PART A - LISTENING

TIME SUGGESTED: 20 minutes

SECTION 1.
You will listen to A TALK ABOUT CURRENT NEWS IN A CITY. You may take notes as you listen, but they are for your own use in answering the questions and will not be graded. Listen to the monologue and answer questions 1-5.

YOU MAY TAKE NOTES HERE. YOUR NOTES WILL NOT BE GRADED.

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-5 BASED ON INFORMATION JUST DISCUSSED IN THE TALK. YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTES TO HELP YOU.

1. Which of the following was NOT mentioned about bad behaviour in the news?
   a) A golfer.
   b) A surfer.
   c) A footballer.
   d) A tennis star.

2. Why are gossip columns full of bad behaviours of rich and famous people?
   a) Because they get great pleasure from media and suffer from it.
   b) Because they suffer from both no private life and media pressure.
   c) Because media and privacy help them enjoy life.
   d) Because psychologists think they couldn’t suffer from their popularity.

3. Which of the following about teenagers is TRUE?
   a) They tried to break into an office and steal seven computers.
   b) They caused seventy thousand pounds of damage.
   c) Ten classrooms were destroyed and the school was closed for six days.
   d) They might be sent to prison for eleven months and pay a fine.

4. What can you infer from the last story?
   a) Kate and Mike do everything at the same time.
   b) Bennie rescued the kids because of the rewards.
   c) Bennie is a brave and loyal dog.
   d) Mike and Kate’s mother could swim but she was afraid to get into the lake.

5. Which story is NOT in the news?
   a) A pet story.
   b) A sportsman story.
   c) A police story.
   d) A teenager story.

(Recording adapted from “Real Life” by Melanie Williams, Pearson Educated Limited, China 2006)
SECTION 2. Listen to a conversation between a Radio Presenter and his guest Helen Warren. You may take notes as you listen, but they are for your own use in answering the questions and will not be graded. Listen to the conversation and answer questions 6-10.

YOU MAY TAKE NOTES HERE. YOUR NOTES WILL NOT BE GRADED.

ANSWER QUESTIONS 6-10 BASED ON INFORMATION JUST DISCUSSED IN THE CONVERSATION. YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTES TO HELP YOU.

6. Some students don’t take the bus to school because _______.
   a) the journey is too long  
   b) buses run at inconvenient times  
   c) the bus services meet student needs  
   d) ticket prices are too high

7. Who sometimes organizes the special bus services?
   a) School and parents.  
   b) Schools and bus companies.  
   c) Parents and bus companies.  
   d) Local authorities and schools.

8. The drivers on some school buses _________.
   a) are vandals  
   b) fasten the young children’s seatbelts for them  
   c) are friendly and helpful  
   d) number the seats

9. Why are students discouraged from doing any damage on the school bus?
   a) Because the driver watches them.  
   b) Because if they do any damage, they have to pay for it.  
   c) Because the bus has a better atmosphere.  
   d) Because there are cameras on the buses.

10. What do parents think about young children on the bus?
    a) They think they are safe on the special buses.  
    b) They believe they have few behavior problems.  
    c) They consider them as an example to the others.  
    d) They think they are respectful.

(Recording adapted from “Real Life Intermediate” by Reilly Patricia, Martha Uminska, Pearson Educated Limited, Malaysia, 2010)
AQUATIC EXERCISE

Do you worry about your health? Have you tried to run or walk for exercise and then quit? If you answered yes, you should try a new type of exercise. Aquatic exercise is like exercise on land, but you do it in a swimming pool. For example, you can run, walk, or even do a mind-body practice, such as yoga.

More and more people are trying aquatic exercise. In the United States, the number has grown by 25 percent in recent years.

Aquatic exercise has many benefits. First of all, it feels easier than exercising on the land. Why? You weigh about 90 percent less in the pool. It is also better for your knees than walking or running.

Aquatic exercise feels easy, but you still burn calories. Water is 1,000 times thicker and heavier than air. As a result, in the same amount of time, you can burn more calories in the pool than in the gym. That’s because it takes more energy to move in the water.

But what if you are scared of the water? No problem! Aquatic exercise is safe and easy to learn. It doesn’t require any special skills. For most kinds of aquatic exercise, you don’t even need to know how to swim.

In fact, most people say they feel more relaxed in the water. They stop thinking about the things that make them anxious. They feel in control of their bodies.

Aquatic exercise is for everyone. You can do it at any age. It can even help people who have been hurt in accidents. With aquatic exercise, they can move in ways they cannot on land.

So are you looking for a fun new way to improve your health? Why not try aquatic exercise? Join millions of people who are burning calories while keeping cool in the pool.

