

TEST 1

1. VOCABULARY

- A.
1. c 2. a 3. d 4. c
5. a 6. b 7. b 8. c
- B.
1. educational
2. insurance
3. knowledgeable
4. assistance
5. untouched
6. changeable
7. shortage(s)
8. picturesque

- C.
1. make 2. make
3. doing 4. made
5. do 6. Doing
7. made 8. making

- D.
1. will do wonders
2. have been working
3. to make it up
4. hardly any coffee
5. the fastest I can possibly

2. GRAMMAR

- E.
1. much 2. advice
3. experiences 4. times
5. experience 6. luggage
7. lights 8. furniture

- F.
1. a 2. b 3. a 4. a
5. b 6. a 7. b 8. b

- G.
1. have been studying
2. has recently opened

3. always leaves / is always leaving
4. is working
5. has never heard
6. seems
7. is flying

3. READING

- H.
1. d 2. a 3. b 4. d
5. d 6. a 7. a 8. c

4. LISTENING

- I.
1. c 2. c 3. a
4. a 5. c 6. a

Listening transcript

1.

Man 1: How was your trip to Glasgow, Steve?

Man 2: It was great, I really enjoyed it. Glasgow is such an amazing city.

Man 1: How long did it take you to drive there?

Man 2: Five hours. It was a tiring drive. But it was worth it in the end. The city has such wonderful architecture and there are so many interesting museums and galleries. We weren't able to visit all of them; there just wasn't enough time. On Saturday night we had a delicious dinner. But the highlight of the trip was the ice-skating rink. That was loads of fun. Apart from when I fell down of course.

Man 1: Sounds like you had a nice weekend break.

2.

Man 1: I'm sorry sir, but tonight's flight to London has been cancelled due to the bad weather.

Man 2: What do you mean 'cancelled'? I have to be in London for an important meeting tomorrow morning. How am I supposed to get there? When is the next flight leaving?

Man 1: It will be tomorrow afternoon, sir, if the snow storm clears up by then.

Man 2: That is unacceptable. What am I supposed to do now? Sleep at the airport?

Man 1: We are booking all passengers into the airport hotel. A bus will take you there. In fact, there is one leaving in ten minutes. I'm sorry for the inconvenience, sir, but we cannot take off in this weather.

3.

Man: I think we should go and stay in this hotel in Dubai.

Woman: That looks interesting.

Man: It's amazing! It's one of the most luxurious resorts in the world. It's located on one of the

Palm Islands. Those are the three islands built off the coast of Dubai.

Woman: Let me have a look at the brochure. Wow!

This resort looks really impressive. It says the theme of the hotel is based on the Lost City of Atlantis. There's loads to see and do there; we could even take a day trip into the desert and visit a Bedouin camp.

4.

Man 1: So how are you enjoying living in Colombia?

Man 2: It's fantastic, a completely new experience for me. I'm working as an English teacher in a small village near Cartagena. It was hard at first, being so far away from home. And the weather took some time getting used to; it can be incredibly hot and humid. However, Cartagena is a really colourful city full of old houses and palaces. I've also been on a trip into the rainforest. A friend took me to stay in an ecological resort in a nature park. It was a bit strange at night; there were so many sounds coming from the forest. In fact, on the first night I couldn't get to sleep because there was this big bat in my room that kept flying past my nose!

5.

Man: Hello, sir I am calling to inform you that you have won a free trip for two to Florida.... Yes, indeed sir, you have, believe it... Well, Getaway Tours were holding a competition and you must have filled in a form at a petrol station... you don't drive... perhaps then at a supermarket because I have your form in front of me. Ah, so you remember now... good... And you are our lucky first prize winner. Congratulations. Now, included in the prize are air tickets for two from Heathrow Airport, a hotel booking for two weeks and one excursion to Disney World. I just need to take down a few of your details...

6.
Male: Some of them actually look like ballrooms. They have beautiful ornate lights, marble arches and granite floors. The walls are decorated with paintings of heroic Russian leaders and civilians. In another one, I saw images associated

with the sky painted on the ceilings, there were planes, parachutists... I almost collided with a fellow commuter because I was looking up at the ceiling while walking around. However, my favourite station had these amazing life-size bronze statues of Russian people.

