

PRACTICE TEST 1

Listening Test, Part 1

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Q: What is she going to buy?

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1.

- M:** I don't think we'll find a place to sit down.
W: I told you we shouldn't've stayed so long to eat. You're lucky one came at all! And in this traffic, we may even miss our flight!
M: From what I know, this is an express bus and it goes straight to the airport.
Q: Where are they now?

2.

- W:** What time do you usually wake up?
M: At around 6:30, but I enjoy snoozing for an extra half hour.
W: So you get up at seven ... lazy bones!
M: Okay, but today I was up and about by 6!
Q: What time does the man usually get out of bed?

3.

- M:** I guess you're reading something interesting.
W: I am. It's an article on why fatty foods are finally not so bad for us. I found it on this Internet newspaper.
M: An article? From a newspaper? Why are you reading it on that sheet of paper and not directly from your computer?
W: I printed it out because I can't stand reading anything on my screen.
Q: What is the woman reading?

4.

- M:** Why are you wearing that raincoat? It may be a little cloudy now, but it's going to be clear today.
W: Yesterday it was partly sunny at the start of the day, but then we had all that rain.
M: Well, I just heard today's weather report, and it calls for a really sunny day by noon!
Q: How will the weather be according to the man?

5.

- W:** I forgot my watch at home. What time is it?
M: Just let me take out my cell phone.

W: For someone on such a busy schedule, I'm amazed you don't have a watch.

M: I used to wear one, but I find my cell phone is as good as any watch. Besides, aren't there clocks all over the place?

Q: What does the man generally use to tell time?

6.

W: Excuse me, but I'd like to buy a pair of gloves. Which department should I go to?

M: We have gloves in women's shoes, on the first floor, and in leather goods, on the third. If it's leather gloves that you want, then you should go straight to leather goods. And you may even find a matching purse there, too!

W: Well, I don't know about the purse!

Q: What would the woman like to buy?

7.

W: I saw you walking to school as I was riding on the bus this morning.

M: It's such a nice day that I decided to walk.

W: You're kidding me! It's so far!

M: It's not that far! In fact, one time last year when I missed the bus, I walked to school. It took me less than an hour. And it's only twenty minutes by bike.

Q: How did the man come to school this morning?

8.

W: How's your new job at that restaurant going? Did you finally get hired as a waiter?

M: Not exactly! I'm working in the kitchen.

W: Oh, does that mean you're a chef or a cook?

M: I wish I were working as a cook, or at least a chef's assistant!

W: Oh, I get it! Look on the bright side. At least you have a job!

Q: What is the man's job?

9.

M: But how can I pick up Mr. James at the airport? I've never met him and I don't even know what he looks like. Whether he's tall ... or short ...

W: He's on the short side, and ...

M: Hey, I think I know him. Isn't he fat and with some kind of beard?

W: Well, he was fat, but he's lost a lot of weight. He still has his beard, though. I think you've met him 'cause he was here about a year ago.

Q: What does Mr. James look like?

10.

W: Did you finally go on that flight over the weekend?

M: Yes, and was it exciting! I've never flown on a small passenger plane before. I've been on long flights, but this was my first time in a propeller plane.

W: What was it like?

M: Great! At times I felt as though I were in a balloon instead of a plane.

Q: What did the man fly in during the weekend?

11.

W: You seem to be in really great shape. And at your age!

M: Come on, I'm only 34.

W: Just kidding. What do you do to stay slim?

M: I jog about 3 or 4 kilometers a day.

Q: How many kilometers does the man run every day?

12.

M: I lost my jacket and was hoping someone brought it to the lost and found office.

W: Well, let's see ... I have several jackets here, actually. What does yours look like?

M: It's dark brown and ...

W: Hey! Maybe it's this one.

M: No, this one has a fur lining. Mine doesn't have a lining, but it does have a hood.

Q: What does the man's jacket look like?

13.

M: Were you hurt in the accident?

W: Not seriously. Just a cut on my forehead and a sore arm ... but I'm okay.

M: No broken bones or anything?

W: No, thank goodness!

Q: What has happened to the woman?

14.

W: Where's Mary? Wasn't she supposed to be in her office?

M: She's gone to the dentist to have her regular check-up.

W: Really. No wonder she's got such a nice smile. She really looks after her teeth.

M: Yeah, she brushes them more than just three times a day, too.

Q: Where is Mary now?

15.

M: I don't know how this vending machine works.

W: All you do is put the right change in the corner slot and then push the button next to the soft drink that you want. Your drink will come out of the dispenser at the bottom of the machine.

Q: How does the machine work?

16.

W: How did you feel when you saw your last phone bill?

M: I wasn't happy, that's for sure. In fact, I didn't know whether to be surprised or angry.

W: Surprised?

M: Yeah ... but the more I thought about it, the more furious I became.

Q: How does the man probably feel?

17.

W: Would you like to order, sir?

M: Yes, I'm really hungry ... so I'll have a hamburger ... um ... a soda ... make that two sodas, and some fries.

W: Okay, sir ...

M: Hey, on second thought, make that two burgers, as well.

Q: What would the man like to order?

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M: What are we going to buy?

W: We need some macaroni, which is in the first aisle, some flour, which is over there ... down the second aisle, and toothpaste, over there down the fifth aisle.

M: You really know your way around here!

Q: What will they find in the second aisle?

19.

W: Which girl is your sister?

M: She's the one wearing the white blouse and the dark

blue skirt.

W: Oh ... you mean the one with the curly hair.

Q: Who is the man's sister?

20.

W: Where do you keep your appliances?

M: This floor's athletic goods. You want to go to the fourth floor. You'll find them right next to our beauty salon.

W: Okay, thanks.

M: Oh, we have a special today. If you spend over \$50, you can get your hair done for free.

W: Well, I won't be spending that kind of money. All I want is a toaster.

Q: What is the woman looking for?

21.

W: You really have to cut down on sugar if you want to lose weight. So stop drinking colas and other soft drinks. They're really bad.

M: I've already done that. I now only drink healthy things like orange juice.

W: Well, I have some surprising news. Fruit juices are no better than soft drinks. They're just sugary beverages.

M: Then I guess there's only one really healthy drink I can have!

Q: What is the only thing the man can drink?

22.

M: When do we have to hand in that project?

W: Well, today's Monday, which means we have to have everything done by the day after tomorrow.

M: Great, 'cause I thought it was tomorrow ... Tuesday.

Q: When do they have to hand in their project?

23.

M: I no longer rely on TV to stay informed.

W: I prefer to stay up to date through the Internet.

M: Believe it or not, I like listening to the radio, especially when I'm doing household chores.

W: That's surprising. I always thought you'd prefer the Internet, like me!

Q: How does the man prefer to stay informed?

24.

W: Since it's winter, don't go to Colorado for your vacation. It's so cold there!

M: We wanted to visit Maine, and even Hawaii!

W: Well, it never snows in Hawaii. But, Colorado is nice in winter if you like skiing.

M: That's why we thought about Colorado in the first place. So, as good as the weather may be in Hawaii, I think we'll stick to our original plans!

Q: Which US state is the man going to visit?

25.

W: How about handing me the spatula?

M: But you can get it yourself. It's right there next to the spoon.

W: That's the egg beater! The spatula is the thing with the handle and the flat metal surface. It should be in the top drawer.

M: Oh, yes, right! Sorry! I'll get it for you!

Q: What is the woman asking the man to give her?

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M: Why are you planting the apple tree next to the house? I

- thought we were going to plant it in the front.
- W:** There's more sunlight here.
- M:** I still think we should've planted it in the back yard, like everyone else.
- Q:** Where have they planted their tree?
- 27.**
- M:** Hey, don't you look different? I mean your hair! And where are your glasses?
- W:** I decided to get bangs and go for a new look.
- M:** I don't know. I liked you better with longer hair.
- Q:** How does she currently look?
- 28.**
- W:** Let's go see that love story, *Happily Ever After*.
- M:** Not a love story. I was hoping we'd catch an adventure movie like *The Spartans*.
- W:** Hey! I know a movie that we'll both enjoy.
- M:** I know the one you mean! Okay then.
- Q:** Which movie are they going to watch?
- 29.**
- W:** How did you find this place so fast? Did you phone someone for directions?
- M:** No, I used my GPS device.
- W:** Does it have a map of the whole city?
- M:** It has maps of the entire country!
- Q:** What did he use to find his destination?
- 30.**
- W:** My stapler broke. I may need a new one.
- M:** I think there's one in the supply cabinet.
- W:** Well, I looked and didn't find one.
- M:** Use these paper clips for now to keep your pages together, and get the stapler tomorrow.
- Q:** What has he just given her?

Listening Test, Part 2

In this part of the test, you will hear four short talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions about it. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
- Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to a guide at a movie theater speaking to some tourists.

Welcome to Petersville International Airport, which first opened in 1965. We will be visiting the airport's main hangar where airplanes are serviced. You'll get a close-up look at what is done so that the aircraft you fly in gets you to your destination safely. This hangar is huge. In fact, you realize how big it is whenever it is empty. It can simultaneously handle two large jets, although we are currently servicing just one. Some hangars are big enough to accommodate four or

even more large planes. The world's oldest existing hangar was built in 1908, and one of the world's largest hangars is the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. That was built in 1930. As for this hangar, it was completed in 1978. But there are plans to double its size so that it can handle one more large jet. As you can see, it's a huge garage for planes. Imagine what happens when you take your car to your mechanic. Well, the same thing happens here. The mechanics working here, though, are even more highly trained. Each year, every passenger plane currently in service around the world has to undergo a complete inspection. This annual inspection involves the aircraft being completely disassembled. Then, each and every separate part is closely inspected. All this happens even if there is no problem. If there is even an insignificant problem with a piece of equipment or part, it is immediately replaced. Then the plane is carefully put back together. It takes about a month for this maintenance work to be completed. Some people drive their cars for two years and more without a service, but this can't happen with passenger planes. Thanks to this regular maintenance, planes are so safe! Any questions before we begin?

- 31.** When was the hangar that they are touring built?
32. What can visitors see in this hangar?
33. What is going to happen to the hangar the students are visiting?
34. What does the speaker say about the US Airforce Museum in Dayton, Ohio?
35. According to the speaker, what regularly happens to passenger planes?
36. What does the speaker mean when she says: "... but this can't happen to passenger planes"?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to a guide at a movie theater speaking to some tourists.

Welcome to the Capitol Theater, one of the oldest movie theaters in the United States. We're going to walk through the Capitol and talk about its fascinating history. We will also have a chance to watch the first silent picture that was played here on August 17, 1912. Construction of the Capitol finished in February 1911, but it wasn't until August 1912 that the first movies were shown. Between February 1911 and August 1912, the Capitol was used as a theater for plays and concerts. The reason it took over a year for it to show movies was the lack of a projector. The first owners wanted to bring equipment from France, which then had the best technology for cinemas. So when it started drawing crowds at the end of 1912, the Capitol was the most technologically advanced movie theater in the US. In 1931, the Capitol was bought by Les and Keith Ullman, two brothers who doubled the size of the Capitol by joining it to a next-door building, and modernizing all the equipment. Before the Ullmans bought the Capitol, it could seat 1,000 people. They expanded the theater to accommodate 1,800 people. The theater can currently seat 1,950 people. The Capitol operated under the Ullman brothers for sixty-five years until 1986, when they had to close it. It could no longer compete with multiplexes in malls. It remained closed from 1986 until 2002. In that year, the Capitol was bought by Jonathon Ullman, the great grandson of Les. Investing one million dollars of his own money, he re-opened the Capitol. Following the tradition

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of all the theater's owners, he made sure it had the latest technology. Apart from its sixteen-year closure, the Capitol has been operating as a movie theater for over one-hundred

40. years. There are maybe a handful of movie theaters in
 39. the world that opened before the Capitol. Oh, and the
Capitol was the first air-conditioned building in our city. That
happened in 1923. People would come here on hot summer days both to keep cool and to watch movies! Any questions?

37. When was the Capitol Theater first built?
 38. Who were Les and Keith Ullman?
 39. What happened in 1923?
 40. What seems true about the Capitol Theater?
 41. According to the speaker, what have all owners of the Capitol had in common?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a guide at a museum speaking to some students.

Good morning. I will be your guide today as we walk through the dinosaur section of the National Museum of Natural History. Besides the dinosaur section, we also have sections for our oceans, insects, bird life, and mammals. Although 42. our museum first opened in 1859, our dinosaur section was
 43. created in 1932. Harold S. Pierce, an amateur paleontologist,
found some bones while on a dig in Utah. This happened in
1930. It was his idea to include dinosaurs so he donated his
few finds. Pierce's friends were professional paleontologists. He persuaded them to give dinosaur bones they were finding to our museum. By 1948, thanks to Pierce, we had gathered the largest collection of dinosaur bones in the country. This is why this section of the museum is called the Harold S. Pierce Paleontological Section. Whenever you imagine dinosaurs,

45. you think of giant creatures. When dinosaurs first appeared
230 million years ago, they were less than a meter tall, and
this probably surprises you, as it does everyone. The first dinosaurs were tiny. It wasn't until the Jurassic period, 200 million years ago, that the first massive dinosaurs appeared. In addition, not all dinosaurs were meat-eaters. Many ate plants. At our museum, you will see dinosaurs from all
 44. periods, including the Cretaceous period, which ended with
the disappearance of dinosaurs 66 million years ago. We will also get an idea of how paleontologists find fossils and the tools they use. Digging for dinosaurs is not so easy, as you will see in the documentary we will be watching during our tour. It features our top scientists explaining paleontology.
 46. After the documentary and a quick lunch in the museum
cafeteria, we will visit one of our laboratories where we do our work. You'll learn how dinosaur bones are preserved and protected so that future generations can study them and learn from them. So, we can begin our tour. Feel free to interrupt me if you have any questions.

