Cumulative Skills Test Units 1–10 A Answer Key & Audio Script

Everyday English

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

Listening

B, D and F

1. F
2. F
3. T
4. F
5. T
6. F
7. F

Audio Script

**Presenter** Hello. On today’s programme, I’m talking to Cathy Smith, who is a volunteer worker at Amnesty International, the organization which campaigns to protect human rights around the world. Cathy only recently joined Amnesty, and joins us today as part of Youth in Action Week, a programme that encourages young people in their teens and twenties to take action to improve the world. Welcome to the programme, Cathy.

**Cathy** Hello.

**Presenter**  So, tell us a little bit about Amnesty International, Cathy. When did the organization start?

**Cathy**  Well, it was founded in London in 1961 after a well-known lawyer wrote an article in a newspaper which told people about all the prisoners of conscience in the world.

**Presenter**  Prisoners of conscience?

**Cathy**  Yes, people who have been sent to prison because of their religious or political beliefs, not because they have committed an offence. Amnesty International is an NGO, which stands for ‘non-governmental organization. That means that it gets no government support, but it gets money from its members and donations from supporters. What we try to do is to raise awareness of human rights abuses and put pressure on governments by getting public opinion on our side.

**Presenter**  And what exactly does Amnesty International fight for?

**Cathy**  Well, we have a number of long-running campaigns. For example, Amnesty International supports arms control. We want to persuade governments to agree to an Arms Trade Treaty that would stop the sale of guns to countries where there are civil wars, or where the governments commit human rights abuses against their citizens. The organization also fights for an end to the death penalty. We think it’s wrong that governments are allowed to kill people.

**Presenter** And don’t you fight for justice for people who are wrongly in prison?

**Cathy** Absolutely. That’s one of the main purposes of Amnesty. For example, at the moment, we’re supporting a teenager who is in prison because he has refused to join the army in his country. We don’t want to abolish all armies, but we think it is a basic human right to be allowed to choose whether you join an army or not.

**Presenter** Well, it sounds like Amnesty International still has a lot of campaigning to do.

**Cathy**  I think so.

**Presenter** OK. Thanks for coming into the studio, Cathy. After the break ...

Reading

1. c
2. c
3. d
4. c
5. c

Writing

Students’ own answers

Speaking

Students’ own answers

Challenge!

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