**Listening SET5-A**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a conversation between a man and a woman on a tour bus. The man is part of the tour group, and the woman is the bus tour guide.**



**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving**

**Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 1 to 1.5 minutes long.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving**

Time remaining: **22 seconds**

**Listen to the question. You will hear it only once.**

**Question 1 of 8**

**Choose the best answer to each question.**

* to request a drink
* to check the route
* to ask for more time
* to leave the bus tour

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**

**Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**

1. **You will hear a conversation followed by 5 questions.**
2. **Listen to each question. You will hear the question only once.**
3. **Choose the best answer to each question.**
4. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**
5. **Instructions:**
6. **You are about to hear a conversation between two people, a man and a woman, who know each other. The conversation takes place in a park while they are watching their kids play.**
7. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**
8. **Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 1.5 to 2 minutes long.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**

Time remaining: **27 seconds**

**Listen to the question. You will hear it only once.**

**Question 1 of 5**

**Choose the best answer.**

* a swimming pool
* a sprinkler playground
* the location of the park benches
* the increasing water shortages

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 3: Listening for Information**

**Listening for Information**

1. **You will hear a conversation followed by 6 questions.**
2. **Listen to each question. You will hear the question only once.**
3. **Choose the best answer to each question.**
4. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 3: Listening for Information**
5. **Instructions:**
6. **You will hear a conversation where a woman needs information about musical instruments.**
7. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 3: Listening for Information**
8. **Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 2 to 2.5 minutes long.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 3: Listening for Information**

Time remaining: **27 seconds**

**Listen to the question. You will hear it only once.**

**Question 1 of 6**

**Choose the best answer.**

* He hasn’t had lessons since he was five.
* He’s learned to play two instruments.
* He hasn’t had any formal music instruction.
* His friends taught him how to play the drums.

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item**

**Listening to a News Item**

1. **You will hear a news item once. It is about 1.5 minutes long.**
2. **Then 5 questions will appear.**
3. **Choose the best way to complete each statement from the drop-down menu.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a news story about a couple who started a community garden.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item**

**Listen to the following news item. You will hear the news item only once. It is about 1.5 minutes long.**

Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item NEXT Time remaining: 3 minutes

Choose the best way to complete each statement from the drop-down menu ( ).

1. The community garden is part of ▾

2. The Hendricks started the garden to ▾

3. The people building the garden were ▾

4. They added the pond to ▾

5. People were enthusiastic because they could ▾

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion**

**Listening to a Discussion**

1. **You will watch a 2-minute video. Then 8 questions will appear.**
2. **Choose the best way to answer each question.**
3. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion**
4. **Instructions:**
5. **You will watch a conversation among three co-workers—two men and one woman. They get together in a meeting room to discuss a new work assignment for one of them.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion**

**Watch the discussion. You will watch the discussion only once. It is about 1.5 to 2 minutes long.**

Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion NEXT Time remaining: 3 minutes

Choose the best answer to each question from the drop-down menu ( ).

1. Which department do Larry and Brenda work for? ▾

2. According to Brenda and Larry, what is one of Tom's strengths? ▾

3. What does the company provide? ▾

4. How does Tom initially feel about his co-workers' suggestion? ▾

5. Why do Brenda and Larry collect references? ▾

6. What worries Tom about presenting to potential clients? ▾

7. What does the woman want Tom to do? ▾

8. What do Tom’s two co-workers convey at the end? ▾

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints**

**Listening to Viewpoints**

1. **You will hear a report once. It is about 3 minutes long.**
2. **Then 6 questions will appear.**
3. **Choose the best way to answer each question from the drop-down menu.**
4. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints**
5. **Instructions:**
6. **You will hear a presentation about life in the suburbs.**
7. **Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints**
8. **Listen to the following report. You will hear the report only once. It is about 3 minutes long.**

**Practice Test 1 - Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints NEXT Time remaining: 4 minutes**

**Choose the best way to complete each statement from the drop-down menu ( ).**

**1. The speaker regards the suburbs with ▾**

**2. The presentation's main theme is that the suburbs ▾**

**3. Bansal thought moving from the suburbs to the city was ▾**

**4. We can tell that the essayist Narendra Bansal ▾**

**5. The demographer, Leigh Stevanoic, thinks suburbanization is ▾**

**6. Sociologist and author Manuel Rubio most likely ▾**

Question Answer Key Your Answer

Listening Practice Task I didn’t attend the concert.

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Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q1 to ask for more time

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q2

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q3 The bus will stop at many places.

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q4 He isn’t content with the restaurant choice.

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q5 She feels responsible for the group.

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q6 He left the restaurant a while ago.

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q7 She offers him some solutions.

Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q8 appreciation

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Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q1 a sprinkler playground

Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q2 It does not have air conditioning.

Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q3 She looks sad.

Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q4 She is concerned about germs.

Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q5 It is an excellent idea.

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Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q1 He hasn’t had any formal music instruction.

Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q2 He enjoys playing music.

Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q3 provide the best information

Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q4 an electronic drum set that can be silent

Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q5 because the strings are less painful to use

Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q6 because he knows people with electric guitars

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Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q1 an unused grass area.

Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q2 enjoy their hobby.

Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q3 local residents.

Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q4 water the gardens.

Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q5 socialize and grow vegetables.

Return to the beginning of Part 4

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q1 Sales and Marketing

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q2 He is popular with all of his colleagues.

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q3 technical products

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q4 He is reluctant.

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q5 to determine Tom’s suitability

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q6 He lacks specialized knowledge.

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q7 listen to presentations by other staff

Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q8 They are optimistic that Tom's skills will increase rapidly.

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Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q1 curiosity.

Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q2 remain popular despite their psychological drawbacks.

Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q3 therapeutic.

Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q4 tended toward pessimism.

Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q5 a favourable economic indicator.

Listening Part 6: Listening to Viewpoints - Q6 has a youthful urban lifestyle.

Return to the beginning of Part 6

**Reading TEST SET5-A**

**Practice Test 1 - Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence 10 minutes**

**Read the following message.**

Dear Mr. Albertson,

We are interested in renting your charming cottage for the first two weeks of September. I found your ad on the internet, and the pictures are really attractive. Living that close to the ocean would be a real treat for a few weeks. I can already smell the refreshing salt air!

I’ve heard that the Atlantic Ocean is quite cold and that swimming isn’t always possible. Is that true? Your ad mentions nearby Martinique Beach, a 5-km-long white sand beach with beautiful waves enjoyed by surfers. The pictures I’ve seen show surfers in protective wetsuits, but perhaps that’s winter surfing? We’re hoping to put in long hours lying on the beach, and then cooling off in the fresh ocean water.

Another thing I’ve heard is that Nova Scotia gets hurricanes, especially in September. Is that true? I’ve read all about Hurricane Juan that hit in late September, 2003. I learned that the power was out for some residents for as long as three weeks. How can anyone survive without electricity for that long? It’s unimaginable. In a situation such as this, what do you do for food and coffee, for heat and water? Do you keep emergency supplies and information in the cottage? I just can’t imagine winds of 160 km/h! Wow. The waves must be spectacular with that much wind. It would be fantastic watching the waves from the comfort of your lovely cottage!

We really enjoy sampling the local cuisine, and we’ve read about Nova Scotian specialties such as lobster and scallops. On the internet I found one food place—it can’t really be called a restaurant—that serves seafood. This is Scallopini’s, which is supposed to be a short drive from your cottage. It features two dishes worth trying, a scallop sauté and a cold lobster roll. Would you recommend Scallopini’s, or should we go into the city to a real restaurant?

Anyway, we would like to reserve your cottage. Please let me know what details you need and how to send the deposit.

Thanks,   
  
Alison MacGregor

Using the drop-down menu ( ), choose the best option according to the information given in the message.

1. Alison’s main reason for writing the email is to ▾

2. Alison is interested in ▾

3. Why does Alison think the Atlantic Ocean might be cold? ▾

4. Alison is worried about hurricanes because ▾

5. Alison has never experienced ▾

6. Why does Alison want to rent this cottage? ▾

Here is a response to the message. Complete the response by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down

menu ( ).

Dear Ms. MacGregor,

We would be delighted to have you rent our cottage in September. Consider it booked.

Answering your question about the 7. ▾ , it may be true, depending on what you’re used to. We think it’s pleasant, and early September is when it’s warmest. If you’re interested in surfing, you need to bring your own 8. ▾ , but we provide the boards.

People experience considerable 9. ▾ when hurricanes hit, but these storms usually miss us, which is why you’ve read about just one, Juan. The belief is that a bad one hits every 50 years, so you don’t need to worry. To answer your questions, the cottage has 10. ▾ .

Yes, we recommend Scallopini’s, and there are several other excellent 11. ▾ close by.

See you in September!

John Albertson

**Practice Test 1 - Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram** 8-mintues



Read the following email message about the diagram on the left. Complete the email by filling in the blanks. Select the best choice for each blank from the drop-down menu ( ).

To: <farrah@newmail.com>

From: <marjan29@gomail.ca>

Subject: Information

Hi Farrah,

Nice meeting you today! As promised, here is the

1. ▾ . (To go to it, just click HERE.) As I mentioned, I think your family is in the Thompson Public School area like us, but if you click on the

2. ▾ tab near the top, you should be able to find your designated location.

I noticed that the dates have not yet been announced for 3. ▾ , so I guess you'll have to keep checking. Also, I saw that they had some news about childcare spaces 4. ▾ which may be of interest to you.

By the way, as evening ESL students at the school, it looks like we are eligible for 5. ▾ ! I'm excited to try that out in the evenings!

See you tomorrow!

Marjan

Using the drop-down menu ( ), choose the best option.

