A: Hello.

B: OH, hello, my name is Jan. Are you the right person to talk to about the.

A: Yes. I am Peter. I’m the secretary.

B: Good. I have just move to this new area. I’m interested in getting involved.

A: I was in a similar group where I used to live. Could you tell me something about your activities, please.

B: Of course, Well, we have mixture of regular activities and special events. One of the regular once is trying to keep the beach free or little. A few a spend a couple of hours a month on it. And it awful how much there is to clear. I wish people would be more responsible and take it home with them.

A: I totally agree. I would be happy to help that. It is ok to take dogs?

B: I am afraid not as they are banned from the beach itself.

A: You can take them along the cliffs. Though. And children are welcome.

B: right.

A: we also manage a nature reserve. And there are a lot to do there all year round. For example, because it’s popular places to visit. We spend a lot of time looking after the paths and making sure they are in good condition for walking.

B: I could currently help with that.

A: good. And we have programmer of creating new habitats there. We have just finish making and installing nesting boxes for bird to use. And next, we’re going to work on encouraging insects. There are important for the biodiversity of the reserve.

B: They certainly are.

A: OH and were are also running a project to  identify the different species of butterflies that visit the reserve. You might be interested in taking part in that.

B: Sure. I was involved in something similar where I used to live. Counting all the species of months. I enjoyed that.

A: Another job we are doing at the reserve is replacing the wall on the southern side. Between the parking area and our woodshed. It was badly damaged in a storm last month.

B: OK.

A: Then as I said we have a program of events as well, both at the weekend and during the week.

B: Right. I presume you have guided walks? I like to get to know the local countryside as I’m new to the area.

A: Yes we do. The next walk is to Ruston Island a weed on Saturday. We’ll be meeting on the car park at Dunsmore Beach at low tide. That’s when the sand are dry enough for us walk to the island with out getting wet.

B: Sound good.

A: The island of great place to explore.

B: It’s quite small and it’s not range of habitats. It’s also an ideal location for seeing seals just off the beach,

A: OK. And is there anything we should bring, like a picnic, for instant.

B: yes, do bring one, as it is a full-day walk. And of course it will be wet walking across and back. So make sure your boots are waterproof.

A: I must by a new pair. There are hole in one of my current one. Well, I definitely like to come on the walk.

B: Great. Then later this month we’re having one day woodwork session in Hopton wood.

A: I have never tried that before. Is it ok for beginning to take part.

B: definitely the will be couple of experts experts leading the session. And we keep the number of  participants down

**C17 IELTS listening test 1**

A: Hello

B: OH hello. My name is Jane. Are you the right person to talk to about the Buckworth conservation Group.

A: I’m peter. I’m the secretary.

B: good. I’ve just moved to the area. I’m interested in getting involved. I was in a similar group where I used to live. Could you tell me something about your activities please,

A: Of course. Well we have a mixture of regular activities and special events. One of regular one is try keep to beach free of litter. A few of us spend a couple hours a month on it. And it all full how much there is to clear. I wish people be more response and take it home with them.

B: I totally agree. I’d be happy to help with that. It is ok to take dogs.

A: I am afraid not. As they’re banned from the beach itself. You can take them along the cliffs, though. And children are welcome.

B: Right. We also manage a nature reserve and there are not to do there all year around. For example, Because it is popular place to visit. We spend a lot of time looking after the paths and making sure they are good condition for working.

A: I could certainly help with that.

B: Good. And we have a programmer creating new habitats there. We just finish making installing nesting boxes for births to use and next we going to work on encouraging insects. There are important for the biodiversity other reserve.

A: They certainly are.

B: oh we are also running a project to identify the different species of butterflies that visit the reserve. You might be interested in taking part in that.

A: Sure. I was involved in something similar I used to live. Counting all the species of moths. I enjoyed that.

B: Another job we’re doing at the reserve is replacing the wall on the southern side. Between the parking area and our woodshed. It was badly damaged in a storm last month.

A: ok.

B: then as I said we have a program of events as well both at the weekend and during the week. A: Right, I presume you have guided walks? I like to get to know the local countryside, as I’m new to the area.