TEST 2

1. VOCABULARY

- A.
1. criminals 2. robbery
3. harmful 4. illegal
5. bloody 6. endless
7. prevention 8. unlikely

- B.
1. broke into
2. pick out
3. held up, made off
4. go through with
5. deal with
6. cheated...out of
7. put...up

- C.
1. d 2. c 3. b 4. d
5. a 6. b 7. d 8. a

- D.
1. murderer 2. burglary
3. kidnapper 4. shoplifting
5. robbery 6. thief
7. hijacker 8. vandalism

2. GRAMMAR

- E.
1. saw, knew
2. got, was sleeping
3. had been speaking,
interrupted
4. had already signed, read

5. was, was shouting
6. had forgotten

F.
1. is slightly higher
2. not as luxurious as
3. I have ever
4. was less upset than
5. by the time
6. earlier you leave the
7. more and more dangerous
8. would spend hours

3. READING

- G.
1. d 2. d 3. c
4. b 5. d 6. d

4. LISTENING

- H.
1. (notable) awards
2. relatively unexplored
3. (steel) tower
4. struck by lightning
5. trust the people/guide(s)
6. (had) left university
7. didn't intend

Listening transcript

Interviewer: Today's guest is Robert White, an adventure photographer who is going to tell us about his work.
Good morning, Robert.

Robert: Good morning.

Interviewer: So, Robert, you've been an adventure photographer for over 25 years, and you've won many notable awards for your work. You are undoubtedly one of the most talented photographers in the world. It's clear that you are really passionate about your work. Can you tell us how you manage to transfer that passion into the images that you capture?

Robert: Well, I always try to get to places that are relatively unexplored. These places are magical to me and I try to record that magic for others to see.

Interviewer: Indeed, you have been to some of the most inhospitable and dangerous environments on Earth. How do you conquer fear when you are in a dangerous situation?

Robert: It's not easy. One of the scariest photo shoots I did was in Borneo. My aim was to take pictures of birds living in the trees. We had to set up a steel tower in the jungle above the trees so I could observe them. One day there was a terrible storm while I was up in the tower, thunder boomed and lightning flashed about me. At one stage I thought to myself I could be struck by lightning. Or I could fall 40 feet to the ground. Despite this, the bad weather helped me to produce some spectacular images

of the landscape. I think the hardest thing I have to do when I go somewhere is trust the people I'm working with. I travel to very remote areas where hardly anyone has ever been before. I have to trust my local guide that he'll get me where I want to go in one piece.

Interviewer: Are the risks worth it?

Robert: (laughs) Of course! I'm doing what I love for a living. There aren't many people who can say that.

Interviewer: What has been your favourite location?

Robert: That's a difficult question. There are so many places that I love. I really enjoyed the time I spent in Africa taking pictures of animals.

Interviewer: There is a unique quality to your pictures of animals. You manage to capture their individuality.

Robert: I try to think that animals have their own individual characteristics. Very much like humans. Every face is different.

Interviewer: When did you first become interested in photography?

Robert: It wasn't until after I left university that I got interested in photography. I went on a tour of America and took some pictures of the landscapes. I taught myself photography in my spare time. I didn't intend for it to become my main career and I was never really an adventurous type. I sent some of my photos to magazines and then things just took off from there.

Interviewer: Well, if you're just joining us, I'm talking to...

TEST 3

1. VOCABULARY

- A.
- residential
 - inconvenient
 - predictions
 - expectations
 - speciality
 - awareness
 - contribution
 - announcement

B.

- keeping back
- keep off
- keep to
- kept on

C.

- b
- c
- b
- b
- d
- a
- b
- c

D.

- cell phone
- fall, favorite
- drugstore
- major
- downtown, trousers
- subway

2. GRAMMAR

E.

- mustn't
- had better
- needn't
- ought to
- mustn't
- should
- had better
- Do I have to

F.

- had enough / more money, they would
- not improve unless he quits
- when the secretary arrives
- I were you
- provided we keep the volume
- as soon as I get
- long as the bookcase is
- by 8, they will get
- does your train leave
- is going to travel

3. READING

H.

- a
- b
- c
- c
- d
- b
- a
- a

4. LISTENING

I.

- b
- c
- b
- b
- b
- a
- b
- c

Listening transcript

1.

Man 1: Hey, Bill. What's all this?

Man 2: Hi, Mark. We're having a fundraiser for endangered animals.

Man 1: Oh, like for those little tree frogs?

Man 2: Yes, but we're raising money for sea turtles. There aren't that many left, you know.

Man 1: Sea turtles? Why not something like the great white shark?

Man 2: Because those aren't endangered!

Which animal is the fundraiser for?

2.

Man 1: So, Andrew, did you decide which class to take yet?

Man 2: I sure did, but it should be obvious.

Man 1: Um, a photography class?

Man 2: Don't be silly, I hate taking pictures.

Man 1: Hmm, well I don't think you'd take a pottery class. Oh, I know; it's a painting class!

