took it for granted that, since he had the stop sign, the person riding the motorcycle would stop.
40. I immediately got out of the car and ran to him, but he had stood up before I reached him. He was visibly shaken, but he seemed unhurt. His bike wasn't in such good shape, though. And he had really damaged my car.

37. What does the woman encourage the police officer to do?
38. What did the woman do when she reached the intersection?
39. What did the woman expect the motorcyclist to do?
40. What seems true about this accident?
41. Apparently, why was the woman driving carefully?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a teacher in an economics class.

Let's begin with a basic law of economics, the Law of Supply and Demand. There's an elaborate explanation of this law, with examples, in unit one of our textbook. You don't need to take notes, so just listen for now. The more of a product

42. we have, the cheaper it will be. However, when there's a demand for a product but a limited supply, then its price will

be high. Imagine a small town with 1000 people who need shoes. Only one retailer in this town — let's call it Business A — sells shoes, and can stock only 200 pairs at any one time. Because 1000 people want shoes, Business A can charge a high price. The store owner can ask any price he wants, because he has a product so many people want to purchase. There are 200 pairs of shoes for 1000 people. Another entrepreneur learns about the high demand for shoes and builds a factory nearby. We'll call it Business B, which makes 1500 pairs of shoes. Now there are two places competing with each other with enough shoes for everyone. Business A sells 200 pairs at a time, while Business B sells 1500 pairs at a time. We now have 1700 pairs of shoes for sale for 1000 people. Because there are more than enough shoes for everyone, even enough shoes for people who want more than one pair, their price will drop significantly. Any questions, so far?

42. What is the teacher trying to explain?
43. According to the teacher, why can Business A charge a high price for shoes?
44. According to the teacher, when are prices low?
45. According to the teacher, why will prices drop after the arrival of Business B?
46. What would the teacher apparently want students to conclude?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to this recorded phone message.

Thank you for contacting Acme Travel, your personal travel partners. We've been serving the community since 1983. We're here to satisfy your travel needs from Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm. We're also here on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. We collaborate with all major airlines and tour operators, besides organizing group packages of our own at competitive prices. Visit our site at acmetravel dot com for more information. Once you're on our site, you may want to take the opportunity to become a member of our Acme Travel Club. Acme Travel Club members enjoy great savings and get to participate in our frequent draws. Who knows? You may win one of many fantastic prizes. First prize this month is an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii for two people with accommodation at a luxury hotel. We also have two special offers. For this week only, all train tickets are 40 percent off, and all domestic flights are 30 percent off. So, call during our business hours, or better still, come by! Refreshments are free! If you want to leave a message, please wait for the tone.

47. What is the purpose of the announcement?
48. What is Acme offering to callers?
49. What seems to be a benefit for members of the Acme Travel Club?
50. Where is there a 30 percent discount?

PRACTICE TEST 5

Listening Test, Part 1

1. **M:** Hey, where's the calculator? I need to figure something out.
- W:** I don't know, but you could use your cell phone. Unless, of course, you want me to get you a pen and some paper.

- M:** No, I'll use my cell.
Q: What is he going to use?
2.
M: There was something really funny about my electricity bill.
W: What d'ya mean?
M: It was really high! I was so angry I felt like tearing it up! I called the power company to ask if there was some mistake!
Q: What did he do about his bill?
3.
W: You said you'd mop the floor! Don't tell me I gotta do it!
M: Sorry! I guess it slipped my mind. Hey, why don't we do it together?
W: No, I have a better idea! There's a mop and pail in the kitchen waiting for you!
Q: What is probably going to happen?
4.
M: The amusement park was so much fun. I don't know which ride I liked most.
W: You seemed to really enjoy the bumper cars. And I guess the roller coaster was okay. But to be honest, I'd rather we had spent the afternoon at a normal park.
Q: Where would she like to have gone?
5.
W: I'm going to make you a really big breakfast!
M: I'm not that hungry. I'll just have a bowl of cereal, or maybe even a glass of juice.
W: But breakfast is the most important meal of the day!
M: Okay, you win!
Q: What is he going to have for breakfast?
6.
M: It was really nice of Bob to remember your birthday.
W: Yeah, right! All he gave me was this dumb card. Couldn't he have gotten me some chocolates?
M: Yeah, or maybe even some flowers!
Q: What did Bob give her?
7.
M: You're really late this morning. Did you have trouble finding a taxi again?
W: Actually I came downtown by bus.
M: Is that why you're late?
W: Would you believe it if I told you I had trouble deciding what to put on?
Q: Why was she late?
8.
W: Let's not go for a run! I'm not really up to it 'cause I sprained my ankle playing tennis yesterday. But we can go for a swim.
M: Okay, let's do that. We can go for a run next week when your ankle is better.
Q: What are they going to do?
9.
W: Weren't you supposed to take me to the mall?
M: Yeah, but I had that dentist's appointment. Remember? And when am I going to get the car washed? It's filthy!
W: You can do that after you take me to the mall! So, come on!
Q: Where is he probably going now?
10.
W: Let's put our bed in the room with the most windows.
M: No, it's better for the bedroom to have just one window.
W: Well, our old bedroom had two windows and you were always complaining how dark it was. Remember?
M: Yeah, you have a point.
Q: Where are they going to put the bed?
11.
W: Those customers really gave you a hard time.
M: Yeah, and they could've at least left a better tip. All I got was some change. I thought they'd leave a few dollars.
Q: What tip did he receive?
12.
W: I fell asleep on the couch last night and now my back is sore! I feel as though I slept on the floor!
M: Why didn't you sleep in your bed?
W: I was watching something on TV until really late!
Q: Where did she sleep?
13.
W: How do you like that? I thought we'd be enjoying ourselves this weekend!
M: Yeah, but we'll be working on that stupid essay.
W: At least we don't have any math homework.
M: True, but why can't we have a weekend with no homework for a change?
Q: What has their teacher probably written on the board?
14.
M: Why don't I wear a nice sports shirt without a tie?
W: But you look good in a tie. Besides, I want you to put one on.
M: But you know I don't know how to tie one.
W: You're lucky that I do, so come here.
Q: What is going to happen?
15.
W: Look, it's six o'clock. The movie started at five.
M: Don't worry. We can catch the next showing at seven-thirty.
W: Okay, but I want to be at the theater at least fifteen minutes before that time!
Q: What time are they going to get to the theater?
16.
W: Put on this raincoat, or else you're gonna get wet!
M: My jacket is fine. And I'll take an umbrella with me.
W: Look! Put it on otherwise you're not going anywhere!
Q: What does she want him to wear?
17.
M: According to this article, the time people spend on the Internet is increasing, while the opposite is true for time spent watching TV.
W: I always thought people were spending more time watching TV than surfing the Net.
Q: What information is he talking about?
18.
M: The cake I baked isn't moist at all. I'm trying to figure out where I made a mistake.
W: Let's see ... mmm ... it's nice and sweet, so it does have enough sugar. Maybe you could've added more eggs and a little less flour.
Q: What should he have added to the cake?

