

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.

1. A) A deadly fish has been spotted in the Mediterranean waters.
- B) Invasive species are driving away certain native species.
- C) The Mediterranean is a natural habitat of Devil Firefish.
- D) Many people have been attacked by Devil Firefish.

2. A) It could add to greenhouse emissions.
- B) It could disrupt the food chains there.
- C) It could pose a threat to other marine species.
- D) It could badly pollute the surrounding waters.
- C) Spend a few nights on a small island.
- D) Sell the pearl he had kept for years.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. A) cars will not be allowed to enter the city.
- B) About half of its city center will be closed to cars.
- C) Buses will be the only vehicles allowed on its streets.
- D) Pedestrians will have free access to the city.
4. A) The rising air pollution in Paris.
- B) The worsening global warming.
- C) The ever-growing cost of petrol.
- D) The unbearable traffic noise.

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

5. A) Many of his possessions were stolen.
- B) His house was burnt down in a fire.
- C) His fishing boat got wrecked on a rock.
- D) His good luck charm sank into the sea.
6. A) Change his fishing locations.
- B) Find a job in a travel agency.

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7. A) A New Year museum (未完)

B) The largest pearl in the world weighs (未完)

- C) His monstrous pearl was extremely valuable.
D) His pearl could be displayed in a museum.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four 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.

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

8. A) It boasts a fairly long history. C) It has 75 offices around the world.
B) It produces construction materials. D) It has over 50 business partners.
9. A) It has about 50 employees. C) It has a family business.
B) It was started by his father. D) It is over 100 years old.
10. A) Shortage of raw material supply. C) Outdated product design.
B) Legal disputes in many countries. D) Loss of competitive edge.
11. A) Conducting a financial analysis for it.
B) Providing training for its staff members.
C) Seeking new ways to increase its exports.
D) Introducing innovative marketing strategies.

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

12. A) She is a real expert at house decorations.
B) She is well informed about the design business.
C) She is attracted by the color of the sitting room.
D) She is really impressed by the man's house.
13. A) From his younger brother Greg. C) From a construction businessman.
B) From home design magazines. D) From a professional interior designer.
14. A) The effort was worthwhile. C) The cost was affordable.
B) The style was fashionable. D) The effect was unexpected.
15. A) She'd like him to talk with Jonathan about a new project.
B) She wants him to share his renovation experience with her.
C) She wants to discuss the house decoration budget with him.

D) She'd like to show him around her newly-renovated house.

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear three or four 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.

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

16. A) Providing routine care for small children.
B) Paying hospital bills for emergency cases.
C) Doing research on ear, nose and throat diseases.
D) Removing objects from patients' noses and ears.
17. A) Many children like to smell things they find or play with.
B) Many children like to put foreign objects in their mouths.
C) Five-to nine-year-olds are the most likely to put things in their ears.
D) Children aged one to four are often more curious than older children.
18. A) They tend to act out of impulse. C) They are unaware of the potential risks.
B) They want to attract attentions. D) They are curious about these body parts.

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

19. A) It paid for her English lessons. C) It delivered her daily necessities.
B) It gave her a used bicycle. D) It provided her with physical therapy.
20. A) Expanding bike-riding lessons. C) Providing free public transport.
B) Asking local people for donations. D) Offering walking tours to visitors.
21. A) It is a language school B) It is a charity organization
C) It is a counseling center. D) It is a sports club.

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

22.
A) How mice imitate human behavior in space.
B) How low gravity affects the human body.
C) How mice interact in a new environment.
D) How animals deal with lack of gravity.
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A) They were not use to the low-gravity environment.

- B) They found it difficult to figure out where they were.
- C) They found the space in the cage too small to stay in.
- D) They were not sensitive to the changed environment.

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- A) They tried everything possible to escape from the cage.
- B) They continued to behave as they did in the beginning.
- C) They already felt at home in the new environment.
- D) They had found a lot more activities to engage in.

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- A) They repeated their activities every day.
- B) They behaved as if they were on Earth.
- C) They began to eat less after some time.
- D) They changed their routines in space.