

LISTENING 3 (Items 12 – 15)

You will hear four people speaking. Who are they? For each speaker, choose ONE of the items in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example.

Example: “Now students. Who can tell me the correct answer to number five?”. F

12. (1) _____

13. (2) _____

14. (3) _____

15. (4) _____

SPEAKERS

- A a guard
- B a salesman
- C a mechanic
- D an editor
- E a teenager
- F a teacher
- G an old man

VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Complete the text. Use five of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space. (There are three extra words in the box.)

check	choose	guess	give
interview	invent	say	tell

Your task is to (1) _____ a presentation about a country which is popular with tourists. You can (2) _____ any country in the world. Make sure you research the topic carefully and (3) _____ that all your information is correct. If possible, find some people who have visited the country and (4) _____ them. Ask them to (5) _____ you what they liked or disliked about the place.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Match the definitions with the words in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example.
(There are five extra words in the box.)

Example: When something makes the environment dirty or dangerous.

___ F ___

6. When a group of people talk seriously about something.

7. When a writer changes a text from one language to another.

8. When a parent, teacher, boss, etc, allows you to do something.

9. When a student successfully finishes school or university.

10. When a farmer uses water to help crops to grow.

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| A | permission |
| B | discussion |
| C | tradition |
| D | invention |
| E | protection |
| F | pollution |
| G | graduation |
| H | application |
| I | explosion |
| J | translation |
| K | irrigation |

VOCABULARY 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Complete the unfinished word in each sentence.

You are given the first letter(s) of each word. Write the whole word in your Answer Book. Make sure you spell the word correctly.

Example: Your hands are **d_irty**____. Go and wash them!

11. "It's getting **d**_____. Why don't you switch the light on?"

12. "It's a small **fl**_____ with only one bedroom, but I like living there."

13. It took them three weeks to sail across the **oc**_____ to America.

14. (Mother to child) "**Ho**_____ my hand when we cross the road."

15. The newspaper decided not to **pub**_____ the article.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRAMMAR 1 (Items 1 – 5)

Complete the text. Use five of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space.
(There are three extra words in the box.)

a	an	been	bought	buy	is	the	was
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As you know, I've always (1) _____ interested in stamps. This is
(2) _____ most valuable stamp in my collection. It's beautiful, isn't it?
I (3) _____ it ten years ago from (4) _____ small shop in London.
It (5) _____ printed in 1935 and is worth over five thousand rials.

GRAMMAR 2 (Items 6 – 10)

Complete each sentence. Choose the correct option: **A, B, C** or **D**.

6. Moscow is now even more expensive _____ London.
A. as B. than C. with D. so
7. The fish _____ he caught weighed five kilos.
A. one B. who C. when D. that
8. _____ you watch the match last night?
A. Do B. Have C. Did D. Were
9. I can't find _____ mistakes in your article.
A. any B. some C. a lot D. much
10. We arrived home _____ midnight.
A. to B. on C. at D. in

GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)

Complete the dialogue. In each space, write **ONE WORD only**.

Speaker A: Hi, Salim! What (11) _____ you doing here?

Speaker B: I'm waiting (12) _____ my uncle. We arranged
(13) _____ meet here at seven o'clock.

Speaker A: But it's already twenty past! (14) _____ you
tried to call him?

Speaker B: No, the battery on my phone is dead.

Speaker A: So (15) _____ don't you borrow mine? Here you are!

<p>Write your answers on your answer paper.</p>
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READING 1 (Items 1 – 6)

Match the six texts on the left with the texts in the box.

Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example. (There are three extra texts in the box.)

Ex. It's a really beautiful place. F

1. Europeans think that it is rude to ask people personal questions.
2. I always phone my mother at 6 p.m. on Saturday, to make sure that she's OK.
3. The Lado River in Argentina is the most polluted waterway in the world.
4. I remember, as a child, going out every day with my mother to collect wood.
5. Ahmed has just bought some land in the northern part of the town.
6. (*headline*): 'Research gives hope to sick children'.

- A So when I called and she didn't answer, I knew that something was wrong.
- B Sometimes we had to walk for hours before we could find enough to light a small fire.
- C The national telephone company is planning to reduce the cost of making international calls.
- D For this reason, you should avoid asking them if they are married or have any children.
- E His mother usually looks after the children while he and his wife are away on holiday.
- F ~~Every year, thousands of tourists go there for their holidays.~~
- G No fish have lived in it for years, and anybody going for a swim is likely to become seriously ill.
- H We spent a very pleasant day down by the river, having a picnic and playing in the water.
- I Japanese scientists announced today the discovery of a possible cure for leukemia.
- J If he can save enough money, he is hoping to build a house on it before he gets married.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

READING 2 (Items 7 – 12)

Read each text. Then, write **ONE WORD only** to complete the answer.