Man 2: Right! I've always loved painting!

What activity will Andrew do?

3.

Girl 1: Do you know what you're getting your mom for Mother's Day?

Girl 2: I can't really decide. I thought about a purse, but she has enough already.

Girl 1: Hmm... what about a necklace?

Girl 2: I got her one last year.

Girl 1: You could get her some nice leather gloves.

Girl 2: That's not a bad idea.

What gift did the girl get her mother last year?

4.

Woman: Have you seen Kenny lately?

Man: Well, I spoke to him on Friday and we got

together on Saturday for a cup of coffee. We were supposed to meet again on Tuesday but I had to cancel. Something came up at work.

When did he last see Kenny?

5.

Man 1: I just joined this new gym; it's really great!

Man 2: Really? I thought you were jogging every morning.

Man 1: Yeah, but I got tired of it. I decided to start a step aerobics class. It's a lot of fun.

Man 2: Doesn't sound like much of a workout to me.

Man 1: We also do a lot of calisthenics like jumping rope. Trust me, it's a tough workout!

Which exercise does the man not do anymore?

6.

Man 1: So, what are you having for lunch?

Man 2: I don't know. I've been so busy today I haven't even had time for a cup of coffee. Anyway, if I do get a lunch break, I'll go to the pizza place just around the corner from here.

Man 1: I'd avoid their pizza, if I were you.

Man 2: I know. They have some great sandwiches, though.

What will the man have for lunch if he has a break?

7.

Man 1: I saw my doctor today and told him about my problem of constantly feeling tired.

Man 2: Did he prescribe any medication or suggest you take any vitamins?

Man 1: Well, first he asked me if I was eating enough but when I told him that I was eating properly and not skipping any meals he simply said that all I needed was to get some more rest and that a vacation might not be such a bad idea either.

What did the man's doctor recommend?

8.
Man: What time is the meeting?
Woman: It was scheduled for 4:00 but the manager decided to have it one hour earlier.

Man: OK. We still have two hours till then.
 What time is the meeting?

TEST 4

1. VOCABULARY

- A.
 1. advertisement
 2. donation
 3. endangered
 4. compilation
 5. requirements
 6. priceless
 7. creative
 8. artists
- B.
 1. b 2. b 3. c 4. d
 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. c
- C.
 1. reputable 5. stunning
 2. portrait 6. bound
 3. familiar 7. work
 4. shape 8. knowledge

- D.
 1. onlookers 2. heirloom
 3. dedicated 4. accessible
 5. definitions 6. meantime
 7. primitive 8. published

2. GRAMMAR

- E.
 1. who Jessica was talking to / who was talking to Jessica bought the house next to hers.
 2. which they were attending was destroyed by the fire.
 3. whose car I am driving, is away on holiday.
 4. most of whom have studied abroad, live in London.

5. where the 2010 World Cup was held, is a fascinating country.
 6. whose cottage is near the beach, is 75 years old.
 7. which was built in the Middle Ages, was bought by a duke / which was bought by a duke, was built in the Middle Ages.
 8. which is a state in the southern US, is often hit by tropical storms.

- F.
 1. to win 2. Gardening
 3. trying 4. cleaning
 5. to see 6. to buy
 7. having 8. to pay

9. to learn 10. to see
 11. to afford 12. drinking

- G.
 1. lie 2. be
 3. have taken 4. have said
 5. have brought 6. have left
 7. have let 8. be

3. READING

- H.
 1. b 2. d 3. c
 4. d 5. c 6. d

4. LISTENING

- I.
 1. b 2. b 3. b
 4. a 5. b

Listening transcript

William: Hey, Richard, what are you up to?

Richard: I'm just looking at this magazine. It's got all the art and culture news.

William: Anything interesting?

Richard: Look at this article about that boy, Freddie Taylor. He was discovered by a Spanish artist while he was on holiday in Ibiza. He was doodling on a tablecloth. Now, he has his own exhibition of paintings at the Winchester gallery. He's only 13! He's three years younger than me.

William: Oh yes. I've heard of him. He does detailed paintings of towns and villages. My dad really likes his pictures as they remind him of the place he grew up.

Richard: Really? Let's read more about him. It says he's a painter in the classical sense, creating realist works of art. It's really good young people like Freddie are making art more popular. I wish I could get discovered by an art dealer and become rich and famous.

William: Maybe you should enter this art competition, where is it now... Here it is. They're looking for exciting new talented artists.

Richard: Do you have to be a painter?

William: No, you can do just about anything; they even allow installation art. I really like installation art, it's so interesting. I loved those slides in the Tate Modern by that Belgian artist, Carsten

Höller, I think his name was.