42. When did the museum section on dinosaurs first open?
 43. Why does the speaker mention Harold Pierce?
 44. According to the speaker, when did dinosaurs disappear?
 45. According to the speaker, what do visitors find surprising regarding the first dinosaurs?
 46. What will students be able to do during the tour?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a fitness instructor speaking to a group of people.

Welcome to our first session. Some of you have done this
 47. before, while others are doing weights for the first time.

So we're a mixed group. But you'll be experts in no time! Before we start, you'll need to follow three basic tips. They are adequate sleep, a healthy diet, and consistency. Let's look at each of these tips. Without sleep, we won't have energy to work out. While we sleep we recover from exercising, but also from the day's problems and stress. Next comes diet. People think that, because they work out,
 48. they can eat whatever they want. This is entirely false. If
you eat a lot of sugar, no amount of exercise will stop you
from storing fat. For any type of fitness program, your diet has to include meat, cheese, and healthy fats. Most people mistakenly believe fat from butter or cheese is harmful, but it's actually the best thing for you. You also need to eat a lot of vegetables. This may surprise you, but some foods you think are healthy are not. We all know soft drinks are bad, but most people don't realize that fruit juice is just as harmful. It's basically sugary water, like cola. Finally, you have to
 49. be consistent. Just as you brush your teeth every day, you
need to do your workout. The ideal is four times a week for about thirty minutes or so. Mind you, there are limits here, too. It's a bad idea for workouts to be longer than, say, 45 minutes. And, no, it's not because you won't have time! If
your workouts are too long you won't have any benefits, and
you will even end up hurting yourselves. So work out, but not for more than 40 minutes. Each workout should include about five minutes of warming up, twenty minutes of weight training, ten minutes of cardio, and then some stretching at the end. You won't be helping yourself by jogging for an hour every day! So, let's begin.

50. 47. What seems true about the people the instructor is speaking to?
 48. Which statement would the instructor agree with?
 49. Why does the instructor seem to be against longer workouts?
 50. What does the instructor mean when he says: "Finally, you have to be consistent. Just as you brush your teeth every day, you need to do your workout"?

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1.

- M:** Is it okay if I have a second helping?
W: Are you kidding? After all the work you did for me today? As far as I'm concerned, you can have the whole thing yourself!
M: Wow! So I'm just going to dig in.
W: Hey! And thanks for all the tools you brought.
Q: What is the man going to do?

2.

- M:** So, what does your lost dog look like?
W: Well ... um ... she's a small white dog with two black spots on her back. She also has a short tail and short ears.
M: Was your dog wearing a collar or something?
W: Actually, she does usually wear one, but she wasn't at the time of her disappearance.
Q: Which dog is the woman talking about?

3.

- M:** How will we get downtown once we land?
W: After getting our stuff and getting through customs, we can take a taxi, but it's a bit expensive.
M: You mean there's no public transportation?
W: Of course! There's a special shuttle bus that goes straight downtown. And it's only a dollar.
Q: Where are they probably now?

4.

- M:** Hey, I want to empty some olive oil into this bottle.
W: So, what do you want me to do about it?
M: Well, I was hoping you'd help me find that cone-shaped thing. You know, that what-ever-it-is so I can fit it in the bottle and pour the oil without spilling it.
Q: What is the man looking for?

5.

- W:** I've got to buy my niece a present for her birthday. She's turning seven and well ... she really likes dolls.
M: Why not get her something different? ... Like some crayons or something.
W: Hey, that's a good idea ... but on second thought, I'll play it safe and buy her a stuffed animal.
Q: What will the woman buy for her niece?

6.

- M:** Should I mail in my application?
W: You could, or maybe fax it. Of course, it'd be best to send it as an email attachment.
M: Okay, that's what I'll do, then.
Q: How will he send his application?

7.

- M:** So, how do I look?
W: Don't tell me you're going to wear a striped tie and a striped shirt. That just won't do!
M: Okay, so what should I wear?
W: You have to wear either a plain shirt, along with your tie, or a plain tie with the striped shirt.
Q: What is the man currently wearing?

8.

- M:** This mouse of mine is no longer working. I have to get another.
W: Hey, you must have had it for a long time. It's only got

two buttons.

- M:** I know. I'm going to get the three-button kind.
W: I'm not such a computer whiz myself. My mouse might have three buttons, but I only use one of them ... the left one.
Q: What kind of mouse does the man currently have?

9.

- M:** How have you decorated your Christmas tree this year?
W: We've decided to be really traditional.
M: So I guess you have the same colored lights everyone decorates their trees with.
W: No, I mean really traditional ... We have a lot of nice balls and things ... ribbons ... but no lights.
M: A Christmas tree with no lights! You may as well not put anything on it at all!
Q: How has the woman decorated her Christmas tree?

10.

- W:** You don't look too thrilled about working with Peter.
M: How can I be happy? You know how that guy gets on my nerves.
W: Well, I was really surprised when I heard the two of you would be in the same office.
Q: How does the man probably feel?

11.

- W:** Hey, let's get this painting. It looks great!
M: Are you kidding? It's just a bunch of crazy lines. I'd rather get this one, with the heart-shaped objects ... or how about something more common like this countryside scene?
W: No, I want something abstract, like this one.
Q: Which painting would the woman like to buy?

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- W:** I really like mine fried, especially with bacon.
M: I like mine soft-boiled or in an omelet, with vegetables and cheese!
W: I don't like them soft-boiled, but I'll eat them hard-boiled.
Q: What food are they generally talking about?

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- W:** I'm glad those factories in the city are finally closing.
M: Yeah, but what about our water pollution? The mayor promised to build a sewage treatment plant, but hasn't kept his word.
W: Yeah, but at least he's done something about street crime.
Q: What problem does the city still need to deal with?

14.

- M:** Hi, I'm looking for a chair ... for my desk.
W: Anything in particular? How about this one?
M: No, it doesn't have arms. I want something with arms.
W: This chair here has arms ...
M: Yeah, but it also has wheels. I want something a little more stable.
Q: What chair would the man like to buy?

15.

- M:** What are you looking for?
W: I'm just going through the want ads. I'm looking for a new apartment.
M: Any luck yet?
W: I've made some appointments over the phone, but I haven't found anything yet.

M: Here, let me see ... Wow, I never realized so many apartments would be listed!
Q: What is the woman currently doing?

16.
M: Did you enjoy visiting the museum with those old musical instruments?
W: Yes, it was really interesting.
M: Which instrument did you like the most?
W: Oh, I forgot what it was called ... it was that oval-shaped instrument, that was something like a guitar except it had four strings ... like a violin.
Q: Which instrument is the woman describing?

17.
W: What are you doing with all those books?
M: Haven't we got that big project next week? I'm going home to do some research.
W: But what about the Internet? You'll find anything and everything you need there.
M: No, I'd rather do it the old-fashioned way.
W: That's crazy. I mean ... using the Internet is like having one book with all the answers.
Q: How is the woman going to look for information?

18.
M: What was your morning like?
W: Well, I had the day off today, so I did some shopping at the supermarket and after that I went to Mary's for a coffee.
M: So you had a coffee with Mary then.
W: No. Mary wasn't in, so I had a coffee alone at that new coffee shop downtown.
Q: Where did the woman have her coffee?

19.
W: It seems we're always in line for something.
M: Yeah, I know what you mean ... I just hope it'll be worth it. Hey, what are they feeding us today anyway?
W: Don't know, but yesterday they had hamburgers.
M: I don't think we'll be so lucky this time.
Q: Where are they now?

20.
M: Is your grandfather still in the hospital?
W: Thank goodness he's been out for a month!
M: Is he walking yet?
W: For the time being he's not. He gets around on one of those motorized three-wheelers. We tell him he should start walking with a cane.
Q: What is true about the woman's grandfather?

21.
W: You shouldn't be eating stuff like that. It's junk.
M: Yeah, but it's delicious.
W: So is fruit, which you almost never touch.
M: Okay, but you're forgetting that big piece of cheesecake you had yesterday! You'll never catch me eating stuff like that!
Q: What is the man probably eating?

22.
M: Have you heard the latest economic news?
W: Yes, food prices have really skyrocketed, although experts claim they will start going down again soon.
M: Are these the same experts who said that food prices

were going to remain unchanged?
Q: What is currently true about food prices?

23.
W: Look, it's nine o'clock and they're still not here. And the movie's about to start.
M: Well, I was expecting them half an hour ago.
W: A thirty-minute wait is all I can handle. If they're not here in ten minutes, I'm going in alone.
Q: What time did they probably get to the theater?

24.
W: Where's your beard? I thought you'd never shave it off.
M: Well, I had it shaved off because it was beginning to bother me.
W: You should've had your hair cut too while you were at it.
M: I was saving that for next week.
Q: What has happened?

25.
W: I think we should replace our science club T-shirt with something more interesting. I'm tired of the single test tube.
M: Why not add two more test tubes and arching letters?
W: I like the idea of the test tubes, but I think the lettering should be simpler.
Q: What T-shirt has the man suggested?

26.
W: Do you do all your work on that gadget?
M: I still have my computer, but I don't use it so much anymore.
W: Does this mean you're not going to get a new laptop?
M: Well, this touch screen tablet works exactly like a laptop.
Q: What device is the man using?

27.
M: Those sunglasses you're wearing look just like your regular glasses, you know, the square ones.
W: They are my regular glasses. I just had my normal lenses replaced with tinted ones.
M: I thought you wanted sunglasses with oval lenses.
Q: What glasses is she wearing?

28.
M: The baby's crying a lot. What can I do?
W: Maybe he's hungry. Why not give him his bottle?
M: No, I just fed him, and I tried giving him his favorite toy.
W: Then he needs a nap. Put him in his crib and let him rest a bit. That'll quiet him down.
Q: What does she tell him to finally do?

29.
M: I'm having my coffee black. How about you?
W: How can you drink black coffee? I'd like mine with milk and one lump of sugar.
M: I put two lumps in mine.
Q: How does she drink her coffee?

30.
W: Someone broke into the biology classroom.
M: Yeah, I heard! They stole a telescope!
W: And the scanner!
M: Too bad they left the computer monitor. We could use a new one!

Q: What was not stolen?

Listening Test, Part 2

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- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
- Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to a zoo guide speaking to a group of parents with their children.

Welcome to Forest Zoo, where visitors can get close to animals. Children can pet domestically raised goats, sheep, rabbits, and other furry friends. We also have llamas from South America and wild donkeys from North Africa. We may not have rare species, but for city kids, our animals are unique. General admission is ten dollars for adults, and 5 dollars for kids aged 12 to 18. Children 11 and younger pay only two dollars and fifty cents. And every August 1, the International Day for Endangered Species, admission is free for children under 11! All our animals are checked by vets. All have been immunized, so they can be freely touched. We also have an educational program in which we invite teachers to bring students on field trips. Our guides give students even more information about our animals. We have special areas for groups of students where they can do various learning activities. Many of these activities are hands-on. For instance, students have a chance to actually milk a cow and see how sheep are sheared for their wool. We also offer worksheets that students can complete for homework before coming to the zoo. The central purpose of our educational program is to make children and teenagers more aware of how much we rely on animals. Students learn to respect the animals that provide us with food, clothing, and companionship. School rates are 25 dollars per group for up to ten students, 45 dollars per group for up to twenty students, and 60 dollars per group for up to thirty students, which is our maximum. We wish we could have larger groups, but this is currently impossible. For thirty students, we need to make special arrangements. So, any questions?

31. What can children do at Forest Zoo?
32. How much will a sixteen-year-old pay to enter Forest Zoo?
33. What does the speaker say about the animals?
34. How much will a group of 15 students pay to enter Forest Zoo?
35. What seems to be an important purpose of Forest Zoo?
36. What is Forest Zoo's policy for groups of more than 30 students?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to a broadcaster giving results from soccer games.

In soccer news, Team USA has qualified for the next World Cup after beating Canada in a nail-biting finish. Until the 80th minute it was one-one when Canadian striker John Bell scored with a header that left American goalkeeper Victor Kindle in a daze. Then with three minutes left, America's star player, Otto Pinker, slammed the ball into Canada's net for the equalizer. Regular time ended with a two-two score. In the first fifteen minutes of overtime, Canada almost scored on a free kick just outside America's penalty area. In a powerful shot, Canada mid-fielder Jake Lombard blazed the ball past everyone, but hit the Yankee goalpost. It was Canada's greatest opportunity! In the second half of overtime, it was Team USA's turn to shine. With five minutes left, American striker Otto Pinker scored. Team Canada played hard, but the final score was Team USA 3, Team Canada 2. In the other games, Mexico destroyed Guatemala's World Cup hopes in a game that ended 2-0 for Mexico. And Mexico almost failed to qualify after losing to Nicaragua, tying with El Salvador, and just squeaking past Honduras. As for Guatemala, they have never made it to the World Cup. The Peruvians will be staying home during the next World Cup as they were no match for Colombia. It was Colombia 4, Peru nil! Hours after the game ended, Peru's German coach, Hans Lidl, submitted his resignation, which Peru's football association accepted. Lidl said he was retiring from soccer to spend more time with his family. It was under Lidl's guidance that Peru won the last World Cup, but most players from that powerful squad have since retired. Finally, Argentina's star player, Ronaldo Valdez, won't be playing in tomorrow's game against Uruguay due to an injury suffered during practice. Valdez has been having knee problems for most of the season. A team spokesman said that, "Ronaldo will be standing with his teammates tomorrow to inspire and support them. His presence will be an asset."

