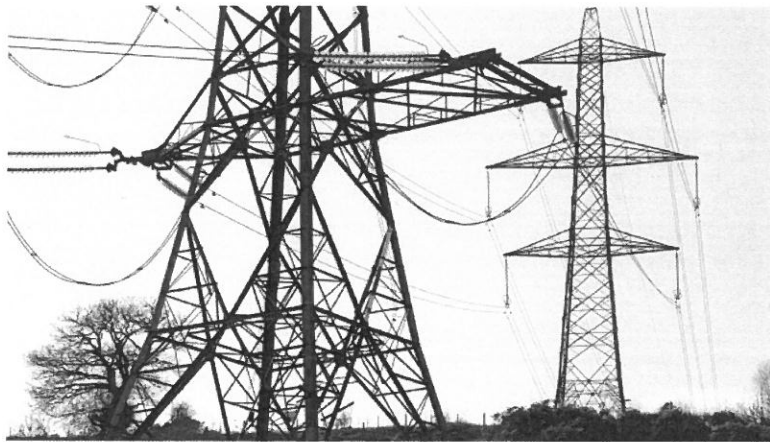


You are going to listen to a report about necessary changes in the U.S. electric power grid. First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question (1–6). Put a cross (☒) in the correct box on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

After the second listening, you will have 45 seconds to check your answers.



On the grid

- 0 The network for electricity supply is ineffective as
- A the state of power lines is alarming.
 - B it can't cope with new types of power.
 - C the input from power stations is inadequate.
 - D it is used by too many consumers.
- 1 The grid must deliver as much electric current as
- A supply lines can carry.
 - B plants can generate.
 - C users consume.
 - D providers can store.
- 2 The grid works because conventional power stations can
- A be backed up by renewables.
 - B generate electricity steadily.
 - C be switched on when required.
 - D solve electricity issues.
- 3 The electricity network must be improved to
- A deal with fluctuating power supply.
 - B speed up power generation.
 - C reduce losses in transmission.
 - D make the U.S. energy independent.

- 4 **Gas-fired power stations are helpful as they**
- A generate cheap electricity.
 - B may be built anywhere.
 - C have low servicing costs.
 - D can react to needs quickly.
- 5 **Using thermal plants to supply grid support is**
- A uneconomical.
 - B causing opposition.
 - C impossible.
 - D politically unwanted.
- 6 **All power stations keep the grid going by**
- A providing electricity non-stop.
 - B delivering peak power.
 - C supporting each other.
 - D reacting to demand.