I. For example, some people who cannot walk on land can walk and even run in the water.

II. The cool, quiet environment makes them feel good.

III. To move through the water, your body has to work four times as hard.

IV. Aquatic exercise is now the world’s most preferred exercise.

V. People in other countries are also doing aquatic exercise more frequently.

VI. There is nothing to worry about.

11. Which sentence fits the first gap (1…) in the text?
   a) I b) III c) V d) IV

12. Which sentence fits the second gap (2…) in the text?
   a) a. I b) II c) III d) VI

13. Which sentence fits the third gap (3…) in the text?
   a) I b) IV c) V d) VI

14. Which sentence fits the fourth gap (4…) in the text?
   a) II b) III c) V d) VI

15. Which sentence fits the fifth gap (5…) in the text?
   a) II b) I c) III d) IV

(Passage adapted from “Real Reading 2” by Wiese David, Pearson Education, NY, 2011)
### Happy Birthday Flowers

You’ll never forget a birthday again. Just give us a list of birthdays for the year, and on each day, we’ll deliver a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a birthday card from you. You pay for the flowers, plus a fee of only $10 per birthday. It’s so easy, and your friends will know that you are thinking about them.

### Telephone Tutor

Attention high school students! Are you having trouble with your classes—especially math, science, or English? We can help!

Call our special phone number, and our tutors will answer all your questions and explain your homework. Our tutors are all university students with top grades, and they’re available every night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Only $25 per hour, or try our special package: 10 hours for just $250.

### Sun Showers

All-Natural Soap

You eat healthy, all natural food—but do you use bath products that are full of chemicals? Our grandmothers used plants and flowers to make pure soap that smelled wonderful. We’ve found their old secret recipes, and we make our all-natural soap with plants from the mountains and forests of our country. We make five different kinds of soap—all good for your skin. A small luxury—only $20!

### Restaurant Express

You’re at home. It’s late. You’re hungry.

You want pizza, but your friend wants Chinese food, and you both want ice cream. What can you do?

Call us! We deliver food from 12 different restaurants, so you can eat exactly what you want. We’ll be at your door in less than one hour. Pay a delivery fee of $1 for each menu item, plus $2 per restaurant. Service 6 p.m. until midnight, seven days a week.

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16. How much extra do you need to pay if you order one pizza and two hamburgers from Restaurant Express?
   - a) $4
   - b) $5
   - c) $7
   - d) $10

17. What makes Sun Showers’ soaps different than the others?
   - a) They are made of chemicals.
   - b) They are made by our grandmothers.
   - c) They are made in the mountains and forests.
   - d) They are all natural.

18. Which of the following is FALSE about Telephone Tutor advertisement?
   - a) You get no discount if you take a package.
   - b) They only help you with math, science and English.
   - c) It is possible to call them at 1 a.m.
   - d) The tutors are successful in their departments.

19. What kind of an advantage does Happy Birthday Flowers give you?
   - a) You don’t pay a lot of money for a bouquet.
   - b) You choose the kind of flowers you want.
   - c) You don’t need to think about people’s birthdays.
   - d) You need to pay the same amount of money every year.

20. Which of the following is TRUE about the advertisements?
   - a) Happy Birthday Flowers and Restaurant Express charge you extra per item.
   - b) Sun Showers and Telephone Tutor charge per hour.
   - c) Restaurant Express and Sun Showers deliver to your home.
   - d) Telephone Tutor and Happy Birthday Flowers only serve friends and students.

(Text taken from: Pathways 2, Listening, Speaking and Critical Thinking, Chase Tarver and Kristen L. Johannsen, Heinle, Boston, 2012)
**New Technology**

Some of these ideas may sound like science fiction – in fact, they already exist and could be part of our everyday lives soon.

**Human ‘washing machine’**

Why have a shower and wash your clothes separately? Wouldn’t you prefer to step into a gadget that could instantly clean you and your clothes? In Japan, they’ve already got a special machine that does exactly that. At present, it’s used in hospitals for patients who can’t easily move. It’s expensive – $50,000 – but the price will drop as scientists develop better models. In the future every home could have one, and the ordinary shower might become a thing of the past.

**Personal Robots**

Robot technology is getting better all the time. Two companies plan to start selling a new personal robot later this year. The robot, called Nuvo, doesn’t have any wires or handles and it’s not made of metal – it’s a humanoid robot that uses totally new materials. It’s 35 cm tall and can walk like humans, understand voice commands and send video from its ‘eyes’ to a videophone. It costs $4,600, so it’s not cheap, but experts think sales – at present around $4 billion – will grow to $14 billion by next year.

