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Part II Listening Comprehension (25 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

News Report One

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Questions 1 to 2 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 1: What were people at parts of Scotland advised to do?

Question 2: What did the head of road policing urge drivers to do?

News Report 2

Romania's wetlands are coming back to life, thanks to help from local communities, the World Wildlife Fund and funding from the European Union. Roughly 2,224 acres of the picturesque Danube Delta - home to 300 species of birds - have filled with wildlife. The land has been connected





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to the network of lakes and streams in the area. 'A lot of birds have migrated to the area and one doesn't need to travel long hours anymore or go to other lakes to watch the birds,' says Ion Meuta, Deputy Mayor of Mahmudia. The area around Mahmudia, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the third-most biodiverse in the world, after Australia's Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands. Groups used earth-moving equipment to restore the waterways. Government officials proposed to protect the area's endangered wild fish by issuing a fishing ban over the next decade.

Questions 3 to 4 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question3: What is the news report mainly about?

Question4: What did government's officials propose to do to protect the endangered fish?

News Report 3

Scott Dunn, recently awoke from a medically-induced sleep he'd been in after a car accident. He was heartbroken after realizing he'd missed his high school graduation. His classmates decided to give him a second chance. It was just a month ago that East Juniata High School seniors met in the school's auditorium for graduation. And last week, they did it again. Scott's car accident was on May 22nd, just 3 days before the ceremony. "I remember waking up in the hospital and asking mom, 'What day it was', she told me it was the 28th." He said, "I looked at her and said, 'I missed my graduation.'" The school's principal, Mr. Fausey, called Scott's mom Karen and said that everybody wants to do something special for him. Students wore their caps and gowns and sat in the front of the auditorium. Scott's parents, Karen and Scott Senior, sat front and center. After brief speeches, Scott's name was called, only Scott's name. He walked across the stage as the audience cheered. A graduation for one. "I'm speechless," Scott said. "I don't know how to even explain it. I'm speechless to know that so many people are behind me."

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question5: What happened to Scot a month ago?

Question6: What did Scot ask about when he regained consciousness?

Question7: Why was Scot speechless at the graduation ceremony?

Section B





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Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear some questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Conversation One

M: How do you like your new flexible work in arrangement? Do you enjoy working from home?

W: Yes and no, I find an isolation challenging at times, apart from my mother, not too many people I know, have time for phone chat during working hour. I tried the library but found I wasn't really keen on working there.

M: No, neither would I. I find the library a bit too quiet. I'd lack inspiration or stimulation, which would be counter-productive to getting a lot of work done.

W: I found the same thing. So, lately, I've been going out to Cafes occasionally, I love the noise, the people, the busyness of a Café, the sense of being out in the world.

M: Coffee shops seem to have affectively become off spaces for so many people in this digital age. Though I'm not sure how Café owners feel about it - having so many people who go to that places to work rather than drink and eat.

W: Yes, some people seem to spend a lot of time there and not order much. The most annoying one for Café owners must truly be those, usually only two of them, who occupy a table for six with their laptops and paperwork.

M: They should sit at a table for two, not the table for six. Some obviously stay so long, they need to plug the laptops into a power adapter. I nearly tripped over someone's computer electrical lead the other day in my local café.

W: It's a double-edged sword, no doubt about that, for a Café owner. While remote workers help to keep the café full in quiet times, they can take up valuable table space and busy period.

Questions 10 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 8. What does the woman say is the disadvantage of working from home?





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Question9. What does the man say is counter-productive to getting work done in the library?

Question10. What does the woman like about doing one's work in a café?

Question11. What is most annoying for café owners according to the woman?

Conversation Two

W: I'm going to start working for another job. I can't see myself getting an opportunity to progress on my company anytime in the near future. And I really think my skills and abilities deserve a higher salary.

M: You are not going to quit, are you?

W: I'm thinking I might as well. Then I can devote more time and energy to find me a better position at another company.

M: But you've been in your present company less than two years, haven't you? This would be the third time you've left your job in the last five years. If you do several jobs in a relatively short span of time, perspective employers might see that you lack loyalty. That could make them worry and reluctant to employ you.

W: Unfortunately, loyalty doesn't pay. Even if I get a promotion at my company, it's likely to be less sizeable than if I were to get a job elsewhere. And even if I get a promotion, I'm not guaranteed to get a raise. I had that experience at another company I worked up.

