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## TEST 1

- A 1 B 2 D 3 C 4 E 5 A
- B 7 shopping 8 games 9 messages 10 sports 11 time
- C 12 A 13 B 14 B 15 B 16 C
- D 17 eye 18 neck 19 back 20 nerves 21 shoulder 22 head
- E 23 supportive 24 caring 25 respected 26 interesting 27 famous 28 economical
- F 29 are you doing, usually visit, are leaving  
 30 Have you had, have been working  
 31 Do you like, have never tried, am thinking  
 32 have been going, haven't lost, have been exercising, have also been  
 33 have Jane and Kate been, have known, have been sharing  
 34 have gone
- G 35 A 36 B 37 C 38 A 39 A
- H 40 first time she has visited  
 41 haven't had Chinese for  
 42 a while since we went  
 43 best film I have ever  
 44 been going to school since

I 45 b 46 a 47 a 48 b 49 a

J 50 C 51 H 52 D 53 B 54 A 55 E 56 F

K Speaker 1 F Speaker 2 C Speaker 3 A Speaker 4 G Speaker 5 D Speaker 6 B

## L Suggested Answer

Hi Fiona,

Thank you for your email. I always enjoy hearing from you. I don't know how you get along with so many people in your family. We're only four in my family. My mum and dad like to do things together all the time. For example, in their spare time they go jogging and swimming. My sister, Mary, is ten years younger than me so we don't have that much in common. She usually makes a lot of noise when I have to study. It's annoying. At the weekends, we like to go hiking or go on small trips to nearby towns. I can't wait for the summer holidays either. We're going on a cruise of the Mediterranean.

How about you? What plans have you made for the holidays? Are you going to stay by the sea or hit the mountains? Which do you prefer?

Write soon

Jenny

## TEST 2

A 1 A 2 D 3 E 4 B 5 C

B 6 owe 7 charge 8 earn 9 save 10 lend

C 11 A 12 C 13 B 14 B 15 C

D 16 up 17 off 18 out 19 after 20 in 21 over

E 22 Accommodation 23 suggestion 24 agreement 25 education 26 recovery 27 amazement

F 28 to return 29 clean 30 to go 31 watching 32 help 33 taking 34 to hear 35 see 36 doing 37 travelling 38 eat 39 living 40 bringing 41 wandering 42 to join 43 cycling

G 44 A 45 C 46 A 47 B 48 A

- H 49 is crazy about  
50 cannot afford to buy  
51 are looking forward to going  
52 would rather play tennis than  
53 am not keen on playing

I 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 b 58 b

J 59 E 61 B 63 A  
60 G 62 F 64 D

K 65 A 67 A 69 B 71 B  
66 B 68 A 70 C

L Suggested Answer

- 1 Dear John,  
Having a great time here with Peter and his family.  
Gets cold at night but warm by the fire. Went hiking  
in the morning and cross-country skiing after. Will  
roast marshmallows tonight. See you Monday.  
Doug
- 2 Sorry. Can't make it. Have practice til 8. Can meet  
4 dinner later. Text me 4 where and when. ☺James
- 3 Gone skateboarding. Back by 7. Don't forget to feed  
the goldfish!

TEST 3

- A 1 D 2 E 3 A 4 C 5 B
- B 6 art 8 forces 10 uniform  
7 transport 9 profession
- C 11 C 12 B 13 A 14 B 15 B
- D 16 on 18 with 20 up  
17 in 19 at 21 for
- E 22 gardener 24 director 26 soloist  
23 translator 25 librarian 27 historian
- F 28 am going to come 36 will be driving  
29 will pass 37 are having  
30 are you flying 38 will you do  
31 will be shopping 39 'll send  
32 will have finished 40 will have lived  
33 are going 41 will be studying  
34 'll make 42 are you going to buy  
35 will have gone 43 'll close

G 44 B 45 C 46 C 47 B 48 B

- H 49 a car is safer than  
50 as soon as I get  
51 the fastest  
52 as creative as  
53 will have prepared dinner by

I 54 b 55 a 56 b 57 b 58 b

J 59 B 61 D 63 D 65 B  
60 C 62 A 64 B

K 66 A 68 C 70 B 72 A  
67 B 69 A 71 A

L Suggested Answer

Fairfield Camps  
P.O. Box 206  
Sunnydale

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for the position of Summer Camp  
Activity Leader which was advertised in our local newspaper.  
I am 19 years old and in my second year at university. I am  
studying Sports Science and plan to specialise in leisure  
activities for youths. For this reason, I would like to gain  
some valuable experience working as a Camp Activity  
Leader.