37. What does the speaker say about the game between the USA and Canada?
38. Which team did Mexico defeat in their game?
39. What do Otto Pinker and Ronaldo Valdez seem to have in common?
40. What do the teams from Guatemala and Peru have in common?
41. What seems true about Hans Lidl?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a guide describing a chocolate factory.

Welcome to Paterson Chocolate Company, making chocolate since 1898. The factory you're visiting, however, was completed just six months ago. It is the most modern chocolate factory in the world. We first see the receiving area where we unload the countless sacks of cocoa beans arriving at our factory. Our cocoa farms are in fifteen different countries in Africa, Asia, and South America. Once unloaded, the beans are moved to the cleaning room where they are washed and dried, and then roasted. Cocoa beans are not dark brown, but a very light brown color when they first arrive here. It is the roasting that turns them into the dark brown we associate with chocolate. After being roasted, beans are crushed in heated presses and they become deep brown syrup which looks a lot like really thick chocolate milk. This is the basic ingredient for all our products. But you can't eat this

44. syrup yet. Pure chocolate is not naturally sweet, but actually extremely bitter. It looks delicious, but I wouldn't try it! There are three other important ingredients we need to add. The first, of course, is sugar. Depending on the type of chocolate we're making, the sugar content may be from ten, forty, sixty, or eighty percent. Milk, which we get daily from local farms, is the next important ingredient. Typically, fifteen to thirty percent of a chocolate bar is made up of milk. The most healthy chocolate is dark chocolate which is about fifteen percent sugar, fifteen percent milk, and seventy percent chocolate. Dark chocolate is so good for you that nutritionists consider it a super food and recommend we eat some every day. It does have a higher price, but it is worth it to pay a little extra to buy it. The third important ingredient is vanilla, which we add in tiny quantities. Vanilla helps hide chocolate's bitter taste. It's after we add sugar, milk, vanilla, and a lot of other tasty things like nuts or dried fruit that chocolate becomes delicious! So, let's begin our tour!
45. What do we learn about cocoa beans?
46. What gives cocoa beans the color we associate with chocolate?
47. What does the speaker say about pure chocolate?
48. What does the speaker seem to emphasize about dark chocolate?
49. According to the speaker, why is vanilla added?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to this radio program.

- As today's program, "This Week's Hits," comes to a close,
47. I need to make an important announcement. Tonight's rock concert at Central Stadium featuring Harry's Comets and The Charlie Stewart Band, two of our country's greatest groups, has been postponed for tomorrow due to rain. Because it's still summer, it seems concert organizers took it for granted that we'd be having good weather. Unfortunately, it's been raining for the past two days, making this, what I think, the wettest summer in years! If you have tickets, then hang on to them because the concert, as I've said, has been rescheduled for tomorrow, since the weather forecast calls for clear skies. So this is not a cancellation! If tomorrow doesn't work for you, then call 555-1234 to arrange for a
48. full refund. My advice, though, is to cancel what you have for tomorrow and head for Central Stadium. Although The Charlie Stewart Band comes here every two or three years,
49. Harry's Comets hasn't performed in our city for almost ten years. And I really remember that concert because I was in my late teens and Harry's Comets was really awesome! From what music critics are saying, Harry's Comets has become even better with time! So, I'm really looking forward
50. to tomorrow. I'll even be interviewing members of both groups before the concert, which I'll be recording for next week's show. So, you'll be able to hear the most important parts of those interviews next Friday! I think we have about four or five minutes left, time enough for me to play, "Love Me Forever and a Day," which is The Charlie Stewart Band's latest hit! I want to wish a pleasant evening to all my fans out there! See you at the concert!
47. What is being announced?
48. What advice does the speaker give to listeners?
49. What does the speaker tell us about the rock band, "Harry's Comets"?

50. What does the speaker say he will do?

PRACTICE TEST 3

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- Q:** What is she going to buy?

The correct answer is C.

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- 1.**
- M:** How's your new apartment?
- W:** Great! Hey ... when are you going to visit me?
- M:** Give me your address and tell me how to get there and I'll come tomorrow.
- W:** Okay, but you're going to have to call me a little later because I can't talk to you now. You have my number.
- Q:** What information is the man going to write down?
- 2.**
- M:** My canary refuses to sing.
- W:** Well, you've put it next to a closed window so it's not getting any air. Put it near an open window and then you'll really free its voice!
- Q:** What does she advise the man to do?
- 3.**
- M:** Do you want me to help you with the housework?
- W:** Sure! You can either wash the dishes or do the ironing.
- M:** I don't mind doing the dishes ... but couldn't I just vacuum the living-room carpet?
- Q:** What does the man want to do?
- 4.**
- M:** I'm tired of wearing these boot-like basketball shoes.
- W:** Since it's summer, why not get something light, like these canvas sneakers?
- M:** I'd get them but they're too dark for me. Besides, I'd rather get something made of leather. Hey! This pair here! It's exactly what I want.
- Q:** What shoes is the man probably going to buy?
- 5.**
- W:** How's that sweater I knitted for you?
- M:** It's great and I really appreciate it, but you shouldn't have made the sleeves so long.
- W:** Well, I was afraid they'd be too short!
- Q:** What is wrong with the sweater?
- 6.**
- W:** Don't tell me you still buy newspapers.

M: I didn't buy this paper. There's this dispenser at work.
We get a daily paper for free.

W: Really? You mean it's almost like having a paperboy deliver one to you?

Q: How does he get his newspaper?

7.

W: Hear the news? The exam has been scheduled to take place an hour later.

M: Thank goodness! 8:30 was too early for me.

W: Yeah, but I get here at 7:30. What am I going to do for two hours?

Q: What time are they going to have their exam?

8.

W: Look at all the litter in the park! It's disgusting.

M: This garbage is nothing compared to the filthy air we have to breathe in.

W: Yeah, you're right. The smog in our city is even more serious.

M: Well, at least the river isn't as dirty as it once was.

Q: What is the worst pollution problem in that city?

9.

W: We're going to Europe next summer.

M: Again? Didn't you go to France last year?

W: No, last year we went to the Iberian Peninsula – you know, Spain and Portugal. And this year we'll be visiting Greece.

Q: Where did the woman go last year?

10.

W: Is it a good idea to have so much on you?

M: You know I don't like using credit cards.

W: You may not like them, but they're convenient and safer than cash. There is no need to carry around so much cash!

Q: What does the woman think the man should have?

11.

W: How will I know which house is yours?

M: It's easy. It's the third house from the corner.

W: Okay, but is it on the left or the right?

M: It's on the left side of the street as you're facing the hospital.

Q: Where is the man's house?

12.

W: Do you have any questions about the contract?

M: Everything seems pretty clear. But I still want to phone my lawyer and ask him a few things.

W: Phone him? This is much too important to discuss over the phone. Speak to him face to face.

Q: What has she advised the man to do?

13.

M: Please describe the truck that damaged your car.

W: Well ... yes ... but it wasn't really a big truck.

M: What was it then ... a van ... a pick-up truck?

W: Yes, it was like a pick-up truck ... the same size as a van ... of course, it was open in the back.

Q: Which vehicle is the woman talking about?

14.

W: What's your favorite sport?

M: I used to like soccer, but lately it's basketball.

W: Basketball is okay, but I really prefer individual sports ... track and field ... stuff like that.

M: No, I think team sports are a lot better.

Q: What sorts of sports does the woman like?

15.

M: Where's my notebook? I remember leaving it on the coffee table, next to the flowers.

W: If it's not on your desk or the coffee table, then check your bag. Anyway, always leave it in the same place when you're not using it. Why not just leave it on your desk or something?

Q: Where has she told him to look for his notebook?

16.

W: How do you feel about George losing all that money at gambling?

M: Do you want me to be happy about it?

W: No, but aren't you upset?

M: Why should I be? It was his money. To be honest, it makes no difference to me.

Q: How does the man feel?

17.

M: So how does this new telephone work?

W: It's really easy. The row of buttons on the bottom here is for calls. So, if you push this first button, you can see the calls that you've made. This second button lets you see any unanswered calls ... you know missed calls ... and this third button is for calls you've answered.

Q: Which button should the man push to see who has called while he is away?

18.

M: What kind of lamp are you looking for ... a reading lamp for your desk ... perhaps one for your night table?

W: I'd like one that's on a flexible-type arm so I can place the light over the page when I'm reading.

M: So you'd like a reading lamp then.

W: Yes, in fact I'd ideally like something with a folding arm ... the kind you attach to your desk.

Q: What would the woman like?

19.

W: I can't decide what to study. I've always liked fields related to people.

M: Why not study medicine ... or study journalism and be a reporter? You'll be able to inform people.

W: Those aren't bad ideas, but I was thinking of doing something involving education.

Q: Which job would she like to do?

20.

M: What sort of birds did you see at the exhibition?

W: Oh, all kinds! I even saw a puffin.

M: A ... a ... puffin? What's that?

W: It's ... well ... kind of like a penguin ... I mean it's black. And it's got a curved beak like an eagle.

Q: Which bird is the woman talking about?

21.

W: What do you think of my fur coat?

M: I know you want me to like it, but if you want the truth, I think fur coats are an example of poor taste.

W: I'm surprised you feel that way. I guess I won't ever put it on again.

Q: How does the man feel about the coat?

- 22.**
M: You'll never guess where I put the cake.
W: Don't tell me you forgot it in the oven and burned it like last time!
M: No. Instead of putting it where I was supposed to, in the freezer section of the fridge, I put it in the cupboard!
Q: Where should he have put the cake?
- 23.**
W: What's our exam schedule for this week?
M: Biology is on Tuesday, history on Wednesday, and we finish off with math on Thursday.
Q: What exam are they going to have on Wednesday?
- 24.**
W: Do you want to have an ice-cream cone?
M: I wouldn't mind some ice cream with syrup and a cherry on top. We can have it here.
W: Or better still, why not get a carton and take it home with us?
M: Hey, you know, that's the cheapest solution. Let's do that!
Q: What are they probably going to get?
- 25.**
M: My neighbors are constantly disturbing me. I mean, last week it was an all-night party.
W: And what happened this time, their dog?
M: No! It was their TV. It was so loud! I'm going to file a complaint with the landlord!
Q: Why is he currently upset with his neighbors?
- 26.**
M: Did you actually walk all the way to the store to get some fruit?
W: Well, it's not that far. I didn't think it would be right to use the car for such a short distance.
M: What about your bike?
W: One of my tires is flat. Remember?
Q: How did she get to the store?
- 27.**
W: It's such a great day that I don't think we should stay indoors.
M: But we went out yesterday. Didn't we go to that nice outdoor restaurant. Besides, I want to watch the concert on TV.
W: Instead of watching the concert on TV, why don't we go there? It's in Central Park!
Q: What would she like to do?
- 28.**
M: So, I'm off to the supermarket. Anything else we need besides milk?
W: We're doing okay on coffee but we're out of eggs, so maybe get a carton of those.
M: Okay!
Q: What has she told him to buy?
- 29.**
W: Weren't you gonna start a new hobby?
M: Yeah, but I can't decide whether I should take up stamp collecting or building miniature houses.
W: Instead of building miniatures, why not remodel our own home?
M: You know, that's exactly what I'll do.
- 30.**
W: Look at all these photos! Are you just going to leave them in this box?
M: I was thinking of putting them in a nice album.
W: We could frame some of the nicer ones. But on second thought, let's go with your suggestion.
Q: Where are they going to put the photos?

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There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36**Look at the questions.****Listen to an announcement being made in an office.**

I want to remind you how important it is to cut costs. It's in everyone's interest because it'll mean a healthier company. We all want our company to be healthy and competitive! First, completely switch off all computers, photocopiers, and printers at the end of the day. Don't leave them on standby. To make sure, unplug all electronic devices before going home. Now this is everyone's responsibility, not only that of certain staff members! Our electricity bill will drop by 5 percent. That doesn't sound like much, but it's enough money for all staff to have a nice dinner for two at an expensive restaurant. And I'd like you to think twice before printing anything. There's no need to have a hard copy of everything. If you do need to have a hard copy, use scrap paper. Print on both sides of a sheet of paper before recycling it. This practice will have other benefits. You will save time because you won't have to wait for things to get printed, plus we will all be more environmentally responsible. So work more with digital copies of all documents. We may never become a completely paperless office, but we can at least use the least amount of paper. With regards to the air conditioner in summer, keep it down. As you can see, I have installed shades on all windows to keep out sunlight and to keep offices cool. Wear light casual clothes when it's hot. And likewise, when it's cold outside, wear warmer clothes to the office so you don't need to turn up the heat. Our goal is to reduce our operating costs by 10 percent within the next six months. If we accomplish this, then maybe I can manage a small bonus for all! It may not be cash, or time off from work or anything special. But it may be a night out for you and a friend at that expensive restaurant!

