

TEST B – PART I: LISTENING

*Listen to the following monologues and dialogues and choose one correct option A, B, C, or D. Mark your answer sheet as shown in the example. Do not write on the test booklet, please. You will hear each recording twice.*

**Example**

*A message on an answer phone*

**Who is the message for?**

- A) secretary
- B) friend
- C) child
- D) wife

A B C **(D)**

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1. Two friends talking

**What do we know about Alice? She \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) has a flat downtown
- B) lives in a house
- C) wants a scholarship
- D) is still single

2. Two people talking

**Who are the people?**

- A) a teacher and his student
- B) a doctor and his patient
- C) a boss and his secretary
- D) a father and his daughter

3. A store announcement

**The announcement informs about \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) a clothes shop
- B) a lost child
- C) a check-out service
- D) a sale of sports goods

4. An interview with a foreigner

**What do we know about Pancho? He is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) a taxi driver
- B) an only-child
- C) a shop assistant
- D) a Mexican citizen

5. A phone conversation

**Why is Mr Collins calling? He is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) asking for an interview
- B) advertising a product
- C) looking for a job
- D) writing an article

6. Two friends talking

**What are they talking about?**

- A) a cake
- B) a salad
- C) a sauce
- D) a drink

7. Two secretaries on the phone

**What time did they agree on?**

- A) Tuesday at 9:30
- B) Wednesday at 10:30
- C) Thursday at 9:30
- D) Friday at 10:30

8. A man talking

**What do we know about John? He \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) needs a new flat
- B) studies at university
- C) lives on his own
- D) stays in a dormitory

9. At home

**Where is Tom going?**

- A) to his workplace
- B) to the shop
- C) to the dry cleaner's
- D) to the garden

10. A woman talking

**What does she miss in her job?**

- A) independence
- B) leadership
- C) responsibility
- D) exactness

11. An interview with a chef

**What does the chef think of British food? It is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) popular
- B) tasty
- C) unhealthy
- D) boring

12. Two people talking

**What are the people doing?**

- A) inviting people for dinner
- B) buying some furniture
- C) renting an apartment
- D) organising a party

13. Two people talking

**What is true about the man? He \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) overslept this morning
- B) asked for advice
- C) criticized his pupils
- D) took another bus

14. From a radio programme

**What is Jerry Ward going to do in San Francisco?**

- A) to support a hospital strike
- B) to play rock music
- C) to become a politician
- D) to vote for a mayor

15. A student talking

**Learning Japanese \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) is easier for Italian speakers
- B) starts with learning new letters
- C) is easier for English speakers
- D) means the same as learning Italian

16. A man talking to a group

**Why did the people meet?**

- A) to start a new semester
- B) to graduate from school
- C) to welcome new students
- D) to get together after years

17. A student talking to his friend

**What is Geraldine asked to do with his friend's homework?**

- A) to hand it in
- B) to write it
- C) to translate it
- D) to check it

18.-20. Two friends talking

**What does Carol want to do? She wants to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) go to the mountains
- B) invite Mike for dinner
- C) go to the wedding
- D) invite Jane for a trip

**What will Mike do next Saturday? He will \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) have a meal with Carol
- B) get married in London
- C) see his old friend
- D) telephone Jane

**What will happen on Monday?**

- A) they will meet for dinner
- B) Jane will get married
- C) they will go to London
- D) Jane will call Carol back

## TEST B – PART II: READING

### **TASK A**

*Read the following texts and choose one correct option A, B, C, or D. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.*

#### 21. Football

So why is football such a popular game around the world? Yet another tournament has started and millions of supporters from many countries are discussing the chances of one team over another, the form of the top teams and who the favourites are. The lucky fans who have tickets are unpacking their bags with shirts and flags and scarves of their nation's colours. The unlucky ones are glued to the television. Even those who aren't that interested in the game find themselves involved in predicting the results for the office competition.

**The text is about people who \_\_\_\_\_ football.**

- A) ignore
- B) hate
- C) like
- D) play

#### 22. Eating

Obesity rates are climbing fast and we need to find new techniques to help people control overeating. According to new research, 'imaginary eating' could be one such technique. A psychologist in the United States reports that if you imagine eating a specific food, your interest in that food will drop. And if you are less interested in that food, you'll eat less of it. Carey Morewedge explains that people often try to avoid thinking about food when they need to lose weight. However, this might not, in fact, be a good strategy.

