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Question 1

And now for tomorrow's weather. Partly cloudy in the morning for London and the south-east but overcast by midday with rain in the afternoon. Temperatures will range from 11-19°C. There'll also be rain in the north which will quickly spread to the rest of the country. Rain will be very heavy in some areas by late afternoon /especially in western and central England and there will be strong winds over most of mainland Britain.

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Question 2

Hello. This is the lost property office. There's no one here to take your call at present but if you've lost something, please listen carefully to the following message. If you've lost valuables such as jewelry, cash or credit cards /you'll need to contact your nearest police station as soon as possible to make a statement. In the case of a credit card, you should also contact your bank immediately. For any other items, please call in at our office between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday to Friday. Thank you.

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Question 3

Erm ... yeah, hello, yes, it's me. Look, I know I'm supposed to be **in the meeting** now but something's come up. I feel dreadful about it, but Oh, what a day this has been! First my train was delayed for half an hour then ... er... Anyway, **I could still have got there but would you believe it my engine's packed in and I'm stranded here next to the motorway until the breakdown service turns up.** I'm so sorry.

Pack in: không hoạt động

Stranded: bị mắc kẹt

Turn up: đến

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Question 4 Late last night thieves broke into MacHannan Hall where a collection of the late Lady Betty Baldridge's paintings, statues and antiques are on display to the public. The thieves, who disabled a sophisticated electronic security system ignored all the less valuable paintings and pieces on display **taking only** The Lonely Wanderer by Karl van Turbeck. The 1-metre high bronze figure which stands on a marble base is regarded as **the jewel** of the Baldridge collection and is valued at over £5 million.

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Question 5 This isn't terribly difficult but if you're one of those people who won't even change a light bulb, just call a breakdown service. Anyway, make sure you're safely off the road with your hazard triangle in place at least 20 meters behind you. Find the jack, spanner and spare they should all be in the boot and check **the spare isn't flat**, too. Put the jack in place under your car but before you begin to lift the side of the car, don't forget to loosen the nuts on the wheel. Then **jack the car up undo the nuts & take off the wheel.**

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Question 6

Attention, please we would like to remind you that next Monday at nine o'clock we will be having our yearly staff picnic. All staff and their families are invited to attend. Plenty of food and drink will be provided for everyone and we will be having our famous barbecue. We will also have our annual fun and games. **Prizes include a new DVD player and a holiday.**

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Question 7 Due to problems with the lighting the concert has to be postponed until Friday the 22th. The concert will also be moved from hall A to the larger hall C. A

bigger venue means a five hundred tickets will now be available twice the original number. Because of the extra tickets will now be priced at the lower cost of **twenty dollars.**

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Question 8 In the event of a fire please follow these directions. Stand up and walk towards the nearest exit. Do not run, and do not try to gather your things. When outside, wait for your teacher on the football field. Next week we will have the first of our two annual fire drills. Thank you.

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And today I'm talking to Angela Morgan Angela, what made you decide to fly round the world in a helicopter? People often ask me why I decided to do it but I'm surprised they don't ask 'Why did you wait so long?' because I'm 57 now! I'm sorry I didn't do it years ago, because it was such a wonderful experience. But the main purpose for going was to collect £500,000 for sick children by getting different companies to pay us money for each kilometre that we flew. And now everyone calls you the flying grandmother! Yes, the thing about growing older is that you don't feel any different inside so you have to do as much as you can while you can I'm healthy, and my own children are grown up, so I was free to go. And what about preparing for the trip? Well, it took five months to plan. I was going to go with my husband but he couldn't take time off work. Instead I made the trip with my flying teacher who became a great friend while she was teaching me to fly three years ago. I passed my flying test after two weeks; found it quite easy. And what was the trip like? It was really exciting flying over so many different countries. The only thing was that we weren't able to spend much time sightseeing because we only stopped to get water and to camp. We took very little with us but we did have tents and cooking things to use at night. We had to spend

two days in Thailand because of an engine problem but that was the longest we spent anywhere Fortunately nothing else went wrong, so we just kept on going after that. What did you enjoy most about the trip? The most wonderful thing about flying was seeing the differences in the countryside as we flew across 26 countries in 97 days We flew over oceans and close to mountains; sometimes it was quite frightening, but we didn't travel when it was dark. We spent several nights camping in the desert and the sky was just full of stars. I made a video of the trip; you'll see it in a minute. Was there anything that you missed while you were away? Well, to my surprise I didn't miss going to work or going out to restaurants or films. The most difficult thing was sitting still all the time I normally play tennis and swim several times a week, so I started to feel very unfit I missed hot water and proper showers sometimes too, but not as much as I thought I would!