31. What is the presentation generally about?
32. What does the speaker say about electronic devices?
33. What does the speaker believe the staff can achieve?
34. What does the speaker suggest when the weather is hot?
35. What does the speaker say staff members might get?

36. What does the speaker mean by saying: "We may never become a completely paperless office"?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to this announcement on a ferry boat.

Welcome to the Lake Express! We will be departing from

37. Muskegon shortly, and reaching our final destination.
 40. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in two hours. Before sailing across Lake Michigan, we will be stopping at Grand Haven and Michigan City. Stops will be brief, so please stay on board unless, of course, you're getting off there! As we sail north from Michigan City, you'll see Chicago's beautiful skyline to the west. If you have the chance, try our other ferry which goes to Chicago. It runs every other day. Today's trip will
 38. be smooth. Don't be thrown off by the clouds. We may not have sunshine, but the breeze is light and lake waters calm. We expect no rain. As we sail, please be careful with your
 39. trash. Please help keep our ship and our lake clean. Some travelers, I'm afraid, are careless with their litter. We will be making our first stop in 45 minutes, just long enough to pick up some passengers. Our stop will last ten minutes.
 40. As I mentioned, the whole trip is one-hundred and twenty minutes. Our ship has a snack bar serving light lunches and refreshments. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the ship. Oh, and though we normally have wi-fi, I'm afraid accessing the Internet won't be possible on this trip due to technical difficulties. Sorry about that! We wish you a pleasant trip.
 37. What is the ship's final destination?
 38. How will the weather be during the trip?
 39. According to the speaker, what problem do some passengers cause?
 40. How long will the trip to their final destination be?
 41. What will passengers be able to do during the trip?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to this radio show about successful young people.

Welcome to *Youthful Success*, the program dedicated to young people who succeed in their fields at an early age.

42. Today we look at Paul Andrew, who at 23 years of age has already directed two hit films. Paul decided to become a director at fifteen, when his parents bought him a video camera. He's been making films ever since. His parents
 43. taught him a lot about movies. In fact, Paul sees them as his main source of inspiration. Paul is from an artistic family. Paul's father is an experienced screenwriter with several Hollywood scripts under his belt. Paul's mom is an actress and played in his first film. And Bill Hampton, the well-known musician, is Paul's uncle. Hampton wrote the soundtracks for both of Paul's films. Paul's latest work, *Space Desperadoes*, is a comedy that is part western and part science fiction. Critics doubted the combination would work. They even thought the title was stupid. But Paul proved them wrong. He had his own radio show when he was in college, a weekly
 44. comedy hour which he wrote and acted in. It was a local hit, making him a celebrity on campus. Despite two successful films, he and his family still live in Cleveland, Ohio. When he's not making movies, Paul spends his time watching them. He says he will never live in Hollywood, unlike most

directors. He thinks Hollywood prevents people from being creative. In a recent interview which attracted a lot of attention, Paul accused studios of being interested in movies that sell and make money, not in trail-blazing work. But Paul proves that a film director can be creative and do well at the box office. His idol is the legendary director Stanley Kendrik, 45. who apart from his first two works, shot all of his movies outside the US. Paul is already making plans for his next movie in Europe.

42. What is Paul Andrew's main activity?
 43. What does the speaker say about Paul Andrew's parents?
 44. What happened when Paul Andrew was in college?
 45. What does Paul Andrew believe about Hollywood?
 46. Why does the speaker mention Stanley Kendrik?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio program.

Welcome to *Let's Eat Out*, where we review area restaurants. Today, we visit Asian Delights and Barney's Eatery, two different but equally wonderful places. There is only one thing. Asian Delights is pricey, so, unlike Barney's, it's not an option if you are on a limited budget. Asian Delights is our city's best Indian restaurant. It reminds guests of exotic places. Interestingly, it is so authentic that some people still think the owner is from India, but he's actually a home-town boy named Rick Allen, who traveled extensively all over Asia after dropping out of college. Allen is now using the many recipes he collected during his travels in his restaurant. Asian Delights offers meat, fish, and poultry dishes from India, Pakistan, Thailand, and China. There are, of course, a lot of meatless options, as well. For those who like food hot and spicy, they won't be let down, but Asian Delights lets diners decide how much zest is enough. Among its specialties, we recommend the homemade cheese. Asian Delights is ideal for large groups since it offers a banquet room for up to 40 people. Reservations are a must. It opens at noon and closes at 2 am. If it's burgers that you want, then 47. Asian Delights may not be for you. For that, there's Barney's Eatery, which has been serving our community since 1962. The current owner, George Saunders, is the founder's son. George has kept the original 1960s décor, but also many of the 1960s dishes, including king-size bacon-n-cheese burgers, fresh French fries, and homemade cakes, pies, and puddings. In keeping with our times, Barney's also has more healthful dishes that include fresh vegetables. And if you're a vegetarian, Barney's has a special menu for you. As for prices, they are reasonable, and I'd even say on the cheap side. Barney's is the ideal venue for your business breakfast or lunch, but don't plan on having supper at Barney's. Its business hours are from 5:30 am to 5:30 pm! 48.

47. What is an important difference between Asian Delights and Barney's Eatery?
 48. What information does the speaker give about Rick Allen?
 49. What seems to be really special about Barney's Eatery?
 50. When would someone prefer Asian Delights to Barney's?

PRACTICE TEST 4

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- 1.**
W: Is your life getting back to normal?
M: Almost. I've returned to work, although it's still a little hard. But I'm handling domestic things surprisingly well.
W: What about sports?
M: Now that's something I've got to get back into.
Q: What activity is giving him the least trouble?
- 2.**
M: My shoelaces are always getting undone.
W: I told you not to get high-tops with shoelaces. You should've gotten a pair with velcro.
M: I once had a pair like that, but I didn't like them much.
W: Well, then get a pair with velcro and laces.
Q: What type of shoes has she suggested?
- 3.**
W: I need a new chair for my office.
M: Are you gonna get one with wheels, like the one you have now?
W: Yeah, with wheels, but I also want it to have armrests, like the ones on an armchair.
Q: What kind of chair would she like?
- 4.**
W: Hey, isn't that the alarm clock ringing?
M: No, it's my phone. I'd better go answer it.
W: But the phone's in the kitchen and the sound's coming from the bedroom.
M: I know. That's where my phone is ... I mean my cell phone.
Q: What is causing the sound?
- 5.**
W: Where are you from?
M: Although I was born in India, my family moved to South Africa when I was an infant. Then we moved to Canada when I was twenty, which is where I live now.
Q: Where did the man spend his childhood?
- 6.**
M: I have mixed feelings about that model show we went to.
W: I can't say much about the cars. And those model airplanes were so badly made!
W: Okay, but you have to admit those old sailing ships were realistic.
W: Yes, they made our trip there worth our effort.
Q: Which object did they both like?
- 7.**
M: The weather has been weird. Yesterday it was sunny, but on the chilly side.
W: Yeah, and today it's almost the opposite, cloudy and warmer than usual for this time of year.
M: I wonder when it's going to be sunny and warm.
W: Who knows, the way the climate has changed.
Q: What was the weather like yesterday?
- 8.**
M: I think I have a bit of a temperature.
W: Here, use this to see if you have a fever.
M: I wish you'd give me an aspirin or something.
W: First, let's see what your temperature is and then we'll decide. You should be careful with medications. I mean, last time you started taking that cough syrup and you didn't even have a cough!
Q: What has she just given to the man?
- 9.**
M: Here's your birthday gift!
W: Oh, what beautiful flowers! Hey, and they're gardenias. I've only seen gardenias in a pot, never in a bouquet.
M: And they make really great bouquets.
W: Why don't you put them in the vase on the dining room table?
Q: What has the man brought?
- 10.**
M: I'm really thirsty. How about a cola!
W: Cola? Don't you think you should be drinking something healthier?
M: What else can I drink? I don't want just water.
W: Well, then, have a glass of milk!
M: Look, just get me a coffee then. Besides, I need something to keep me awake, and milk will make me feel sleepy!
Q: What is the man going to drink?
- 11.**
M: Where do I go if I want to get music from the Internet?
W: Oh, there are plenty of sites. My favorite is www.musicplanet.com.
M: Okay, www.planet ... no wait, www.planetmusic.com.
W: No! It's the other way around.
Q: What web address is the woman referring to?
- 12.**
W: I've decided on the coffee table I'd like for our living room.
M: Is it the old-fashioned one we saw the other day at the used furniture store? You know, the one with the two legs. You liked that.
W: It was okay, but I want something more modern ... something with a glass surface.
Q: Which table are they going to get?
- 13.**
W: I think I forgot to do something important.

M: Maybe you didn't feed your cat.
W: But my cat ran away, remember?
M: How about watering your plants?
W: No. Oh, dear! It was my sister's birthday yesterday, and I didn't call her!
Q: What did she forget to do?

14.
W: Congratulations. I knew you'd get it on your first try.
M: Hey, it's not as if I got a university degree or something. But at least I can legally drive now.
W: Now you can get that car you've always wanted.
M: Yeah, it's about time, isn't it?
Q: What has the man probably just received?

15.
M: I'm going out to buy some bread.
W: Okay, but don't get the sliced package kind. It's not even real bread, but chemicals. Hey, if you bring me some flour, I can bake us some rolls.
M: That's a good idea. That's exactly what I'll get.
Q: What is the man going to buy?

16.
M: What happened to your iPhone?
W: It was stolen, so I got this to replace it. It doesn't look so advanced, but it's so cheap that no one would ever steal it.
M: I was expecting you'd get a tablet PC.
Q: What has the woman recently bought?

17.
W: Slow down because the road up ahead is going to get narrower.
M: How do you know that?
W: Well, that sign we just passed had two lines coming together. So slow down! You don't want to have an accident, do you?
Q: Which sign is the woman talking about?

18.
M: I don't think you should do that exercise.
W: Which one do you mean?
M: I mean the one where you sit on the floor ... and then you raise one leg and then another. It's bad for your back.
Q: Which exercise is the man talking about?

19.
M: So, how's your new apartment?
W: It's okay, I guess. The two bedrooms are almost the same size, although one is a bit bigger than the other. The living room is a fair size, as is the bathroom. But the kitchen could've been bigger.
Q: Which apartment is the woman describing?

20.
M: I remember putting my favorite shirt in the closet, but it's not there.
W: Remember? You spilled some coffee on it.
M: Oh, here it is, with all the other dirty laundry.
W: Since you found it, help me put it in the washing machine with everything else.
Q: Where has he found his shirt?

21.
W: Why are you putting the suit in the washing machine?

Shouldn't it be dry-cleaned?
M: No, it's machine washable.
W: Well, if I were you, I'd wash it by hand.
M: Don't worry! I've done this before!
Q: How is he washing the suit?

22.
W: You haven't told me who your favorite colleague is. Isn't it Jim, the nice-looking one with the glasses?
M: Oh, no. It's definitely George.
W: Isn't he the one with the dark hair and beard?
M: Yes, and he also wears glasses.
Q: Who is the man's favorite colleague?

23.
W: I bought a kerosene lamp at the antique show.
M: What's a kerosene lamp?
W: People used to use them before flashlights or light bulbs were invented. It's like this glass casing in a metal frame. At the bottom there's a place where you can put kerosene. I don't think it works, though.
Q: What has the woman bought?

24.
M: How can you do your homework in the kitchen? I'd be distracted by the sound of the fridge. I prefer my bedroom.
W: I like being in the kitchen, even more than in the living room.
Q: Where does she prefer to study?

25.
W: Giving Kathy flowers for her birthday isn't a good idea. I don't think she'll enjoy them.
M: Why not get her a box of chocolates?
W: Hey! There's this novel she's been wanting to read.
M: Great! Let's get her a copy!
Q: What are they going to give to their friend?

26.
M: I buy theater tickets at these ATM-like machines at the bank. It's so hard for me to go to the theater box office.
W: If it's convenience you're looking for, order them online and have them delivered to your home by courier.
Q: How does she suggest he should get theater tickets?

27.
W: How can I go about opening an account at your bank?
M: Can I do it over the phone?
W: Not over the phone, but you can do it on-line.
M: Oh, it's that simple!
W: Not quite. You still have to come to one of our branches and sign a document so we can have an example of your signature.
Q: What must she do to open a bank account?

28.
M: Are you done renovating your home?
W: Not quite! The electrician finally installed all the lights last week. And the carpenter is just finishing with the basement.
M: What about the plumber?
W: Well, he's really been dragging his feet, although it was the electrician who I expected trouble from.
Q: Who is she complaining about?

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- M: Didn't I tell you to eat more fresh fruit?
 W: But I'm having a fruit yogurt. It's got fruit!
 M: Yeah, but it's not the same thing! And I think you're overdoing it with the juice, too!
 Q: What does he advise her to have more of?

30.

- W: How will we know if the refrigerator we want to buy can get into our apartment?
 M: Don't worry. I've bought this today. We can measure the doorways into the apartment and the kitchen.
 W: Great! I knew I could count on you!
 M: I'm still worried about the weight, though. I hope we can lift it. It is pretty heavy, you know.
 Q: What has the man brought with him?