**Clothes for health**

The idea of combining clothes with computer chips isn’t new. Computer chips in clothes can already measure body temperature and heart rate to detect if your body is working too hard – some professional athletes use these smart clothes during training. Now scientists are working on chips that can analyse the chemicals in your sweat. The device could detect high stress levels or if people with diabetes have too much sugar in their blood. In the future, the chips could send the user a text message to tell them they need to relax, eat some food or go to a doctor.

**Keeping cool**

British inventor James Dyson has developed an amazing new table fan for cooling air. It doesn’t have blades, so there is no risk of children hurting themselves. It uses 98% less energy than air conditioning, so it’s good for the environment, too. The big disadvantage is that it costs around $300, so it’s about ten times more expensive than a traditional fan.

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21. The text is MAINLY about _________.
   a) gadgets which are already available in most countries
   b) gadgets that you can buy now or that will be available soon
   c) gadgets which are just science fiction at the moment, although they may be possible some day
   d) gadgets that can be found in every house in Japan.

22. Nuvo _________.
   a) uses typical materials such as metal
   b) is the same size as the average human
   c) can give voice commands
   d) moves like a human

23. Which of the following do experts believe will happen in the future?
   a) Robots will become much more expensive over the next year.
   b) Companies will not sell many robots over the next few years.
   c) Many more people will buy personal robots over the next year.
   d) Sales of robots will grow very slowly in the near future.

24. Dyson’s fan __________.
   a) is not very environmentally friendly
   b) is more energy-efficient than air conditioning
   c) shouldn’t be used if you have young children
   d) has a different type of blade to traditional fans

25. Which of the following is FALSE according to the text?
   a) The new chips could only be used for diabetes.
   b) Dyson’s fan is much more expensive than a normal fan.
   c) The machine to clean people and clothes is already being used in Japan.
   d) Personal robots are made of metal and move like humans.

(Text adapted from “Real Life Intermediate Workbook” by Reilly Patricia, Martha Uminska and Dominica Chandler, Pearson Educated Limited, Malaysia, 2010)
1. Go to any bookshop nowadays and you’ll see the shelves full of travel guides. But it wasn’t always like that. Thirty years ago, travel guides tended to be full of photos of ruins and museums but with little practical information. Any information that was given was usually aimed at rich tourists. Five star hotels, the best restaurants and similar details of little use to the average backpacker.

2. One traveler who noticed this problem was Mark Ellingham. He had just finished university and was travelling round Greece. He had taken some guide books with him but wasn’t impressed with them. Some were full of historical details and looked like museum brochures. Others told him how he could live cheaply. None of them, though, gave any information on life in Greece – its politics, culture or simply how its people lived. This was what Mark wanted to know about – but there is a limit to how many books you can carry while travelling.

3. Instead of complaining, Mark decided to write his own book. He wanted it to include details of sights to visit, places to stay (from cheapest to the most expensive), nightlife, restaurants, transport and what it was like to live in Greece at that time. In short, everything worth knowing.

4. He had no job at the time and the economic situation in Britain in 1982 meant that it was difficult, even for a graduate, to find something. Even so, it was a risk but the book became an immediate success. This success encouraged Mark to write more. Working with three friends, he provided similar information about other destinations. Now, over 25 years later, there are more than 100 Rough Guides and over 100 authors write for the company which has offices in London and New York. Mark and his friends are still involved in the company. Today, however, they would be forgiven for taking a rest from the actual writing work and having a holiday, taking along one of their guide books with them, of course.

26. Which of these is the main reason for Mark writing the book?
   a) His love of Greece.
   b) The economic situation in Britain in 1982.
   c) His disappointment with the guide books on sale at the time.
   d) His interest in Greek life, culture and politics.

27. Which of the following is FALSE?
   a) Mark is still working for Rough Guides.
   b) Mark gave up his job to become a writer.
   c) Mark graduated from university.
   d) Mark has written more than one book.

28. What does “This” in paragraph 2 refer to?
   a) Information on life.
   b) Politics in Greece.
   c) Life in Greece.
   d) Greek culture.

29. In paragraph 4 the word destinations means __________.
   a) places
   b) friends
   c) companies
   d) books

30. Which of the following is TRUE?
   a) There is no difference between the current guides and old ones.
   b) Rough Guides has offices in Europe and America.
   c) Mark’s graduation was just after his travel to Greece.
   d) The best guides encourage him to write his own book.
PART C – WRITING

TIME SUGGESTED: 60 minutes

TASK 1.

