

TEST C – 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. A man talking

**Who is talking?**

- A) a student
- B) a teacher
- C) a technician
- D) an interviewer

2. Two people talking

**What is Kate going to do this year?**

- A) to start a permanent job
- B) to go on maternity leave
- C) to experience real life
- D) to study at university

3. At the railway station

**The woman \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) needs to get a ticket
- B) has missed the train
- C) refuses to pay extra charge
- D) has lost her luggage

4. One side of a telephone conversation

**How is the customer travelling?**

- A) by bus
- B) by train
- C) by taxi
- D) by car

5. A news item

**Why is the Kuwaiti hotel special?**

- A) Its employees are foreigners.
- B) Its guests are exclusively women.
- C) Its guests are exclusively foreigners.
- D) Its pool is sometimes open to women.

6. About sports

**Both of the people \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) do sports regularly
- B) watch sports on TV
- C) do the same sports
- D) like sport in general

7. In a store

**What did the man buy?**

- A) a long-sleeved shirt and a tie
- B) only a long-sleeved shirt
- C) a short-sleeved shirt and a tie
- D) only a short-sleeved shirt

8. Two people talking

**Why is the man late?**

- A) He has been running all afternoon.
- B) He couldn't find the bus stop.
- C) Someone on the phone wouldn't stop talking.
- D) He had to make a telephone call.

9. Two friends talking

**What has Peter decided to do?**

- A) buy new CDs
- B) give money to John
- C) ask John first
- D) try to find the CDs

10. Weather forecast

**What will the weather be like tomorrow? It will be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) cold
- B) rainy
- C) warm
- D) sunny

11. A woman talking

**What does she want Peter to do?**

- A) to wash the dishes in the kitchen
- B) to pass on a message for someone
- C) to make breakfast for the woman
- D) to take a message if anyone phones

12. A student talking about his school

**What does the man say?**

- A) lectures are important
- B) studying is hard work
- C) sleeping is a problem
- D) classes are useless

13. A job interview

**The man will get paid \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) twice a month
- B) by the week
- C) once a month
- D) \$5.60 an hour

14. Two colleagues talking

**What did Dave DISLIKE in Singapore?**

- A) tall buildings
- B) poor people
- C) local climate
- D) busy traffic

15. At work

**When will the woman study?**

- A) early in the morning
- B) on Monday afternoon
- C) during her working hours
- D) after the early shift

16. Two friends talking

**What is Jane's job? She is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) writer
- B) librarian
- C) climber
- D) student

17. A phone conversation

**The man is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) an apartment manager
- B) an apartment tenant
- C) a hotel receptionist
- D) a hotel cleaner

18.-20. Radio competition

**What do the competitors have to do?**

- A) change their family life
- B) send a photo
- C) come to a show
- D) buy a pet

**What is the first prize?**

- A) holiday at the seaside
- B) hiking in the mountains
- C) doing winter sports
- D) 14 days in Ireland

**When will the winner be known?**

- A) today evening
- B) by the 30th of June
- C) in the middle of July
- D) at the end of this programme

## TEST C – 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. Chess

Jamie Farrow learnt to play chess by watching his parents in their home. When he first asked to play as well they refused. But he insisted. So eventually they agreed and were astonished that he understood how to play. Why? Because little Jamie was only three years old at the time! Chess is a difficult game to learn with different pieces having different moves but Jamie knew them all. And, even more amazing, a month later he was beating his parents at their favourite game.

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

- A) the parents never beat the boy in chess
- B) the boy refused to play chess with his parents
- C) the parents taught the boy to play chess
- D) the boy learnt to play chess at a very early age

#### 22. Mother-in-law

Heidi Withers was invited to spend the weekend with her fiancé Freddie's family at their house in Devon, in south-west England. But soon after they returned to London, Heidi received a very nasty email from Carolyn Bourne, Freddie's stepmother, criticizing her manners. Heidi was shocked, and immediately sent the email on to some of her close friends. Surprised and amused, the friends forwarded it to other people, and soon the email had been posted on several websites, with thousands of people writing comments about 'the mother-in-law from hell'.