Listening Test, Part 2

In this part of the test, you will hear four short talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions about it. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
- Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 – 36**Look at the questions.****Listen to someone speaking to a group of parents.**

31. Welcome, fellow parents, to our monthly PTA meeting. There have been four break-ins in our school over the past two months. We aren't certain who is behind them, but we hope it's not any of our students. There are three types of break-ins. There are nuisance break-ins, in which usually a student breaks into a school just for the sake of it. The break-in is an end in itself. There's usually no serious damage, and nothing is stolen. Then there are professional break-ins. These break-ins, the professional kind, involve two or more people who are actual criminals. The offenders enter the school with great skill. They break into storage rooms, libraries, and computer labs and steal expensive equipment. Professional break-ins are the least damaging when it comes to the building, windows, and things like that. After all, burglars don't want to make noise and attract attention. But professional break-ins are the most costly because the stolen equipment is expensive to replace. The type of break-ins that are the most destructive are malicious break-ins, usually committed by an angry student who wants to cause the most amount of damage. Instead of stealing valuable things, offenders destroy them. So far, the four break-ins we have had at our school have been nuisance break-ins, the first kind. Nothing was stolen and little damage was done. But because the potential exists for the other kinds of break-ins, we should install an alarm system in our school. The school budget cannot afford such a system. This means we parents have to provide the money, for the sake of our school and students. I'm sure you'll all agree it will be worth the expense.

31. What is the purpose of the talk?

32. According to the speaker, what seems to be true about nuisance break-ins?
 33. How are professional break-ins different from the other kinds of break-ins?
 34. What kind of break-in causes extensive damage to the school?
 35. What does the speaker suggest about malicious break-ins?
 36. What is the speaker recommending?

Questions 37 - 41**Look at the questions.****Listen to this report from a radio program.**

And now for the economic news. After three straight years of increasing unemployment, July finally saw a long-awaited turnaround. From 12.7 percent, joblessness dropped to 11.4 percent. This translates into 45,500 new jobs. Government officials claimed that economic policies are finally paying off, but critics argue that any improvements will be short-lived. Unemployment always improves in the summer, only to worsen again in the fall and winter. Government spokesperson Sheila Paulson insisted that the improvement is permanent. The government hopes that unemployment will fall to 10.5 percent by next year. As for prices, the news here seems to be good, as inflation continues to be low. According to recent statistics, prices have increased by just 1.3 percent in the past year. Professor Anne Smith, who teaches economics at State University, however, doesn't really see this as good news. On our Business Review program last night, Professor Smith said that low inflation is not relevant when so many people are out of work. In her opinion, it's better for there to be a little inflation provided more people are working. And finally, the price of oil has fallen for a third straight month. It now stands at 95 dollars a barrel, the lowest it has been for three years. It is hoped that lower oil prices will lead to further improvements in our economy. Lower oil prices are one of the main reasons why prices remain stable. Just a year ago, the price of oil had reached 120 dollars a barrel. The hope is that it will go as low as 85 dollars or even 80 dollars a barrel in the coming months.

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37. According to the report, what is the current unemployment rate?

38. According to the report, what do government critics believe?

39. According to the report, what is true about Sheila Paulson?

40. What does Anne Smith seem to believe?

41. What is the current price of oil?

Questions 42 - 46**Look at the questions.****Listen to someone introducing a speaker at an event.**

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to our annual company dinner. As happens every year, we've invited a guest speaker who is a successful professional in his field. This year we are pleased to have Ian Palmer, who is sitting next to me. The first thing you'll notice about Ian is his age. He is decades younger than most of our speakers. In fact, many of you could very well be his parents! He is only 23. Before you start wondering if we have changed our tradition of having

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42. accomplished professionals, I need to inform you that Ian is an airline pilot, one of the world's youngest. He is already successful in his field. In fact, he has flown over 1,500 hours so far on domestic and international flights. Ian started flying
 43. as soon as he learned how to walk, which shouldn't be surprising since his dad is also an airline pilot. Ian took his first flying lesson at 12. By 14, he was qualified to fly single-engine planes. At 15, he was flying helicopters. Even before
 44. he was an airline pilot, Ian was flying professionally. His first job, at 18, was delivering mail and parcels all over North America and Mexico. By 20, he had graduated to passenger jets. He is now qualified to fly most Airbuses. He regularly flies on domestic and international routes, occasionally as his dad's copilot. Ian is amazing because he is an example of what young people can accomplish when they have the right support. So, I give you Ian Palmer, airline pilot. Ian, the audience is yours.
- 42.** What information does the speaker provide?
43. What do we learn about Ian's father?
44. What was Ian's first job as a pilot?
45. How old was Ian when he began flying large aircraft?
46. Where does Ian currently fly?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a recorded message.

47. Thank you for calling Astor Hotel, which has been serving the community for five decades. In fact, we are celebrating our 50th birthday. For this month, guests can enjoy a 30 percent discount on all rooms. Newlywed couples can stay the first 48. night of their honeymoon for free. All our rooms have free Internet access, smart TVs, and a Jacuzzi. For just 10 dollars a day, you can have use of a tablet computer. Our prices include breakfast plus use of all hotel facilities, including our heated pool and fitness center, where, for a small fee, guests can get the advice of one of our personal trainers. We also encourage guests to try our award-winning restaurant, 49. where we offer dishes from all over the world. Everything is prepared by celebrity chef William Cutter. We're sure you've seen him on TV. Many of his programs have been shot in 50. our hotel! If you would like to make a reservation, please dial 201. If you would like to ask about our catering and food service, please dial 202. If you would like to connect with the manager's office, please dial 203. If you have any other query, please dial 204 or hold the line until one of our representatives speaks with you. Thank you!
- 47.** What do we learn about the Hotel Astor?
48. What can guests do in their rooms without paying extra money?
49. What does the speaker say about the hotel's chef?
50. Which number should you dial if you would like a room?

PRACTICE TEST 5

Listening Test, Part 1

This is a test of your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear short conversations. After you hear each conversation, you will be asked a question about what you heard. The answer choices in your test booklet are shown as pictures. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet,

not in the test booklet.

Here is an example:

- 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?

The correct answer is C.

You will hear each conversation only once; the conversations will not be repeated. Please be very quiet and listen carefully. Remember to mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, or C. There are 30 questions in Part 1.

- 1.**
W: Why are you hanging on to all these papers? Don't you have anything better to put into your briefcase?
M: Maybe I should just keep them in my desk.
W: I have an even better place for them. Just give them to me and I'll get rid of them.
Q: What is the woman going to do with the papers?

- 2.**
W: Did you actually lose all your luggage?
M: Yes! It's not unusual to lose luggage at an airport or for it to be stolen in front of a hotel. But to lose our luggage right in the hotel lobby!
W: Obviously, the hotel you stayed at had poor security!
Q: Where did they lose their luggage?

- 3.**
M: What exactly is it that you want to buy?
W: I want to get one of those wooden, doll-like figures. You know, the kind that artists use when they practice drawing human bodies. Like, it's got arms and legs that move, and it has the exact same shape as a human.
M: Our niece has a doll that has moving arms and legs. Why don't you use that?
W: I'm not talking about a toy. I need it for my art class!
Q: What would the woman like to buy?

- 4.**
M: Could I speak with Dr. Smith? It's about our appointment today.
W: Dr. Smith isn't in right now, but you could reach him on his cell phone.
M: I've already sent him a text message and an e-mail. I'm just calling to confirm that he's read them.
Q: How is he contacting Dr. Smith's office?

- 5.**
M: Where do you want me to put the tool shed?
W: Under the tree in the back yard, where the greenhouse is.
M: Of the three, you can only have two. This means we need to get rid of the tree.
W: No way! If this means cutting down the tree, then leave things as they are!
Q: What does their back yard look like?

- 6.**
M: Those balloons were all beautiful, but I guess I liked the one with the horizontal lines.
W: Really? I was impressed with the one that had the

- vertical lines ... you know that really big one.
- M:** I thought you liked the flowery one most of all.
- W:** It was nice, too, but I liked that big one even more.
- Q:** Which balloon did the woman like?
- 7.**
- M:** Are we going to the party next week?
- W:** What do you mean? I thought it was tonight.
- M:** Tonight? But tonight's Thursday. You can't have a party on Thursday.
- W:** So is it next Friday or Saturday?
- M:** It says it's next Saturday ... Hey! It also says we have to bring along some juice or something.
- Q:** What invitation is the man talking about?
- 8.**
- M:** I phoned you at work yesterday, but they told me you were busy.
- W:** Whoever told you that was mistaken. Apart from my yoga session, I spent most of the day in bed listening to music. I took the day off.
- M:** You work so hard in that office you deserve it.
- W:** You should have seen me the day before yesterday. Was I busy!
- Q:** What did she mostly do yesterday?
- 9.**
- M:** Have you phoned in for that pizza yet?
- W:** I ordered the pizza, but I did it online.
- M:** What? Over the Internet?
- W:** Of course! You didn't expect me to go over and order it in person?
- Q:** How did she order the pizza?
- 10.**
- M:** I'm looking for a ruler ... but not the regular straight kind.
- W:** Well, what do you have in mind?
- M:** I need one that I can draw different shapes with ... you know, squares, triangles, and things like that. I need it for my art class. Hey, this is what I need! This one here with all the shapes in it.
- Q:** What is the man going to buy?
- 11.**
- M:** How was your big trip?
- W:** Great! We drove from Boston to Los Angeles, and did a lot of sightseeing all the way.
- M:** Really? What did you like the most?
- W:** Well, of all the cities I saw, I think Chicago is tops. It's so exciting and there's so much to do.
- Q:** Which city did the woman especially like?
- 12.**
- W:** I feel like having some junk food tonight. How about a pizza?
- M:** You know I'm trying to lose weight. I can't eat pizza.
- W:** Well, then let's have some burgers. I'd like one with everything on it.
- M:** Okay, I'll have a hamburger, but mine will have to be plain.
- Q:** What are they going to have?
- 13.**
- W:** If I give you my name, will you be able to see if you have me listed in your data base?
- M:** Sure, in fact I'm looking at my monitor now. So could you tell me your name?
- W:** Yes, it's Jane Doe, that's D-O-E.
- M:** Thank you, Ms. Doe ... yes, well ... according to my computer, we have all your personal information, name, address, phone number ... things like that.
- Q:** What is the man currently doing?
- 14.**
- W:** I think we should get this cabinet with the two shelves.
- M:** What do you need two shelves for? Get this one with one shelf. It looks more practical.
- W:** Hey, why not get this one with no shelves at all and just add one or two or even a third shelf depending on whether we need it or not?
- M:** Yeah, that's what we'll do.
- Q:** Which cabinet are they going to buy?
- 15.**
- M:** We'd like a room with a double bed and a single. Our little daughter is with us.
- W:** Sorry, sir, but rooms in our hotel have either double or single beds.
- M:** Fine, but our daughter's only six. She can't sleep in a room all alone.
- W:** Okay, I guess we'll have to move a single bed into a room where there's a double.
- Q:** What would the man like in his hotel room?
- 16.**
- M:** Let's have an early lunch today because I have an important meeting at two o'clock.
- W:** So how early do you mean? Eleven, twelve?
- M:** I was thinking about one.
- W:** That's not early for me. I usually have lunch at around noon.
- Q:** What time does the man want to have lunch?
- 17.**
- M:** Hey! Look at you! You've cut your hair ... and you've dyed it blonde!
- W:** What do you think?
- M:** I think it looks fine ... although I liked you in long hair, too.
- W:** Yeah, but I got tired with the way I looked. And long hair is such a hassle.
- Q:** How does the woman look?
- 18.**
- W:** Do what I did and get a scooter.
- M:** Yeah, but I don't have a license.
- W:** Get a bike, then.
- M:** Yeah, and I'll get a collapsible one. The kind you can fold up and take with you anywhere.
- W:** They're okay, if you don't mind the fact that they have smaller wheels than regular bikes.
- Q:** What is the man going to get?
- 19.**
- M:** How am I supposed to wash this striped shirt so that the colors don't fade?
- W:** Simple. Just put it in a tub of cold water, with detergent of course. Leave it there for about an hour, then rinse it out and hang it up to dry.
- M:** What if I add a little bleach? Will it get cleaner faster?
- W:** But that will destroy your shirt!
- Q:** How should he wash the shirt?

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- M:** Oh, no! I think we made a mistake coming to this ski resort. Look at the sign. There aren't any real ski-lifts here. They're the kind that pull you up the slope. You can't even sit.
W: Oh, that's not a problem. What difference does it make whether you sit or stand, as long as you make it to the top?
M: Well, I liked the ski-lifts at the resort we went to last month. We could sit inside those.
Q: What sign is the man talking about?

21.

- M:** Are you going to have a very busy day?
W: Am I ever! At nine I have an important meeting about that new office furniture we need to get, and I shouldn't forget the report I should've already started working on.
M: Hey, and don't forget that package you have to pick up at the post office.
W: You know it nearly slipped my mind. Thanks for reminding me.
Q: What did the woman almost forget?

22.

- W:** Let's get our parents something nice for their anniversary. How about a clock or something?
M: No, clocks are cheap. Let's go all the way and buy them a nice TV set.
W: But you know dad never watches TV. Hey, let's get them a nice stereo set.
M: Great, that's a good idea.
Q: What are they going to buy for their parents?

23.

- M:** I'd like to buy a pair of boots.
W: Sure, how about these?
M: No, I don't mean really high boots. I want the low-cut ones ... you know that are almost like shoes.
Q: What would the man like?

24.