B: yes. We do. The next walk is Ruston island. A week on Saturday. We will be meeting in the car park at Dunsmore Beach at low tide. That’s when the sands are dry enough for as to walk the island without getting wet.

A: Sound good.   
B: The island’s are great to explore it quite small and it’s got a range of habitat. It also an ideal location for seeing seals just off the coast. Or even on the beach.

A: Ok. And is there any thing we should bring. Like a picnic for instance?

B: Yes. Do bring one, as it’s a full day walk. And of course I’ll be west walking across and back so make sure your boots are waterproof.

A: I must buy a new pair. There is a hole in one of mu current once. Well I definitely like to come on the walk.

B: great. Then later this month we having a one day woodwork session Hopon wood.

A: I never tried that before. Is it ok for beginner to take part

B: definitely

# C17 IELTS listening test 2

A: Hello J speaking

B: Oh, good morning. My name F. I just retried and move to Southoe. I’d like to become a volunteer, and I gather you co-ordinate voluntary work in the village.

A: That right.

B: What sort of thing could I do.

A: Well, we need help with the village library. We borrow book from the town library and individuals also donate them.

B: So, one thing you could do is get involved in collecting them. If you’re got a car that is.

A: Yes. That is no problem. The time are pretty flexible so we can arrange it to suit you. Oh another thing is the records that we keep of the books we are given and those we borrow we need to return to the town library. If would be very useful to have another person to help keep them up to date.

B: right, I’m used working on a computer I presume they’re computerized?

A: Oh, yes.

B: Is the library purpose built. I haven’t noticed it when I walked round village.

A: no we simply have the use of a room the village hall. The west room. It’s on the left as you go in.

B:I must go and have a look inside the hall.

A: Yes. It is nice building .

B: Do you run a lunch club in the village for elderly people. I know a lot of place do.

A; Yes we have a very successful club.

B: I could help with transport if that is of any use.

A: Oh, definitely. People come to club from neighboring village and we’re always in need of more drivers

B: and dose the club have group that focus on a particular hobby, too? I could get involved in one or two, particularly if there are any art groups.

A: excellent. I’ll find out where we need help and get back to you.

B: fine. What about help for individual president do you arrange that at all?

A: Yes we do it as a one-off. Oh, in fact there are Mr carroll. She needs a lift the hospital next week and we’re struggling to find someone

B: When’s her appointment?

A: ON Tuesday it would take the whole morning.

B: I could do that.

A: oh that would be great. Thank you. And also next week and we’re arranging to have some work done to mr house before we he moves. As he isn’t healthy enough to do it himself. We got some people decorate his kitchen. But you could do some weeding in his garden, that would be wonderful.

B: OK I enjoyed that. And presumably the day and time are flexible

A: OH yes. Just say want would suit you best, and we’ll let mr know

B: Good.

A: the volunteer groups also organizes monthly social events which is great way to meet other people, of course

B: Ah, ha so next month on 19th October we are holding a quiz – a couple of presidents are greater planning unusual once and we always fill the village hall

B: That sound like fun can I do anything to help.

A: well because of the number of people

# C17 IELTS listening test 3

A: Jack, I’m thinking of taking the kids to the seaside on a surfing holiday this summer. And I want to ask your advice- as I know you’re such an expert.

B: well I don’t know about that. But yes. I’ve done a bit of surfing over the year. I’d thoroughly recommend it. I think it’s the kind of holiday all the family can enjoy together. The think about surfing is that it’s great for all ages and all abilities. My youngest started when he was only three.

A: Wao. But it quite physically demanding, isn’t it? I’ve heard you need to be pretty fit.

B: yes. You will certainly learn more quickly and won’t tire as easily.

A: Wao. That should be ok for us. You’ve been surfing a few time in island, haven’t you.

B: Yes. There’s some great surfing there which people don’t always realize.

A: And which location would you recommend- there seem to be quite a few.

B: yes there are loads. Last year we went to county Donegal. There are several great place to surf there.