Diego and Maria got married in the spring of 1995, and the following year they had their first child, a beautiful boy who they decided to call Miguel. Then, in 1998, the family moved to Mexico City.

7. Their son was born in _____. (*year*)

Dear Khalid, I have a problem. My car needs some urgent repairs, but the trouble is, it's going to be very expensive. Can you help me? Sorry to ask, but I'll pay you back at the end of the month. I promise! Best wishes, Issa

8. Issa asks Khalid for some _____.

After breaking my leg in the match against Germany, my career was over. I still remember the doctor saying: "I'm sorry, but you'll never kick a ball again." In those few words, all my hopes were destroyed.

9. The writer is a _____. (*job*)

My parents are very different from each other. My father is very patient and always encourages me, but my mother is always telling me what I've done wrong. I know she loves me, but I wish she wasn't so hard on me all the time.

10. The writer has a problem with her _____.

I drove from Singapore to Penang in Malaysia, where I spent two enjoyable weeks. Then I decided to drive north into Thailand, but, in fact, I never got there. Just before reaching the border, I crashed the car, and spent the rest of my holiday in hospital!

11. The accident happened in _____. (*country*)

The ancient people of Wales used to go out fishing on the river in small **coracles**. These tiny vessels were made of animal skin and were only big enough for one person. In fact, they were so light that a man could easily carry one on his back.

12. A 'coracle' is a kind of _____.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

READING 3 (Items 13 – 20)

Read the text. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

I was under a lot of stress. My company wasn't doing well; sales were down by 25%. So my wife suggested a one-week holiday in Italy, and I agreed. We stayed in an old house in the mountains. Everything was perfect. But, on the third day, my wife wasn't feeling well, so I offered to go to the pharmacy in the nearest village. It was four o'clock in the afternoon, and I said to her, "I'll be back in half an hour."

I got into the car and drove down into the valley. It was winter, but road conditions were good. I wasn't sure of the way, so I put a map on the seat beside me. When I came to a crossroads not far from the village, I looked down at the map. I only took my eyes off the road for two seconds, but when I looked up, I was on the wrong side of the road and there was a car coming straight at me! I braked hard and turned sharply to the right, but it was too late. My car slid off the road and down a steep slope. Fortunately, its fall was stopped by a large tree.

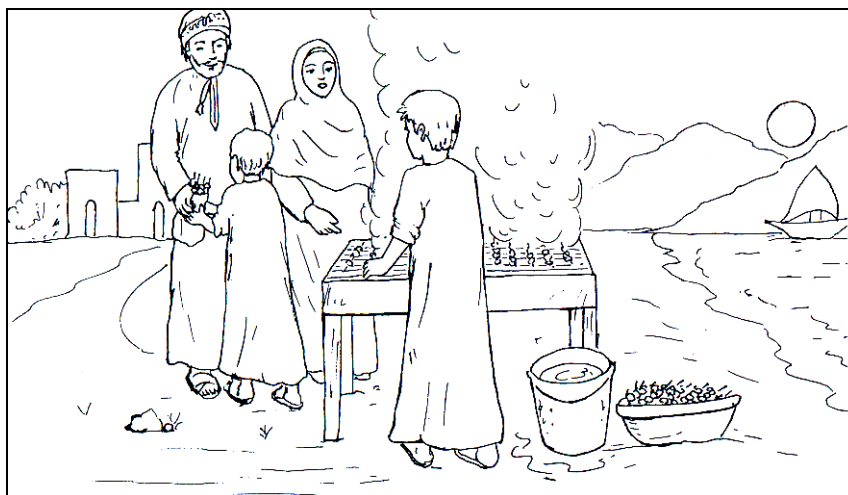
When I woke up, it was already dark. I looked at my watch and saw that it was just after midnight. I had a terrible headache, and when I looked in the mirror, I could see that my face was covered with blood. But otherwise I seemed to be OK. I found my mobile phone, but it had been badly damaged in the accident. So I climbed back up to the road and started walking towards the village. There weren't any cars on the road at that time of night, so I had to walk all the way. Finally, I reached a petrol station, and the owner very kindly took me to the hospital.

All the time, my wife was getting more and more worried. She called my number again and again, but of course my phone wasn't working. Finally, at two o'clock in the morning, she decided to call the police. But before she could do that, her phone rang — it was me, still alive! Her first words were: "You call this 'half an hour'?"

