

Answer Key

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Общее количество баллов – 40.

Каждый пункт теста оценивается в 2 балла.

За каждую орфографическую ошибку/ пропущенное слово снимается 0,5 балла.

1 - E	2 - G	3 - F	4 - D	5 - B
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6 - D	7 - G	8 - B	9 - A	10 - C
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Text 1. Tapescript

Speaker 1: I ended up doing a photography course at the local college. Earlier in the year, *I'd been made redundant and I was at a bit of a loose end* — so it was my birthday present to myself. I was a bit apprehensive about going alone — but I'm an outgoing type, and there was a real mixed bag of us, from beginners to those who'd been doing it for years. For me it was like a second childhood. In the first six weeks, I'd taken about a hundred photographs — I've even exhibited some. *Now it's not just a hobby — it's totally compulsive!*

Speaker 2: *I'd been having a bit of a rough time workwise.* I enjoy sketching, so a friend suggested I should do a fine arts course, which included mosaic making. I booked myself onto it, but I was terrified I wouldn't be as good as everyone else. As it turned out, I needn't have worried, everyone worked at their own pace. Anyway, I produced this weird abstract mosaic, which was very dark and gloomy. Then I slowly added more colour, realising that *the depressing thoughts that had originally inspired the design no longer mattered so much. It was a kind of therapy really.*

Speaker 3: I was getting over an operation and *felt the need to be out and about.* As luck would have it, I saw an advert for a paintballing centre. *'Just what I need,' I thought. 'A nice bit of physical activity and fun at the weekends!'* Not that I was keen on sports — but I thought 'Why not?' And then I got so carried away that *I decided to try for the local team.* Well, you've guessed it, I didn't exactly become a mega-star overnight. But I'm starting to enjoy other sports, and *I've become much more determined to win too.*

Speaker 4: There's no way I'm mechanically minded but *I decided I needed a little diversification.* I certainly didn't need something to take me away from a desk job — I'm a climbing instructor! But I happened to see an old Volkswagen Beetle advertised in the paper and decided to take a look at it. It was a bit of a wreck but I bought it anyway. Well, you should see it now I've finished working on it. Restored to its former glory, it's a collector's piece. *What I discovered from the experience was a completely different side of myself—one I never knew I had!*

Speaker 5: I've always been into playing the guitar and singing. One day, I was babbling on about my workload, *when my brother suggested I recorded a CD. I thought he was mad but I didn't want to upset him by saying so.* Well, that was it! My first CD took me 18 months to record. I even wrote the songs myself. Anyway, I sent it to a few record companies - *never thinking it would make as much money as it did.* He could have knocked me down with a feather when one showed an interest! It's certainly inspired me to do more!

Text 2

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| 11. courage | 16. F |
| 12. animals and insects | 17. T |
| 13. series | 18. F |
| 14. public speaking | 19. T |
| 15. the good humour/ a good sense of humour | 20. T |

Text 2. Tapescript

...and we end today's programme on a sad note. Here's John with a tribute to the zoologist and writer Gerald Durrell, who died earlier this week.

Gerald's was an extraordinary life, lived with great intensity, in almost every part of the world, and he wrote about it with great vividness in over 30 books. The last time I saw him, he told me that people often said they wished they had lived a life like his, and he always replied, "Well, why don't you? All you have to do is get on with it." Apparently they would then look rather embarrassed and talk about careers and having families to look after. "Really," he said, "people just *don't have the courage to take a risk.*" And Gerald's life was full of risks. He never failed to do whatever he could to try to protect the animal life he loved so much.

Gerald was born in India, but after the death of his father, his family moved, first to Britain and then to Greece. His love of animals was obvious even from an early age. The first word he ever spoke was not mummy or daddy, but zoo. His career as a zookeeper and animal collector was established at an early age; he collected *animals and insects* in matchboxes or anything he could lay his hands on. His childhood adventures collecting these animals *on the island of Corfu* were recorded in his book *My Family and Other Animals*, which became a bestseller and *a television series*. Gerald was largely self-educated, so he was amused when the book became one that British children had to study for their examinations.

His love of animals became his life's work, which was to protect and preserve the world's animal life and habitat from ever-increasing destruction by mankind. *The World Wildlife Fund, which he founded, and Jersey Zoo, which he also founded,* were part of his attempt to do this. But an equally important part of his mission was to educate people, and to make the public prevent his destruction. He did this through *public speaking*; he was a natural storyteller with a great gift for mimicry. Most obviously, though, he did it through his books, which he wrote to attract as wide an audience as possible. *If it is possible to say that one man is responsible for today's ecology movement, then that man is Gerald Durrell.*

Gerald's books *are full of good humor. This was a genuine and attractive side of his character.* But he became easily frustrated, especially with other people, and on these occasions he had a terrible temper. He never displayed such impatience towards animals, and he always said that he preferred them to people.