

LISTENING

You will hear six different speakers. Match the speakers (1-6) to statements A-G.
Use each statement only one. There is an extra statement you don't need to use.
Write your answer into the table.

- A. I failed to go somewhere
- B. I lost my temper.
- C. I ignored the friend's advice.
- D. I made a decision too quickly.
- E. I got angry with a police officer.
- F. I was wrong about someone's ability.
- G. I forgot an important date.

Speaker	1	2	3	4	5	6

Всего: 12 (2X6)

USE OF ENGLISH

Grammar

1. Choose the correct variant.

1. Smart ... he is, he didn't solve that problem.
a. so b. as c. but
2. ... nobody expected her, she cropped up.
a. despite b. yet c. as
3. Paul is very vehement ... he has no friends.
a. So that b. thereby c. as
4. Peter behaves ... he didn't know where we are.
a. As b. as though c. yet
5. Our team played the first half terribly, but we won the game.
a. despite b. whatever c. notwithstanding
6. I locked the door ... be disturbed.
a. so as not to b. so that c. in order to
7. .. she was ill, she managed to win the race.
a. even though b. despite c. however
8. The weather is going to be awful ... I'll stay till the morning.
a. therefore b. as c. yet
9. She's in hospital ... I think you should visit her.
a. because b. thus c. so as
10. I'll close the window ... you don't get cold.
a. so as to b. in order to c. so that
11. This movie may be controversial for some people ... viewer discretion is advised.
a. however b. but c. therefore
12. ... the fact he wasn't well-educated, he was given the job.
a. In spite of b. Although c. Yet

13. Helen is a beautiful girl ... she is stupid.
a. but b. although c. however
14. ... I didn't want to go out anywhere, I stayed at home.
a. due to b. So that c. Since
15. Nobody believed that she would pass the exam. ..., she did it.
a. but b. nevertheless c. while

2. Add commas where it is necessary.

1. Whenever I ask my friend Wendy a computer-related question I end up regretting it.
2. Once she gets started Wendy is unable to stop talking about computers.
3. When I needed her help the last time my printer wasn't working.
4. Instead of just solving the problem Wendy went on and on about print settings and font choices that I could be using.
5. When she gets like this her face lights up, and I feel bad for not wanting to hear the latest news on software upgrades, e-mail programs, and hardware improvements.
6. Even though I feel guilty I know that I am the normal one.
7. I even pointed her problem out to her by asking, "You can't control yourself can you?"
8. With a grin she just kept trying to fix my printer.
9. Since Wendy always solves my problem I should be grateful.
10. When I ask for Wendy's help in the future I plan to listen and try to learn something.

Vocabulary

Fill in the spaces with a word. Mind grammar and prepositions.

admit attachment background consequence (2) drench drowse embroider
glow misery mutter prick prone prudent remark strike trifle

1. As you know, Caroline O'Neill is not a woman to.....
2. At university I formed a strong one of my tutors.
3. Exhausted by their exercise, they were content to the sun.
4. I was justhow well you two normally get on with each other.
5. It's alwaysread a contract carefully before signing it.
6. Last summer there were 15 hurricanes, but only one was of
any.....
7. Many male garments are heavilyin multiple colors.
8. Shemaking a mistake.
9. Shecurses as she fumbled for the light switch.
10. She'sexaggerate, that's for sure.
11. The athletessweat.
12. The points of view of individual writers are as atheir own, and
do not reflect the opinion of the editorial board.
13. They came back from their week at the beach,health.
14. They come from a privileged/wealthy.....
15. We'rebetter pay and improved safety standard.
16. 14. With the thought came a tinyof fear.
17. Words alone cannot convey the untoldendured by people in these
refugee camps.

READING

Read the text. For each gap choose the best variant a, b, c or d.

Today, it is quite a simple matter to send a letter or postcard almost anywhere in the world. You write a letter, put it into an addressed envelope, make sure that you have 1) on the correct stamp and pop it into a letter box. A day or so later, you can be reasonably certain that your correspondence will have reached its 2) This is all very different to what the situation was like before the postal reforms that Sir Rowland Hill introduced in Great Britain in 1840. Before that time, it was not the sender of the letter who paid the postage, but the receiver, and the 3) he or she had to pay depended on how many pages were in the letter and how far it had travelled. This system was slow, complicated, and very inefficient. The postal services 4) a lot of money because anybody receiving a letter could simply refuse to accept the delivery if they thought they were being asked to pay too much money for it. Hill was not alone in recognising the need to modernise the postal services, but it was his ideas that the government of the time accepted and in May, 1840 the world's first pre-paid postage stamp, the 'Penny Black', went on 5) The stamp was very simple in design with the profile of Queen Victoria against a black background. Above and below the Queen's face were the words 'One Penny'. These were the only words on the stamp because, at that time, no other country was producing prepaid postage stamps and so it was probably assumed that everyone would know where they came from! This situation changed rapidly as other countries 6) up the idea.

Within thirty years, most countries had their own postage stamps and they all carried the name of the country to show their origin, except British stamps. To this day, British stamps remain 7) as they still do not carry any words to show that they are British.

- 1 A adhered B stuck C sealed D jammed
- 2 A objective B target C end D destination
- 3 A amount B quantity C number D purchase
- 4 A missed B mislaid C lost D stole
- 5 A sale B trade C deal D demand
- 6 A caught B put C took D brought
- 7 A alone B solitary C single D unique

Bcero: 14 (2X7)

WRITING

You have received a letter from your new English pen-friend Mary, who writes:

What do you like doing in your spare time? Do you have any interesting hobbies? Have you ever won a prize for anything? I really

love cooking and last year I took part in a national cookery contest for young people. I won second prize!

Write a letter to Mary.

Write 100-140 words.

In your letter

- answer her questions*
- ask 3 questions about the cookery competition*

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Bcero: 10