

**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE
LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTRE
TEST A – PART I: LISTENING**

Listen to the following monologues and dialogues and choose one correct option A, B, C, or D. Mark your answer sheet as shown in the example. Do not write on the test booklet, please. You will hear each recording twice.

Example

A message on an answer phone

“It’s me. I’m on the train. Can you do me a favour? I’ve left an important phone number in my study on the desk. Can you call me back and tell me what it is? Thank you. Kiss the baby for me.”

Who is the message for?

- A) secretary
- B) friend
- C) child
- D) wife

A B C D

TASK 1

A man talking

John graduated from the university two years ago. He used to share a dormitory room, but now he doesn't. He has bought a new flat to be independent.

What do we know about John? He _____.

- A) needs a new flat
- B) studies at university
- C) lives on his own
- D) stays in a dormitory

TASK 2

Two people talking

Male: Aren't you afraid of skin cancer?

Female: Not at all. I protect my skin with a special cream. And I don't spend all the time lying here on the sand but I often go swimming in the sea and apply the cream again.

Male: OK. But I'd rather spend the time in the shade. I think the beach bar would be the right place for me. Bye.

Where are the people?

- A) at a beach bar
- B) on the beach
- C) at a swimming pool
- D) in the shade

TASK 3

Two people talking

A: "Well, Jane, have you made your plans for the weekend"?

B: "Yes, Mary and I agreed on going to the disco tonight".

A: "Just you and Mary? I don't think it's a good idea".

B: "Why not"?

A: "I don't want you to be out in the town late at night. Ask your brother to go with you".

B: "No way".

Who are the people?

A) a boss and an employee

B) a brother and a sister

C) a father and a daughter

D) a teacher and a student

TASK 4

Weather forecast

Be prepared for a change in temperature tomorrow and dress warmly. After the recent unusually warm weather we can expect a windy and cloudy day with temperatures going just above zero. Later this week there will be some showers, so don't forget your umbrellas.

What will the weather be like tomorrow? It will be _____.

A) cold

B) rainy

C) warm

D) sunny

TASK 5

One side of a telephone conversation

Female: The Star Hotel, can I help you?

(pause)

Female: Yes, you can find us at M 25. There is an exit on the London to Reading motorway.

(pause)

Female: I see. Well, in that case, you'd better drive straight down to M 13. The road will lead you straight downtown where you can find our hotel.

How is the customer travelling?

A) by bus

B) by train

C) by taxi

D) by car

TASK 6

An interview with a chef

Female: What plans do you have for the future?

Male: Well, what I'd really like to do is a series on British cooking.

Female: But British food seems to have a bad reputation. I mean, foreigners always complain that it is tasteless and boring.

Male: You are wrong, not at all! Our tradition of slow cooking roasts and puddings is excellent. Moreover, it's very healthy...

What does the chef think of British food? It is _____.

- A) popular
- B) tasty
- C) unhealthy
- D) boring

TASK 7

From a radio programme

In San Francisco, rock star Jerry Ward announced today that he is entering the race for mayor. Ward is best known for his loud music and his pink hair. He hopes to use his popularity and his well-known support of striking hospital workers to compensate for his late start. Ward was active in the strike at city hospitals last year when he appeared with several hundred doctors and nurses at a large rally. Ward knows he has to compensate for his late start in the election. He says he knows what the people want, because rock is the music of the people.

What is Jerry Ward going to do in San Francisco?

- A) to support a hospital strike
- B) to play rock music
- C) to become a politician
- D) to vote for a mayor

TASK 8

From a radio programme

Woman: After a series of accidents involving water-skiers, it's clear that there needs to be stricter rules and control. Andy Brown is a lifeguard. Andy, what advice would you give to people taking part in water sports?

Man: Well, the first thing you have to know is the signals that you should use if you get into any kind of trouble. It's difficult to hear somebody just shouting above the noise of waves and the wind or boat engines, that kind of things.

What is the advice?

- A) to learn special gestures
- B) to shout loudly
- C) to avoid windy weather
- D) to obey the rules

TASK 9

Two people talking

Woman: Here you are! You said you'd be here at half past.