Richard: Yes, I remember that. It's great that art can make you think and you can have fun at the same time.

William: Look, here's an advert for the Tate Modern. I wonder what exhibition they have at the moment.

Richard: Is there any installation art?

William: Not at the moment. But there is a big Picasso show, that could be interesting.

Richard: I'm not really a big fan of Picasso.

William: No? Anyway, what kind of work are you going to enter into the art competition? I think you should enter some of your photographs, you are really talented and you won an award a few years ago, didn't you?

Richard: Not exactly, I came third. And it was only a school competition, this is a national competition. I'd be a bit nervous showing my work to the whole country. What if people thought it was rubbish?

William: Don't be silly. Anyway, it's only natural, you're not a well-known artist yet. But you'll have to get used to it if you want to be famous. Listen, you should just send some stuff. You've got nothing to lose.

Richard: I suppose you're right. Maybe I will.

William: I'll come to your first big exhibition.

Richard: Thanks.

FINAL TEST

1. VOCABULARY

1. a 2. c 3. a 4. b
5. c 6. a 7. d 8. b
9. b 10. c 11. c 12. b
13. d 14. b 15. c 16. c
17. d 18. a 19. b 20. a
21. b 22. d 23. d 24. d

25. c 26. a 27. b 28. b
29. d 30. a 31. b 32. c
33. b

2. GRAMMAR

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. b
5. b 6. a 7. c 8. d

9. a 10. c 11. b 12. c
13. a 14. c 15. c 16. b
17. c 18. c 19. b 20. a
21. a 22. b 23. b 24. b
25. c 26. c 27. d 28. d
29. c 30. b 31. a 32. c
33. c

3. READING

1. H 2. B 3. G
4. D 5. A 6. E
7. C

4. LISTENING

1. a 2. c 3. b
4. b 5. c 6. b

Listening transcript

1.

Boy 1: Oh, I don't know ... some of those words were hard ... but at least I could work out their meaning from the context ... However, the tasks were a completely different ball game! I couldn't understand what was being asked because of the way it was worded.

Boy 2: That's so unfair.

Boy 1: Tell me about it ... Oh, well, at least the recording wasn't that bad ...

Boy 2: Do you remember how bad the last recording was? ... I couldn't understand half the text.

2.

Man 1: Have you heard about this new organisation that offers therapeutic gardening courses to troubled teens?

Man 2: No, but it sounds interesting.

Man 1: It's for kids who are struggling with school work and fitting in with their peers. They go to the centre and learn about gardening. Not only does it give them a break from school but they also get to be out in the fresh air and learn new skills. At the end of the course they can get a recognised qualification. It gives them confidence.

Man 2: That's such a good idea!

3.

Male: So what do you think of this painting?

Female: I think it's a load of rubbish if you ask me.

Male: Come on, the artist is really famous. Look, the painting is worth £5000.

Female: Are you serious? That is ridiculous. The seven-year olds I teach at school could do better.

Male: I think the blue things are birds and the yellow splashes must be the sun. But what is that green thing in the middle of the painting?

Female: A seahorse? A puddle of paint? If this is modern art, then I'm not impressed.

Male: I don't think you should judge it so harshly. What is art after all but a way to communicate

our feelings. The painting must mean something to the artist even if we can't see it.

Female: Mmmm... I much prefer the painting of the landscape we have at home.

4.

Man: Yes, I'd recommend it, although it was harder than I expected. I hadn't realised it was going to be so intensive. I mean, six hours of lessons every day with just a lunch break in between. It was exhausting. But, I must admit I feel a lot more comfortable, and I have more confidence talking. Of course, I'm not as good as I'd like to be, but I suppose you can't expect much more in such a short time. Yeah, I'd definitely say it was worthwhile.

5.

Man: Well, I can tell you we cater for up to 150 ... Oh, yes ... the menu includes a variety of international dishes, my own recipes ... Eh, yes! ... Pardon? ... Well, the management does its very best to cater for ... no in fact we're all French ... that's why I chose 'A Paris' as a name for the restaurant ...

6.

Patient: As you can see doctor, the spots are all over my body. What could it be? I had some mushrooms yesterday...

Doctor: Well, the first thing that comes to mind is an allergic reaction.

Patient: What does that mean? Can I die from it? I've heard of people dying, you know.

Doctor: Listen, it can be controlled. First, we'll have to do a skin test. That'll show us what you're allergic to, you know, dust, food, such as peanuts or even strawberries ...

Patient: At the age of thirty I've developed allergies? What's wrong with me?

Doctor: You'd be surprised when they can appear.