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概 述

PETS5 的全称为 Public English Test System Level 5, 即全国公共英语等级考试第五级, 听力为 PETS5 的第一部分, 考试时间约为 35 分钟(含誊写或转涂时间), 题量为 30 题, 原始赋分 30 分, 权重分仍为 30 分。考生成绩 60 分以上(含 60 分)为合格, 其中听力部分还必须有 60% 以上(含 60%)的得分率, 方视为合格。

PETS5 的听力部分重点考查考生对英语口语的理解能力, 也就是说, 录音材料的内容尽量趋向口语化, 目的在于为考生提供比较真实的语言环境, 而不是听人在照本宣读, 以考查考生在真实的语言环境下的交际能力。PETS5 的听力材料有对话和讲话两种, 包括讲座、采访、新闻报道等等。内容涉及面较广, 除衣食住行外, 还涉及社会科学和科普知识, 如: 文化、教育、历史、著名人物介绍, 以及心理学等等; 同时也可能包括世界各地的风土人情, 当今社会公众关心的热点问题, 如: 能源、交通、污染、吸毒、走私等等。总之, 内容可能包罗万象, 这就要求考生不但拥有充实的语言知识, 同时还要具有丰富的背景知识, 这样考时才能从容镇定, 得心应手。

PETS5 的听力部分由 A、B、C 三节组成。

A 节共 10 小题, 考查考生理解具体和抽象信息的能力。要求考生根据所听到的一段 500~600 词的对话或独白的内容, 判断 10 个陈述句的正误, 录音材料只播放一遍。B 节共 10 小题, 考查考生理解细节、事实、要点、观点、态度等的的能力。要求考生根据所听到的三段对话或独白(每段 280~320 词)的内容, 从每题所给的 4 个选择项中选出最佳选项。每段录音材料只播放一遍。C 节共 10 小题, 考查考生理解并记录主要信息的能力。要求考生根据所听到的一段对话或独白(700~800 词)的内容, 回答问题或补全不完整的句子。录音材料播放两遍。

听力部分的所有问题都不在录音中播放, 而是印在试卷上。听力考试进行时, 考生应将答案划或写在试卷上; 听力部分结束前, 考生有 5 分钟的时间将试卷上的答案转涂或誊写到答题卡 1 上。

本书的编写目的在于给考生提供应试指导, 通过大量的强化训练和模拟考试使考生提高听力, 熟悉 PETS5 听力部分各节试题的题型, 并掌握解题的技巧。

本书分为四部分: 1. 各节训练习题(包括应试指导); 2. 模拟试题; 3. 录音原文; 4. 答案。建议考生在做各节练习之前先阅读应试指导, 并应用到训练实践中去。在做完各节训练习题之后, 考生应严格按照正式考试的要求去做模拟试题, 检验一下自己的听力水平, 找出薄弱环节和努力方向, 这样, 在正式考试时才能取得理想的成绩。(需要说明一点, 为了减少录音带的长度, 降低本书的制作成本, 从而降低本书的价格, 在录制强训训练部分的录音时, 我们没有留出供读者阅读题目和检查答案的时间, 请读者做练习时, 按照考试要求操

作。)

应该指出的是,本书提供的应试指导只是作者个人的见解,仅供考生参考。任何应试技巧都应因人而异。因此,希望考生在使用本书过程中不断总结经验,不断完善适合自己的应试技巧。

众所周知,“听、说、读、写”是外语学习的四项基本技能,缺一不可。而在四项技能中,“听”又名列前位,可见其地位之重要。长期的外语教学实践和以往历年的 EPT 考试结果,以及 1999 年 3 月举行的 PETS5 模拟考试和同年 9 月份举行的第一次 PETS5 正式考试的结果证明,听力是中国人学习外语的薄弱环节。这一现象与我国的外语教学现状有着密切的关系。很多学生具有长达十年左右的外语学习的经历,然而多数人不能熟练地阅读外文原版书籍,尤其是听不懂,说不出,难以与外国人直接交流。这是由于长期以来我国的英语教学及考试的重点一直是语法和阅读,忽略了对听力与口语的训练与考查。然而,参加 PETS5 的考生中大多数准备出国攻读学位或进修,他们需要听课、听讲座、参加学术研讨或导师主持的课堂讨论;他们要和同行一起做实验、搞科研,要在学术和专业领域内以及其他方面与外国人交谈;在日常生活中更需要经常和外国人打交道——可以说,“听”无处不在,无时不有。因此,突破“听力关”至关重要。为此,PETS 的设计原则首先是注重对语言交际能力的考查,尤其是对听、说能力的考查。