19.
M: So how did that really important meeting go?
W: Only Bill and I showed up. All the others seemed to have forgotten about it.
M: Too bad!
W: Yeah, and to think I coulda' gone for a coffee with my best friend!
Q: Where did she go?
20.
M: This jacket has a hole in one of the inside pockets.
W: Oh, dear! And we don't have another one like it. I could give you this woolen sweater. It's the same price as the jacket.
M: No, thank you. I'll just have a refund, please.
Q: What would he like?
21.
M: Sorry, Ms. Smith, but I may not be able to meet you at the airport as we'd planned. But I could arrange for someone to pick you up.
W: That's okay. I know my way around your city. I'll call for a cab as soon as I arrive and go straight to the hotel.
Q: What will probably happen?
22.
W: Have you taken your medicine yet?
M: I have to eat first, don't I?
W: Yeah! I wish you could take these pills once, either in the morning or in the evening. I can't stand reminding you all the time!
Q: What is his prescription?
23.
W: Where's my magazine ... the one you were reading a minute ago on the armchair?
M: That's exactly where I left it. Besides, can't you ride the bus without reading for a change?
W: Oh, here it is? It's fallen under the table!
Q: Where did she find her magazine?
24.
M: I think you look better with longer hair.
W: But you're the one who told me to get it cut.
M: I know. I guess I was wrong.
W: Now I'm glad I didn't dye it black. That was another one of your ideas!
Q: What does she look like?
25.
M: Why are you so glum? Do something!
W: I don't know. I tried reading something funny, but I couldn't get into it.
M: Don't just sit there! Wash your face with cold water. That's what I always do. It'll make you feel better.
Q: What is she doing now?
26.
M: Where's the spatula? I want to flip these pancakes.
W: What's that?
M: It's that flat, knife-like thing we use to turn over omelets, hamburgers and stuff.
Q: What is he looking for?
27.
M: You've burned yourself! Here! Spread this ointment over your hand.

- W:** No! Whenever I burn my hand, I just put it under the tap.
M: Well, this ointment will help you. Spread it on afterwards.
Q: What does she usually do if she burns herself?
28.
W: You're lucky you weren't hurt when that SUV ran into you! Didn't he see you were about to stop?
M: How could he? He was following me so closely! I wish I could've spoken to that driver! I would've told him a thing or two!
Q: What probably happened?
29.
W: I take my coffee with milk and sugar.
M: I don't have any milk, but I do have some coffee whitener.
W: No, that's like white powder with chemicals. I'll just add some sugar and drink my coffee black.
Q: How does she usually drink her coffee?
30.
M: Don't wear that skirt and jacket to the party. You'll look too business-like!
W: Then I'll wear slacks and a blouse. I do have this really nice outfit with a longer skirt, but it's at the cleaner's.
Q: What is she going to wear?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.
Listen to an insurance agent speaking to the staff of a company.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm here to present the new company accident insurance plan your employer is providing for all staff. Before going over the benefits, I just want to say that you can include your dependents. So you can add family members to the plan by paying a small additional premium. The plan covers all accidents, no matter where they occur, and not only here at the workplace. Our company will cover all medical expenses, except for the first three hundred dollars. This means that if you have a minor mishap, and you have medical bills of three hundred dollars or less, you will have to cover that yourselves. If, however, something major occurs, then our company will cover you, paying all medical bills, apart, as I said from the first three hundred dollars. This plan covers you when you're on holiday either here or in a foreign country. One really great benefit, and this is something no other company offers, is you're covered for dental work that is the result of an accident. So let's say you have a sore tooth that needs to be looked at. I'm afraid you won't be able to file a claim. But let's say you break a tooth after falling while playing basketball. In that case, because it's an accident, you will be covered as stated in the terms of the plan. So in a nutshell, you now have insurance protection in the event that you have an accident.