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

- A) Carolyn enjoyed Heidi's visit
- B) Heidi's friends liked Carolyn
- C) Carolyn's reaction hurt Heidi
- D) Heidi sent Carolyn an email

#### 23. From a report

The Internet has rescued an 80-year-old man. Paul Smith had to sell firewood every day for \$5 a bag to pay for his wife's medical bills. He started last year. His wife of over 30 years helped him. Sadly, she lost her battle against cancer in October and the hospital bill wiped out Mr Smith's life savings. But then a local woman posted on Facebook to get people to help him. Her post was shared over 9,000 times. People even stopped their car to give Mr Smith some money.

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

- A) Mr Smith became a rich person
- B) the hospital saved a lot of money
- C) Mrs Smith was 30 years old when she died
- D) a post on a social network changed Mr Smith's life

#### 24. Watching sad movies

Watching sad movies can be just what the doctor ordered. A study shows that sad movies may boost our tolerance to pain. Researchers say that sad movies can increase the amount of endorphins released by the brain. These chemicals are our body's natural painkillers. They relieve physical or emotional pain. Dr Robin Dunbar said the distress people get from tragedy triggers the endorphin system and relieves our pain.

**The study shows that watching sad movies \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) can reduce pain
- B) brings depression to our lives
- C) changes the structure of the brain
- D) leads to a tragedy in our own lives

#### 25. From a report

An Indonesian sportswear maker has apologised for a label on its shirts that people thought was sexist. The label was on the shirts of one of the country's top football clubs. It read: "Washing instructions: Give this shirt to a woman. It's her job." The company received a lot of complaints on social media from people who thought the label's wording was highly inappropriate. The company issued its apology on International Women's Day, an occasion to honour and celebrate women's achievements around the world.

**What is the story about?**

- A) a company receiving inappropriate complaints
- B) a sportswear maker accused of sexism
- C) International Women's Day in Indonesia
- D) unclear washing instructions for shirts

#### 26. Learning English

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country? The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. On the other hand, there are also advantages of staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain.

**According to the text, the best way to learn English \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) is to visit an English-speaking country
- B) is to stay at home and self-study
- C) depends on your personal preferences
- D) depends on your learning abilities

27. A bloody prison massacre

A riot broke out in a prison in a Brazilian northern state. People think that it was a fight between gangs. Police came to the prison. They found some prisoners beheaded or cut to pieces. At least 60 prisoners died. The police found a hole in a wall. The prisoners used the hole to move weapons inside.

**Which statement is true about this piece of news?**

- A) Some of the bodies were butchered.
- B) The police cooperated with the gangs.
- C) There were some weapons in the hole.
- D) The police killed a lot of prisoners.

28. About talking

Research by psychologists at the University of Arizona has shown that the stereotype that women talk more than men may not be true. In the study, hundreds of university students were fitted with recorders and the total number of words they used during the day was then counted. The results, published in the New Scientist, showed that women speak about 16,000 words a day and men speak only slightly fewer. In fact, the four most talkative people in the study were all men.

**The results of the research showed that \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) women speak about 16,000 words a day more than men
- B) some facts are different than expected
- C) men are generally more talkative than women
- D) the old stereotype is still true

29. From an American magazine

No other part of the American frontier has been endowed with a pictorial record as has the area of headwaters of the Missouri river. For almost a century, beginning in the 1830s, artists with pencil and brush added to this record. Although paintings and drawings often provide a very valuable record, when pictures are considered from the standpoint of exactness, the work of the photographer must come first.

**The text is about \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) the quality of American art
- B) historical facts of American artists
- C) the importance of the Missouri river
- D) artistic records of some area

30. From a report

At least 59 people died in an attack on a police training academy in Pakistan. More than 200 cadets were at the facility when the gunmen in suicide vests stormed in. Some of the cadets were reportedly taken hostage during the incident in Quetta late on Monday. More than 100 people were wounded in the attack, which lasted around five hours. According to officials, two of the gunmen blew themselves up and another was shot dead.