“冰冻三尺非一日之寒”,听力水平的提高同样靠日积月累,持之以恒。所谓“听力”指的是对所听到的信息的理解能力,这种能力不可能在一夜间获得,而须经过一个从量变到质变的过程。听的“量”积累到一定程度,必然会发生“质”的变化,这个质的变化就是“理解”或“听懂了”。而本书的编写正是为了帮助考生加快这一变化的过程。

A 节练习

A 节即 Part A 的题型是正误判断(True or False),这种题型对中国考生来说比较陌生。在我们常见的听力考试中很少有这类题型。考生在做 Part A 时要注意阅读试卷上的指令,特别是指令中的第一句话,此话虽短,可它却向考生提供了重要信息。这句指令通常会告诉考生将要听到的是对话还是独白。若是对话,是在哪两个人中间进行的,双方是什么关系;若是独白,独白者是谁,他的身份是什么。考生千万不要小看这一句指令,因为它对你预测和理解将要听到的内容十分重要。这句指令可能是这样的:“You will hear a conversation between a boss, John, and an employee Sandy.”这句指令给考生提供了以下信息:1. 将要听到的一段对话;2. 对话是在一个老板和雇员之间进行的;3. 老板是男的(John),雇员是女的(Sandy)。既然对话的双方是老板和雇员,那么考生便可以预测他们将要谈论的内容十有八九与雇员的工作有关(这段对话的大意是老板不满意雇员的工作,要给她调换工作)。脑子里有了这些信息,再加上有 60 秒钟的时间阅读 10 道题,那么,你对将要听到的内容就能有了大概的估计了。这句指令也可能是这样的:“You will hear a talk given by a university lecturer.”从这一指令中你可以得知你将听到的是一篇讲话,是一位大学老师在给学生做讲座。有时这一指令可能不提讲话人是谁,但却向你透露讲座的内容,如:“You will hear a talk about Part-time Work in Britain”。总之,这一句指令对考生理解将要听到的内容起着不可低估的作用。

考生尚需注意的是 Part A 给考生 60 秒钟阅读这部分的 10 道题(10 个陈述句),平均每题 6 秒钟。这 60 秒钟对考生来说也是至关重要的。听前先阅读题的目的在于了解录音的大概内容,有几个人物,彼此是什么关系,大概发生了什么事或将要发生什么。考生在阅读时还要尽量记住这些题都涉及到哪些方面,如:时间、地点、人物、事件的先后顺序,等等。这样,听起来才能有针对性,答题时准确率才能高。一般来说,用 60 秒钟阅读 10 个句子还是做得到的,建议考生使用浏览的方式阅读,以加快阅读速度。

考生经常会提出这样的问题:“究竟是边听边做题,还是把录音听完后再做呢?”笔者认为还是边听边做为好,因为:1. 考生已经用 60 秒的时间阅读了这 10 个句子,可以说对它们所谈及的内容比较熟悉了。2. 10 个问题的顺序基本上是按录音材料内容的先后顺序排列的,几乎没有跳跃,做起来很方便。3. 正误选择题只有两个选择,非“正”则“误”。所以,考

生只需在这二者之间做判断,和多项选择题比较,正误选择相对容易一些。4. 该部分录音听完后,考生只有 20 秒时间检查答案,即平均每题只有两秒钟。如果不边听边做,靠最后 20 秒的时间完成 10 道题将是十分困难的,甚至是不可能的。