M: They want you to take on more work and responsibility but for the same amount of money?

W: More or less, yes. The way I see it, through having different jobs, I've got a lot of experience, and different jobs and in different industries.

M: But potential employers might worry about that experience is not deep, or thorough enough.

W: Perhaps, but I feel pretty confident that I can sell myself. You know what they say, fortune favors the brave.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question12: What makes the woman think about changing her job?





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Question13: What does the man say about people who keep changing their jobs?

Question14: What does the woman say would happen even if she got promoted in her current company?

Question15: What benefit has the woman gain from changing her jobs frequently?

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

There is a saying that goes something along the lines of ‘You must love yourself first before you can love someone else.’ Similarly, I personally believe that you must be comfortable and happy in your own company before you can truly be yourself in the company of others. There is a massive difference between being lonely and being alone. Loneliness is a horrible feeling. However, you don’t have to actually be alone to feel that way. Many times, I’ve felt lonely when surrounded by a big group of people. In contrast, being alone can actually be a blessing, particularly, when you’ve actively chosen it. In my experience, being bored and alone is dangerous and can easily lead to the feeling of loneliness. The trick is to be active. Get outside, stretch your legs, do something cultural, buy yourself something tasty to eat or something pretty to wear. You don’t have to take anyone else into consideration and can do whatever you please. Spending time alone also allows you to more efficiently take care of problems. And then, when it’s time to be social and meet up with your friends, you will be fully there, because you won’t have too much other stuff floating around in your mind. Having been alone for a bit, you will also appreciate your friends’ company more and chances are your time spent together will be more worthwhile.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 16: What does the speaker say about being alone?

Question 17: What does the speaker say how to reduce one’s feeling of loneliness?

Question 18: What is an advantage of spending one’s time alone?

Passage Two



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When I turned twelve, I worked summers at my father's small brick cleaning business. I remember the harsh acid smell of the cleaning solution, and the scraping sound of stiff iron brushes against rough brick. It was tempting to have your job just finish. But anybody who worked for Thomas Kahoon had to meet his standards, and that include of me. If I messed up, he made me stay late until I got it right.

My father wasn't been me. He demanded the same at himself. Every brick he cleaned on the house stood out like a red jewel in a white setting. It was his signature.

In 1970, when I was twenty, I got married. I moved out my parent's modest place into a housing project.

Drugs and gang violent were just beginning to plague the projects.

Some of my friend went to jail. Some were killed. My wife Verllen, was 18, and nobody gave our marriage a chance. But we believed in each other. And our faith made us strong.

When we married, I worked as a stock clerk at Southwest Super Food. It was hard, tedious work. Each Friday night a truck came, with cases of food that had to be unloaded, priced and placed on shelves.

Most of stock clerks try to get Friday night off. But I was always ready to work. By Saturday morning, all the kinds and drawers in my aisle would place with a label facing smartly out, like a line of soldiers on review. That was my signature. I took pride in a job nobody wanted.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 19. What do we learn about the speaker's father?

Question 20. What does the speak say about the housing project?

Question 21. What do we learn about the speaker as a stock clerk?

Passage Three

Watching more than 3 hours of television a day doubles memory loss in older people, a new study of more than 3,000 adults suggests. Scientist at University College London used memory and fluency tests on the same group of people 6 years apart. They found that those who watched on average less than 3 hours television a day showed a decline ever round 4 to 5 percent, while those who





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tended to watch more than 3 hours a day declined by an average of 8 to 10 percent. The research team say they believe the alert but passive nature of television watching maybe creating stress on the mind, which contributes to memory decline.

Older people who watch more television are also less likely to undertake activities knowing to preserve mental functioning, such as reading or interactive screen base pursuits, such as using the internet or playing video games. The researchers say that television viewing maybe a risk factor for all Alzheimer' s disease, but more researches needed to establish a link.

While watching television may have educational benefits and relaxation benefits, the researchers advise that adults over the age of 50 should try and ensure that television viewing is balanced with other contrasting activities. If you' re concerned that the amount of television you' re watching could have a negative impact on your health, you should eliminate the amount of TV watch each day and undertake some healthy hobbies.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question22. By what means does scientist at University College London measure memory lost?

Question23. What contributed to memory decline in the participants?

Question24. What did the researchers say about their finding concerning the link between TV viewing and xxx this disease?

Question25. What do the researchers suggest older people do?

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