6. Farrah and Marjan are likely ▾

7. Farrah probably has a ▾

8. The overall purpose of Marjan's message is to ▾

**Practice Test 1 - Reading Part 3: Reading for Information 9 minutes**

**Read the following passage.**

**A.** For some, it may be hard to imagine how a small stainless steel needle put into one’s left palm can soothe a stomachache. Yet in the practice of acupuncture, such fine needles are used to pierce specific points on the body for pain relief or therapeutic purposes. Acupuncture began in China thousands of years ago and remains a leading form of medical treatment in some Asian cultures. However, the practice of acupuncture has only taken hold beyond its traditional homelands over the last three decades. Over that time, its popularity in Western culture has greatly increased. It is now being hailed by many Westerners as a safe, drug-free remedy for ailments such as arthritis, chronic pain, addiction, and depression.  
  
**B.** Traditional acupuncture is based on the East Asian belief that the body’s internal organs are connected by a system of energy channels. A very simple explanation is that vital energy travels along these channels in the body, like water in a stream. Diseases are caused by a blockage in these natural energy flows, just as a fallen tree would obstruct a stream. The acupuncturist must find the obstruction, isolate the area, and clear the blockage. To do this, fine stainless steel needles are inserted into a related acupuncture point. These disposable needles are gently twirled and then removed, and the energy flow can be restored to a natural state.  
  
**C.** People who have been helped by acupuncture have little problem accepting its success. Yet some in the Western medical community find the unfamiliar concepts of energy and channels hard to believe. As a result, experts in this community have tried to find more scientific reasons for how acupuncture works. After decades of research, some Western medical researchers have proposed theories.  
  
**D.** Experimental research suggests that acupuncture needles put into certain points on the body can stimulate the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). Once stimulated, the central nervous system can release “feel good” chemicals into the muscles, spinal cord, and brain. These natural painkillers block pain signals from going to the brain, leading to a feeling of physical and emotional well-being. In light of the research, a growing number of scientists and medical practitioners are suggesting the use of acupuncture under certain conditions. In fact, it is becoming so popular that many people in North America are using it to treat their ailing household pets!  
  
**E. Not given in any of the above paragraphs.**

Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. Select E if the information is not given in any of the paragraphs.

▾ - 1. Skepticism has led to investigations into acupuncture’s efficacy.

▾ - 2. In acupuncture, illness can be alleviated by clearing obstructions within the body.

▾ - 3. Some studies have shown that acupuncture has little more than a placebo effect.

▾ - 4. Some believe that acupuncture works because it causes the body to produce its own anesthetic.

▾ - 5. Acupuncture is a well established medical practice in East Asia.

▾ - 6. Only in recent years has acupuncture become an accepted treatment around the world.

▾ - 7. The analogy of acupuncture is akin to hydro-irrigation systems.

▾ - 8. Scientific studies are beginning to provide evidence for the efficacy of acupuncture.

▾ - 9. Scientific evidence shows that acupuncture cures damaged nerves and muscles.

**Practice Test 1 - Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints 12 minutes**

Using the drop-down menu ( ), choose the best option according to the information given on the website.

1. The author's purpose of the first paragraph is to ▾

2. The CPP and company pension plans are similar with respect to ▾

3. At 65 years of age, people with low-income part-time jobs will most likely ▾

4. If pension plans were voluntary, the critics mentioned in the last paragraph would likely ▾

5. Critics believe that the pension plans are patronizing because ▾

The following is a comment by a visitor to the website page. Complete the comment by choosing the best option to fill in each blank.

I don't understand why employers are required to make CPP contributions. It shouldn't be their responsibility to ensure the government has a constant source of 6. ▾ for re-investments. My guess is that having to contribute to the CPP 7. ▾ many businesses. Even for larger companies, I was surprised by the author's opinion. Why is it problematic that most employer pension programs 8. ▾ ? Companies and individuals should be free to do what they want with their money. I can understand providing 9. ▾ ; employers want to see their employees at the workplace as much as possible, not absent due to illness. However, I agree with the critics, even if it means I miss out on 10. ▾ .

Question Answer Key Your Answer

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Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q1 make a cottage reservation.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q2 eating in quality restaurants.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q3 She was told that it’s cold.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q4 she read about a famous one.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q5 severe weather.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q6 It’s near the ocean.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q7 ocean being cold

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q8 wetsuits

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q9 inconvenience

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q10 an emergency supply kit

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence - Q11 spots to dine

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Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q1 local school board website

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q2 Schools

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q3 kindergarten registration

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q4 paid for by the provincial government

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q5 online learning

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q6 new classmates.

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q7 young child living with her.

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram - Q8 share useful information.

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Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q1 C

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q2 B

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q3 E

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q4 D

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q5 A

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q6 A

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q7 B

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q8 D

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information - Q9 E

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Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q1 provide background information.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q2 low-income earners.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q3 require monetary support.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q4 refrain from participating.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q5 they are mandatory.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q6 revenue

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q7 disadvantages

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q8 fund only a company’s full-time employees

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q9 health care plans

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints - Q10 employer contributions

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