

SECTION ONE – LISTENING

Track 1- Task 1: Match the characters (1–5) with what the speakers say about them (a–e).

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| 1. The dragon | a. did something that wasn't very surprising. |
| 2. Jaime | b. looked impressive. |
| 3. Bronn | c. is not the woman's favourite character any more. |
| 4. Tyrion | d. never does anything we expect. |
| 5. Cersei | e. almost died. |

KEY: 1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d

Track 1 -Task 2: Circle the best answer.

- How often does the woman watch the show?
a. Always b. Sometimes c. We don't know.
- How has the woman's opinion of the show changed over time?
a. It's become more positive. b. It's become less positive.
c. It hasn't changed.
- What does the man think of the story?
a. It's very well written. b. Too many characters died.
c. He can't remember much about it.
- What is the one negative thing about the show for the man?
a. They spent too much money on the special effects.
b. The episodes were too short.
c. There weren't enough episodes.
- Why does the man think the writers have fewer ideas for stories now?
a. Because they're saving their ideas to make a Hollywood film.
b. Because they aren't copying the books.
c. Because they're copying the books.
- Why does the woman like Cersei?
a. The character does unpredictable things. b. The character learns from her mistakes.
c. She's a very intelligent character.

KEY: 1. a 2. b 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a

Track 2 - Task 1: Circle the best answer.

- What has made Clara check on Ben?
a. He missed their class that day. b. He's missed a few classes.
c. He has a lot of essays to write.
- What does Ben do at the beginning of the conversation?
a. He makes the problem sound more than it is. b. He makes the problem sound less than it is.
c. He is honest about the problem from the start.
- What is the main way Ben's anxiety is affecting normal life?
a. He feels stupid. b. He can't remember what day it is.
c. He doesn't want to go out.
- What is the surprising thing about panic attacks, according to Clara?
a. How many people have them. b. That they make you feel so bad.
c. That people keep their panic attacks private.
- How does Clara recognize Ben's problem is panic attacks?
a. She had the same problem in the past. b. She has the same problem now.
c. She and Ben live together.
- What does Clara warn Ben about the advice she will give?
a. It will be difficult to hear. b. It won't be easy to follow. c. It isn't very practical.

KEY: 1. b 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. a 6. b

Track 2 - Task 2: Write a number (1–6) to put the pieces of advice in the order they are mentioned.

- _____ a. Do regular physical activity as part of your lifestyle.
_____ b. Do something to make your heart beat too fast.
_____ c. Do something to keep your mind busy.
_____ d. Talk to a doctor.
_____ e. Make yourself breathe too fast on purpose.
_____ f. Put yourself in a stressful situation.

KEY: 1. d 2. b 3. e 4. f 5. a 6. c

Track 3-Task 1: Complete the summary with one, two or three words.

1. The salute

Thought to have originated from the (1)..... British Army, the Grenadier Guards. Soldiers touched head quickly before returning their hand back down to (2).....

2. Thumbs up

Originally thought to be a symbol to save the life of (3)..... in Ancient Rome. However, evidence suggests that the crowds actually (4)..... their thumbs if they wanted to spare his life.

3. High five

Origins are not from the world of baseball, but from the 1920s (5)..... . Possibly based on the 'low five', also called (6).....

4. Handshake

Evidence of this gesture goes back to (7)..... . In 17th-century art we see examples of handshakes between (8)..... . Now is used for a multitude of reasons.

KEY: 1. 18th century 2. their side 3. a gladiator 4. covered / covered up / hid 5. Jazz Age 6. giving skin 7. Ancient Greece 8. husband and wife

SECTION TWO – USE OF ENGLISH

1 Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

1. We adopted our cat, Mavi, about two months ago.
Mavi has _____.
2. A tick (*kene*) sting has caused a lot of death in Black Sea region in the last few years.
A lot of death _____.
3. No one gave us instructions or tell how to cook the traditional food "Dible"
We _____.
4. Giresun is derived from the name Kerasus.
Giresun is the name _____.

KEY: More than one answer may be possible. Only one sample answer is provided. 1. Mavi has been our cat for about two months. 2. A lot of death has been caused by a tick sting in Black Sea region in the last few years. 3. We were not given any instructions or told how to cook the traditional food "Dible". 4. Giresun is the name derived from Kerasus.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the words given below.

colonize - establish - rule - send

Giresun, formerly known as Cerasus, is a city in northeastern Türkiye's Black Sea Region. It _____¹ around 180 BC by Pharnaces I of Pontus, who _____² Greek settlers from Kotyora (now Ordu) to _____³ the area. The city was first mentioned as Kerasus in Xenophon's Anabasis. Throughout history, Giresun _____⁴ by the Miletians, Persians, Romans, Byzantines, and the Empire of Trebizond.

KEY: 1. was established 2. sent 3. colonize 4. was ruled

3 Close test: choose the best option to complete the text

Giresun, a city in northeastern Türkiye, is known for its unique and flavorful local cuisine, heavily _____¹ by the surrounding Black Sea region. Hazelnuts, _____² the area is famous for, are often _____³ in both sweet and savory dishes. Traditional meal is "karalahana çorbası," a hearty soup made _____⁴ black cabbage.