31. What is the speaker's main purpose?
 32. What point does the speaker emphasize about the insurance plan?
 33. You fall while cycling and damage a tooth. Which statement about the insurance plan is true?
 34. Someone is in hospital due to an illness. Which expenses will the insurance plan cover?
 35. According to the speaker, what is it that "no other company offers?"
 36. What is the purpose of the insurance plan?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to a policewoman advising a citizens' group on fighting crime.

- I want to thank you all for coming this evening to the community center. We're all concerned about having safe crime-free streets. My colleagues and I are here to protect you and to get the bad guys, but we can't do it alone. Our job is a whole lot easier with your assistance. Crime prevention takes more than law enforcement officers. All members of a community can help by keeping an eye out for any suspicious behavior. We should stop thinking in terms of, "I should just mind my own business." If you see what appears to be criminal activity, then you can immediately call us. One thing I want to emphasize, though, is that you are not vigilantes, and you are never to take the law into your own hands. For instance, if you see someone breaking into a neighbor's home, your first reaction may be to rush over there with someone else and apprehend the culprits. Doing this, though, is worse than foolish! Criminals are generally armed and dangerous, and you will definitely get hurt. It's better that you get in touch with us straight away. Another thing I want to emphasize is that people who phone in a potential crime enjoy full anonymity. You don't need to leave any personal information, and you needn't get involved in any way. One reason that people are reluctant to call the police is their fear of having to appear in court as witnesses. I want to emphasize that no one has to testify in court unless they want to.
37. What should people do if they think they see a crime?
 38. What should people do if they see someone breaking into a neighbor's home?
 39. What seems true about people who phone the police to report a crime?
 40. Why is it that some people don't want to call the police to report a crime?
 41. What does the speaker mean when she says: "One thing I want to emphasize, though, is that you are not vigilantes, and you are never to take the law into your own hands."

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to an expert helping teenagers addicted to the Internet.

- Hi, guys! Your teacher has asked me to come here to talk to you about a problem you may have without realizing it. If you feel you don't have this problem, then my talk may help you avoid it in the future. The problem is Internet addiction, which comes in different forms, but basically involves your spending a massive amount of time on the Internet, whether it's on your computer or your smartphone, at the expense of other important activities. First, I want to make it perfectly clear that I'm not demonizing the Internet. It's an awesome medium. I couldn't imagine a teenager without Internet access. I'll agree that chatting on Facebook is part of hooking up with friends and playing online games is great fun. But, having said that, too much of it can be detrimental. What is Internet addiction? Well, perhaps you're spending hours and hours chatting or accessing your Facebook profile. Maybe you spend all your time playing an online game – and I'm talking about ten or eleven-hour stretches.
 44. Perhaps you do nothing but endlessly watch music videos on

YouTube. Whatever form your addiction has, the end result is the same. You neglect your responsibilities at school and at home. You neglect yourself, by not even taking care of your appearance. Worse, you stop enjoying life by spending time with real people. Ironically, you may end up alienating yourself from your family and actual friends! Internet addiction prevents you from fully enjoying life because the Internet takes over your life.

42. What seems to be the speaker's opinion regarding the Internet?
 43. According to the speaker, what might someone addicted to the Internet do?
 44. Why does the speaker mention music videos on YouTube?
 45. According to the speaker, what may be one consequence Internet addicts suffer?
 46. Which statement would the speaker probably agree with?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio program giving advice to pet owners.

- You want to train your new puppy, so it doesn't accidentally bite you or anyone else. I'd like to suggest two ways that may work in socializing your puppy. The ideal time to train your puppy not to bite is when it is between three and six weeks old. One way is to deprive your puppy of affection if it bites you too hard. As soon as your puppy starts to bite or nip, give a loud, yelping OUCH! Look at the puppy angrily, get up and move away. Puppies are social creatures and they feel hurt when rejected. Repeat this every time you feel your puppy has bitten you too hard. If this first technique fails, then try letting out a loud yelping OUCH and at the same time grasping the loose skin on puppy's neck. Give a firm but not violent shake and firmly say, "NO BITE!" Your puppy will quickly associate biting with physical punishment, and will hopefully stop. Puppies have to be taught that if they bite too hard, they will experience an unpleasant reaction. It's also best to avoid games that get your puppy, or your full-grown dog for that matter, extremely worked up because that's when unwanted biting occurs. If your puppy continues to bite then it may grow up into an aggressive dog, which you don't want. This may pose a hazard for you and your household! In this case, it's best to seek the services of a professional dog-trainer, who can teach your animal not to bite anyone.
47. Who is this information meant for?
 48. What approach does the speaker generally suggest to stop puppies from biting?
 49. Which statement seems true based on the talk?
 50. According to the talk, what may happen if a puppy doesn't stop biting?