**According to the text, you can lose weight if you \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) eat a specific food
- B) think about your food
- C) consume food regularly
- D) join the new research

#### 23. Piranhas

Scientists in the UK have announced that the piranha fish's image as a fearsome killer may well not be deserved. The fish, which is found in the Amazon in Brazil, have been portrayed as deadly carnivores that work in shoals to overwhelm their prey and strip it of its flesh in seconds. However, experts from St Andrews University say that piranhas are omnivores that mainly eat fish, plants and insects. They form big groups not to hunt but to defend themselves against other predators, according to the team.

**According to the text, piranhas \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) attack other predators in big groups
- B) have changed their behaviour
- C) are really dangerous animals
- D) have a false reputation

#### 24. Geography

Once, the traditional British holiday was a week at the seaside – either in the UK or somewhere with more reliable weather like the Mediterranean. But recently, holidaymakers have been looking for a different holiday experience. Perhaps inspired by wildlife documentaries on television, tourists have been flocking to places like Kenya and South Africa for safaris and bush camp holidays. Interest in China has been growing too. About half a million UK tourists have visited China on cultural tours since the 2008 Olympic Games.

**According to the text, these days the British prefer \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) new destinations for their holiday
- B) watching TV to travelling abroad
- C) traditional holiday at the seaside
- D) visiting China to going to Africa

#### 25. Cyprus's future

The leaders of Cyprus are meeting at UN-led talks in Geneva, hoping that they can reach a settlement to end four decades of division. Michael Yiakoumi is a Greek Cypriot whose family were displaced from Northern Cyprus in 1974 when Turkey invaded the island. He believes that the majority of Greek and Turkish Cypriots would be able to live together in peace, in spite of painful memories of the conflict.

**Michael Yiakoumi would like to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) revenge his family
- B) return to Northern Cyprus
- C) attend the meeting in Geneva
- D) reunite Cyprus inhabitants

#### 26. A multilingual student

Alex Rawlings has been named the UK's most multilingual student, in a competition run by a dictionary publisher. The German and Russian student from London, who is only 20 years old, can speak 11 languages fluently. In a video for the BBC News website he demonstrated his skills by speaking in all of them, changing quickly from one to another. Rawlings said that winning the competition was 'a bit of a shock'. He explained, 'I saw the competition advertised and I heard something about a free iPad. I never imagined that it would generate this amount of media attention.'

**Alex Rawlings \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) presented his speaking skills online
- B) has German and Russian parents
- C) studies 11 languages at university
- D) wanted to draw media attention

### 27. Hydropower operations in China

A study led by researchers from Aalto University in Finland reveals that the hydropower projects in China have caused major river flow changes to the Mekong River since the year 2011. An analysis of river flows in Northern Thailand indicates that the hydropower operations considerably increased dry season flows and decreased wet season flows. Furthermore, the study shows that the dry season flows have also become increasingly variable.

**The text says that the hydropower operations in China have \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) increased the Chinese power supply since 2011
- B) no serious consequences in Northern Thailand
- C) affected the behaviour of the Mekong River flows
- D) to be analysed at Aalto University in Finland

### 28. Helen Skelton's challenges

Helen Skelton is a 26-year-old TV presenter of Blue Peter, a BBC programme for young people. She has never been afraid of a challenge. Last year she became the second woman to complete the 78-mile Ultra Marathon in Namibia, running the three consecutive marathons in 23 hours and 50 minutes. But when Blue Peter decided to do something to raise money for the charity Sports Relief, Skelton said that she wanted an even bigger challenge. So they suggested that she kayak 3,200 kilometres down the Amazon from Nauta in Peru to Almeirim in Brazil.

**Helen Skelton is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) an adventurous person
- B) a professional sportswoman
- C) an international journalist
- D) a popular actress

### 29. From the news

Last Tuesday, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.4 caused a tsunami. The tsunami struck the coast of Japan near Fukushima, a home to a nuclear power plant that a huge 2011 tsunami destroyed. As of now, there are no reports of fatalities, and only two people were injured a little bit. A government spokesman said that the tsunami warning has been underestimated.

**The report says that \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) two people died
- B) an earthquake was followed by a tsunami
- C) Japan was well prepared for the disaster
- D) an earthquake destroyed a nuclear power plant on Tuesday

### 30. From a magazine on history

What the crew had left behind suggested that they abandoned their ship in a great hurry. Only some navigation instruments and the ship's official documents were taken. Everything else remained on the board. Even the cargo was untouched. In the crew's accommodation below the decks, we found bedding and floors soaked with rain water, suggesting the ship could have run into severe weather after leaving the port.