I am actively involved in a youth community project where I  
help organise the sporting activities. I also play the guitar  
and spend a few afternoons a week teaching young children  
to play. I enjoy working with young people and providing  
them with positive life skills. I believe it is important to  
reach out to youths and respond to their needs and  
interests.

I would be available for an interview at any time. I have  
enclosed a copy of my CV. I look forward to hearing from  
you.

Your faithfully,  
Martin Jones

TEST 4

- A 1 B 2 D 3 A 4 E 5 C
- B 6 save 8 release 10 protect  
7 eliminate 9 store
- C 11 A 12 C 13 B 14 B 15 A
- D 16 under 18 in 20 in  
17 dessert 19 loose 21 affects

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E 22 unnecessary 24 displeased 26 inappropriate  
23 illegal 25 misheard 27 impossible

F 28 mustn't 31 can't 34 have to  
29 had better not 32 must 35 should  
30 ought 33 shouldn't

G 36 don't have to  
37 should/ought to/had better  
38 can't  
39 must  
40 must/should/ought to  
41 mustn't  
42 had better/should/ought to  
43 have to

H 44 B 45 A 46 C 47 C 48 B

I 49 don't need to leave 52 had better not go out  
50 had better see 53 ought to be  
51 aren't allowed to walk

J 54 b 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 b

K 59 D 61 B 63 E 65 C  
60 A 62 H 64 F

L 66 B 68 C 70 B 72 B  
67 A 69 A 71 A

### M Suggested Answer

There is no doubt about how much pollution would be reduced if more people used their bicycles as transport throughout a city. There are many advantages besides the obvious health reasons to travelling in a city by bike. However, there are certain disadvantages that one should consider.

There are certainly a number of reasons for using a bike to travel around the city. First of all, it would help to reduce air pollution that is a serious problem facing most cities today. There are already too many cars on roads releasing dangerous gas emissions which are not only harming our health but also the environment. What is more, it would make travelling to and from work much easier. A rider does not suffer the consequences of a traffic jam nor has any problems parking a bike.

There are, however, a few disadvantages to travelling in a city by bike. To begin with, car drivers tend to be ignorant of the existence of bike riders which can lead to serious accidents on the road. Car drivers believe they own the road and may swerve in and out of a lane at the last moment or fling open a door as a bike rider is speeding

by. In addition, bicycles are easily stolen. A rider must take precautions to secure a bicycle with a lock in a place that is visible by many and onto something that is strongly fastened to the ground.

All things considered, if certain precautions are taken by bike riders, the advantages to using a bike in the city far outweigh the disadvantages. As a result, I strongly argue that more people should switch to bicycles as a means of transport within a city more than anything else.

### MID TEST (MODULES 1-4)

A 1 C	17 A	33 C	49 A	65 C
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### TEST 5

A 1 D	2 E	3 B	4 A	5 C
B 6 town	7 peaks	8 vendors	9 tour	10 bus
C 11 A	12 B	13 A	14 C	15 B
D 16 scenery	17 shade	18 leaflets	19 takes	20 Package
E 22 dryer	23 agency	24 man	25 sick	26 card
F 28 was watching,	29 asked,	30 were you talking,	31 didn't meet,	32 had been working,
was watering	had already made	came	had finished	started
				33 returned, had lent

- 34 was typing, crashed  
35 had been painting, took

G 36 B 37 C 38 A 39 B 40 B

- H 41 to the cinema more than  
42 Bob had already prepared  
43 after he had made  
44 don't get on with  
45 until (after) she had tidied