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

- A) two gunmen were shot dead by the police
- B) about 159 victims were killed or wounded
- C) the hostages had to put on suicide vests
- D) the attack happened during the police training

## **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.*

### **Passenger Rescue Drone**

A passenger drone, which completed its first flight over low terrain in November, could be in use by 2020, the Israeli company behind it has said.

Developed over 15 years for rescue or military use, the \$14m Cormorant can carry 500kg at 185km/h. Urban Aeronautics says internal rotors make it safer than a helicopter. And as well as taking off and landing vertically, it can fly between buildings and below power lines.

“It paves the way forward for the evolution of Cormorant from prototype to near-term production and ultimately commercialisation of this groundbreaking technology - for broad applications and markets,” said Urban Aeronautics chief executive Rafi Yoeli. Commercial drones are becoming big business, with Amazon announcing Prime Air, a delivery-by-drone service, in the summer. In June, another passenger drone - made by Chinese company Ehang - was given approval for test flights in Nevada.

Dr Mirko Kovac, director of the Aerial Robotics Lab at Imperial College London, said: “The proposed vehicle shows that there is a real potential for personal drones, not just for delivery and environmental sensing but also for transport. There still is a lot of technological work that needs to be developed to make such vehicles safe and easy to use, but if the project comes to the market it can disrupt the way humans move in cities and make fast travel through the air accessible to the masses.”

Drone expert Ravi Vaidyanathan, from Imperial’s department of mechanical engineering, added that the recent flight of the Israeli drone could be a “landmark” moment in low altitude navigation and initially targeting it for humanitarian rescue and military use is the right move. “Finding a niche application and establishing a safety record is a good idea,” he told the BBC.

But while drones for civilian use were likely to follow, because such vehicles could help solve issues such as lack of infrastructure and congestion, the timescale remained uncertain. “There are a lot of regulatory hurdles such as where do you take off? Where do you land? What altitude do you fly at?” he said.

### **Summary**

Design of the new passenger drone is 31. than the construction of other helicopters and the producer of the drone believes in 32. use of their product. According to Dr Kovac, it is still necessary to improve the 33. of the personal drones before they could be used in practice. The drone expert Ravi Vaidyanathan 34. with the use of drones for humanitarian and military purposes, but he points out some 35. problems that might slow down the use of drones for civilian purposes.

## **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.***

### **Too Much ‘Breakfast Sugar’**

Children are packing in so much sugar at breakfast that half their daily allowance has already been eaten before school, Public Health England says. It warns that sugary cereals, juices and spreads are all damaging to health. Rotting teeth, ballooning waistlines and long-term health problems like type 2 diabetes are caused by unhealthy diets. Officials are encouraging parents to use an app that reveals the sugar content of food and drink.

Around a quarter of five-year-olds have tooth decay and nearly a fifth of children are already obese by the time they leave primary school. Sugar is the prime culprit with the National Diet and Nutrition Survey showing four- to 10-year-olds consuming twice as much sugar as they should be.

A survey of 200 parents with children aged four to 10 revealed the problem starts at breakfast. It found children were eating more than 11g of sugar or nearly three sugar cubes, on average, at breakfast alone. That adds up to more than 1,000 cubes of sugar at breakfast over the course of a year. A small bowl of sugary breakfast cereal contains around two cubes of sugar, spreading chocolate spread on toast racks up three sugar cubes and a glass of fruit juice has a whopping five cubes in it.

Dr Alison Tedstone, the chief nutritionist at Public Health England, said: “Children have far too much sugar, and a lot of it is before their first lesson of the day. It’s crucial for children to have a healthy breakfast, but we know the mornings in a busy household can be fraught.” The survey also showed that 84% of parents thought they were giving their children a healthy start to the day.

So Dr Tedstone is encouraging people to use the Be Food Smart App, which has been updated since its launch last year and lets you scan barcodes to find out the sugar content of your meal.

### **Questions**

36. What illness can result from eating inappropriate breakfast?
37. How many times do the children eat more sugar than the limit?
38. Which part of breakfast contains the highest amount of sugar?
39. What do most parents think about the breakfast they give to their children?
40. How does the app get information about sugar content of the food?