A: What about in County Clare. I read that also really good for surfing.

B: Yes it is I’ve been there a few times. Most people go to Lahinch. My kids love it there. The waves aren’t too challenging and the town is verry lively.

A: Are there good hotels there.

B: Yes. Some verry nice one and there are also few basic hotels and campsites. It’s great if you need lesson and the surf schools are excellent.

A: sound good.

B: Yes and there’s lots to see in the area. Like those well know cliffs – I’ve forgot the name of them.

A: OH, don’t worry. I can look them up.

B; I’ve also been surfing in county mayo which is less well known for surfing. But we had a really good time. That was a few years ago when the kid were younger. There’s a good surf school at C beach.

A: how do you spell that/

B: CARROWNISKEY.

A: ok.   
B: I put the kids into the surf camp they run during the summer for 10 to 16 years old.

A: oh, right. How long was that for.

B: 3 hours every day for a week. It was perfect they was to tried out after that

A: I can imagine.

B: One thing we did while the kids was surfing was to rent some kayaks to have look around the bay which is nearby. It’s really beautiful.

A: OH I love to do that.

# C17 IELTS listening test 4

A: Hello, Easy life cleaning Services, Jacinta speaking.

B: Oh, hello, I’m looking for a cleaning service for my apartment do you do domestic cleaning.

A: Sure.

B: Well it’s just a one bedroom flat. Do you have basic cleaning packet.

A: Yes. For a one bedroom flat we’re probably looking at about two hours for a clean. So we do a thorough clean of all surfaces in each room. And polish them where necessary.

B: Does your apartment have a carpets.

B: No I don’t have any but the floor would need cleaning. Of course, we do that in very room. And we do a thorough clean of the kitchen and bathroom.

A: Ok.

A: Then we have some additional services which you can request if you want. So for example, we can clean your open for you every week.

B: actually, I hardly ever use that. But can you do the fridge.

A: Sure. Would you like that done every week.

B: Yes. Definitely and would ironing clothes be an additional services you can do. yes of course.

B: It wouldn’t be much just my shirt for work that week.

A: That fine. And we can also clean your microwave if you want

B: NO. I wipe that out pretty regularly so there’s no need for that. We also offer additional services that you might want a bit less often. Say every month.

A: SO, for example , if the inside of your window need cleaning we could do that. Yes that would be good.

B: I’m on the fifteenth floor, so the outside get done regularly by specialist, but the inside dose get a bit grubby.

A: And we could arrange for your curtains to get cleaned if necessary.

A: No there are ok. But would you be able to do some thing about the balcony?

B: It quite small and I don’t use it much but it could do with a wash every month or so.

A: Yes, we can get the pressure washer onto that.

A: Now if you’re interested , we do offer some other possibilities do with general maintenance. For example if you have a problem with water and you need a plumber in a hurry we can put you in touch with a reliable one who can come out straightaway. And the same thing if you need electrician.

B: Right that good to know. I’ve only just moved here so I don’t have any of those sorts of contacts.

A: And u don’t know

# IELTS Practice Set 16 listening test 1

A: Hello children engineering workshop.

B: Oh, hello, I wanted some information about the workshop in the school holiday.

A: Sure. I have two daughters who are interested. The younger one’s Lydia she’s four-do you take children as younger that.

A: Yes. Our tiny engineers workshops in for four to five-year-olds.

B: What sorts of activities do they do?

A: All sorts. For example they work together to design a special cover that goes around an eggs, so that when it’s inside they can drop it from a height and it doesn’t break. Well, Sometime it does break that’s part of the fun.

B: Right. And Lydia loves building things. Is there only opportunity for her to do that.

A: Well, they have a competition to see who can make the height tower. You’d be amazed how high they can go.

B: Right.

A: But they’re learning all the time as well as having fun. For example, One thing they do is to design and build a car that’s attached to a balloon. And the force of the air in that actually powers the car and makes it move along. They go really fast too.

B; OK, well. All this sound perfect.

A: Now carly, that’s my older daughter. Has just had her seventh birthday. So presumably she’d be a different group.