PRACTICE TEST 6

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
 W: You really enjoy getting out on the water.
 M: I sure do! Now I'm really into sailing.
 W: I thought it was waterskiing. You should try windsurfing, then. I'm sure you'll enjoy it
 Q: What water sport does he do?

2.
M: I just watch the news on TV although I really enjoyed that documentary last night on dinosaurs.
W: I never watch the news because it's always bad. I guess I would've watched the documentary if I hadn't been watching cartoons on DVD!
Q: What was she watching?
3.
M: I've tried the Internet, but I can't seem to find that phone number we need.
W: Try the phone book.
M: I did! We may as well call directory assistance. I hope they can help us out.
Q: What are they going to do?
4.
W: Don't tell me you managed to finish reading the report!
M: Yes, and it took me until midnight!
W: Were you reading in bed, or something?
M: No! I was right here in the office. I never read in bed because I end up falling asleep.
Q: What did he do?
5.
W: Why did you wear a tie like that? You should put on something plain.
M: But I like this tie. Besides, the polka dots are the same color as my shirt.
W: Here! Put on this striped one.
Q: What tie is he wearing?
6.
M: Do you happen to know where the bus terminal is?
W: It's not far. Take the next left and then turn right after a couple of blocks. It'll be on your left.
M: Okay. Thanks.
Q: What are her directions?
7.
W: My, goodness! It's already eleven! I thought it was ten.
M: I guess you've been pretty busy.
W: I have! The phone hasn't stopped ringing since I started working at nine!
Q: What time is it now?
8.
W: What made you decide to take up wheelchair racing?
M: After my accident, I tried basketball, but couldn't get into it.
W: What do you do to train?
M: I lift a lot of weights, of course!
Q: What is his sport?
9.
M: Why's your leg in a cast? How'd you break it?
W: Believe it or not, I fell off my bike.
M: I know how you feel. Remember how I broke my leg last year while skateboarding?
W: What really bugs me is I won't be able to use my car for the next six weeks!
Q: How did she break her leg?
10.
M: 39% of adults use the Internet to get their news compared with 36% who turn to TV and radio.
- W:** Wow! I expected that people relying on the Internet for their news would be a majority by now.
M: And fewer people are reading newspapers.
Q: What information are they referring to?
11.
M: Getting up at 4:15 this morning was murder! I never want to do that again!
W: We had no choice! We had that six-o'clock flight.
M: Couldn't we have at least slept in until five?
Q: What time did they wake up?
12.
M: What's your favorite holiday, Christmas or Easter?
W: I like them both, but there's another day for me during the year that's even more special.
M: Don't tell me! It's every August 6th! Hey! That's in two weeks! I hope you invite me to your party!
Q: What day is he talking about?
13.
M: My pet turtles aren't doing so well, and I do feed them regularly enough.
W: That's the problem. You're giving them too much food, and I don't think they're getting enough sun.
M: Well, I keep them in my bedroom, which has very little sunlight.
Q: What should he do with his turtles?
14.
W: That new dress of mine isn't in my closet, although I remember putting it there.
M: Isn't it in the washing machine?
W: No, 'cause it isn't machine washable. I must've forgotten to pick it up from the cleaner's.
Q: Where has she probably left her dress?
15.
M: Why are you pulling out the bowl? Are you going to bake a cake or something?
W: Actually, I want to bake some bread.
M: To do that you need flour and we don't have any. But I can go and get you some.
Q: What is he going to buy?
16.
W: Hi! It's Mary. Can I speak with June, please?
M: Sorry, but she's out. Can I take a message?
W: Yes. Tell her to call me at my office.
M: Okay. Or, do you have a cell phone where she can reach you?
W: I do, but I left it at home.
Q: What message is he going to write down?
17.
W: I don't like giving money as a wedding present, and giving a cash gift card is like giving money.
M: You're right, but I don't want to buy a coffee maker. Why not buy them a microwave?
W: You know, on second thoughts, let's just give them that card.
Q: What are they going to give as a present?
18.
W: Those boxes aren't in the bedroom, like they ought to be.
M: They're still in the trunk of the car.

W: Well, get them out of there and just leave them in the kitchen. I'll take them up to the bedroom later.

Q: Where are the boxes?

19.

W: You can wash your hands in the bathroom.

M: Okay, but there's no more soap.

W: Yeah, but you can use the shampoo.

M: For my hands?

W: Hey, it's not like I'm telling you to use detergent!

Q: What has she told him to use?

20.

M: How can you work with that keyboard, with a different set of keys for each hand?

W: I've gotten used to it.

M: Well I prefer the regular kind of keyboard, the one that's similar to a typewriter.

Q: What does he prefer?

21.

M: Thank goodness the math exam is behind us!

W: Yeah, but the economics exam is going to be just as tough.

M: So, let's focus on that for now and we'll worry about history next week.

Q: What are they going to study now?

22.

M: I've just been hired by this big restaurant. I'm gonna be helping the chef.

W: Lucky you! It's almost like the job I had last year when I was working for that bakery.

M: Yeah, and it sure beats my last job on that farm.

Q: Where is he about to start working?

23.

M: Instead of cake, I'll have a piece of apple pie. I think it has fewer calories.

W: Since you're on a diet, you should have some fruit, like an apple or something.

M: Yeah, but you know how much I like sweets.