- M:** So how much money will I need for our trip today?
W: The fare for the bus is \$20, and you'll need at least another \$20 for food ... so take along about \$60, just in case.
Q: How much money will the man probably have on him?

25.

- M:** What time do you want me to drop you off at the airport?
W: I'll be taking the train. Remember?
M: Yeah, right. But you could just as well have used the car. Where you're going is within driving distance.
W: But you know my feelings about driving!
Q: How is she going to travel?

26.

- W:** Are you still driving that tractor trailer?
M: I still drive for a living, but it's taxis from now on.
W: I thought you were going to get a job driving a dump truck.
M: I was, but I kind of grew tired of handling such big vehicles.
Q: What did he used to drive for his job?

27.

- W:** How did you break your arm? Did you fall off your skateboard again?
M: No, I was cycling. I guess I was careless.
W: I know how you feel. I broke mine last year while roller-blading.
Q: How did he break his arm?

28.

- M:** You seem to be enjoying yourself.
W: I am. I'm reading this really fantastic novel!
M: Oh! I see you got one of these reading tablets. I read e-books, too, but on my laptop.
W: I used to use mine, but these devices are better ... though I still read normal books from time to time.
Q: What is she currently reading?

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- M:** I injured my knee while playing basketball.
W: Again? That's the third time this month. Didn't I tell you to put on a brace?
M: I tried that, but it was really uncomfortable.
W: Looks like you're going to have to take up something less energetic, like walking ... time to hang up your basketball shoes!
Q: What is she advising him to do?

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- W:** Don't put the bookshelf there! You'll be blocking the window and the door.
M: Okay. Then our only option is to put it where the sofa is, and put the sofa by the window.
W: The best place of all would've been where the fireplace is.
Q: How are they going to arrange the room?

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- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
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There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone speaking to a group of businesspeople.

I want to welcome all members of the Chamber of Commerce to our monthly meeting. Today we're going to discuss a controversial issue. It's whether or not we should be hiring people in their fifties or sixties. One of our members, who runs a bakery, received a job application from a 72-year-old grandmother! Before I open the floor for comments, I'd like to go over some reasons why giving an older person a job has benefits. According to labor statistics, the number of days employees are away due to sickness actually decline with age. Salaried workers aged 25 to 30

33. missed an average of 8 days due to sickness, while salaried workers aged 51 to 54 missed an average of 6 days. The workers who missed the most days due to sickness were in the 41 to 44 age group. They were away for an average of nine days. Of course, the healthiest workers are those between 21 and 25. They missed an average of four days. Still, statistics show that 50-year-olds are more reliable than workers in their thirties and forties. One great advantage of older workers is that they are more willing to work overtime in order to get a job done. Of course, younger workers may have children at home, something which prevents them from staying after a certain hour. Another thing is their work ethic. I mean older workers have more discipline. They take fewer breaks. There is one problem with older employees, though. 36. They are frequently reluctant to take orders from a younger manager. They may dislike it when someone half their age bosses them around. Mind you, older workers have a better understanding of their duties, so it is less likely that they will have to be told what to do.

31. What is the main purpose of the talk?
 32. What do labor statistics seem to show?
 33. How many sick days do 50-year-old employees have annually?
 34. According to the speaker, what is true about 40-year-old employees?
 35. In the speaker's opinion, why are younger workers less likely to work overtime?
 36. What might be problematic about older employees?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone speaking to a group of students learning to drive.

- Well, everyone, you've all had your first experience driving a car. I'm sure you're excited because being able to drive does give you a lot of freedom. Besides being enjoyable, 37. though, driving also creates added responsibility. When you put your hands on a steering wheel, you are literally becoming responsible for your life and the lives of your passengers. You are also responsible for other drivers. All of you are currently studying the rules of the road. I'm sure you're finding those endless pages of signs and regulations tiresome. You have to become familiar with the material in 38. the manual because virtually all of it will be on your test. But there are fundamental guidelines, which if you follow, you will have no problems. First of all, always stop at unmarked intersections. Although most intersections have signs or lights, some do not. When you come to such an intersection, always stop, make sure no other cars are coming, and then proceed. Next, never run a stop sign or red light. Always stop. Even more importantly, never drive above the speed limit. Some people will tell you that police turn a blind eye if you are going ten miles too fast on the highway, which is 39. perhaps true. But I personally do not condone it! And when driving in a residential area, it is better for you to drive even 41. slower than what is legally required. Finally, everyone knows about the danger of drinking alcohol and driving, so I don't need to get into that, but even experienced drivers remain 40. unaware of an equally serious danger. I'm talking about cell phone use and driving. I'll just give you one statistic. A third of accidents caused by drivers between 18 and 24 are linked with cell phone use. So ignore your cell phones completely when driving.

37. What does the speaker emphasize?
 38. What is the speaker's main purpose?
 39. What does the speaker say about the speed limit?
 40. What danger does the speaker seem to be especially concerned about?
 41. What does the speaker mean when she says: "Finally, everyone knows about the danger of drinking alcohol and driving, so I don't need to get into that, but even experienced drivers remain unaware of an equally serious danger"?

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to a radio program about health.

A good night's sleep is essential since there are serious health consequences when we don't sleep at least seven or eight hours a night. These include heart disease, depression, and high blood pressure, just to mention a few. In addition, people who do not sleep enough are less productive at work and more likely to get into accidents. But what can we do to guarantee we sleep well? First, we have to have a consistent hour when we go to bed and when we wake up, which should be the same times every day, even on weekends and holidays. It is also important to make sure lights are low as bedtime approaches. Our brains become too stimulated when we are in brightly lit rooms, and this prevents us from feeling drowsy. It is also important to avoid all screens, whether it's our TV, PC, or tablet. Research has shown that exposure to any screen arouses our brain, keeping us in a state of alertness. Having a TV, not to mention a computer, in the bedroom is a big mistake. Reading a book, listening to calm soothing music, and doing light yoga are the sorts of activities that wind us down. They cause the first deep yawns, and we start feeling drowsy. We will also feel a lot better when we wake up. Finally, we must be careful with the bedroom, making sure it is quiet and dimly lit. Our bed and pillow must be comfortable, providing the proper support for our body. One final bit of advice includes exercise. People who regularly work out have fewer sleep-related problems. However, timing is important. We should never exercise too close to bedtime as this will make us overly excited. When we exercise, it should be at least four or five hours before we go to bed.

42. What is the main idea of the talk?
 43. What does the speaker say about the time that we sleep?
 44. Why does the speaker advise avoiding all screens?
 45. Why does the speaker mention music?
 46. What is the speaker referring to when she says: "They cause the first deep yawns, and we start feeling drowsy. We will also feel a lot better when we wake up"?

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to a swimming instructor.

According to the weather report tomorrow, it is going to be sunny with a temperature of about 13 degrees Celsius, making conditions ideal for what will be, for some of you, your first cold-water swim. We'll be meeting at the St. Nicholas Beach at 11 am. For those of you doing this for the first time, I'd like to remind you of a few things. Cold-water, or winter, swimming, has tremendous health benefits. Besides

- strengthening the immune system, which explains why
48. regular cold-water swimmers rarely get sick, it also improves brain function and memory. Another benefit is that cold-water swimmers rarely experience stress or depression. And for those who want to burn calories, cold-water swimming is ideal, since, when we are swimming in cold water, our metabolism works a lot faster in order for us to be able to stay in the cold water. This, of course, burns fat. Incidentally, and this is the only drawback, cold-water swimming also burns muscle to get energy so we can stay warm. But the muscle mass lost is not really so great. I personally have my
49. dad's sister as my role model. At 72, she's in such fantastic shape. She's been doing this activity for over five decades. In fact, she's the one who got me started when I was a teenager. For those of you who will be doing this for the first time, don't expect to spend too much time in the water. It will take four or five trips to the beach for you to get used to
50. the colder temperatures. So don't stay in the water for more than three, four, maybe five minutes at most. For the more experienced members of our club, enjoy your swim!
47. What is the purpose of the talk?
48. According to the speaker, what is one benefit winter swimmers enjoy?
49. Why does he mention his dad's sister?
50. What final advice does he give to first-time winter swimmers?

PRACTICE TEST 6

Listening Test, Part 1

This is a test of your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear short conversations. After you hear each conversation, you will be asked a question about what you heard. The answer choices in your test booklet are shown as pictures. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet.

Here is an example:

- 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?

The correct answer is C.

You will hear each conversation only once; the conversations will not be repeated. Please be very quiet and listen carefully. Remember to mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, or C. There are 30 questions in Part 1.

- 1.**
- W:** I knew you were a good student and a gifted athlete, but I didn't know you could cook, too.
- M:** Well, I don't think I'm that good of a cook. I think I'm a lot better at sports.
- W:** Oh, and where did you get this prize?
- Q:** What prize is the woman talking about?
- 2.**
- W:** Why didn't you come to my party last night?
- M:** Because I got lost as I was coming.
- W:** You got lost? But it's so easy. At the end of the street,

- it's the door on your right.
- M:** When I got to the end of the street, I walked both left and right. Guess I got confused.
- Q:** Where does the woman live?
- 3.**
- M:** I really enjoy living and working in a big city.
- W:** Listen, I live in a residential area about thirty minutes from downtown and I still don't like it.
- M:** So, would you like to live on a farm, then?
- W:** To be honest, I really wouldn't mind that.
- Q:** Where does the woman want to live?
- 4.**
- W:** Oh, no! Our photocopier is out of order again!
- M:** Haven't you heard? We're getting a new one.
- W:** Great! I hope it's one of those big, heavy-duty copiers, not another small desk-top one.
- M:** It's not going to be very big or very small, but something in between.
- Q:** What photocopier are they getting?
- 5.**
- M:** It's pouring! Here, you'd better take this.
- W:** I think it'll stop soon so all I need is this jacket I'm wearing. It does have a hood you know!
- M:** I don't think your jacket will protect you from that storm.
- W:** I guess you're right. At least it's not cold. I don't like wearing heavy coats and scarves!
- Q:** What is the man probably giving her?
- 6.**
- W:** If you really want to take care of your teeth, you should try flossing them.
- M:** Flossing? What's that?
- W:** Come on, don't you go to a dentist? You take this special string and you move it back and forth between your teeth.
- M:** And I always thought brushing was enough.
- Q:** What has she advised the man to do?
- 7.**
- M:** I hear you had quite a few jobs before you became a professional photographer.
- W:** Yes, I worked as a sales girl in a store. I even worked as a hairdresser. Ironically, I did everything except take photographs.
- Q:** What is the woman's job?
- 8.**
- W:** I really think we should open a shoe store. People are always buying shoes.
- M:** Well, I'd say open a bookstore, but when I think of how so many people are buying books online, it won't be successful.
- W:** Hey! Why don't we open a bakery! We can sell bread, cakes, and stuff like that!
- M:** No, let's go with your first idea. Shoes are easier to sell and we can make more money. I like eating bread and cookies, but making them is a different story!
- Q:** What business are they going to open?
- 9.**
- W:** I'd really like a nice pudding with plenty of whipped cream for dessert.
- M:** Why don't you have some cookies?

W: Because cookies have a lot of sugar and they're just as fattening. I know! I'll have one of those raisin buns. It'll be a lot less fattening!

Q: What is the woman going to have for dessert?

10.

W: So what are you going to be majoring in?

M: You know, I had my heart set on modern history, but there are no jobs.

W: So, what did you choose, medicine?

M: Are you kidding? With my grades? I'm in economics, finally. It's not bad, I guess, but I would've really liked history.

Q: What is the man studying?

11.

W: Where did you get injured this time?

M: My elbow. I hurt it when I ran into one of my teammates, believe it or not!

W: And last time you messed up your knee! You ought to be more careful, or stop playing basketball altogether!

M: Well, at least I've never hit my head anywhere!

Q: Where has he hurt himself?

12.

M: How do you paint your pictures?

W: With brushes, of course.

M: I mean where do you get your ideas? Like, do you paint scenes you've photographed?

W: Not quite. I capture scenes with my video camera. Then later on, as I watch the video, I stop it when I see something interesting and paint from that.

Q: How does the woman get ideas for paintings?

13.

M: Guess what? I bought a dog ... an afghan.

W: An afghan? What kind of a dog is that?

M: It's got a long thick coat and it's pretty tall. It's almost like a collie, but it's one color.

Q: Which dog belongs to the man?

14.

W: So, did you relax on the weekend? You said you'd just sit and watch TV.

M: Unfortunately, I had to work on Saturday and Sunday. We had to complete a project.

W: Too bad.

M: Yeah. I wish I could've managed to spend more time with my family. But, thank goodness I got everything done at the office.

Q: How would the man have liked to spend his weekend?

15.

W: I really enjoyed the archeology museum we visited yesterday. We ended up staying all afternoon!

M: So what will it be today?

W: The modern art museum sounds pretty good, and I know you love modern art.

M: Hmm, and the technology museum looks interesting too. But, to be honest, I wouldn't mind a repeat of yesterday. After all, there is a lot that we didn't see.

Q: Which museum would he like to visit today?

16.

W: Is it true you drive a big dump truck?

M: No, actually I operate an excavator.

W: What's that? Is that something like a bulldozer?

M: It's almost like a bulldozer, except that it's got a big arm-like thing for digging up earth.

Q: What does the man operate?

17.

M: Our high school football team is going to get new jackets with the school colors.