怎样利用最后 20 秒的时间检查答案呢?在边听边做时,可能有的问题拿不准或根本不会做,建议考生先在该题旁做个记号,不能因为一道题不会做就卡壳,事实上也没有时间去冥思苦想。考生在做题的同时,耳朵还要听录音里连续不断发出的各种信息,大脑还要对这些信息进行分析、推测、概括和综合,所有这些都应同时进行,否则就会顾此失彼,得不偿失。考生可以用最后 20 秒的时间来完成听时没有回答出来的问题,因为录音材料是一个整体,前后的内容都是有联系的,听完整个录音将非常有助于考生理解以前没有理解的内容。所以,建议考生不要把这 20 秒的时间平均分配在 10 道题上。听完整篇录音材料以后,对所听内容有了比较全面和正确的理解,以前不会答的题此时可能会答了,还可能发现前面有的问题答错了。那么,考生就应该利用这 20 秒来补答未答的题,或纠正前面的错误,以做到万无一失。如果要用这 20 秒钟从头到尾把每道题都看一遍,结果往往不是时间不够用,就是走过场,20 秒钟一晃而过。许多考生的经验证明,平均分配这 20 秒钟是不明智的。因此,认真阅读指令,合理使用听前、听时和听后的时间对圆满地完成 Part A 十分重要。

PART A

Practice 1

You will hear a talk about color. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the talk ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. A leader usually prefers grays and blues. TRUE/FALSE
2. A pessimist tends to do what other people tell him to do. TRUE/FALSE
3. Your favorite color was established when you grew up. TRUE/FALSE
4. If you live in a yellow room, you feel more cheerful and at ease. TRUE/FALSE
5. More people commit suicides at a black bridge over Thames River because Thames River is famous. TRUE/FALSE
6. The number of suicides attempts would have fallen even more if the bridge had been repainted pink and blue. TRUE/FALSE
7. Factory workers work better and harder when their machines are painted orange. TRUE/FALSE
8. A French poet associated a particular color with a number. TRUE/FALSE
9. The “blues” are sad jazz music. TRUE/FALSE
10. A person would refuse to tell you what color he likes and dislikes because he doesn't want you to know his personality. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 2

You will hear the Headmaster of a school welcoming a guest speaker who has come along to give a talk. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the speech ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. The Headmaster gave the welcoming speech in the morning. TRUE/FALSE
2. The school has a history of about 120 years. TRUE/FALSE
3. The guest speaker was one of the school's first pupils. TRUE/FALSE
4. Not all its pupils have been a credit to the school. TRUE/FALSE
5. The school has always been co-educational. TRUE/FALSE
6. The guest speaker has written at least four plays. TRUE/FALSE
7. His most recent hit is a comedy. TRUE/FALSE

- 8. His first novel won a literary prize. TRUE/FALSE
- 9. The guest speaker has ability in many things. TRUE/FALSE
- 10. The guest speaker is going to give a talk after the Headmaster's speech. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 3

You will hear a passage about dreams. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

- 1. Dreams while we are asleep are quite different from daydreams. TRUE/FALSE
- 2. Dreams may be caused by an upset stomach. TRUE/FALSE
- 3. If you prick someone with a pin, he may dream he has been stabbed. TRUE/FALSE
- 4. Sighted people and those who have never been able to see dream in exactly the same way. TRUE/FALSE
- 5. Dreaming is probably unnecessary. TRUE/FALSE
- 6. There is plenty of proof available that dreams foretell the future. TRUE/FALSE
- 7. Everyone knows that dogs dream just like human beings. TRUE/FALSE
- 8. Because human beings dream, so may the more intelligent animals. TRUE/FALSE
- 9. Dreams are not easy to interpret because the original thoughts and ideas are disguised. TRUE/FALSE
- 10. It is almost certainly true that dreams express the subconscious mind. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 4

You will hear a radio interview with a doctor. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the interview ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

- 1. A thousand people are affected by phobias. TRUE/FALSE
- 2. A lot of people make no secret of their phobias. TRUE/FALSE
- 3. People with phobias are often frightened to be laughed at and scorned. TRUE/FALSE
- 4. The doctor was panicking when a wasp flew into his car. TRUE/FALSE

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| 5. The panic can control the body functions . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. According to the doctor , phobias cause people to experience physical sensations . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. Sensitive people will definitely develop phobias . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. The doctor talks about working in cold storage in order to explain what she means by ' condition ' . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. Most phobias are rooted in irrational fears . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 10. Queen Victoria feared that the wheels of the plane would fly off and the plane would crash . | TRUE/FALSE |

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10 .

