

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.

TEXT 1

1. a charitable organisation / a charity
2. families with children
3. noisy (little devils)
4. damage
5. construct/build more accommodation/houses
6. higher rents
7. poor conditions
8. generous
9. temporary stays
10. food/something warm and filling

SCRIPT

Interviewer: Among the many problems which our society faces today, that of the homeless is one of the most tragic. Today we have with us in the studio Mrs Mary Graham, director of a charitable organisation here in London, who can explain some of the problems involved and what can be done about them. Mrs Graham, what sort of people are the homeless?

Mary Graham: All kinds really. People usually think of the homeless as scruffy and dirty but that's not the case at all. Some people have no home because they couldn't afford to repay the bank loan and their home was taken away from them. Others can't find a place to live without a job and can't find a job without a permanent address. Then there are those who simply can't face the responsibility of running a home, paying the bills and keeping it clean.

Interviewer: Is there any such thing as homeless children?

Mary Graham: Unfortunately, yes. You see, many landlords object to renting accommodation to families with children. To them children are invariably noisy little devils who are just a cause of damage. If the parents can't afford a hotel or guest house, the children end up with them on the streets.

Interviewer: A lot of people say that the answer is just for the government to construct more accommodation. Is it as simple as that?

Mary Graham: Well, certainly some form of government action is needed, but the present government prefers private ownership to state-controlled housing. It's true that a scarcity of available property causes higher rents and poor conditions and I think the government should act to limit rents and enforce standards.

Interviewer: Finally, may I ask what your charity does to help the homeless?

Mary Graham: Not as much as we'd like to, but of course our funds are limited by the contributions we receive, and not everyone can afford to be generous. We have some space at our headquarters for temporary stays and we're out every night dishing out something warm and filling, especially in the winter.

TEXT 2

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. C

SCRIPT

1) ... and the next contestant is Julia Milroy from Surbiton in Surrey. She's thirty-two years old and a secretary in a local company. She's married to John and has two lovely children. And tonight Julia gets the chance to answer questions to win our star prize. And this week our star prize is a holiday for two in Hawaii...

2) **Receptionist (on phone):** How can I help you? (PAUSE) A ticket? Certainly, sir. Where to? (PAUSE) Stratton Park! Oh! I don't think there's a railway station there. Let me just check. No. I'm sorry, the nearest station is Bristol Parkway. (PAUSE) Yes, there's a connecting bus service which runs every hour. Just ask the porter or the ticket collector and they'll tell you where to go. (PAUSE) A second class ticket to Bristol Parkway, then. That'll be £18. How would you like to pay?

3) Sighs of relief could be heard among the shrieks of triumph as Ambleford made heavy weather of their match against Barnsley, Oxford's conquerors in the first round. Barnsley may be facing a battle against relegation from the Diadora League Premier Division but what they lacked in ability, they more than made up for in combative spirit and sheer hard work. They created a number of scares, before Ambleford's class finally showed. After an even first half, it was less than two minutes into the second half when defender Richard Sherry needlessly conceded a corner. Kevin Keith headed in from the kick to take Ambleford into the next round.

4) Arthur More and his wife Frederica admitted last night that they had consulted solicitors about their marriage. The couple have been married for 25 years and have just celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a huge celebrity party. A statement confirmed that the couple are leading separate lives. The statement added that their matrimonial affairs were under discussion and requested the media to allow the couple to get on with their lives in privacy. The statement came as the 58-year-old actor dismissed media speculation on a reconciliation and told a German paper of his deep attachment for 39-year-old divorcee Rachel Morley.

5) **Barry:** Mary, you've just been named to play the leading female role of Scarlett in the film sequel to "Gone with the Wind." How do you feel about it? You must feel very excited, but perhaps a little nervous too? It's your first major film role after all.

Mary: Most of all I'm thrilled. It's like Christmas and birthday and New Year's Eve all rolled into one. It's a huge challenge for me and, you're right, it's a big step. But I'm not intimidated and I'm not going over the top about it. It's something... I'm really looking forward to. I really can't wait to get started.

6) **Dealer** A Ford Escort? That do you?

John Fine.

Dealer Now, I need to see your licence.

John Ah, yes. Here you are.

Dealer Thanks. Okay, that seems to be all in order. Now, it'll be £24 a day with this car for up to a week, plus petrol costs of course.

John Of course. What about insurance?

Dealer It may be covered by your own policy but we recommend that you take out a temporary cover with our scheme. It's only £10 extra.

John Fine.

Dealer Just sign on the dotted line then, please.

7) ... so here are the questions on the subject you've chosen to win tonight's star prize. Take your time now. You have 10 seconds to think before you have to answer each question. Okay?... Good. ...And here's your first question. Who was shot in Sarajevo in 1914 by Gavrilo Princip? Take your time now before you answer...

8) Telemessage: Thank you for calling the Saturn Telephone Weather Line. Here is the weather forecast for today, Tuesday the 21 st of March. Today will be cloudy and overcast I but with only a ten per cent chance of rain. Winds will be light to moderate. But it will be near freezing all day with icy patches on the roads, so take care if you're driving. There'll be a heavy frost tonight with temperatures as low as -5°C. The long-range forecast is for snow towards the end of the week.

9) *Rest on the Flight to Egypt* is probably the only small-scale Titian in private hands. Painted in 1510 and 1511 when Titian, the founder of high Renaissance painting in Venice, was in his early 20's. The painting's small size may well have made it attractive to thieves as it could easily be carried. Titian expert Dr Paul Sherman of Cambridge University said, "It is a lovely little thing, a little gem and it is very sad that it has disappeared. Only a couple of other small pictures by Titian are known - one in Bergamo, Italy and one in the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

10) **Maria** George.

George Yes?

Maria You know that essay we were set, on Drugs and Modern Society?

George Oh, yeah, *that* one. What about it?

Maria Have you written it then?

George Oh, yeah. Ages ago. Why? Haven't you?

Maria Well, not exactly. That's to say I haven't actually started it yet.

George Maria! So what do you want? You don't expect me to write it for you, do you?

Maria No, no. Of course not. I just thought you might give me a few pointers, if you know what I mean.

George Pointers? What sort of pointers?

Maria Well, you could start by telling me which books you used...