A: Yes. She’d be in a Junior Engineers. That’s for children from six to eight.

B: And do they do them same sort of activities.

A: Some are the same but a bit more advanced. So they work out how to build model vehicle, things like cars and trucks. But also how to construct animals using the same sorts of material and technique. And then they learn how they can program them and make them move.

B: So they learn a bit of coding?

A: They do. They pick it up really quickly, we’re there to help they need it. But they learn from one another too.

B; Right. And do they have a competition too?

A: Yes. With the junior engineers, it’s to use recycled materials like card and wood to build a bridge. And the longest one get a prize.

B: That sound fun. I wouldn’t mind doing that myself.

A: Then they have something a bit different which is to think up an idea for a five-minute movie and then film it. Using special animation software. You’d be amazed what they come up with.

B: and of course that’s something they can put on their phone and take home to show all their friends.

A: Exactly, and then they also build a robot and the shape of a human and they decorate It and program it so that it can move its arms and legs.

B: Perfect. So it is the same price as the tiny engineers?

A: IT just a bit more: 50 pound for the five weeks.

B: And are the classes on the Monday too.

A: They used to be but we found it didn’t give our staff enough time to clear up after the first workshops. So we move them to Wednesdays. The classes are help in the morning form ten to eleven.

B: OK. That better for me actually. And what about the location? Where exactly are the workshops help?

A: There’re in building 10A- there’s a big sign on the door. You can miss it and that’s in Dad.

B: sory?

A: Frad – that is FRADSTONE.

# IELTS Practice Set 16 listening test 2

A: Hello picture, can I help you?

B: oh hi. I saw your advertisement about copying picture to disk and I’d like a bit more information about what you do.

A: Sure, what would you like to know?

B: well. I got a box full of old family photos that’s been up in the attic for year. Some of them must be 50 or 60 years old. And I like to get them converted to digital format.

A: So we can do that for you.

B: right. And what about size. The photo are all sort of size are there any restriction?

A: well the maximum size of photo we can do with our service 30 centimeters. And each picture must be at least 4 centimeters that’s minimum we can cope with.

B: that would be find. And some of them are in a frame. Should I take them out before I send them.

A: yes. Please. We can’t copy them otherwise. And also the photos must all be separate, they mustn’t be stuck into an album.

B: Ok. That’s not a problem. So can you give me an ideal how much this will cost. I’ve got about 360 photos I think.

A: we charge 195 pounds or 300 to 400 pounds photos for the basic service.

B: ok. And dose that include the disk?

A: Yes. One disk. But you can get extra ones for 5 pounds each.

B: that good. So do I need to pay when I send you the photos.

A: NO we won’t need anything until we’ve actually copied the pictures. Then we’ll let you know how much it is. And once we’re received the payment will send the parcel off to you.

B: right.

A: is there anything else you’d like to ask about our service?

B: Yes. I’ve roughly sorted out the photos into groups. According to what there’re about. So can you keep them in those groups when you copy them.

A: sure. We’ll save each group in a different folder on a disk and if you like you can suggest a name for each folder.

B: So I could have one called grandparents for instance.

A: exactly.

B: and do you do anything beside scan the photos? Like can you make any improvements?

A: yes. In the standard service each phot is checked and we can sometime touch up the color a bit. Or improve the contrast. That can make a big difference.

B: ok. And some of the photos are actually quite fragile they won’t get damaged in the process, will they.

A: No if any look particularly fragile , we’d do them by hand. We do realise how precious old photo can be.

B; Sure. And another thing is we can make changes to a photo if you want. So if you want to remove an object from a photo, or maybe alter the background. We can do that.

A: really? I might be interested in that. I’ll have look through the photos and see. Oh and taking of fixing photos I’ve got a few that aren’t properly in focus. Can you do anything to make that better.

A: No, I’m afraid that’s one thing we can’t do.

B; Ok.

A: is there any other information I can give you?

B: OH, how long will it take?

A: we aim to get the copying done in ten days.

B: find. Righ we’ll i’ll get the photos packed up in a box and post them up to you.