W: What, just plain jackets? Aren't you going to have a capital P on the front of the jacket for Peterson High School?

M: Yes, we're going to have a capital P, but it's going to be on one of the sleeves.

Q: Which jacket is the man talking about?

18.

W: Why not get me something practical for my wedding?

M: Okay, how about an iron or a coffee-maker?

W: Someone has already promised to get me those. I could use an electric carving knife, though.

M: Okay, then, I'll get you that.

Q: What is the man going to buy for the woman?

19.

M: Did you actually get your work done on the plane coming here?

W: Listen, I'm so busy that when I travel it's as if I take my whole desk with me.

M: I guess you never stop. Next thing you'll tell me is that you keep working even when you're lying down.

Q: Where did the woman finish her work?

20.

W: What are you doing with that cutter thing?

M: Oh, it's these weeds. I've tried everything to get rid of them. Even my electric-powered lawn mower doesn't work.

W: The only way to really get rid of weeds is to dig them out with a shovel. What you're doing is a waste of time.

Q: What is the man probably doing?

21.

M: Cooking is a hobby for you? I don't believe it.

W: I have other hobbies, too. I really enjoy looking after my flowers, for instance. But I like cooking most of all. Besides, it's better than lying around doing nothing.

Q: How does the woman prefer to spend her free time?

22.

M: Hi, I'd like to book a front-row seat for tonight's performance.

W: Let's see ... today's the 28th of March ... Sorry, but we're all sold out.

M: Okay, how about tomorrow?

W: Yes, I can give you a front-row seat tomorrow, but I'm afraid it's your only choice because we're fully booked on the 30th, too.

Q: Which ticket is the man going to buy?

23.

W: Oh, dear! You've spilt the rice all over the place. Go get the dust pan so we can gather it up.

M: Shouldn't I get the mop and a pail or something?

W: Getting a mop won't help. Just do as I told you.

Q: What has the woman asked the man to get?

24.

W: You know how I'll be getting to work now?
M: No, how?
W: I bought a new motorcycle.
M: A motorcycle! Did you get a really big one?
W: No, actually it's quite small. It looks something like a bicycle with a motor on it.
Q: What has the woman bought?

25.

M: I didn't have a big lunch today. In fact, I had only a sandwich.
W: Then you must be really hungry. I can cook up a really good steak dinner for you, if you want.
M: No, I don't like having heavy suppers.
W: Since you probably don't want to eat another sandwich, I have just the thing for you. Besides, it's something you should eat since it was so cold today. It'll warm you up!
Q: What is he probably going to eat?

26.

M: Can I borrow your phone?
W: Sure, here you are! No problem!
M: You're really old-fashioned! How come you don't have a smartphone like everyone else?
W: I've had this phone for eight years and it works fine. Besides, I have a really up-to-date laptop. What's the point of getting a smartphone?
Q: What has the woman given to the man?

27.

W: The washing machine stopped working again.
M: I told you we should've bought a new one, just like we bought that new fridge when our old one broke down.
W: I'm glad I didn't listen to you when our vacuum cleaner stopped working. You told me to get a new one then, too.
M: I guess you're right. I'll call the repairman. Maybe he can fix it.
Q: What are they going to get repaired?

28.

M: Did you know not all fruits are good for you?
W: What are you talking about? Everyone knows we should all eat fruit.
M: That's true when it comes to fruit like oranges and apples. But apparently it's better that we avoid grapes because they have a lot of sugar.
W: No kidding! It's true that they are a lot sweeter than any other fruit, so I guess what you're saying makes sense. I prefer apples myself!
Q: Which fruit does the man not want to eat?

29.

W: I feel too tired at about five or six to do anything. I even have trouble working out.
M: I hope you haven't started some crazy diet where you give up eating breakfast to lose weight. Not eating breakfast means less energy later in the day. Maybe that's why exercising is a problem.
W: Oh, no! I never skip breakfast.
M: Then, try taking a short nap in the afternoon. You'll feel a lot better and more energetic.
Q: What does the man believe the woman should start doing?

30.

M: This is our best bike, and our most expensive.
W: I can see that! \$1100 is a bit more than I'm willing to pay for a bicycle. I'm sure it's worth it, but I'm looking for something just to ride around once in a while.
M: Then how about this one? At \$550, it's our cheapest. It doesn't have many of the features, though. It is kind of heavy, too.
W: Hey, here's one for \$750 that looks pretty good. It looks very similar to the one going for \$1,100. Maybe I'll take this one!
Q: How much is she going to pay for her bicycle?

Listening Test, Part 2

In this part of the test, you will hear four short talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions about it. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
- Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36**Look at the questions.****Listen to this radio program for pet owners.**

Welcome to this edition of *Pet Lovers' Place*. Today, we're going to talk about how to teach your puppy not to bite. If your puppy bites you, don't expect to need medical attention since a young puppy's bite is completely harmless. However, puppies quickly grow to a size when their bites can cause severe injury so it's important to teach puppies not to bite while they are small. Puppies apparently understand that it is important not to bite hard when they play with other puppies. If a puppy gets bitten hard by another puppy, it barks loudly to show its discomfort. It's like telling its playmate, "Don't bite me again! It hurt!" Well, you have to do something similar with your puppy. When you're playing and your puppy bites you hard enough to cause you discomfort, yell loudly to show you're in pain. Keep repeating this until your puppy stops. If, however, your puppy continues to bite, then you have to grab it by the scruff of its neck, but not too violently, give it a shake and shout, "No!" several times. 95 percent of the time, your puppy will learn to control its bite with humans. If these suggestions don't work, then you'll need the services of a professional dog trainer. Contact your local pet shop and they'll help you find one. Unfortunately, some puppies are naturally aggressive and only someone with a lot of experience knows how to handle such a situation. But you have to be patient. Almost all puppies learn to control their bites by the time they are two, three, or four months old, but for some breeds they may have to reach seven months old before they learn to control their bites. Until then, it's best to keep them away from small children.

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35.

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31. What is the speaker mainly concerned about?

32. According to the speaker, what is true?

33. According to the speaker, what do puppies seem to know naturally?
34. According to the speaker, what must pet owners do to stop their puppies from biting hard?
35. What should pet owners do if they can't solve the problem themselves?
36. According to the speaker, what seems to be true about puppies?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone speaking on a radio program about interior design.

37. Welcome to *Interior Ideas!* The time has come to redecorate the living room, and you can't decide on what color paint to choose. Finally, it all depends on two things. First, the size of your living room is an important factor, since if it's not so huge, then your best and, in fact, your only option is to go with paints that are brighter colors. Avoid all darker shades, especially earthy colors like green and brown as they will make your already small space look even smaller. A really light yellow, or cream color will do. As for doors and window frames, white is your only option here as it will make you think your living room is bigger than it actually is. Second, you have to consider your furniture. Now here we have an interesting paradox. If you have modern furniture, then you should prefer lighter colors, including even a really light gray. If, however, you have more classical-style furniture, then you can use darker colors on your wall, which is where we start
39. to have the problem. If you have classical-style furniture but a small living room, then you have to decide on what your priorities are. We just said smaller living rooms need bright colors. But a living room with bright colors and classical furniture is a bit awkward and your furniture will seem out of place. But if you use dark colors in a small living room, you'll end up feeling uncomfortable. My recommendation, if you have a small living room, is to get rid of your classical furniture and get something more contemporary. We spend so much time in our living room that I think it will be worth the expense!

37. What advice is the speaker giving?
38. What does the speaker apparently believe?
39. What color is recommended for doors and window frames in small living rooms?
40. What combination does the speaker seem to recommend for larger living rooms?
41. What does the speaker mean when she says: "My recommendation, if you have a small living room, is to get rid of your classical furniture and get something more contemporary. We spend so much time in our living room that I think it will be worth the expense!"

Questions 42 - 46

Look at the questions.

Listen to someone speaking to a group of students.

- Your next assignment is similar to a review. I'm sure you've all been to a live performance of one of your favorite
42. musicians. If you haven't actually been to one, watch videos of your favorite singer or band on the Internet as they perform live. Well, musical performers are sometimes very different live than what they are when recording in

a studio. I want you to compare your favorite band's or singer's live performances with their recorded music. Do they have a similar sound, for example? The common belief is that musicians play better when in a studio because they supposedly have less stress. In fact, the opposite is true since the majority are truly superb when in front of a live audience. Many musicians, in fact, cannot play well at all unless there's an audience. For your essay, I want all of you to have the following format. In the first paragraph, I want you to briefly give your purpose for writing. In other words, introduce your topic. In the second paragraph, you're going to describe your favorite singer's or band's live performance. Write about what you liked or disliked about this performance and why. Then in your third paragraph, you're going to talk about how they are on their recorded music. Maybe you can talk about an album of theirs that you may have, again explaining what you like or dislike about the music. Then you'll write a final paragraph which will be your conclusion and where you'll give your final opinion. I want you to write about 250 to 300 words. Don't forget to proof and edit your work before handing it in to me next week. No silly mistakes! Any questions?

43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50.
42. What has the teacher told students to do?
43. What are students expected to write?
44. What does the speaker apparently believe?
45. What are students expected to include in their essay?
46. What does the speaker mean when he says: "Don't forget to proof and edit your work before handing it in to me next week. No silly mistakes!"

Questions 47 - 50

Look at the questions.

Listen to the following news item.

During the 1970s and 1980s, there were fears that women were underrepresented in higher education. For example, in 1986, of college students in our country, 32 percent were women and 68 percent men. And fewer than 5 percent of college students were women who were also from a minority. Today, more than thirty years later, statistics which have just been released show a phenomenal change has taken place. Today, there are more women in college than men. 57 percent of college students are female while the remainder are male. There has also been an increase in minority women in education. Almost 15 percent of college students are women from an ethnic minority. There has even been a significant increase in the number of women in fields that were once completely dominated by men. In the 1980s, only two engineering students in fifteen were women. Today, 40 percent of engineering students are women. But this trend is creating new concerns. What will happen in the future when there are more educated and trained women than men? In previous generations, it was women who suffered most from unemployment. Now, experts are concerned that by 2020 or 2030, unemployment may very well become more of a male issue if men fail to obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to get hired.

47. 48. 49. 50.
47. What does the report say about the 1970s and 1980s?
48. What seems to be currently true according to the report?
49. What can be concluded from the report?
50. What future problem does the report mention?

PRACTICE TEST 7

Listening Test, Part 1

This is a test of your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear short conversations. After you hear each conversation, you will be asked a question about what you heard. The answer choices in your test booklet are shown as pictures. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet.

Here is an example:

- 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?

The correct answer is C.

You will hear each conversation only once; the conversations will not be repeated. Please be very quiet and listen carefully. Remember to mark all your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, or C. There are 30 questions in Part 1.

1. **M:** I hear you're moving into a bigger house.
F: Yes, our other place became too small for us. Besides, it was only one floor and a basement.
M: What about your new place? Does it have two floors?
F: Yes, and three bedrooms, with each having a window right in front.
Q: Which house is the woman describing?
2. **M:** I can't decide what to study for summer school. My original plan was to do that English course.
F: You mean English 101? Why not take the art history course?
M: I've heard French is good. Hmm ... You know, I think I'll go with your suggestion.
Q: Which course is the man probably going to take?
3. **F:** I'm storing all my music on my memory stick.
M: Well, I'm not happy with the sound quality of CDs. So I'm going back to vinyl discs.
F: You mean those big plastic discs our parents used to listen to. They're really old-fashioned!
M: They may be old-fashioned, but their sound quality is a lot better than CDs.
Q: What does he use for listening to music?
4. **M:** Do you really want to watch TV?
F: Okay, then, why don't we play some chess?
M: I want to do something more physical.
F: Let's call some friends and head for the gym!
Q: What are they going to do?
5. **M:** You have a really great tan! Spend Saturday or Sunday at the beach or something?
F: No, I was out gardening all weekend.
M: Well, then let's go to the beach next weekend.
M: Sure, but don't expect me to go into the water. I'm going to just relax in the sun.
Q: What did the woman do over the weekend?

6. **F:** New York has great theaters and night life.
M: I don't know about theaters, but I think Paris has a better night life than New York.
F: Whatever ... I'm sure you'll agree that London combines both great theaters and fantastic evening entertainment.
M: I can't deny that, as much as I like Paris.
Q: Which city do they seem to like most of all?
7. **M:** Do you know where that circular cutter thing is ... the one we use for pizza?
F: Why don't you use a regular knife?
M: No, I'd rather use that pizza cutter. Whenever I cut a pizza with a knife, I make a mess.
Q: What is the man looking for?
8. **F:** I hope that meeting we have later today doesn't stretch into the afternoon.
M: Yeah, I can't stand long meetings, either.
F: Besides, I have to get home fast because my dad's painting my garage and he needs my help. Well, I guess this is our floor. Later!
M: Yeah, see you at the meeting.
Q: Where does this conversation take place?
9. **M:** Our trip to Mexico was unforgettable!
F: Yeah! I really enjoyed the traditional dancing.
M: That didn't impress me as much as the bull fights, which you didn't enjoy at all!
F: But at least we both enjoyed the Indian village. That blanket we bought is so beautiful.
Q: What did they both enjoy?
10. **F:** Are you going to work for that construction company this summer?
M: No, this year I'm working as a waiter. It'll be fewer hours but more money.
F: Fewer hours, eh? I guess this means you'll be able to catch up on your studying. Your grades weren't so hot last term.
Q: Where will the man be working in the summer?
11. **M:** I used to play football when I was in school.
F: By football do you mean the North American kind? ... or soccer, where you kick around a ball?
M: Oh, I mean the North American kind with the helmet and equipment and things.
F: I thought you would've played basketball.
Q: What sport did the man play?
12. **M:** I thought you were going to buy a convertible.
F: I know. I wanted one, but I was told that it's not as nice as it seems, so I got a normal sedan instead.
M: Too bad you didn't get a sports car.
F: If I win the lottery, maybe I'll buy a sports car.
Q: What car did the woman buy?
13. **F:** It's mid-March and we're still getting snow.
M: Yes, that is strange! We should be getting rain this time of year.
F: I don't know about you, but I could use a little sunshine.
Q: How is the weather currently?
14. **F:** You must be excited about winning first prize in the contest. An eight-day trip to Egypt!