13. The writer is _____.
- A. an architect B. a doctor C. a businessman
14. He drove to the village to buy some _____ .
- A. medicine B. petrol C. food
15. His car hit _____.
- A. another car B. a tree C. a wall
16. The accident was caused by _____.
- A. ice on the road B. careless driving C. an animal crossing the road
17. _____ stopped to help him.
- A. Another driver B. The police C. Nobody
18. He woke up _____ later.
- A. half an hour B. four hours C. eight hours
19. In the accident, he hurt his _____.
- A. leg B. head C. back
20. At the end, _____.
- A. he phoned his wife B. his wife phoned him C. his wife phoned the police

WRITING A.1

Describe and comment on the picture. Write 20 – 30 words.



WRITING A.2

Write a PARAGRAPH about a bird called **the ostrich**. Use ALL the information in the box. Your paragraph should be correct and well-organised.

The Ostrich

run fast/ 70 kph	meat/ delicious/ healthy
legs: long/ powerful	largest bird/ world
dry regions/ Africa	food: plants/ seeds
popular/ restaurants	eggs/ huge/ 1.5 kilos
small wings/ cannot fly	

WRITING B

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

What would you like to do?

(a) work for the government;

(b) work for a private company;

(c) start your own business;

(d) stay at home.

Choose ONE option and give your reasons.

Your writing should be clear, lively and interesting.

Write your answers on your answer paper.

GRADE 12 — FIRST SESSION

LISTENING 1

- Man* Samira?
Woman Yes?
Man Hi, I'm Ahmed, from the Research Department.
- Woman* Yes, I know. We're going to be working together on the same project.
- Man* Yes, that's what I wanted to talk to you about. When can we have our first meeting? Would Saturday morning be alright?
- Woman* No, I'm sorry, I'll be busy all day. The Sales Department is giving a workshop. How about Monday? Nine o'clock?
- Man* That'd be fine.
- Woman* Good. You know, to be honest, I'm rather nervous about this project. I've only been here for two weeks.
- Man* And how has it been so far?
- Woman* Well, it's OK now, but my *first* day was a bit of a disaster!
- Man* Why? What happened?
- Woman* Anyway, I arrived and was walking across the car park. It was raining heavily, and a car went past and splashed water all over my new dress! I was so angry. I shouted at the driver — and called him one or two names.
- Man* Oh dear!
- Woman* Anyway, half an hour later, I went to see the boss in his office — it was the first time I'd met him — and it was the *same* man I'd shouted at in the car park! I was so embarrassed!
- Man* Did he say anything about it?
- Woman* No. He just smiled, welcomed me to the company, and so on. As if nothing had happened!
- Man* Yeah, he's a nice guy, actually. He probably thought it was all rather funny. Anyway, it's not as bad as what *I* did just after I came here two years ago.
- Woman* What was that then?
- Man* I lost a file full of important documents.
- Woman* I bet the boss didn't think *that* was very funny.
- Man* No, but he didn't get angry or anything. He just, very calmly, told me to go away and find it.
- Woman* And did you?
- Man* Yes, the next day, right under my desk! Anyway, must go. See you on Monday.
- Woman* Yeah, see you then.

LISTENING 2

Laos is a small country in South-East Asia with a population of six million. In the north of this remote country, there is a very unusual place known as the ‘Land of Jars’. This name comes from the large stone jars that can be seen in the fields there. There are thousands of these jars, which are between one and three metres tall and weigh as much as ten tonnes. Archaeologists agree that the jars are about two thousand years old, but they are not sure what exactly they were used for. The most popular idea is that they were filled with water. This water was used for drinking, washing and cooking by travellers passing through the area. The ‘Land of Jars’ is a wonderful place, but not many tourists go there. There aren’t any good roads from the capital city, Vientiane, so the only way to get there is by plane. But, be warned, it is a rather dangerous flight — the local airfield is surrounded by mountains, and it *isn’t* very well-equipped!

LISTENING 3

1. “This machine is the best on the market. It washes and dries your clothes perfectly, and it has all the latest features. *And* it has a five-year guarantee.” (M)
2. “The trouble with teenagers today is, they never listen to their parents. When I was young, and my father told me to do something, I did it.” (M)
2. “I’m afraid you’ll have to re-write this article. Some parts of it aren’t clear, especially the second paragraph. And don’t forget, I need to have it by ten o’clock this evening.” (M)
4. “Excuse me, where do you think you’re going? Can I see your identity card, please? And I’ll have to check your bag as well.” (M)