I 46 a 47 b 48 a 49 a 50 b

J 51 E 53 B 55 D 57 F  
52 G 54 H 56 C

K Speaker 1 F Speaker 3 A Speaker 5 E  
Speaker 2 B Speaker 4 D Speaker 6 G

#### L Suggested Answer

##### My best holiday ever

Janice and I were left speechless as we encountered the breathtaking shores of Lake Malawi. We were on a yoga safari in the heart of Zambia, Africa. We had first run across this holiday on an Internet blog. The idea of combining our favourite hobby with a safari adventure had caught our attention instantly.

We shared a spacious and secluded villa on a hillside. Our mornings began with yoga classes which were held on a beach, under the shade of a tree or in a location overlooking the lake. It was magical, relaxing and peaceful. Meals were purely vegetarian served with refreshing herbal teas. Afternoon sessions were held during sunsets.

After seven days we spent four days on safari in the wilderness. We went on game drives and guided walks through the African bush. One afternoon as we were taking a siesta under a tree, a herd of elephants came to join us on the waterfront. We quietly watched as they washed and sprayed each other with the river water.

We returned home completely rejuvenated in body and mind. We were sorry to have left behind the beauty of the untamed wilderness and felt nausea when the city smells finally reached us. As a result, we made a promise to go back there again one day.

#### TEST 6

A 1 C 2 D 3 A 4 E 5 B

B 6 complain 8 feel 10 fight  
7 protect 9 keep

C 11 B 12 C 13 A 14 A 15 B

D 16 pain 18 treated 20 rotten  
17 sour 19 prescription 21 fake

E 22 superman 25 Underage  
23 overcharge 26 semifinal  
24 multimillionaire 27 reappeared

F 28 didn't have 36 avoid  
29 hadn't caused 37 were  
30 would stop 38 weren't  
31 won't leave 39 ate  
32 doesn't study 40 wouldn't hurt  
33 were 41 knew  
34 would have enjoyed 42 hadn't got  
35 wouldn't have got 43 would go

G 44 A 45 C 46 B 47 B 48 A

H 49 wouldn't have burnt  
50 I were you, I would  
51 unless you come  
52 hadn't been so careless  
53 wish I had enough money

I 54 b 55 a 56 a 57 b 58 a

J 59 D 61 A 63 B  
60 F 62 C 64 G

K 65 A 67 B 69 A 71 B  
66 C 68 B 70 A

#### L Suggested answer

To: Jerry Myers, Chief Editor

From: Cal Winters

Subject: La Bocca di Lupo

Date: 30th May

##### Introduction

The purpose of this report is to assess standards of the new Italian restaurant La Bocca di Lupo.

##### Food

La Bocca di Lupo is a family-run restaurant. It offers a variety of dishes taken from old family recipes. Although some of the dishes may lack in presentation, they compensate in taste and size. The servings are big enough for two to share.

##### Service

The family owners and staff are professional and very polite. However, they tend to be a little confused during busy times. Taking into consideration the few months

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they have been operating, with a little more experience these problems will surely be ironed out.

### Prices

Prices at La Bocca di Lupo are so reasonable, one may question the quality of the dishes. However, the food is so well prepared it measures up and even surpasses some of the finer restaurants in town.

### Recommendation

Despite the fact that London has a number of fine Italian restaurants, La Bocca di Lupo is a wonderful addition to this list of restaurants. For these reasons, I would not hesitate to recommend this place to lovers of Italian cuisine.