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Britta, you're English, but you live in Berlin. Have you lived here for a long time? Well, I was born in England, but I've lived in Germany for the past twenty years. I arrived in Berlin about four years ago. Before that, I lived in Bonn for six years, but I work as a journalist and when the newspaper moved to Berlin, I moved with them. Were you pleased to come to Berlin? Yes, I was. I was looking forward to being in a big city like Berlin. Bonn was quite a lot smaller, so I love the busy atmosphere and all the cultural entertainments here museums, theatres and so on. The only thing I don't like is the traffic it's a bit noisy in the mornings It wakes me up about 6.30, but most days I have to get up early anyway! Where do you live in Berlin? I have a flat in the old part of the city. It's right in the centre and it's not too expensive it costs me about £500 a month My street is becoming very popular there are lots of new art galleries, and small cafés and friendly restaurants everywhere Eating out in Berlin is fun, and it's cheap, so it's something I do quite

often. How do you find transport in Berlin? Well, the transport system here is very good, so I have a tram and bus ticket but in fact, most of the time I cycle. Travel here is much cheaper than in other countries I know perhaps that's why people don't walk very much! What do you like to do in Berlin at the weekends? Well, I like art, so sometimes I go to one of the galleries. I have a nephew called Philippe. He's only three but he likes coming with me. He likes the café best, I think. And it's a change from going to the park that's something he does very often. He usually comes out with me while his parents go shopping. Do you miss your friends and family in England? I don't really miss England most of my friends are here. I don't see much of my work colleagues socially but I've got some very good friends who live in the same street as me I enjoy meeting people, and I find Berlin is a very friendly city. Thank you for talking to us, Britta.

17. B 18. A 19. B 20.C

Rachel, tell us how your shows for children started. You studied art at college, didn't you? That's right. But I gave up my career as an artist when my twin daughters were born. Painting took up too much time when I was looking after them. I thought about teaching art classes part-time, but instead I started making dolls for my daughters. I love acting, so I often invented little plays for the dolls, doing the voices myself. And when did you start doing shows for other people? When our daughters were five, my husband suggested using the dolls to entertain the children at their birthday party I wrote a little show and he built a dolls' theatre. My daughters and their friends loved it. As a result, other parents asked me to come and do the show at their children's parties. That's how it all began. It must be a lot of work for you? Yes. I love making the dolls, but I decided that I needed someone to help me with the shows. Luckily my neighbour, Lena, was keen to perform with me Her husband records the music to go with the

shows. It would be impossible to do everything on my own. Have you ever had any problems? Only once. I did a show for a group of three-year-olds, and I'd written a story about a lion. Unfortunately, the children were really afraid of the lion and started crying. I was worried the parents might complain but luckily they were all able to laugh about it afterwards. And what did you learn from that? The experience taught me that I had to find out beforehand just what children enjoy. Like me, Lena has two daughters, so whenever we've invented a new story we show it to our four girls first. They always tell us exactly what they think of it. And sometimes I take new dolls to the local primary school to check that children like them. And the shows continue to be successful? They do. I have a range of different shows for five to nine-year-olds. In fact, the shows have become so successful I could do one every day, but I don't want to do that. The reason the shows have become popular, I think, is because I love every minute of every show and so other people love them too. I certainly didn't realize when I organized that birthday party for my daughters all those years ago that it would change my life so much!

21. B 22. B 23.D 24.D 25.C

Welcome to this week's book programme. We've got lots of great new books to tell you about. *My life*, by Joe Wrigley, will keep all fans of Joe's stories happy for hours. It explains a lot about where his ideas come from and gives a picture of what was happening in his life when he was working on his most successful books. I must say, though, that some of it is difficult to understand if you haven't read his other books. Now, for those of you who like a good cry *Goodbye to the fields*, by Susan Marks tells the sad story of John, a small boy who has to leave the countryside he loves when the family move to London because of his father's job. John and his mother would prefer to stay where they are. It's a long time