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| 1. a. influence | b. influenced | c. has influenced | d. had influenced |
| 2. a. which | b. where | c. that | d. whose |
| 3. a. features | b. feature | c. featured | d. featuring |
| 4. a. by | b. in | c. to | d. from |

KEY: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. d

4 Choose the correct option

- He _____ have studied enough if he'd really wanted to pass the exam
a. should b. may c. must d. will
- They said on the news that _____ of Scotland was covered in snow.
a. each b. half c. whole d. any
- Cars were parked on _____ sides of the street.
a. all b. both c. each d. every

KEY: 1. a 2. b 3. b

5 Choose the best answer for questions 1-5.

- That mobile phone company is ___ for having the worst customer service.
a) trustworthy b) notorious c) acclaimed d) forbidden
- It's best not to talk to my father in the early morning. He's usually ___ until he's had his coffee.
a) lousy b) stubborn c) charismatic d) grumpy
- George loves talking about his accomplishments. Yesterday, he ___ that he could speak four languages fluently.
a) whined b) boasted c) whispered d) denied
- They live two kilometers ___ from the train station.
a) outside b) around c) away d) along
- Ron told an inappropriate joke during dinner that made everyone feel ____ .
a) grateful b) spiritual c) clumsy d) awkward

KEY: 1. b 2. d 3. b 4. c 5. d

6 Choose the best answers from the box for questions 6-10. ONE word is EXTRA.

predicted hardly considering achieve convenient included

- One day, I want to climb Mt. Everest. That's a goal I want to _____.
- Jack _____ did a thing at work today day. He spent most of his time chatting with the secretary.
- Weather experts have _____ that next summer will be extremely hot.
- Lisa is _____ buying a pet but she's not sure what kind to get.
- It is very _____ to shop on the Internet. All you need is a credit card.

KEY: 1. achieve 2. hardly 3. predicted 4. considering 5. convenient

7 Fill in the paragraph with the correct words from the box for questions 11-15. ONE word is EXTRA.

tranquility	designer	meaningless	dedicated	lounge	organizes
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James is very _____¹ about his work and always completes tasks on time. He _____² his projects carefully, ensuring every detail is correct. After work, he often visits the local _____³ to read or relax. He enjoys reading in _____⁴ because it helps him unwind after a busy day. In the future, James dreams of becoming a _____⁵ and designing new buildings.

KEY: 1. dedicated 2. organizes 3. lounge 4. tranquility 5. designer

8 Read the text and answer the following questions.

The Importance of Learning a Second Language

In today's globalized world, the ability to speak more than one language is becoming increasingly valuable. Not only does it open up new job opportunities, but it also allows individuals to connect with people from different cultures. Research has shown that learning a second language improves cognitive abilities, such as problem-solving skills and memory. Moreover, bilingual individuals often show greater creativity and adaptability.

However, the process of learning a new language can be challenging. It requires dedication, regular practice, and a willingness to make mistakes. Despite these difficulties, the benefits far outweigh the challenges. In the professional world, companies often prefer candidates who can communicate in multiple languages, as it facilitates international business and enhances customer relations.

In addition to professional advantages, learning a second language also enriches personal experiences. Traveling to a foreign country becomes more enjoyable and meaningful when you can speak the local language. You are able to fully immerse yourself in the culture, understand local customs, and make deeper connections with the people you meet.

In conclusion, while learning a second language may require significant effort, the rewards are substantial, both professionally and personally. It is an investment in your future that can lead to a richer, more fulfilling life.

1. Give short answers for the following questions according to the text.

- a) According to the passage, what are two cognitive benefits of learning a second language?
- b) How does learning a second language benefit international business?
- c) What personal experience is enhanced by knowing a second language, according to the passage?

KEY: a) Problem-solving skills and memory. b) It facilitates international business and enhances customer relations. c) Traveling to a foreign country is enhanced by knowing a second language.

2. Match the following terms with their corresponding descriptions from the passage.

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| A. Cognitive Abilities | 1. Requires dedication, regular practice, and willingness to make mistakes |
| B. Bilingual Individuals | 2. Improved problem-solving skills and memory |
| C. Professional World | 3. Facilitates international business and enhances customer relations |
| D. Traveling | 4. Becomes more meaningful when speaking the local language |
| E. Challenges of Learning | 5. Greater creativity and adaptability |

KEY: A – 2, B – 5, C – 3, D – 4, E – 1

3. Complete the sentences below with ONE - TWO words using information from the passage.

- a) In today's globalized world, being _____ can open up new job opportunities.
- b) Research has shown that learning a second language improves _____ skills and memory.
- c) Bilingual individuals often show greater creativity and _____.
- d) Learning a new language requires dedication, regular _____, and a willingness to make mistakes.

- e) Companies prefer candidates who can communicate in multiple languages because it _____ international business.
- f) Traveling to a foreign country becomes more enjoyable and meaningful when you can speak the _____ language.
- g) Learning a second language is an _____ in your future.

KEY: a) bilingual b) problem solving c) adaptability d) practice e) facilitates f) local g) investment

SECTION THREE – WRITING

Instruction: Read the writing prompts below and choose **ONE** of them and write a well-organized essay.

1. **The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Society:** Discuss how artificial intelligence (AI) is changing different aspects of our lives, such as work, healthcare, and entertainment. What are the potential benefits and risks of relying more on AI in the future?
2. **The Importance of Cultural Heritage Preservation:** Explore the significance of preserving cultural heritage in a globalized world. How can communities balance modernization with the need to protect their cultural identity?
3. **The Impact of Globalization on Local Economies:** Analyze the effects of globalization on local businesses and economies. Consider both the opportunities and challenges that globalization presents for small communities.

- **Time:** 60 minutes
- **Word Limit:** 250-400 words
- **Format:** Your essay should be organized with an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Be sure to support your points with specific examples and clear arguments.

The written paragraphs will be assessed according to the following criteria: Content & Relevance, Organization, Grammar & Sentence Structure, Vocabulary & Word Choice, Spelling & Punctuation.

SECTION FOUR – SPEAKING

The speaking section will begin with warm-up questions and followed by questions about various topics, which will be detailed with further questions by the examiner.

The criteria for assessment will be: Fluency, Pronunciation, Grammar & Sentence Structure, Vocabulary & Word Choice, Interaction & Coherence.