### TEST 7

- A 1 A 2 B 3 E 4 C 5 D
- B 6 theme 8 laugh 10 entertainment  
7 member 9 storyline
- C 11 B 12 C 13 A 14 A 15 A
- D 16 stage 18 spectators 20 office  
17 music 19 critics 21 subtitles
- E 22 two-dimensional 25 low-cut  
23 well-behaved 26 self-confident  
24 long-distance 27 good-looking
- F 28 is taken  
29 is being signed  
30 have been sold  
31 were admired  
32 was written  
33 is being served/has been served  
34 be asked  
35 will be sent  
36 was accompanied  
37 was composed  
38 was directed, (was) produced  
39 has not been solved  
40 is going to be awarded  
41 has already been sold  
42 is going to be shown  
43 was given
- G 44 A 45 C 46 A 47 A 48 B
- H 49 will be paid 52 is said to be  
50 was directed by 53 are brought out by  
51 was amazed by

- I 54 b 55 a 56 b 57 b 58 b
- J 59 G 61 E 63 H 65 A  
60 B 62 D 64 C
- K 66 B 68 B 70 C 72 C  
67 A 69 B 71 A

### L Suggested Answer

#### STAR TREK

The new *Star Trek* film, directed by JJ Abrams, is a spectacular recreation and retelling of the original tale of the successful TV series of the '60s. It is a fast-paced action adventure which introduces the characters in their youth and reveals their backgrounds and their first mission onboard the USS Enterprise.

The plot is both gripping and interesting for the *Trekkie* and non-*Trekkie* audiences alike, full of surprising twists and a touching love story. The filmmaker gives each character their moment of glory within the plot. The film takes us through their first mission to save the Earth from an evil visitor from the future, Nero.

The casting of the characters is brilliant. Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Eric Bana as Nero, give a fresh look at the original characters. Furthermore, the special effects are simply out of this world!

All in all, *Star Trek* is sure to win over old *Trekkie* fans and make new ones as well. Its plot keeps you on the edge of your seat until the very end. It's definitely a film for the big screen, so don't wait for it on DVD.

### TEST 8

- A 1 C 2 D 3 A 4 E 5 B
- B 6 tell 7 look 8 edit 9 keep 10 do
- C 11 A 12 A 13 B 14 C 15 C
- D 16 learn 18 freak 20 reason  
17 problem 19 discovered 21 told
- E 22 shorten 24 endanger 26 encourage  
23 memorise 25 visualise 27 lengthen
- F 28 said 29 told 30 told 31 said
- G 32 Mary said she had bought a new printer the day before.  
33 John said that he was writing an essay at the time.  
34 Ian told John to turn off the computer.  
35 Paula asked if/whether she could use my digital camera.

36 Tony asked me what brand name laptop I had bought.

37 Rita asked me when I would go shopping.

H 38 C 39 B 40 B 41 A 42 A

I 43 ... whose wife is Nina ...

44 ... which only cost £200 takes ...

45 ... told me not to close ...

46 ... what my plans were ...

47 ... me that my TV was ...

J 48 b 49 b 50 b 51 a 52 a

K 53 G 55 E 57 B

54 C 56 A 58 D

L Speaker 1 E Speaker 3 B Speaker 5 D

Speaker 2 F Speaker 4 G Speaker 6 C

#### M Suggested answer

**The most important invention of the 20th century ...**

Ever since the introduction of the Internet, people have debated over its importance as an invention. I personally believe that it is the most important form of communication and knowledge to date.

First of all, the Internet has united the global community. People from all corners of the globe can now communicate with each other in a matter of a few seconds. Friends are being reunited through social networks and business people keep in touch on a daily basis. In addition, the cost of using the Internet is a lot lower than making an overseas call.

Secondly, the Internet has become the greatest source of information. Users can now stay up-to-date with news all over the world through online newspapers. In fact, with the variety offered online, they can make more objective judgements of world events. Moreover, students can use online libraries for research from the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, there are many dangers lurking that can be damaging both to our home technology and personal lives. For instance, there are viruses that can attack a PC and erase all files or steal our online identity. To sum up, although there may be some threats involved in using this technology, if some precautions are taken, there is no doubt in my mind that we have more to benefit than to lose.

#### EXIT TEST (Modules 1-8)

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## Test 1A/1B - Listening

### Speaker 1

Extreme sports have become very popular in the last few years and you often hear people talking about their experiences. They say it is the best thing in the world, a real adrenaline rush. But I'm afraid I can't judge as I have never tried them myself. I've only read about it. I'd probably enjoy it if I decided to take it up!