WRITE AN ESSAY IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. (300 – 350 WORDS)

Do you think it is necessary to follow fashion trends?

- You are advised to plan your writing before you start.
- The ideas in the box below are given to help you produce more ideas for your essay. You can use some of them to help you, but this is optional.
- Your plans / notes will not be graded.
- The essay will be graded according to:
  - how well-organized your ideas are,
  - how fully developed and elaborated your ideas are,
  - how well you incorporate the language.

- Attracting more attention
- Can consume a lot of money
- Feeling uncomfortable physically
- Professional image
- Hard to follow fast changes

USE THE SHEETS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE EXAM TO DO THE WRITING TASKS.

TASK 2.

LOOK AT THE GRAPHS BELOW. IT SHOWS THE TEMPERATURE IN ATHENS LAST WEEK. DESCRIBE THE GRAPH BY WRITING A PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO THE MAIN FEATURES. (75-100 WORDS)

Temperature in Athens, last week

Days of the week

Temperature (°C)
SECTION 1. VOCABULARY
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE.

31. She doesn’t have the necessary _______ for the job so she is taking some night courses.
   a) strategy    b) memory    c) investigation    d) qualifications

32. When the winter starts, most people feel __________ because there isn’t enough sunshine.
   a) disgusted    b) depressed    c) independent    d) astonished

33. I advise you not to _______ him, he is known for not keeping his promises.
   a) rely on    b) see off    c) pick up on    d) complain about

34. She is going to _______ at City Hall on Independence Day. Teachers from the town’s schools will be there as well as their students.
   a) give responsibility    b) give a call    c) make a profit

35. The students want a/an _______ in the corridors. They say that they get thirsty in the afternoon but cannot buy any beverages.
   a) washing machine    b) drinks machine    c) hair straightener    d) changing room

36. You should also _______ when you apply for a job. You can easily attach a file listing them to your CV.
   a) send references    b) dress smartly    c) shake hands firmly    d) make up your mind

37. I want to write my essay on _______ because I’m really interested in planets and UFOs.
   a) genetic engineering    b) solar power    c) space travels    d) medical science

38. We need to replace our windows with _______ ones. Ours are getting really old-fashioned.
   a) organic    b) processed    c) damaged    d) double-glazed

39. He had _______ Henry and that resulted in an unexpectedly violent fight.
   a) misunderstood    b) overcooked    c) undercharged    d) mispronounced

40. Don’t worry about the party, they will love you. Just _______ and try to relax.
   a) be in two minds    b) work against the clock    c) let your hair down    d) put your foot in it

SECTION 2. WORD FORMATION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE.

41. As the founder of this company, I am looking for someone who is _______ and original.
   a) innovate    b) innovation    c) innovatively    d) innovative

42. Lack of _______ among family members, which is caused by people’s busy daily schedules, is the greatest problem of all.
   a) communicate    b) communication    c) communicatively    d) communicative

43. I am _______ even by the thought of this, I cannot believe people are capable of such things.
   a) disgust    b) disgusting    c) disgusted    d) disgustingly

44. That was such a/an _______ play. The techniques you used are all untried and fresh.
   a) inspire    b) inspirational    c) inspirationally    d) inspiration

45. He is so _______ that he has put us in numerous bad situations recently, he should learn to make up his mind.
   a) indecisive    b) decisive    c) decide    d) decision
SECTION 3.  ERROR RECOGNITION
EACH SENTENCE HAS ONE MISTAKE. CHOOSE THE UNDERLINED PORTION THAT HAS THE MISTAKE.

46. My sister **used** to go to school **with** bus when she was a university student, but now she **has** a car.
   a) b) c) d)

47. I don’t care **what are** your excuses for **being so** late three times this month.
   a) b) c) d)

48. When you are dreaming **with a broken** heart, the waking up is the **harder** part because for a moment you **can hardly breathe.**
   a) b) c) d)

49. If you **have been** wiser and **taken** details into consideration, you **would not** have made **such a bad decision.**
   a) b) c) d)

50. She told me **that people** at the train station **are working** until 10 p.m. but when I **arrived** there at 9p.m., nobody was there.
   a) b) c) d)
In everyone’s life, there are some days you cannot forget and I 51) __________ the first time I had to give a presentation. Surprisingly, I wasn’t very young. I 52) __________ English at the time and it was part of my course. It had taken me a long time to choose my topic, but then I 53) __________ with a good idea. That was what I thought, at least. Since I was a little boy, I 54) __________ in clothes, so I decided to talk about the fashion industry from a historical perspective. While I 55) __________ the talk, I did a lot of research on the Internet, I talked to some people and went through a lot of books at the library. The evening before my presentation, I 56) __________ until 2 a.m. Before I got to my class, I had carefully printed out my notes and rehearsed my talk in front of the mirror. A classmate was also going to give her talk and she 57) __________ first. Imagine my horror when she said, “Today I 58) __________ to you about the fashion industry.” My heart sank. I was so angry with myself. I 59) __________ to her the week before the presentation but I hadn’t checked what she had chosen as her topic. That day, I promised myself that I would be more careful and I 60) __________ my best since then.