Practice 5

You will hear a passage about advertising . As you listen , answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False . You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE .

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10 .

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| 1. Advertising influences us to buy one kind of product instead of another . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 2. Advertising doesn't always tell us everything about a product . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 3. Advertising misinforms us . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 4. Advertising makes our lives perfect . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 5. People will like you better if you use the advertised products . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. Wanting a good self-image is the negative reason for choosing products . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. Advertisers know that almost everyone wants to look as attractive as possible . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. Advertisers get information from psychologists to make us buy products . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. Psychologists tell advertisers to stop influencing shoppers . | TRUE/FALSE |
| 10. Advertisers spend billions of dollars each year to make us buy products . | TRUE/FALSE |

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10 .

Practice 6

You will hear a conversation between two women , Rosie and Annie . As you listen , answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False . You will hear the conversation ONLY ONCE .

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

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| 1. Annie had arranged to go out after work. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 2. Blain is usually late. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 3. Annie spoke to Blain on the phone. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 4. Annie is usually late. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 5. Blain didn't mind arriving late at the concert. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. Annie is worried that Blain is not going to come at all. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. Rosie doesn't think he is going to come either. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. Rosie suggests having a coffee in the office. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. There is somebody to answer the phone at the office. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 10. Jannie is going to leave a message for Blain. | TRUE/FALSE |

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 7

You will hear a talk about bees. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the talk ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

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| 1. Several groups of bees share a hive. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 2. The three kinds of bee in a hive are the Queen bees, the drones and the worker bees. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 3. Each colony consists of thousands of bees. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 4. The Queen bee lays eggs that become other bees. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 5. The Queen bee rules over all the other bees. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. There are more drones than any other type of bee in a hive. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. The main function of the drones is fertilising the eggs. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. The worker bees are produced by unfertilised eggs. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. The worker bees gather honey from flowers. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 10. Only the worker bees contribute to the life of the colony because they do all the work of the colony. | TRUE/FALSE |

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 8

You will hear a passage about travel lifestyles. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. Sightseeing is the only reason that people travel. TRUE/FALSE
2. Everyone who travels wants to stay in the best hotels and eat at the best restaurants. TRUE/FALSE
3. It is possible for travelers to stay in the private homes of people that they don't know. TRUE/FALSE
4. Some travelers stay in the private homes in order to discover travel lifestyles different from their own. TRUE/FALSE
5. There are programs for students who want to live with families while they study. TRUE/FALSE
6. Servas International is an organization for travelers who are interested in learning about people. TRUE/FALSE
7. Servas International has been serving travelers for many years. TRUE/FALSE
8. After choosing the hosts who interest them, travelers go straight to their homes. TRUE/FALSE
9. Hosts and travelers usually have the same opinions, values and habits. TRUE/FALSE
10. The purpose of travel organizations is to provide free hotel rooms for people who don't have much money. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 - 10.

Practice 9

You will hear a myth or a story. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the story ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 - 10.

1. The two worlds were separated by clouds. TRUE/FALSE
2. Long, long ago, life was different in the Lower World. TRUE/FALSE
3. The sun was hiding in the Lower World. TRUE/FALSE
4. All the animals remembered a time when the sun was as bright as fire in their world. TRUE/FALSE
5. All the animals wanted to go to find the sun. TRUE/FALSE
6. The animals wanted the raven to go because he was strong and intelligent. TRUE/FALSE
7. The raven had trouble finding the sun because the sun's light was very weak. TRUE/FALSE
8. The sun decided to live in the Upper World because it was not too hot and not too cold. TRUE/FALSE
9. The sun followed the raven travelling across the Lower World for part TRUE/FALSE

of the day.