### Speaker 2

I can't say I'm sporty at all. I think the last time I did any sport was about a month ago! And I only played golf with a friend of mine. I like team sports and sports that you can enjoy without having to do too much. I don't fancy doing extreme sports at all – it wouldn't be my kind of thing!

### Speaker 3

Last weekend I went windsurfing with my best friend, Steven. I'm getting quite good at it now. I first took up the sport two years ago and have even taken part in competitions. But, for me it's all about being adventurous and you need to try your hand at something new in order to push yourself to the limits. Actually, it's high time I found something different.

### Speaker 4

Have you heard about speed flying? It's the most exciting new winter sport where you can glide by ski and through the air. It was first born in France but is now becoming popular in the rest of Europe. Once you learn how to paraglide and have all the necessary equipment, you can start lessons. It feels great flying at 70 km per hour! Try it for yourself!

### Speaker 5

If you ask me, young people today are doing far too many extreme sports like bungee jumping and rock climbing. They are far too risky. What surprises me is that they don't care if they get hurt – they just go back and do it again and again. I remember the day when young people were happy to ride a normal bicycle or just go for a walk! It's so different now!

### Speaker 6

Maybe I should take up a new sport that's a little bit different, a little bit more adventurous, but I'm not convinced that I need to go extreme. I get a lot of enjoyment out of 'safer' sports like basketball and tennis. They might not be so exciting, but they really keep you fit. That's the most important thing for me.

## Test 2A/2B - Listening

*Simon:* So, how was your weekend? Did you do anything interesting?

*Sarah:* Can you believe it – I went white-water rafting!

*Simon:* Wow! Tell me all about it! Who did you go with?

*Sarah:* I didn't go with anyone from school. It was organised through my local community centre.

*Simon:* How did you find out about it?

*Sarah:* I saw the poster and decided to enrol. The activity runs for three weekends. It's quite good value for money – only £90 and everything is provided.

*Simon:* So what was it like?

*Sarah:* It was brilliant. The people in my group are all very friendly, all different ages too. And our instructor was really helpful and made us all feel confident right from the start. First of all, we had a safety presentation and we were given our equipment – helmets, wetsuits, life jackets and so on. We were divided into smaller groups of between 6 and 8 people. There were five other people on my raft.

*Simon:* So what did you have to bring with you?

*Sarah:* The community centre prepared a list for us so we knew exactly what to bring. Quick-drying clothes, of course, and plenty of trainers; a swimsuit, shorts and T-shirts. And also sunglasses and suntan lotion.

*Simon:* Was the weather nice?

*Sarah:* Luckily, yes, it was. It was sunny and warm and I didn't feel cold at all.

*Simon:* Did you fall in a lot?

*Sarah:* A couple of times at the start. At first we were just learning how to ride the rapids. As everyone in my group was a beginner, it was quite tough at the start.

*Simon:* How long was the trip for?

*Sarah:* Six hours in total which sounds like a long time, but at the end of the day I wanted more!

*Simon:* Can anyone enrol for this activity?

*Sarah:* Well, you have to be in good condition. They don't accept people with heart problems for obvious reasons. At the start of the course I had to sign a form to say that I recognised the possible dangers involved.

*Simon:* Weren't you scared?

*Sarah:* Only a little bit! It was so exciting – sometimes I wasn't sure whether I was scared or really enjoying myself. I screamed so much! I really recommend it. Why don't you try it?

*Simon:* I'm quite busy at the moment with the band. Maybe another time ...



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**Test 3A/3B - Listening**


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**Anna:** Liz! Hi! So how did it go? What was the interview like?

**Liz:** Better than expected. I was so nervous before I went, though. I got up really early in order to give myself plenty of time to get ready. It took me ages to choose what to wear.

**Anna:** I know what you mean. I always like to select my clothes the night before so that I don't panic. So what did you choose in the end?

**Liz:** Well, as you know, 'Dylan & James' is a well-respected company and I wanted to make a good impression. So, I chose my beige trouser suit with a red blouse.