before the family begins to feel comfortable living in the big city. There are plenty of books with helpful advice this week. First, the A-Z of photography would make a great present for anyone just starting out with a camera. It has everything you need to know to take really good photos, and learn about cameras, film, lighting and so on. This is not one for the experienced photographer, though there's not much advanced information here. Turning to the kitchen Cooking for one, by Adrian White, says on Its cover that even people who hate cooking will find it useful. A month ago, I couldn't even boil an egg but now I'm producing all sorts of dishes, some quite difficult and, yes, they taste quite good, too. I'm actually enjoying cooking now I'm now going to try a new book about cooking Italian food. The last book this week is Holidays in Europe, by Mary Curtis. This is an enjoyable read, which will start your imagination working as you plan for next year's holiday It doesn't matter that the writer doesn't talk about the famous places everyone visits but describes lots of small places away from the main tourist areas. The maps are too small to be useful but the book is still good value for money. That's it for this week, then. Next week, there's a special report on giving books as presents, so if you've saved up your money and you're wondering what to get for a friend or relation for their birthdays, you might get some good ideas ... I'll look forward to talking to you then ...

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People always ask me why I only travel the hard way! A lot of television travel programmes are about relaxing holidays on the beach but I've only ever made documentaries about really long trips. The last trip I did was a 50,000-mile journey around the Pacific Ocean and it took 12 months But then my very first trip was a 'round the world' journey, and the most difficult one was probably a car journey from the North Pole to the South Pole! As you can Imagine, I've seen a lot of the

world! I'm lucky to be in really excellent health, but life is very short and I've done so much travelling that I want a change. Travelling long distances makes you extremely tired, and although it's still a great pleasure for me I want to do something more relaxing now. I think my next television series might be made nearer England. There's some really interesting work going on in Wales where they've just found what remains of a 2,000-year-old town. Or I might do something about farms in France or even cycling in Holland. There's always something to film if you look hard enough! But I hope the programmes I've made about the really long trips will encourage other people to get on a plane and have some adventures. Some people seem to be afraid of going to a strange country and perhaps being ill there but maybe they realise now that if I can do these trips, so can they. I'm only a very ordinary person. And obviously, you don't have to travel on your own as I always have. I must say that until recently I hadn't ever worried about being so far from home even when the children were very small. But while I was filming in Borneo last year my wife had to have an emergency operation and it really frightened me because I couldn't get back to England. Everything was fine in the end but I wouldn't want to be so far away if anything like that happened to my family again. Perhaps if I spend more time at home I can do more writing. I've done two books so far. I write about places I've seen and my feelings about them. I don't think I'll ever write fiction or poetry but I'd be interested in writing newspaper articles. My family says I'm very difficult to live with when I'm writing at home ... perhaps that's why they've never complained about me travelling!

31. B 32. A 33.C 34.A 35.C

With us today, to tell us about his trip across Africa is the biologist Paul Hart. We started on the east coast and travelled on foot across Africa to Gabon. In the west collecting plants and flowers along the way. It wasn't easy, but my route crossed a region rich in plants and I chose it because it won't stay that way for long when more roads are built. It was my only chance to get important information about the natural life of the area. I had a team of eleven scientists. We walked from six in the morning but the forest was so thick it took hours to cut our way through it and some days we only walked one kilometre before dark. Fortunately, we carried special equipment that was very light and we took as little food as possible. But we were always tired when we put the tents up at night. Sometimes we saw elephants or lions. They were amazing to watch and never attacked us. Every day, I collected plants and added to my notes. There was so much new information to write down. There were, of course, some low points, especially when I got anxious about the team. It was my job to make sure everyone got home safely. Towards the end of the trip, I suddenly discovered one day that the food had nearly all gone. It was strange because we'd brought enough dried food with us to last the trip food that wouldn't ever go bad and we'd stopped at villages for fresh food too. But then I found that some of the team had eaten much more than they were supposed to. I was angry with them because it was a silly thing to do. Then we started walking again. There were no maps for the area, but we had a local guide. Then one of the team got sick and we couldn't go any further. We let him rest, but he got much worse. Thankfully his life was saved by a fisherman who came along the river in a boat and took him to a doctor in the nearest village. Finally, I returned home and I'm back with my family and friends. I really missed them while I was away. But I learnt so much on the trip and I'm really glad I went. I was asked to go on another trip this time to Australia but I said that I

couldn't because I'm busy here in London. And I think I've done enough travelling.