Man: I'm sorry I'm so late. I was running late all afternoon and then (*the phone rang*) I had this call just as I was leaving. It was Gary and he went on and on and I couldn't get him to stop. Anyway, by the time he did stop it was already half past and it takes at least ten minutes to get here. I'm sorry.

Why is the man late?

- A) He has been running all afternoon.
- B) He couldn't find the bus stop.
- C) Someone on the phone wouldn't stop talking.
- D) He had to make a telephone call.

TASK 10

A woman talking

Woman: Oh, hello Peter! You're up already. Sleep well? I'm just going out to the supermarket. I've left the breakfast things on the table, there's coffee in the flask and the milk is in the fridge. I should be back in an hour or so. Oh, I nearly forgot. Tony may phone - he wanted me to give him Chris's phone number, which is next to the phone in the kitchen. So if he calls, can you let him have it? See you!

What does she want Peter to do?

- A) to take a message if anyone phones
- B) to make breakfast for the woman
- C) to wash the dishes in the kitchen
- D) to pass on a message for someone

TASK 11

A couple talking

Kate: Tom, could you take the ironing board through to the sitting room?

Tom: Why? The movie is just about to start.

Kate: I'm going to do the ironing while I'm watching TV.

Tom: But you must be tired. Why don't you leave it till tomorrow and I'll help you?

Kate: Yes, you are right, I am very tired, but tomorrow I need to clean the windows.

Tom: I know I'm usually not very good at doing the housework, but starting from tomorrow, I'm going to change. I'll iron it tomorrow.

Kate: Is that a promise?

Tom: Yes, it is.

Kate: Well, in that case, let's go and watch TV together!

What is Kate going to do now? She is going to _____.

- A) clean the windows
- B) do the ironing
- C) have a good rest
- D) go to the movies

TASK 12

A family conversation

Patricia: Good morning, Richard. Let's all have a big Sunday breakfast!

Richard: Not for me. I'm going to clear the snow away from the garden path.

Patricia: Why now? There wasn't that much snow last night ...

Richard: You don't believe me, darling? Come and have a look.

Patricia: Oh dear, you're right – there is a lot of snow! Well, I'll wake up Jane and we'll help you.

Richard: Let her sleep. She looked tired last night. Make a good vanilla cake for breakfast and I'll go to the garden to deserve it!

Patricia: All right, then.

What is the woman going to do? She is going to _____.

- A) wake up Jane
- B) clear the snow
- C) make breakfast

D) help Richard

TASK 13

A student talking about his school

Male: I'm having a wonderful time at university. The social life is fantastic and you don't have to work very hard. I go to parties nearly every night and when there isn't a party, I spend the evening playing PC games. That means I usually go to bed pretty late but it's O.K. because I don't have to get up early in the mornings. There are lectures every day but I think most of them are a waste of time, so I don't bother to go.

What does the man say?

- A) lectures are important
- B) studying is hard work
- C) sleeping is a problem
- D) classes are useless

TASK 14

At the bus stop

Passenger: Excuse me, officer. Could you tell me how often the No 10 bus comes?

Officer: You have just missed your bus, sir, but there is another one in half an hour. There is a regular service during working days, you know.

Passenger: Do you think I can still catch my train leaving at 2 o'clock?

Officer: Certainly, sir.

What do we know about the bus? The bus is _____.

- A) coming in 30 minutes
- B) half an hour late
- C) coming at 2 o'clock
- D) regular at weekends

TASK 15

Two friends talking

Jim: I am afraid we are late for today's opening ceremony at the conference.

George: Of course not. We've got quite enough time.

Jim: But the invitation says it starts at 9:00 p.m., and it is 8:40 now.

George: Don't worry. The managing director allowed us not to be there from the very beginning. According to the conference agenda the first contribution won't start before eleven, so we need to arrive just about half an hour before that. There's no need to be stressed.

The two people are planning to arrive at the conference at _____.

- A) 8:40 a.m.
- B) 9:00 a.m.
- C) 10:30 a.m.
- D) 11:00 a.m.