**Anna:** Not a skirt? Why did you decide on a red blouse?

**Liz:** I looked smart, Anna – believe me! I chose red because I wanted to stand out. I wanted them to remember me.

**Anna:** Good plan. So, what happened at the interview?

**Liz:** When I arrived the secretary asked me if I wanted anything to drink, so I had a coffee. And can you believe it? I spilt some on my nice beige trousers.

**Anna:** Oh no! So what did you do?

**Liz:** I had no option. I took off my jacket and placed it on my lap, so they couldn't see.

**Anna:** And when you got up?

**Liz:** When I was invited into the interview room I got up and carried my jacket in front of me. I walked casually, as if nothing was wrong, shook the director's hand and gave a big smile.

**Anna:** Did you manage to relax after that?

**Liz:** Yes. I thought the worst had already happened, so I thought I had nothing to lose. I answered the questions as fully and truthfully as I could and asked a few myself.

**Anna:** What kind of questions were you asked?

**Liz:** Nothing too surprising. They wanted me to talk through my work experience and say why I wanted to go into finance. I told them about the book-keeping course we're doing at college.

**Anna:** So, did you get the job?

**Liz:** I have to wait another week to find out their decision. They are still interviewing people. But, there are two posts available, so I might be lucky!

**Anna:** Yes, I'll keep my fingers crossed for you!

**Liz:** Thanks. I'll let you know what happens.

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**Test 4A/4B - Listening**


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My eighteenth birthday was coming up and I was about to leave school. Before going to college I thought it would be a good idea to get some work experience. I was keen to participate in an environmental project of some kind, so I decided to become a volunteer. My family asked me what kind of voluntary work I wanted to do and, after doing some research on the Internet, I came up with the idea of working on a conservation project to help save an endangered species – sea turtles!

The project was organised by a British company but the work took place in far-away Costa Rica! At first I was anxious about the trip even though I was travelling with a friend, but everything went smoothly. I arrived at the Manzanillo Wildlife Park where I was to spend a whole month of my summer vacation. The experience of a lifetime had begun ...

My main objective was to look after the nests of the Leatherback Sea Turtle. This involved night patrols to protect the eggs. The nesting season is quite long – from March through to mid-August each year, so the project had a large number of volunteers – students, travellers and professionals. We worked in shifts – from 8 pm to midnight and from midnight to 4 am. Sometimes I had to work in the daytime too, for example, when there was a beach clean-up or a special project. At first I had a very romantic image of what the work would be like, but the reality is very different. At night we would walk anything between 5-10 kilometres in the dark on soft, wet sand. It was also quite hard on my eyes as we weren't allowed to use artificial lights. Of course, the work continued whether it was raining or not! The climate there is very hot and humid and there were lots of mosquitoes and sand flies. But I soon got used to the conditions and concentrated on the job rather than my own comfort.

Once we found a turtle during night patrol we set about taking measurements, collecting the eggs and tagging the turtle. The eggs are then either relocated on the beach (to a safer place) or taken to the hatchery. After about 60 days the eggs hatch. After that it is our job to make sure the newborn turtles reach the sea safely.

During my time in Costa Rica I stayed with a family. This really is the best way to learn about the local culture and everyday life there. And, most importantly,

the money I paid to stay with them helps to support the local community. Some others stayed in tents but they had to cook their own meals or pay to eat at the restaurant. Some people complained about the facilities because they were very basic. The project is in an isolated location but at least the village has electricity, clean drinking water, washing and toilet facilities. When I was there, they opened a new internet café, so I was really happy to be able to contact my family and friends back home.

I really had a wonderful experience and I truly recommend it. But you must be willing to work hard in quite difficult conditions. Just think – thanks to the conservation work being done, the Leatherback Sea Turtle may not be extinct within 20 years, as previously feared.