W: Okay, suit yourself! But don't complain to me when you keep on getting fat.

Q: What is he going to eat?

24.

M: I don't know when I'll be able to call you.

W: That doesn't matter. Just email me.

M: Can you give me your email address?

W: Yeah, it's on this slip.

Q: What has she given to him?

25.

W: Have you finished wallpapering the bedroom?

M: You know I always get the jobs I start done.

W: How about shoveling the driveway. It's covered with snow.

M: Let me catch my breath and I will.

Q: What is he probably doing now?

26.

M: Oh, no! There go the lights again! I'd better pull out the candles.

W: Well, I'm better prepared this time.

M: Does that mean we won't have to look for the matches in the dark?

W: No, silly! We don't need matches or candles. I have this!

Q: What does she have?

27.

W: Are you still terrified of flying?

M: No, I've gotten over my fears.

W: Why? Do you sleep during your flights or something?

M: Sometimes I do, but generally I read.

Q: What did he used to do on flights?

28.

M: I can't shake this cough.

W: Have you tried cough syrup?

M: I have. Maybe I should drink some hot tea.

W: Or a spoonful of honey might help.

M: I'll try the tea first.

Q: What has he already taken for his cough?

29.

W: Aren't you ready yet? The taxi's outside waiting to take us to the airport!

M: Just let me make some sandwiches in case we get hungry on the plane.

Q: Where are they now?

30.

W: Do you have any of that white stuff you use to brush over mistakes when you're writing in ink?

M: Oh, you mean correction fluid. Yeah, there's some on my desk. Why do you keep using your pen if you're going to be making so many mistakes?

W: Because I don't have a pencil!

Q: What has she asked for?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio broadcast from a sporting event.

And now for the latest basketball news. The Boston Celtics are on a roll, continuing their winning streak. They have remained undefeated for ten games in a row. Their latest victims were the Philadelphia Sixers, who managed to score 82 points to Boston's 104. Avery Bradley was Boston's top scorer with 18 points. Ironically, the game's top scorer was Philadelphia center, Andrew Lewis, who tallied about a quarter of his teams points by getting 21. As for the Sixers, this is their worst season in years. They have won only 9 of their last 20 games. In another major upset, Toronto Raptors turned things around in their encounter with the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls were leading by 15 points at the end of the first half, but their hopes of winning evaporated in the second half. Although they seemed to lack purpose at the start of the game, the Raptors returned in the second half as a whole new team. They finally squeaked past the Bulls, with the final score being a razor-thin margin — Raptors 91 Bulls 88. The Cleveland Cavaliers will be giving Daniel Johnson a starting position as guard to replace injured star Grant Wilson. Wilson is expected to return after about a month as he gets treatment for a knee injury. Johnson, who spent last year playing professionally in Europe, is happy to be given the opportunity to prove himself. But since Wilson is considered one of the league's best guards, Johnson knows he has some pretty big shoes to fill. Only time will tell if he's up to it.

31. What do we learn about the Boston Celtics?
32. Why does the speaker mention Andrew Lewis?
33. What does the speaker tell us about the Sixers?
34. How was the game between the Chicago Bulls and the Toronto Raptors?
35. Why isn't Grant Wilson playing?
36. What does the speaker mean when she says: "Johnson knows he has some pretty big shoes to fill. Only time will tell if he's up to it."?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio report about a special athletic shoe.

- Can you give your muscles a workout simply by putting on a certain shoe? Some athletic shoe manufacturers, most notably Reebok, enthusiastically claim you can. According to these claims, the sole of a shoe can be designed so that it helps leg and buttock muscles to be toned with every step the wearer takes. The soles of these shoes are slightly thicker than the ones on normal athletic shoes and more curved. This is why they are commonly known as rocker bottom shoes. This design causes the walker to supposedly place more strain on the calf, and upper leg. The design also causes wearers to feel like they're slightly off balance. It's this tension which leads to firmer muscles in the lower body, or so go the claims. Some manufacturers even say their shoes relieve symptoms related with arthritis and back pain. Although manufacturers never supported their claims with research, millions of consumers became convinced they were true. In fact, Reebok's Easy Tone shoes are the company's most successful product in years. But a shoe that exercises your lower body and improves muscle tone without a sweat? If it sounds too good to be true, then maybe it is. A recent neutral study led by the American Council on Exercise found wearing rocker bottom shoes was no different from wearing regular running shoes. They were neither better nor worse. The study also found that seniors were more likely to trip or slip when wearing rocker bottom shoes because they are so much less stable than regular running shoes.
37. What can wearers supposedly accomplish with these rocker bottom shoes?
 38. Which word best describes the writer's reaction to rocker bottom shoes?
 39. How have consumers reacted to rocker bottom shoes?
 40. Which statement is true, based on the information?
 41. What is a disadvantage of these shoes?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a man speaking to some first-time campers.

- So this weekend you're going on your first camping trip, and I know you're all excited. But I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things so that you're camping experience won't be a let-down. Some first-time campers get really enthusiastic about sleeping outdoors, under the stars, and roughing it. But an experienced camper will tell you to avoid this. You may get a great view of a star-filled sky, but you will also get eaten alive by swarms of mosquitoes! And although you won't get robbed, you might get soaked in an unexpected shower, which you don't want.
42. What does the man say about sleeping outdoors without any shelter?
 43. According to the speaker, what might happen if you sleep in the open while camping?
 44. According to the speaker, where should first-time campers sleep?
 45. What does the speaker mean when he says: "and once you're completely sure camping is for you, you may want invest in your own tent and camping gear."?
 46. What is the most important rule campers must follow?

