

Answer Key

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Общее количество баллов – 40.

Каждый пункт оценивается в 2 балла.

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

Text 1. Tapescript

Hello, I'm John Lister from the Student Financial Advice Centre here on the university campus. My main aim today is to give you one or two bits of advice on money matters before you get down to the main task of studying next week.

As you may know, not so long ago you might have received a student maintenance grant from the Local Education Authority to pay for all your living expenses. Now, of course, these grants don't exist and you have to borrow that money from the Student Loans Company. If you haven't applied for your loan already, make sure you do it soon, otherwise you may have to wait several months for your first payment. If you have, then you can expect to receive the money once a term; in other words, in three equal instalments over the course of the year.

And that's the first problem, really. Many students find that their money disappears almost as soon as they get it – and it's often because they fail to plan their finances carefully. To prevent the same thing happening to you, you can download your very own budget planner from the university website. It'll help you record your expected income and expenses for the year and then calculate how much you've got left over for yourself each month. It's worth having a look.

Even then, you may still find that you need a bit of extra financial help, particularly in the first term when your outgoings will probably be quite high. So if you haven't already opened a bank account, bear in mind that some banks offer better overdraft facilities than others. Shop around a bit – find out how much you can go overdrawn without asking for permission from the bank, and without paying any extra interest.

You can, of course, supplement your income by working part-time, but you have to make sure you strike a balance between work and study. Some students here work over 20 hours a week in part-time jobs, but I personally wouldn't recommend any more than two evenings a week. That's for you to decide, of course, but I'd certainly wait a few days before applying for jobs, at least until you've got your timetable.

Now it's clear that a major expense each year is going to be books. For that reason, it's well worth having a word with your course tutor before you rush out and

buy everything on your reading list. He or she can advise you on which books are the most important to have. You might also find that you can buy some second-hand from students in higher years who don't need them anymore. Keep an eye on the noticeboard in your faculty building for that.

And when you pay for things, always make a point of asking for student discounts. Don't just assume the shop assistant knows you're a student – not even in the university bookshop. Get the most out of your student travel card and be very careful how you use your credit card. Every year dozens of students come to us at the Advice Centre with huge debts they can't pay off – and, in most cases, it's all down to their credit card.

1. F

2. F

3. T

4. F

5. T

6. B

7. A

8. D

9. B

10. C

Text 2. Tapescript

PRESENTER: There's been a lot of talk about the changing nature of the countryside, and one topic that concerns many people is the threat – real or imagined – from imported creatures. In the studio are David Richards and Chloe Gordon. David, what are your views on this?

DAVID: Yes, it seems to me there's a very real danger to our native wildlife from some of the foreign species that have somehow found their way into our countryside. Wouldn't you agree Chloe?

CHLOE: Well, it certainly seems to be a matter for concern.

DAVID: Yes, take the grey squirrel for instance. It only arrived here a relatively short time ago but it's likely to push out the native red one altogether.

CHLOE: Yes, that's true. The same's happened with the American bullfrog. It's been taking over everywhere since people started bringing it into the country as a pet, and then dumped it in ponds when they got fed up with the incredible amount of noise it makes. But the main reason is that animals are now starting to arrive in food containers on ships, and then escaping.

DAVID: I really don't go along with that at all. There's nothing new about importing food from other parts of the world – it's been going on since the 19th century and it didn't happen then, so there's really no reason why it should now. Anyway, the question is what we do next. We've got to face up to the fact that they're here in very large numbers, and act accordingly.

CHLOE: Clearly something will have to be done about it. But the problem is what. There just aren't any obvious solutions.

DAVID: I'm afraid it's quite simple: we'll have to get rid of them. All of them. It's the only way. I know it sounds cruel, but if we don't do something drastic they'll wipe out entire populations of indigenous animals, which is even crueller ...

11. B

12. B

13. C

14. B

15. D

16. face up

17. drastic

18. push out

19. foreign species

20. go along