**What happened according to the text?**

- A) The ship was destroyed by a storm.
- B) The cargo was stolen by pirates.
- C) The crew strangely disappeared.
- D) The navigation instruments broke.

## **TASK B**

*Read the following text and complete its summary below. Use only one word for each gap and write your answers on the answer sheet.*

### **A Year with VOLORG**

I was with VOLORG for a year after leaving university and I was sent to an isolated village in Chad, about 600 kilometres from the capital D’Njamena. Coming from a rich country, I got quite a shock, as conditions were much harder than I expected. It is difficult to imagine how local people were supposed to live. For example, the streets were very dirty and the basic home equipment was missing. But after a few days I soon got used to living there. The people were always very friendly and helpful, and I soon began to appreciate how beautiful the countryside was. I also walked quite a lot there and that kept me fit.

One of my jobs was to supply the village with water. The well was a long walk away, and the women used to spend a long time everyday carrying heavy pots backwards and forwards. So I contacted VOLORG and arranged to have some pipes delivered. It did not take a long time for them to arrive. Then we built a simple pipeline and a pump, and it worked the first time. It was not perfect – there were a few leaks, but it made a great difference to the villagers, who never had running water before. And not only did we have running water, but in the evenings it was hot, because the pipe was lying in the sun all day. It was really an unusual comfort for the villagers and they kept thanking me all the time.

All in all, I think my time with VOLORG was a good experience. I have learnt a lot and met wonderful people. I probably won’t see them ever again but my memories will stay with me. Although the work was not well-paid, it was well worth doing, and I would recommend it to anyone who was considering working for a charity.

Finally, there is one more reason why I will never regret working for VOLORG. A few months before I left, I met and fell in love with another volunteer, and we got married when we returned to England. Now we have two children and one day we will tell them about the different life in Africa.

### **Summary**

After graduation the writer started working for the VOLORG and he was sent to an isolated village in Africa. The living 31. were terrible, but local people were very nice. One of his first jobs in Africa was to build a pipeline, so that the locals did not have to walk a long 32. to get some water. The pipeline worked well, but in some places it was 33.. The writer didn’t get a lot of 34., but he enjoyed working for VOLORG. The writer also benefited from this experience in his personal 35., because he met a girl he later married when they came back to England.



## **TASK C**

*Read the following text and answer the questions below. **Do not use more than three words for each answer and write your answers on the answer sheet.***

### **Holidays in Space**

It has been a long time since men last went to the Moon; but there are now people living all the time in the Russian space station Mir. Today, space is just for astronauts: but soon ordinary people will be able to enjoy the experience.... if they can afford it.

When you are 50, what sort of holiday will you want to take? If you are under 30 today, perhaps you will be able to take a holiday in space! A Japanese company, Shimizu, plans to open the first hotel in space within 15 years. They want to offer 3-day holidays in a space station, which will be bigger than the International Space Station.

However, holidays in space will be very expensive! About 90,000 dollars for three days! Shimizu believe that there are enough people who will be ready to pay the price. Other firms, in Japan and the USA, want to open hotels on the moon! Trips to the moon will be even more expensive!

The Japanese firm is quite serious; but they cannot yet start building their orbiting hotel. First they will have to buy a commercial re-usable shuttle. Today there are no shuttles. The old American shuttles, such as Atlantis and Columbia, were very expensive to launch. They had to be launched into orbit with a big rocket which cannot be re-used. Tomorrow's shuttles will take off and land on their own, probably like aeroplanes. They will therefore be much more economical.

Such shuttles do not yet exist; the Americans are working on them, but they will not be ready for several years. However, there are other big difficulties, too. How will ordinary people react to life in space? Today's astronauts spend months training before going into space. They have to be in top form, too.

Holidays in space will not be for tomorrow, that is certain; but they will come. That is virtually certain, too!

### **Questions**

36. Besides astronauts, who will also have the opportunity to live in space in future?
37. What does a Japanese company intend to do in space in the near future?
38. How much will one day in space cost?
39. What was the disadvantage of launching a shuttle with a big rocket that cannot be re-used?
40. Speaking of tomorrow's shuttles, what will the benefit of taking off and landing on their own be?