Experienced campers always sleep under some sort of shelter. As first-time campers, it might be a good idea to go to an organized camp ground with amenities like cabins, picnic tables and gas cooking areas. It's almost like staying at a hotel! After spending some time in a cabin, you may want to try sleeping in a tent. Some organized camp sites already have permanent tents, where you can go and simply unpack your clothes. After a few camping trips, and once you're completely sure camping is for you, you may want to invest in your own tent and camping gear. Tents that can comfortably accommodate four people now sell for as little as \$200. The most important thing to remember, though, is the camper's golden rule. Always leave a site cleaner than it was when you first got there. Have enough trash bags with you and never leave any garbage behind.

47. Who must the speaker be?
48. Why does the speaker tell students not to bring backpacks or bags into the library?
49. What should students do with a book once they're finished with it?
50. According to the speaker, when would the library contact parents?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone giving information about using a school library.

Welcome to our school and our library. I'm sure the four years you'll be spending at Central High School will be fruitful, and the library is here to help you. As the person in charge of the library, I'm the one to see if you have any serious problems, although I'm sure your teachers, and perhaps some of our older students, have told you some things about our library. Firstly, when you arrive individually you must sign in at the main desk. You are not allowed to have any kind of backpack in the library, or any type of bag for that matter. We don't want any library property disappearing! You must keep feet off library furniture, and not ever lean back in chairs because, besides the fact that they may break, you may fall over and hurt yourself! Once you're done with a book, don't put it back in the shelf, but place it in the "return box" next to the main desk so one of our staff can place it where it belongs in our library. You are all expected to work quietly, be respectful of others, and take care of library materials. You are not allowed to use cell phones or any other electronic devices, like MP3 players and the like. And of course, no food, gum, or drinks are allowed in the library. If you happen to damage any library material, then we will notify parents and you will be responsible for replacing it. Please be considerate of all the students who rely on our library, and please give us your support. Any questions?

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PRACTICE TEST 7

Listening Test, Part 1

1.
W: Have you booked a table at the restaurant?
M: I tried calling them on my cell, but couldn't get through. I'll try again later today.
W: Don't worry. I'll call them from the office.
M: Hey, why not log onto their website and book a table online?
W: Y'know, I just might do that.
Q: How will she book a table?
2.
W: Isn't that fish ready yet? I'm starving!
M: It's not seafood I'm preparing for you, but a nice steak dinner.
W: But that'll take even longer to cook. Why didn't you just make some pasta?
Q: What are they going to have for dinner?
3.
W: I think I've lost my pocketbook!
M: Where did you leave it last?
W: I remembering placing it next to my computer on my desk, although I sometimes put it in my drawer.
M: Hey, what's that under your chair!
W: Oh, dear! It must've fallen there without my realizing it.
Q: Where did she find her pocketbook?
4.
W: I thought you were going to dump this TV set at the recycling bin.
M: I was, but then I decided to tinker with it and I ended up repairing it. Now it works.
W: Does this mean we're going to sell it?
M: What! After all I've been through to get it back into shape?
Q: What has he done with the TV set?
5.
M: Did you actually go to the game with your boyfriend?
W: Yeah, although we were going to watch it on TV. Didn't you go to the stadium?
M: No, I watched the game on my laptop.
W: Given the choice, I would've done the same.
Q: Where did she watch the game?
6.
M: You and your sister are almost identical.
W: That was before I grew my hair long and she dyed hers blond. But before then, yes, we did look exactly alike.
Q: What did she used to look like?
7.
W: I ordered a book last week from your online store, but you charged me and sent me two.
M: If you used your credit card, I can't give you a refund. But I can give you a third book for free.
W: That sounds fair. I can always do with one more book.
Q: How many books did she originally want?
8.
M: Today is a really busy day! I have to go to the post office to pick up a package, and then it's off to the bank to make that withdrawal.
- W:** Do you think you can drop me off at the park on your way to the post office?
M: I don't see why not!
Q: Where is he going to go first?
9.
W: Excuse me, but do you have change for a hundred? I need tens and twenties.
M: Sorry, but I can't open the cash register unless I make a sale. I'm sure the gas station across the street will help you out.
W: Thanks, I'll go there now.
M: I'd change your hundred, if I had any small bills in my own wallet.
Q: Where will she probably find change for her one-hundred-dollar bill?
10.
M: Let's meet in front of Joe's Shoes on Main Street.
W: Haven't you heard? That business has changed. It's a flower shop now.
M: I knew Joe's Shoes was going to close, but I thought it was going to become a bakery.
Q: Where are they going to meet?
11.
W: Looks like you're done painting. Do you want to come to the kitchen for some tea?
M: Thanks, but I have to clean up and collect my tools. Maybe when I'm through with that.
W: Okay!
Q: What is he going to do first?
12.
W: I wanted to study music but ended up in biology. Now, I'm doing research.
M: I thought you'd become a teacher like your mother.
Q: What kind of work does she do?
13.
W: I'm looking for a pet, and I don't mean a dog. I want something different.
M: How about a hamster! That's different.
W: You know, that sounds like a wonderful idea, but I'm kind of allergic to fur.
M: Then I have the ideal pet for you.
Q: What pet is he probably going to suggest?
14.
M: It's a great day to play basketball!
W: Yeah, but we gotta finish cleaning up and prepare for tonight's birthday party. Besides, we can always play basketball tomorrow.
Q: What are they doing now?
15.
M: When I said I wanted to eat outside, I meant the park.
W: Yeah, but this sidewalk café is one of the best in town. And besides, the prices are reasonable.
M: Well it's certainly better than eating at home.
Q: Where are they eating?
16.
W: Do you do all your work on that gadget?
M: I still have my computer, but I find this more useful for some tasks.

