

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING SKILLS**FINAL EXAM – January 2016****TIME: 1 h 45 m****NAME AND SURNAME:** _____

Notes provisionals: divendres, 15 de Gener a Racó

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SECTION I**Pronunciation****A)** According to their pronunciation, try to work out the spelling of these words.

1. /'fɪtʃə/ _____ feature
2. /rɪ'kwest/ _____ request
3. /'reɪndʒ/ _____ range
4. /'klʌstə/ _____ cluster
5. /'pʊːpəs/ _____ purpose
6. /'kɒmænd/ _____ command
7. /'juːnɪt/ _____ unit
8. /'testɪd/ _____ tested
9. /rɪ'pɔːtɪd/ _____ reported
10. /ɪk'spænd/ _____ expand

B) Circle the correct options to answer the questions below (only ONE answer is correct)

1. Which of the following words contains the sound /ə/?
 a) utility b) toolbar c) **scanner** d) graphics
2. Which of the words in each group contains a different vowel or diphthong? Circle the word.
 a) So Snow **Loud** Load
 b) Start **Spam** Farm Far
3. In which of the words is the letter “r” pronounced in British English?
 a) interface b) **binary** c) export d) manager
4. Weak and strong forms. Which is the pronunciation of **have** and **can** in these sentences?
 a)
 - *It's good she has decided to work with us* **W** S
 b)
 - *I'm sure we can hand in the report in time* **W** S
5. What's the correct stress for the words in italics? 1st or 2nd syllable?
 a) They couldn't *update* the antivirus software **1st** **2nd**
 b) The personnel *conflict* was solved quickly. **1st** **2nd**

SECTION II

LISTENING. Challenges of the Internet and beyond. You are going to watch a video about the beginning of the Internet and its uses . Answer these questions.

INTRO. Where is the presenter of the program?

INTERVIEW with John Markoff from The New York Times. Answer these questions:

1. What are John's two favourite uses of the Internet?

2. What are the risks of being on the Internet according to Markoff?

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Here are some ways of pushing the limits of the Internet: the field of music.

Answer these questions:

1. What makes that band so special?

2. How long were they performing online? And before what other famous band?

3. What's the name of the band?

4. What did they get as a result of their live performance?

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1. What is the San Francisco Digital Media Center?

2. What does Joe Lambert say about the Internet?

3. What does the web publishing class teach?

4. According to Joe Lambert, what is the biggest question for many artists working with computers?
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SECTION III
Interaction in different situations

A) Complete the following dialogues.

(1)

P. Brown: Hello, _____ ICL Engineering?

S. Adams: Yes, it is.

P. Brown: _____ to Sarah Adams, please?

S. Adams: _____.

P. Brown: Hello, my name is Peter Brown, from Pacesetters Ltd. _____ about a proposal we sent you.

S. Adams: Oh, you should speak to my colleague, Roger Simons. I'll _____ (you) _____ to his extension.

P. Brown: Thank you.

S. Adams: _____ the line is engaged. _____?

P. Brown: Yes, please. Could you tell him I phoned? It's urgent.

S. Adams: Of course. I'll leave the message.

P. Brown: Thank you very much. Goodbye.

S. Adams: My pleasure. Bye.

(2)

Your partners are discussing about the pros and cons of using the Internet as a source of information in academic contexts. Complete this extract with expressions *to give an opinion, agreeing-disagreeing, interrupting, and getting clarification*.

- **JOE:** Hello! Finally, I have found the information about ERP. This is the information I took from the website.
- **LINDA:** From the Internet? But on the Internet anyone can publish anything. You shouldn't trust the Internet as a source of information so easily!
- **MATT:** _____. Internet is "the source" of information. If a web page is not reliable, it won't appear in the top ten results.
- **J:** I'd go along with that. Internet is a fair source if you know how to use it. _____ you just need to go to trustworthy websites. And that's what I have done since
- **L:** _____, but in my view, although the information on these websites is more or less consistent, they are not as reliable as a book written by experts. Don't you think so?
- **J:** _____. But, you can't deny the Internet is an alternative to books sometimes. So, _____? How do you feel about using the Internet as the source of information for your university assignments?

- **L:** _____ it can have terrible consequences in academic life. For instance, students may use inaccurate information from the Internet instead of reliable information from books.....
- **M:** _____, but I'm afraid I don't share your opinion at all. _____ we ought to learn how we have to use the Internet. We should know how to find reliable and useful information on the net. [...]

(3) In this dialogue, use only ONE word per space.

- A: We need to _____ a time for our next meeting.
B: Yes, of course. Let me take a look at my diary.
A: Could you _____ next Tuesday?
B: Next Tuesday...it's not ideal. I've got a lot of work to do next week.
A: I understand, but if we don't meet next week, we'll get into July.
B: Right well, I could shift things around a bit and maybe make it Thursday afternoon.
Would that _____ you?
A: I'm afraid I'm _____ up on Thursday afternoon. _____
_____ Friday morning? Would that be _____?
B: It's quite all right. I'll _____ to seeing you on Friday then.

B) Supply alternative expressions for the following.

1. Could I speak to Michael Roberts, please?

2. Now, that brings us to another topic... (during a presentation)

3. What are your greatest strengths? (ask more formally in an interview)

4. I think you should install an antivirus program as soon as possible.

5. How about Monday? (making appointments)

6. I'd go along with that. (during a discussion)
