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Listening Comprehension

Section A *News Report*

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. A) Watch the weather forecast.
B) Evacuate the area with the orange alert.
 C) Avoid travel on Wednesday.
D) Prepare enough food and drink.
2.  A) Pay more attention to the roads.
B) Stay at a safer place.
C) Bring more mobile phones.
D) Take a train home.

The transport minister advise people in parts of Scotland covered by the orange alert to avoid travel on Wednesday.

The head of road policing said, I would urge drivers to take extra care on the roads for their journeys. Drivers should make sure they're prepared for their journey with warm clothing, food and drink, sufficient fuel and a charged mobile phone.

- 1. What were people in parts of Scotland advised to do?
- 2. What did the head of road policing urge drivers to do?

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. A) There's only one ecosystem in Europe.



B) Romania's wetlands thrive again.

C) The wildlife in Romania isn't well protected.

D) There are 200 species of birds in Romania's wetlands.

Romania's wetlands are coming back to life, thanks to help from local communities, the World Wildlife Fund and funding from the European Union.

4. A) Block the waterways.



B) Restore the fishing ban.




C) Use monitoring equipment.

D) Prohibit fishing in the next 10 years.

Government officials propose to protect the area's endangered wild fish by issuing a fishing ban over the next decade.

- 3. What is the news report mainly about?
4. What did government officials propose to do to protect the endangered fish?

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5.  A) He had a car accident.
B) He attended his graduation ceremony.
C) He had a heart attack.
D) He gave a performance in the auditorium.
6. A) What happened to him.
 B) What date it was.
C) When the graduation ceremony was.
D) Where he was.
7.  A) He was really touched by his classmates.
B) He didn't know what happened at all.
C) He couldn't remember what to say.
D) His parents wore caps and gowns.

Scot Denn recently awoke from a medically-induced sleep he'd been in after a car accident.

"I remembered waking up in the hospital and asking mom what date is was.

"A graduation for one, I'm speechless," Scot said, "I don't know how to even explain it. I'm speechless to know that so many people are behind me."

- 5. What happened to Scot a month ago?

6. What did Scot ask about when he regained consciousness?

- 7. Why was Scot speechless at the graduation ceremony?

Section B *Long Conversation*

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

8. A) Her children's disruption.

B) Quiet atmosphere.

★ C) A sense of isolation.

D) Longer working hours.

I find isolation challenging at times.

9. A) It doesn't offer coffee.

★ B) It's too quiet.

C) It doesn't have free Wi-Fi.

D) It lacks the material he needs.

I find the library a bit too quiet. I'd lack inspiration or stimulation, which would be counterproductive to getting a lot work done.

10. ★ A) The sense of being out in the world.

B) The coffee it provides.

C) The coffee table.

D) The comfortable working condition.

I love the noise, the people, the business of the café, the sense of being out in the world.

11. A) People don't order anything.

B) People bring their laptops and paperwork.

C) People occupy valuable table space in quiet times.

★ D) People of two occupy a table for six.

some people seem to spend a lot of time there and not order much. The most annoying ones for café owners must surely be those usually only two of them who occupy a table for six with their laptops and paper work.

- 8. What does the woman say it's the disadvantage of working from home?
- 9. What does the man say it's counterproductive to getting work done in the library?
- 10. What does the woman like about doing one's work during café?
- 11. What is the most annoying for café owners according to the woman?

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

12. ★ A) She is not satisfied with the salary.
B) She is not capable of the job.
C) She often works overtime.
D) She's received a job offer.
13. ★ A) They may be considered as less loyal.
B) They won't get the promotion opportunities.
C) They should take more responsibility at work.
D) They will be given hiring priority.
14. A) She might have to do extra work everyday.
★ B) She might not get a pay rise.
C) She might not get enough vacation..
D) She might not gain more experience.
15. ★ A) Experience.
B) Confidence.
C) Fortune.
D) Opportunity

I can't see myself getting an opportunity to progress at my company anytime in the near future. And I really think my skills and abilities deserve a higher salary.

If you do several jobs in a relatively short span of time, prospective employers might perceive that you lack loyalty that could make them wary and reluctant to employ you.