W: Does this mean you're not going to get a new laptop?
M: Well, this touch screen tablet works almost like a laptop.
Q: What device are they talking about?

17.

M: I wanted to take the bus to the airport, but I've just heard there's a public transportation strike.
W: That's right, which means the subway train is out of the question too.
M: So looks like we have to take a taxi, which is what I really did not want to do!
W: Too bad, because the train would've been the best way to get to the airport.
Q: How are they going to get to the airport?

18.

W: Don't forget I want you to go to the supermarket.
M: Yeah, okay, but I'll do that after my workout at the gym.
W: Hey, how about that cash you promised me?
M: Oh, that's right, so I guess I gotta stop by an ATM before I do anything else.
Q: Where must he go first?

19.

M: What did you think about the balloon fair at the park? Wasn't it exciting?
W: I wish I had made it to the park, but I saw a balloon from the top of my building.
M: You probably would've been able to see one from your balcony too.
Q: Where was she standing when she saw the balloon?

20.

W: So which pair of running shoes are you gonna buy?
M: I had my heart set on that dark gray pair, but now I like the white ones too.
W: Why not get both? They're on sale.
M: Hm, I'll just go with what I wanted in the first place.
Q: What is he going to buy?

21.

M: Can't I get an extension of just a few more days? I'll hand in my essay on the tenth.
W: But it was due on the first of the month! Look, hand it in on the fifth, and not a day later!
Q: When would he like to hand in his essay?

22.

W: How'd you break your arm?
M: I was racing on my bicycle down this hill when I fell.
W: Lucky you weren't on your motorcycle. Who knows what would've happened?
M: Yeah, and after breaking my leg last year when I fell from my skateboard, I should've known better.
Q: What was he doing when he broke his arm?

23.

W: I was in such a hurry that I didn't have time for a proper breakfast this morning. All I ate was a small cup of yogurt.
M: Here! Take this apple and bagel. I'm not gonna eat them.
W: No, I could always go to that diner across the street and get a bowl of cereal.
Q: What did she have for breakfast?

24.

W: I have a sore throat.
M: Can I get you some syrup?

W: No, I don't have a cough, just a sore throat.
M: Well, drink a cup of warm tea, and if you're not better tomorrow, we'll see our doctor.
Q: What does he recommend she do?

25.

M: Why didn't you leave the plant next to the shelves along the wall?
W: I thought it would look better on the cabinet next to the sofa.
M: Yeah, remember what happened when you put it on the table? It nearly fell off and broke.
W: Okay, then, I'll put it wherever you say.
Q: Where will she put the plant?

26.

M: What set off the alarm at the bank? Was it a robbery or something?
W: No, someone pushed the fire alarm by mistake.
M: Well, if there had been a fire, we would have seen it without the alarm.
Q: What finally happened?

27.

M: You used to play a lot of soccer.
W: Yeah, but that was before my injury. Now I'm really into competitive swimming.
M: Why not play baseball, like me? You can't get injured doing that sport.
W: I'd rather watch baseball than play.
Q: What sport does she currently do?

28.

W: Where were you yesterday? We were supposed to meet at one!
M: Sorry, but I was thirty minutes late. I guess you had left.
W: Did you expect me to wait for you until two?
Q: What time did he come for the appointment?

29.

W: There seems to be a problem with this printer.
M: I used it yesterday when I hooked it up to my laptop and it worked fine.
W: Well, I'm pretty sure my computer's okay.
M: Then maybe it's the cable. After all, we got this printer just a few weeks ago.
Q: What does he recommend she replace?

30.

W: I hear you have a really nice duck pond in your park, but I can't seem to find it.
M: Well, let's look at this map. You gotta walk down this path until you come to a statue, where you'll turn right. If you keep walking straight, you can't miss it.
W: Oh, right, it's right after the play area. I know where that is.
Q: What is she looking for?

Listening Test, Part 2

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to a park ranger speaking to a group of tourists.

I'd like to welcome you to Rocky Mountain National Park, which may not be the biggest park in the US, but has the greatest variety of wildlife and plant life. There's just so much to see and do, from hiking and camping to scenic drives. 31.