51. a) am not forgetting  b) don’t forget  c) didn’t forget  d) will never forget
52. a) have been studying  b) was studying  c) am studying  d) will study
53. a) come up  b) have come up  c) came up  d) had come up
54. a) have always been interested  b) am interested  c) was interested  d) am going to be interested
55. a) am preparing  b) have been preparing  c) prepared  d) was preparing
56. a) had worked  b) worked  c) was working  d) will work
57. a) never goes  b) went  c) has gone  d) is going to go
58. a) talked  b) am going to talk  c) talk  d) was talking
59. a) had spoken  b) spoke  c) was speaking  d) speak
60. a) am going to do  b) am doing  c) have done  d) will do

SECTION 6. SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

CHOOSE THE ANSWER THAT HAS THE CLOSEST MEANING TO THE SENTENCE GIVEN.

71. “How about having dinner at my place after the movie?” he asked.
   a) He recommended having dinner at my place after the movie.
   b) He refused to have dinner at his place after the dinner.
   c) He invited us to have dinner at my place after the movie.
   d) He suggested having dinner at his place after the movie.

72. All the people in the hall are asking questions to the speaker at the same time.
   a) The speaker is asking questions to all the people in the hall at the same time.
   b) The speaker is being asked questions by all the people in the hall at the same time.
   c) At the same time in the hall all the people are being asked questions by the speaker.
   d) In the hall speaker is asked questions by all the people at the same time.

73. I couldn’t buy the car I wanted because there weren’t any when I got there.
   a) If there weren’t any cars when I got there I could have bought the car I wanted.
   b) I could buy the car I wanted if there had been any when I got there.
   c) If there had been cars when I got there, I could have bought the car I wanted.
   d) I could have bought the car I wanted if there weren’t any left when I got there.

74. My daughter’s teacher Thatcher is loved by my daughter. She doesn’t teach her own daughter.
   a) My daughter’s teacher Thatcher, who doesn’t teach her daughter, is loved by my own daughter.
   b) My daughter’s teacher Thatcher is loved by my daughter who doesn’t teach her own daughter.
   c) My daughter’s teacher Thatcher who doesn’t teach her own daughter is loved by my daughter.
   d) My daughter’s teacher Thatcher is loved by my daughter, who doesn’t teach her own daughter.

75. We still don’t have the book she borrowed from us four months ago.
   a) She doesn’t keep the book she took from us four months ago.
   b) We have been waiting for our book to be returned for four months.
   c) She wanted us to read the book and keep it for four months.
   d) We asked her to give the book she borrowed four months ago.

76. The office was so noisy but I tried a lot and finished my project.
   a) I could finish my project because there was too much noise in the office.
   b) There was too much noise in the office but I managed to finish my project.
   c) The office wasn’t very quiet and I tried a lot to finish my project.
   d) I tried a lot to finish my project but there was so much noise in the office.

77. He has never seen a better hotel than the one in Dubai.
   a) The hotel in Dubai is exactly the same as the ones he has seen.
   b) The hotel in Dubai is slightly better than the ones he has seen.
   c) The hotel in Dubai is by far the best one he has ever seen.
   d) The hotel in Dubai is very similar to the ones he has seen.

78. It is not necessary for her to wear a special dress for the photo shoot.
   a) She mustn’t wear a special dress for the photo shoot.
   b) She shouldn’t wear a special dress for the photo shoot.
   c) She can’t wear a special dress for the photo shoot.
   d) She doesn’t have to wear a special dress for the photo shoot.

79. They lived for a long time in a big city, then they moved to a small village.
   a) Before they moved to a small village, they had lived for a long time in a big city.
   b) They had lived for a long time in a big city after they moved to a small village.
   c) While they were living in a small village, they decided to move to a big city.
   d) They had moved to a small village before they lived for a long time in a big city.

80. I don’t think that it is possible to finalize the report by Friday.
   a) It is unlikely that we will finalize the report by Friday.
   b) We will probably finalize the report by Friday.
   c) Friday isn’t the last day we are going to finalize the report.
   d) It is possible that we might finalize the report by Friday.