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### Test 5A/5B - Listening

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#### Speaker 1

Can you believe it – it rained every day we were there! I wasn't expecting the weather to be brilliant, but I thought it would be a bit warmer because we went in July! I took all the wrong clothes and managed to catch a cold. I had to spend a couple of days in bed and missed out on a lot of the sightseeing.

#### Speaker 2

My family and I had such a lovely holiday last Christmas. We decided to go skiing in Scotland. When we arrived, the sun was out and it was really warm. As a result, there was absolutely no snow whatsoever. But overnight the snow came – lots of it – and we had perfect conditions for the rest of the week! We had a happy Christmas too, with lots of good food!

#### Speaker 3

Portugal is well worth a visit, but you should avoid going at Easter. It is such a popular destination at that time of year you have to book somewhere to stay before you go. My friend Diana and I made the mistake of buying flights only to Lisbon and so we spent a lot of our time on the phone trying to find guest houses with rooms available. It would have been better to go on an all-inclusive city break.

#### Speaker 4

I was feeling a little anxious because I was travelling on my own and was arriving in Paris late at night. Fortunately, the friend I was staying with gave me detailed notes on how to get to her house. But I got on the underground to find out that some of the stations were closed. I ended up getting a taxi instead.

#### Speaker 5

When I went on a package holiday to Spain last year, I stayed in a hotel by the sea. It was a beautiful location, right on the beach, and, when I arrived, I thought I was going to have the perfect holiday. Well – almost. I was so disappointed with the quality of the meals. Next time I will only pay for bed and breakfast, not full-board. It's better to eat out in restaurants.

#### Speaker 6

If you ever go on a city break, take my advice – go for more than two days! It is so exhausting if you want to see everything. When I was in Istanbul a few years ago I took a lot of photos of the main attractions, so I had a lot of impressions to share with my friends when I came back, but the two days I was there were really hectic and hardly pleasurable.

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### Test 6A/6B - Listening

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**Jackie:** Julia, can you believe we've been at university for three months already?!

**Julia:** Yes, and managed to survive on our own. I mean, cooking for ourselves and all that. At first it was difficult, but I've got used to it now.

**Jackie:** Me too, but I still miss home-cooked food. My mother's steak pie, for example.

**Julia:** I know what you mean. Your mum's a great cook, Jackie.

**Jackie:** I certainly haven't cooked many decent meals here. Well, we don't have the facilities to cook big meals. I don't like sharing a kitchen with five other people! And, they never keep it clean!

**Julia:** I know. Makes you want to go out to eat all the time.

**Jackie:** The refectory offers a healthy range of food but the menu is fairly limited.

**Julia:** And it's not like we can afford to go to expensive restaurants all the time, either! Actually, I have been feeling a little bit down recently. Maybe I'm not getting enough vitamins.

**Jackie:** Maybe you should change your eating habits a little. Fewer unhealthy snacks when you're studying? Try munching on carrot sticks instead!

**Julia:** You're right. I am starting to put on weight. I should try to exercise a bit more too.

**Jackie:** You know it doesn't cost anything to go to the university pool. I try to go there twice a week.

**Julia:** But swimming's not my kind of thing. I much prefer running.

**Jackie:** Now that the weather is getting better, you should go running in the park.

**Julia:** Want to come with me?

**Jackie:** If it makes you feel better, alright. Let's go tomorrow morning.

**Julia:** At what time?

**Jackie:** Six thirty, and then we will have plenty of time to get ready for the day and have breakfast.

**Julia:** Breakfast's the best meal of the day! Lots of lovely bacon and eggs, sausages, tomatoes and mushrooms!

**Jackie:** If you want to cook it, I'll join you!

**Julia:** Or maybe we should just have what we normally have – cereal and toast!

**Jackie:** That way we won't have so many dishes to wash up afterwards!

**Julia:** Ok. Let's go for the healthy option. We can always have a traditional fried breakfast when we go home at Christmas!

**Jackie:** Something to look forward to ...

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### Test 7A/7B - Listening

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I have been working as a professional songwriter from the age of 16. There was nothing else I wanted to do – I didn't consider any other career as it just felt right to do what I do best. I also did a lot of singing in my teens and took private lessons to improve my technique. But I always preferred making music, rather than performing it. I know it is a competitive type of job and that I am lucky I am successful.