What you cannot do is hunting. It's completely banned. But if you're a nature lover then our park is a paradise. And the park is always open. We have something for everyone, whether you have little kids and want to play it safe or you want to be a little more adventurous. For instance, Lily Lake

32. is a favorite choice for parents with toddlers because there are specially designed hiking trails that are totally danger-free even for two or three-year-olds. The park is dotted with countless lakes. Many offer great fishing with barbecue facilities where you can cook whatever you catch. There's a network of paved and really well-maintained roads all over the park that take visitors almost everywhere. However, most of the park is at a relatively high altitude, and more sensitive visitors may get sick if they don't acclimate before going to higher elevations. For example, Mount Evans Road reaches almost 4,400 meters. That's high enough to give some people altitude sickness, which may cause you to feel tired, dizzy, and nauseous. So my advice is that you should stick to lower elevations, and then go to higher elevations in the park as you become more accustomed to our mountain climate.

31. According to the speaker, why is Rocky Mountain National Park so special?
 32. According to the information, why would some people prefer to go to Lily Lake?
 33. Why does the speaker mention Mount Evans Road?
 34. What can visitors to the park apparently do?
 35. According to the speaker, why might some people feel tired and dizzy?
 36. What does the speaker mean when he says: "So my advice is that you should stick to lower elevations, and then go to higher elevations in the park as you become more accustomed to our mountain climate."?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.
Listen to a weather report.

And now the weather. As April approaches, it may appear that winter is safely behind us and spring is here to stay.

37. But don't let the current unseasonably warm temperatures fool you. Highs reaching into the upper twenties and a low of around eleven or twelve will continue until Friday. That's about five degrees warmer than it should be. Skies will be sunny and moderate winds will be coming from the southwest. We can thank a weather pattern originating in the balmy Pacific, but this warm spell is temporary. Things will go back to normal during the weekend. The air mass currently giving our area a taste of summer will be replaced by a low pressure area moving in from the north-east
38. so hang on to that warmer clothing as temperatures will drop to between 12 and a low of 4 degrees. There will be intermittent showers, but thankfully no heavy rainfall. Winds will be moderate from the north-east. Because these north-easterlies won't be so strong, ice patches will be allowed to form in low lying areas at morning hours, so drivers should be especially cautious. Things should start brightening up again by Monday, but don't expect the current highs. We don't foresee warmer weather returning for at least another week. Still, it won't be so bad since Monday will bring us a bearable 18 degrees under partly cloudy skies. We'll still have those north-easterly winds, but they'll have tapered off.
41. So weekend weather will be miserable, but true spring days are just around the corner.

37. What does the speaker say about current temperatures?
 38. How will the weather be during the weekend?
 39. What does the speaker warn drivers about?
 40. What will the weather be like on Monday?
 41. What long-term forecast about the weather does the speaker make?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.
Listen to someone describe a special kind of summer camp.

Welcome to Westport Camp for the Performing Arts, which is dedicated to helping youths to develop their artistic talents. Our campers are between 9 and 16 years of age. Kids come here because they're interested in performing, whether its drama, magic, music, or dance. However, there are also all the things you'd expect a camp to have like sports facilities, a pool and a recreational area. We take in about 500 guests per summer. Besides a support staff of 100, we also have 200 instructors. Our aim is to help young artists to improve their talents while helping them develop new ones. By the way, our teachers are more than ... well ... just teachers. They're all artistically active in their respective fields. They're very generous with their knowledge, giving their all to their students. For instance, one of our music teachers is a lead musician at a Broadway theater. Our drama teacher has appeared in several Hollywood movies and Broadway plays. As for our magic instructor, he regularly does tricks in Las Vegas. Our campers have round-the-clock access to our recording studios, stages, and dance rooms. They can rehearse and practice 24/7 and each camper can adhere to their very own schedule. We separate our camp into different artistic areas or mini camps. So kids can focus on the performing art which interests them. But campers aren't limited to one art form. In fact, they can combine areas, so someone studying music can also try dance, or someone interested in theater can also investigate magic. Any questions so far?

42. What seems to be the focus on this camp?
 43. Why does the speaker mention drama, magic, music, and dance?
 44. What does the speaker emphasize about the instructors?
 45. What seems to be true about the campers at Westport Camp?
 46. What does the speaker mean when he says: "By the way, our teachers are more than ... well ... just teachers."?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.
Listen to this voicemail message.

Hi, Jerry. Since you're not picking up I take it you're in class. If you hear this message and it's before one in the afternoon, then please give me a call. I'm just leaving the library on my way to the main cafeteria, where I'm sure you'll be able to find me. If it's after one, then don't bother to return my call because I'm going to be in class myself. I've got two back-to-back sessions, two hours of economics and two of math. University is definitely more demanding than high school

48. ever was! Apart from political science, which is a piece of cake, all my courses are more than a handful. I wish I were majoring in history, like you, since it seems easy enough!
49. By the time I'm done at five, I'll be feeling really wiped out. I'll definitely be needing a coffee to give myself a boost! Anyway, we could meet for a coffee at the main cafeteria after my two classes or we could meet someplace off campus. There's this bistro downtown that I've heard serves mean sandwiches. The coffee's not bad either. I'll leave it up to you. Or, you could text me when you can to give me an idea of where and when we can meet later on. Hope I see you later! Bye!
47. Where would the speaker like to meet her friend if it's before one?
48. Which of her courses does the speaker find to be easy?
49. How does the speaker say she'll be feeling after her two classes?
50. What can we understand about the speaker and her friend?