TASK 16

Radio news

There has been a huge disconnection of rail services this morning as a result of heavy snow. A number of traffic jams have been reported in the eastern part of the country. The weather

conditions are making driving hazardous. Drivers should avoid accidents by leaving their cars at home. Limited train service will be operating in the next few hours and delays are expected on all lines to the town.

What should people avoid today?

- A) driving a car
- B) going on a train
- C) leaving a house
- D) going downtown

TASK 17

An announcement on an airplane

In its effort to attract new passengers, the British airlines are providing extra services to our frequent travellers. At some international airports we have established membership lounges that allow the use of personal computers and private conference rooms any time you wish. You can find the list of airports in a brochure in front of you. All of these services are included in ticket prices at no additional charge.

What do you know about the customer service? It is available _____.

- A) at frequent intervals
- B) only to businessmen
- C) at British airports only
- D) without extra charges

TASK 18

Two people talking

Donna: Peter, could we just have a quick word, please?

Peter: Sure, Donna.

Donna: It's just that I could hear what you were saying to that woman you were serving this morning and I wondered, well, if you realized, that she thought you weren't being very polite.

Peter: Me? It was her that was being rude.

Donna: What you mean?

Peter: She didn't like any of the things I showed her. She tried them on and dropped them all over the place. Then it took me ages to put them all back on the shelves.

Who is Donna? She is Peter's _____.

- A) wife
- B) boss
- C) customer
- D) employee

TASK 19

In a store

Assistant: Good afternoon, sir. May I help you?

Customer: There is something wrong with this watch. It stopped and I was 1 hour late for a business meeting.

Assistant: Did you drop your watch on the floor?

Customer: I do not think so, but even if I did, you have promised a lifetime guarantee. It probably needs to be serviced.

Assistant: O.K. Let me have a look.

What does the man want to do?

- A) to buy a watch
- B) to get a refund
- C) to have the goods repaired
- D) to have the goods exchanged

TASK 20

A student talking to his friend

Tom: Gerry, would you do me a big favour?

Gerry: That depends on what it is.

Tom: It's my homework. I can't go to the French class. I'm going to the doctor's in the morning, and I wondered if you would give my homework, you know, the translation exercise, to the teacher for me. It's really important and I don't want to get into trouble.

Gerry: Sure. For one minute I thought you were going to ask me to write it instead of you...

What is Gerry asked to do with his friend's homework?

- A) to write it
- B) to hand it in
- C) to check it
- D) to translate it

TASK 21

A man talking to a group

Man: ... and it gives me special pleasure today to welcome a number of people whose faces were a familiar sight in the corridors of this building some years ago. You left us to make your way in the world and I'm glad to talk to each of you individually later to find out how you have all succeeded in your careers after graduation.

Why did the people meet?

- A) to start a new semester
- B) to graduate from school
- C) to welcome new students
- D) to get together after years

TASK 22

Two people talking

Woman: What do you think? Big enough?

Man: Oh it's plenty big. Your apartment's not that big, anyway.

Woman: That's something to think about. Too big?

Man: Well it would seat six people with no problem.

Woman: Well, that's a nice size for a party.

Man: True. Do you ever invite more people over for dinner?

Woman: Sometimes, but not very often.

Man: Well then, this is big enough.

Woman: OK, I'll take it.

What are the people doing?

- A) inviting people for dinner
- B) buying some furniture

- C) renting an apartment
- D) organising the party

TASKS 23-25

A man talking

Male: I lost my job when the company where I worked closed down, and it was terrible. All these men unemployed and no jobs for them anywhere. And so my wife decided to go back to work. She's a lawyer so it's easier for her to find a job, but she has to work long hours. So we have basically changed roles. I look after the baby and take the other two (*pause*) to school, and do the shopping and the cooking and the housework. And I must say it's the hardest work I've ever done! Before I used to think my wife had an easy time while I was working. Now I see mums and housewives in a different way!

The man's wife _____.

- A) works at home
- B) is very busy
- C) works as a clerk
- D) is unemployed

How many children do they have?

- A) one
- B) two
- C) three
- D) four

What is true about the situation? It is _____.

- A) hard to work in his company
- B) easy to be a housewife
- C) time to find a different job
- D) a challenge for the man