And even if I get a promotion, I'm not guaranteed to get a raise.

more or less, yes. the way I see it through having different jobs, I've gathered a lot of experience in different jobs and in different industries.

- 12. What makes the woman think about changing her job?
- 13. What does the man say about people who keep changing their jobs?
- 14. What does the woman say would happen even if she got promoted in her current company?
- 15. What benefit has the woman gained from changing her jobs frequently?

Section C *Passage*

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

16. A) It's a horrible feeling.
★ B) It can be a blessing.
C) It's boring and dangerous.
D) It's the most comfortable state.
17. ★ A) To be active.
B) To meet up with your friends.
C) To travel abroad.
D) To seek advice from others.
18. A) It provides a chance for people to think deeply.
B) It makes us treasure the time.
C) It enables one to identify true friends.
★ D) It helps us take care of problems more efficiently.

In contrast, being alone can actually be a blessing, particularly when you've actively chosen it.

The trick is to be active, get outside, stretch your legs, do something cultural, buy yourself something tasty to eat or something pretty to wear. You don't have to take anyone else into consideration and can do whatever you're pleased.

Spending time alone also allows you to more efficiently take care of problems. And then, when it's time to be social and meet up with your friends, you will be fully there, because you won't have too much other stuff floating around in your mind. Having been alone for a bit, you will also appreciate your friends' company more, and chances are, your time spent together will be more worthwhile.

- 16. What does the speaker say about being alone?
- 17. What does the speaker say helps reduce one's feeling of loneliness?
- 18. What is an advantage of spending one's time alone?

Questions 19 to 21 are based on the passage you have just heard.

19. A) He is a harsh person.

B) He is mean to others.

★ C) He is very demanding in his work.

D) He usually works very late.

20. A) He moved out and divorced.

★ B) He was plagued by drugs and gun violence.

C) He lived there for 20 years.

D) His parents would move into his new house.

21. A) He was only responsible for unloading food.

B) He has to sign his name on every label.

★ C) It was a hard and tedious job.

D) He was required to work at Friday night.

If I messed up, he made me stay late until I got it right. My father wasn't being mean. He demanded the same of himself. Every brick he cleaned on a house stood out like a red jewel in a white setting. It was his signature.

In 1970, when I was 20, I got married and moved out of my parent's modest place into a housing project. Drugs and gang violence were just beginning to plague the projects.

When we married I worked as a stock clerk at southwest super foods. It was hard tedious work.

- 19. What do we learn about the speaker's father?
- 20. What does the speaker say about the housing project?
- 21. What do we learn about the speaker as a stock clerk?

Questions 22 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

22.A) By recording the time people spend on TV.

B) By tracking people's living habits.

★ C) By using memory and fluency tests.

D) By scanning people's brains.

Scientists at University College London used memory and fluency tests on the same group of people 6 years apart.

23.★ Watching television for hours.

B) Playing videogames.

C) Reading books and magazines.

D) Surfing the Internet.

The research team say they believe the "alert-but-passive" nature of television watching maybe creating stress on the mind which contributes to memory decline.

24.★ Television viewing may be potential factor for Alzheimer's disease.

B) Alzheimer's patients tend to watch television more than 3 hours a day..

C) Some research has confirmed the link between them.

D) Television watching is beneficial to Alzheimer's patients.

The researchers say that television viewing maybe a risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, but more research is needed to establish a link.

25.A) Watch television no more than 3 hours a day..

★ B) Balance television viewing with other contrasting activities..

C) Watch some educational TV programs.

D) Take more physical exercise.

The researchers advise that adults over the age of 50 should try and ensure that television viewing is balanced with other contrasting activities. If you're concerned that the amount of television you're watching could have a negative impact on your health you should limit the amount of TV you watch each day and undertake some healthy hobbies.

- 22. By what means do scientists at University College London measure memory loss?
- 23. What contributed to memory decline in the participants?
- 24. What do the researchers say about the finding concerning the link between TV viewing and Alzheimer's disease?
- 25. What do the researchers suggest older people do?