A: right. If you’ve got a strong cardboard box that best. We’ve found that plastic ones sometimes break in the post.

Ok right.

# IELTS Practice Set 16 listening test 3

A: Hello, Junior Cycle camp, Jake speaking.

B: Hi, I am calling for some information about the cycle camp. I’m thinking of sending my son.

A: Great. well, it’s held every weekday morning over the summer vacation. And we focus on basic cycling skill safety. We have 8 levels children from three years upwards. How old your son?

B: Charlie? He’s seven he can ride a bike. But he needs a little more training before he safe to go on the road. He probably be best in Level 5. They start off practicing on the side here. And we aim to get them riding on the road. But first they’re taking to the ride in the park. Away from the traffic.

B: right. And can you tell me a bit about the instructor.

A: well, all out staff wear different color shirts. So we have three supervisors and they have red shirt. They support the instructors and they also stand in for me if I am not around. Then they instructor themselves are in bule shirts. And one of the responsible for each class.

B: OK.

A: In order to accepted. All our instructors have to submit a reference from someone who’s seen the work with children. Like if there’re worded as a babysitter for example then they have to complete our training course including how to do lesson plans. And generally care for the well-being of the kids in their class. They do a great job. I have to say.

B: right and tell me a bit about the classes what size will charlie’s class be?

A: We have a limit of 8 children in each class. So there are instructor really gets to know them well. There are out riding most of the time. But they have quite times too. Where their instructor might tell them story. That’s got something to do with cycling or get them to play a game together. It’s a lot of fun.

B: it must be now what happen if there’s rain do the classes still run?

A: Oh yes. We don’t let that put us off. We just put on our waterproofs and keep cycling.

B: And is there anything special Charlie should bring along with him.   
A: WELL. Maybe some spare clothes. It specially if the weather’s not so good. And the snack for break time,

AB: How about a drink?

A: No. We’ll provide that. And make sure he has shoes. Not sandals. Sure. And just at present. Charlie has to take medication every few hours, so I’ll make sure he has said.   
B: Absolutely, just give me details of when he has to take it and will make sure he done.

A: thanks.

B: Now there are a few things you should know about Day one of the camp. The classes normally start at 9:30 every morning but on Day 1 you should aim to get Charlie here by 9.20 the finishing time will be 12:30 as usual. We need the additional time because there are a few extra thing to do The most important is that we have a very careful check to make sure that every child’s helmet fits probably, if it doesn’t fit we’ll try to adjust or we’ll find him another one. But we must wear it all the time he on the bike.

A: ò course.

B: Then after that all the instructor will be waiting to meet there classes and they’ll meet up in the tent. You can message and each instructor will take their call away and get started.

B: Ok well that all sound good. Now can you tell me how much the camp cost a week.

A: 199 dollars. We’ve managed to keep the price more or less the same as last year. If was 190 then but the place are filling up quite quickly.

B: right ok well I like to book for.

# IELTS Practice Set 16 listening test 4

1. Hello.
2. Oh, hello. I was hoping to speak to Jack Fit about renting a cottage.

A: I’m his wife Shirley. And we own the cottages together. So I’m sure I can help you.

B: Great. My name is tom. Some friends of us rented Granary Cottage from you last year, and they thought it was great. So my wife and I hoping to come in May for a week.

A: What date did you have in mind?

B: The week beginning the 14th, if possible.

A: I’ll just check.I I’m sory Tom It’s already booked that week. It three the week beginning the 28th thought for seven nights. In fact that the only time cook have it in May.

B: Oh we could manage that I think. We just need to change a couple of things. How much would it cost?

A: That’s beginning of high season. So it’s be 550 for the week.

B: oh. That’s a bit more than we wanted to pay. I’m afraid. We budgeted up to 500 pounds for accommodation.

A: Well, we just finished converting another building into a cottage. Which we’re calling.

B: Sorry what was that again?   
A: Chervil. CHERVIL.

B; Oh that’s a herb, isn’t it.