Things weren't always easy, though. I had to work hard to get to where I am today. I started doing small gigs for £30 a night with a free meal thrown in. I sang in various eating places wherever I could. I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life, so I started putting all my energy into writing songs. Once I had written some material, I then made some demo recordings and sent them off to record companies. Months passed and, when I hadn't heard anything, I started to lose hope and then I got a call offering me a contract. I couldn't believe it! Overnight I was rich! They even bought me my own recording studio. I went a little crazy with the money. I didn't save very much of it. I moved into a nice new house and bought lots of furniture. And then the problems started ...

I was so young but I had clear ideas about what kind of music I wanted to make. I wanted to do everything myself and so I ended up working far too hard. After

eight months of working 16-hour days I lost all my energy and couldn't write anything. It was strange – I felt that I had lost my enthusiasm and my creativity. I had just finished my second album and was working on my third. I was so tired because of all the gigs I was giving to promote the second album. I travelled all over the country. It is really hard to be on the road all the time – not a glamorous life at all! I wanted to keep going for the sake of my fans but I had to take a break. My sister lives abroad, in Spain and she invited me over there for a while. It was just what I needed – a chance to relax and get my energy back, let go of all the stress that had been building up. I had time to forget about work and think about myself. I realised that work isn't everything. You need to have time to do other things, you need a balance. Yes, I still wanted to have a successful career but I also wanted to have time to enjoy myself – go out with friends, for example. Luckily, my best friends were still there for me and wanted to give me support. They realised that I was still the same person, that fame couldn't change who I was inside.

When I got back from my trip to Spain, I took up yoga. I felt much stronger as a result. I worked hard too, but I made sure I had enough free time. I stopped giving gigs and concentrated on my third album. It is nearly finished now. When it comes out, I think I'll take a longer holiday. I fancy going to India. They do yoga holidays there, you know. I also want to travel more in the future – there's so much to do and see!

My advice to anyone wanting to go into the music business is this: follow your heart and everything will be OK. Work hard, but don't let your health suffer. Take good care of yourself – surround yourself with family and friends! I hope you will be as lucky as me!

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### Test 8A/8B - Listening

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#### Speaker 1

My job is quite creative. I like doing it because I design web pages for our company. I get to plan the layout and think of ways to make the information attractive visually. But, most importantly, I have to plan the content of the pages, making them as informative as possible. It takes hours sitting in front of the computer. Sometimes I take work home with me.

**Speaker 2**

The digital camera I bought last week is really cool! The quality of the pictures is excellent and it is so easy to use. I download my photos onto the computer and can print them immediately. I have taken over a hundred photos already, mostly of my family. It's well worth the money.

**Speaker 3**

It is quite hard running your own business. I do most of the work myself and so I work long hours. My dad helps out sometimes, for example, if we have a lot of televisions to fix or if we get a lot of washing machines in. People are usually in a hurry to get everything done. I don't think they realise just how much work is involved!

**Speaker 4**

I remember when cassette players first came out. It was much easier to play cassettes than use old record players. The quality of the music was so much better too. But nowadays we have so many different ways to listen to music – we have CDs, mini discs, MP3s and then there are iPods or whatever you call them – I get so confused! What will they think of next? I can't keep up!

**Speaker 5**

I need to get a new mobile phone but I'm not sure which one to buy. They all have different features – some have cameras and/or video cameras; others have voice recording. The prices vary so much. As I lost my old one, I'll probably get the cheapest one. As long as it can make calls, I'm not too bothered!

**Speaker 6**

Just when I was trying to finish writing my essay, my laptop crashed. Luckily, I had saved my work on my memory stick and so I was able to finish my work on another computer. But, I wasn't so lucky with the repairs. As I had already had my laptop for six years, the guarantee had run out. I took it in to get it fixed but they told me it would cost the same money to get a new one. I am saving up now so that I will be able to get one at the end of the year.