- M:** I was hoping to win second prize, the electric scooter. I've already been to Egypt twice.
- F:** To be honest with you, even the third prize, that bicycle, would've made me happy.
- Q:** What did the man win in the contest?
- 15. M:** I can't find my wallet.
- F:** You always leave it in your jacket pocket.
- M:** I know. Last I remember, though, I think I left it on the dining room table.
- F:** Wait a minute ... What's that I see over there on the couch? It must've fallen out of your pocket.
- Q:** Where did the woman find the man's wallet?
- 16. M:** I got to work late today because I forgot to reset my watch. I woke up thinking it was 8 o'clock, but it was actually 9.
- F:** So you must have gotten into work at ten.
- M:** Yeah, and my boss was furious!
- Q:** What time did the man wake up?
- 17. M:** I'm finished ironing the clothes for you. Where do you want me to put them?
- F:** Put the socks in the top drawer, the sweaters in the middle drawer, and the towels in the bottom drawer. Oh! And just leave the sheets on the bed.
- Q:** Where is the man supposed to put the towels?
- 18. M:** How much did you pay for that jacket?
- F:** I paid 30 dollars for it, but it was on sale. The regular price is closer to fifty dollars.
- M:** Well, I bought one for my sister a few months ago almost exactly like it and paid only 20 dollars.
- Q:** How much did the woman pay for the jacket?
- 19. M:** I no longer have time for breakfast. I used to have bacon and eggs, but now all I have time for is a quick coffee and a donut.
- F:** You're lucky. I don't even have that. I eat an apple on my way to work, and that's all.
- M:** Yeah ... but at least you manage to have a healthier breakfast than me!
- Q:** What does the man have for breakfast?
- 20. M:** There's something wrong with our car. Hey! Look at that sign. That tool on it probably means there's a garage up the road.
- F:** I hope we'll be able to make it.
- M:** There wasn't any trouble when we stopped for gas a while back.
- F:** Well, if it breaks down, I guess we'll be able to phone for help. I have my cell phone ready!
- Q:** What sign have they just seen?
- 21. F:** I weighed myself today and got really upset.
- M:** Why not go on a diet?
- F:** I guess I should, and I can start by cutting out junk food! But don't expect me to look like a fashion model ... not that I'd like to be one!
- Q:** Why is the woman disappointed?
- 22. F:** My bag was stolen yesterday. Someone just snatched it from my car as I was driving.
- M:** No kidding! So I guess you lost everything ... I mean your wallet, keys, sunglasses ...
- F:** Fortunately, I never leave anything of value in my purse, just some change and makeup.
- Q:** What was in the woman's bag?
- 23. M:** You've really lost weight! Any special diet?
- F:** No, not really. I stay away from flour and sugar, but eat plenty of healthy fats and proteins.
- M:** What do you mean by healthy fat? I always thought that eating bread is good for you, but eating stuff like cheese is bad for you.
- F:** Actually, it's the other way around.
- Q:** What does the woman eat on her diet?
- 24. M:** I'd like to buy a pet for my 13-year-old son.
- F:** Well, if you want to play it safe, you can buy him a dog. Boys really love dogs.
- M:** Well, dogs are a lot of responsibility, so I won't go with that. But I would like something with fur, something soft and warm.
- F:** Well, I was about to recommend a bird, but since you want something with fur, I think I have the pet you're looking for!
- Q:** What pet is the man going to buy?
- 25. M:** I don't know this expression. Can you help?
- F:** I wish I could, but I don't know it either. Why don't you look it up in a dictionary?
- M:** I did, but it wasn't listed. Hey, why don't we look it up on the Internet? We'll definitely find it there!
- F:** Sounds good! Of course, we could also ask our teacher tomorrow, but then again it may be better to figure things out on our own!
- Q:** How are they going to learn about the expression?
- 26. M:** Excuse me, but could you do a favor for me?
- F:** Certainly, sir! How can I help you? Would you perhaps like to order anything else?
- M:** No, thanks! I'm fine. It's just that when I checked in about an hour ago, the receptionist told me my room wasn't ready, which is why I'm here. Uh, ... could you please ask your colleague at the reception desk if I can go up to my room? My name is Peter Jones.
- W:** Why, certainly. I'll call the reception desk now!
- Q:** Where in the hotel does this conversation take place?
- 27. F:** I heard you hurt yourself playing tennis. Did you fall and injure your arm again?
- M:** No, not my arm this time. It was a stupid accident, and all my fault. I missed a really easy shot, so I threw my racket down ... and, well, uh... it hit my foot.
- F:** You mean you hurt yourself when you got angry and threw your racket down?
- M:** Yeah, ... and I'm really ashamed of myself for losing my temper. That's why I tell everyone that I sprained my ankle.
- Q:** Where did he hurt himself?
- 28. F:** You've gotten yourself into great shape. Do you train with weights or something?
- M:** I wish I could, but I don't have any time for the gym. Although I did use to do a lot of weight training.

- F: Then you must be doing a lot of jogging.
M: All I do is different floor exercises like push-ups, sit-ups, and the like for about thirty minutes a day. They're just as good as weights and they work up a sweat like jogging.
Q: How does the man exercise?
- 29.** F: There're three movies playing. I can't decide which one to see. That movie about motorcycle racing looks exciting.
M: I'm not really interested in people riding around on motorcycles to loud music. I'd rather watch that western. I like cowboys!
F: I think westerns are boring. Hey! Let's watch the science fiction movie. I hear it's great.
M: I had my heart set on a western, but if that's what you want, then my western can wait.
Q: What movie are they going to watch?
- 30.** M: Hello! I'm interested in registering for one of your specialty courses. I've always wanted to work with ceramics and learn how to make my own vases and things.
F: Sorry, sir, but that course is fully booked. If you like being creative, you can try painting.
M: Actually, I was interested in learning something that also helps me make things that are practical and that you can use!
F: Oh well, in that case, I know what course I can recommend. This course will show you how to make a lot of useful things!
Q: What course is the woman going to recommend?

Listening Test, Part 2

In this part of the test, you will hear four short talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions about it. Before each talk begins, you will have time to preview the questions that are printed in the test booklet.

- Read the questions silently.
- Then listen to the talk. You can take notes in the booklet.
- Then listen to each question and choose the best answer from the answer choices.
- Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. You should mark A, B, C, or D.

There are a total of 20 questions about the four short talks.

Questions 31 - 36

Look at the questions.

Listen to a college professor talking to students.

- Welcome to the first lesson of our course, Big History 101. Big History actually combines knowledge from other fields.
- 31.** Let's take a look at the basic differences between normal history and Big History. History, the way it's normally taught, begins at 5000 BCE and brings us up to our current times. Big History, however, starts exploring life as a whole from the Big Bang to where we are now. The Big Bang, I remind you, is when the universe first began. So while normal history looks at a period of seven thousand to ten thousand years. Big History looks at a period of 13.8 billion years. I think I don't need to tell you that this is the age of our universe. And history is frequently broken down so that we study specific

time periods or regions. In Big History, it's more than just dates, places, or human societies. With Big History, don't expect to discuss ancient Rome or World War 2. We will study biology as we look at the different organisms that have existed on our planet. There will be astronomy to see how the stars and space are connected with us, and anthropology, as we look at how humans evolved over the millennia. In traditional history, students rely on books, but we are going to be using the Internet, and only that, in our course. And while traditional history is based on written records, specific items, and, for more recent history, photos and videos, Big History uses data from different sources and different sciences. So someone studying Big History will look at fossils of dinosaurs, or consider information about the Earth's weather thousands or even hundreds of thousands of years ago. So, if there are no questions, let's begin.

- 31.** What is the purpose of the talk?
32. In what way are Big History and traditional history similar?
33. Why does the speaker mention 13.8 billion years?
34. Why does the speaker mention ancient Rome?
35. Why does the speaker mention astronomy, biology, and anthropology?
36. What seems true about Big History?

Questions 37 - 41

Look at the questions.

Listen to this radio program about gardening.

Welcome to the *Happy Gardener*, the program where our experts answer your questions. Today's question comes from Marsha Evans, from faraway Perth, Australia. Marsha is asking about planting and caring for walnut trees. One of the world's hardiest trees, the walnut was originally found throughout the Balkans. It can, however, thrive in virtually any type of climate, as long as it is not extremely cold or overly hot. The popularity of walnut trees rests more on their rapid growth than their fruit. For instance, it takes about ten years for a walnut tree, planted from just a seed, to reach a height of three meters, while within fifteen years, it could be as high as twice that. It isn't unusual for mature trees to be over ten meters tall! The best time for a walnut to be planted in the northern hemisphere is late autumn, which means November, though for Australia, or the southern hemisphere, this means May. Your walnut seed should be placed about half a meter deep where it will get ample sun. Home-gardeners frequently opt for a five-year-old sapling, which should be planted in a hole that is at least a meter deep and a meter wide. The walnut should be in soil that does not retain moisture, while watering should be about once every seven to ten days. Walnuts don't like company so keep any other trees at least five meters away, and never plant a vegetable garden anywhere near a walnut tree. Walnut tree roots emit toxins as a defense mechanism against pests, but these toxins have been proven extremely harmful for most other plants. That's why it's common to see very little vegetation around full-grown trees. So, I hope one day, Marsha, you'll enjoy the fruit and shade of your walnut trees. Tune in again next week.

- 37.** What does the speaker say about the walnut tree?
38. What seems to be the main reason walnut trees are popular?

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39. When does the speaker advise Marsha Evans to plant her tree?
 40. How deep must someone dig to plant a five-year-old walnut tree?
 41. What important information does the speaker give about the walnut tree's roots?

Questions 42 - 46**Look at the questions.****Listen to someone introducing a guest speaker at a high school graduation.**

42. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sure you are all familiar with today's guest, Jonathan Iota, since three of his novels are part of our high school syllabus. We feel honored that Jonathan accepted our invitation since, besides being a gifted writer, he is an inspirational speaker. I personally know Jonathan because he was one of my teachers when I was in college. The title of his talk, "Make sure you have chosen the right dreams to fulfill," is autobiographical. Until his early adulthood, Jonathan was obsessed with one thing alone, and that was running. As a high school athlete, he was actually 43. pretty impressive at the local level. But on entering college, Jonathan met his first serious competition. Although he 44. qualified for the varsity track and field team at the University of Toronto, where he eventually earned a PhD in linguistics, he never competed in any meets, although he did train 45. with some of Canada's finest athletes. Two of Jonathan's teammates went on to accomplish Jonathan's then ultimate dream, which was to compete in the Olympics. Until his early twenties, Jonathan's first love — running — by far overshadowed his second, which was language and writing. But by the time he was in his late twenties, he realized that his dream of becoming an Olympian like his teammates was beyond his grasp. It was then that he turned seriously to 46. writing. Interestingly, Jonathan is far from sad that his quest to become a world-class athlete ended in failure. In fact, he is overjoyed because this is how he found his true calling as a novelist. So, without further ado, I give you Jonathan Iota.
42. What does the speaker mention about Jonathan Iota?
 43. According to the speaker, what did Jonathan encounter in college?
 44. What seems true about Jonathan Iota?
 45. What seems to have been Jonathan Iota's main goal while he was in college?
 46. How does Jonathan Iota apparently feel about trying to become an international athlete?

Questions 47 - 50**Look at the questions.****Listen to this business news report.**

There are more and more companies from the non-English-speaking world offering goods and services internationally. Nevertheless, English remains the main language of international commerce. If current trends continue, it will remain so for some time to come. According to a survey conducted by Preston Business School, about 60 percent of international companies from the non-English-speaking world use English as one of their languages of business. 15 percent of companies operating in the non-English-speaking world use English as their only language of business. This is even when English may not be an official language. A number of Chinese companies even use English for internal e-mails. These are e-mails from one colleague to another within the same company. The reason? The English keyboard is, for some, more practical to write with. The survey also examined entire industries. There are many that have adopted English. Besides the tourist and airline industries, information technology, telecommunications, fashion, and the automotive industry are some areas where English is the lingua franca. For many international companies, whether they are based in Germany, Korea, or Japan, promotion to upper-management levels depends on how proficient candidates for these positions are in English. So people involved in teaching English as a foreign language needn't worry about becoming unemployed any time soon.

47. What does the report generally focus on?
 48. What has the survey found with regards to international companies from the non-English-speaking world?
 49. According to the program, why would a Chinese company use English for internal e-mails?
 50. Why does the report conclude by mentioning Germany and other countries?