1. That right. It’s grows fairly wild around here. You could have that for the week you want for 480 punds.
2. Ok. So could you tell me something about it.
3. Of course. The building was built as a garage. It’s little small than ganary cottage.
4. So that much sleep two people as well.
5. That right. There’s a double bedroom.
6. Does it have a garden?
7. Yes. You get to it from living room though French door. And we provide two deckchairs. We hope to build a patio in the near future. But I wouldn’t like to guarantee it’ll be finished by May.
8. Ok. The Front door open the ole farmyard, and parking isn’t a problem. There’s plenty of room at the front for that. There are some tree and potted plants there.
9. What about facilities in the cottage. It has standard things like her cooker and fridge, I try presume.
10. In the kitchen area there’s a fridge-freezer and we just put in an electric cooker.
11. Is there washing machine?
12. Yes. There’s also a TV in the living room. Which play DVDs too. The bathroom is too small for a bath, so there a shower instead. I think a lot of people after that now a day anyway.
13. It’s more environmentally friendly, isn’t it? Unless you spend half they day isn’t it.
14. Exactly,
15. What about heating? It sometime get quiet cool at that time of year.
16. They’s central heating and if you want to light a fire. There’s a stove. We can provide all the wood you need for it. It smells so much nicer than coal. And it makes the room very cosy. We’ve got one in our own house.
17. That sound very pleasant, Perhaps we should come in the winter, to make the most of it.
18. Yé. We find we don’t want to go out when we’ve got the fire burning/ there are some attractive views from the cottage which haven’t mentioned. There’s a famous stone bridge. It’s one of the oldest in the reason and you can see it from the living room. It’s isn’t far away the best room windows looks in the

# IELTS Practice Set 18 listening test 4

A: Good morning everyone. And welcome to the museum of farming life. I understand it’s your first visit here. So I like to give you some background information about the museum. And then explain a little about what you can see during your visit. So where’re standing at the moment is the entrance to a large building that was constructor in 1880 as the home of a local businessman of the palmer biscuit factory. It was later sold. And became a hall of residence for student 1911 and a museum in 1951. In 2005 a modern extension was built to accommodate the museum’s collection. The museum owned by the university and apart from two rooms that are our offices, the university uses the main part of the building. You may see student going to the building for lesson. Bit it’s not open to museum visitors. I am afraid. It’s a shame because the interior architectural features are outstanding. Especially the room that used to be the library.

Luckily, we’re managed to keep entry to the museum free. This include access to all the galleries. Outdoor areas and the rooms for special exhibition. We run activities for children and student such as the museum club for which there’s no charge. We do have a donation box just over there. So feel free to give whatever amount you consider appropriate.

We do have a cloakroom. If you like to leave your coats and bags somewhere. Unlike other museum photography is allow here, so you might like to keep your cameras with you.   
You might be more comfortable not carrying around heavy rucksacks. Thought keep your coats and jacket on as it’s quite cold in the museum garden today.

I like to tell you about the different areas of the museum. Just inside and out side the main gallery we have an area called 4 seasons. Here you can watch a 4 minutes animation of a woodland scene. It was designed especially for the museum by a group of young people on a file studies course and it’s beautiful children absolutely love it but then so adults.

The main gallery’s called town and country it include a photographic collection a prize-wining sheep. And shepherds. Living town and a country, you enter farmhouse kitchen which is .. well self-explanatory. Here we have the oldest collection of equipment for marking butter and cheese in the country. And this morning a specially cheesemaker will be giving demonstrations of how it’s produced you may even get to try some.

After that you can go in two direction to the right is a staircase that takes you up to a landing from where you can look down on the galleries. To the left is a room called a year on the farm, there’s lots of seating here as sometimes we use the room for the school visits. So it’s a good place to stop for a rest. If you are feeling competitive, you can take our memory test in which you answer questions about things you’re seen in a museum.

The next area’s called wagon walk this contains farm cart form nearly every part of the country it surprising how much regional variation there was. Beside the carts are display boards with information about each one. The cart are old and fragile so we ask you to keep your children close you. And sure they don’t climb on the carts.