10. When the sun traveled from east to west, sunshine filled the Lower World for 24 hours a day. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 10

You will hear a passage about noise. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. In the United States, a large number of people have lost their hearing. TRUE/FALSE
2. The growth of the population is to blame for the increase of noise. TRUE/FALSE
3. The development of machines is the only cause for the increase of noise in the cities. TRUE/FALSE
4. An ordinary subway train, approaching the station, can reach 200 decibels. TRUE/FALSE
5. The human ear feels louder than the sound really is. TRUE/FALSE
6. When a sound is ten decibels louder than another one, it is ten times as loud as the other one. TRUE/FALSE
7. Motorcyclists like loud machines. TRUE/FALSE
8. People buy loud machines because we don't know how to build quieter machines. TRUE/FALSE
9. In Memphis, people are not allowed to carry radios in public places. TRUE/FALSE
10. In Memphis, automobilists will lose their driving licenses for honking. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 11

You will hear a passage about New York. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. The author explains the huge growth of New York considering some facts about geography, history, and economics. TRUE/FALSE
2. In the 18th century, New York was the second large city in the TRUE/FALSE

Northeast of U. S. A.

3. According to economists, places where farming is done are good for making raw materials into finished goods. TRUE/FALSE
4. The Erie Canal connected Lake Erie with the Hudson River. TRUE/FALSE
5. Wagons drawn by horses or oxen soon proved to be better and cheaper than canal transportation. TRUE/FALSE
6. The labor of many people from Europe helped to make New York become great. TRUE/FALSE
7. The coming of the railroads caused New York to become less important as a shipping center. TRUE/FALSE
8. The Erie Canal reduced freight costs to about 25% of what they had been. TRUE/FALSE
9. In the 19th century imports to New York were greater than exports. TRUE/FALSE
10. Eventually New York became the end point of a great inland shipping system. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 12

You will hear part of a phone-in programme on the radio. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the programme ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. The woman and her husband booked their holiday through the Associations of Travel Agents. TRUE/FALSE
2. The woman wanted to stay in a hotel like Solara. TRUE/FALSE
3. The hotel Solara was modern and large. TRUE/FALSE
4. The second hotel was bigger than the Hotel Salara. TRUE/FALSE
5. One problem with the second hotel was that it was hard to sleep. TRUE/FALSE
6. The family came home early and the tour representative paid extra for the flight. TRUE/FALSE
7. When the family was back, the woman went to her travel agent to complain. TRUE/FALSE
8. If overbooking is discovered before you leave, you're offered another holiday or your money back immediately. TRUE/FALSE
9. The woman can't get any money back because the hotel they stayed in was of a higher standard. TRUE/FALSE
10. The expert told the woman to go to the people who sold her the holiday. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 13

You will hear a man talking about a frightening experience. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the talk ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

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| 1. The accident happened in the middle of the countryside. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 2. The bus was nearly empty. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 3. The accident happened shortly after leaving the bar. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 4. The bus crashed into something else. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 5. People began to shout and panic. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. Everyone got off the bus. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. The driver was killed. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. The man was hurt. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. No one was hurt. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 10. They went to hospital immediately. | TRUE/FALSE |

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 14

You will hear a broadcast appeal given by Richard Falcon who is from the World Care Organization. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the appeal ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

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| 1. World Care sponsorship is a form of charity. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 2. World Care has been organizing sponsorship of children in poor areas of the Third World for 40 years. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 3. Richard is giving the talk with the help of a screen. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 4. You are being asked to donate £ 80.50 per a month. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 5. Richard gives a single-parent family with a number of children as an example. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 6. Most families in Southeast Asia are surviving on under £ 250 year. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 7. Your own children will benefit with a 'friendship through sponsorship'. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 8. In the past 35 years about 40,000 children have already been helped by World Care. | TRUE/FALSE |
| 9. About the scheme, Richard emphasizes that each case is given | TRUE/FALSE |

individual attention.

10. According to Richard, many will despair unless urgent actions is taken. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 15

You will hear a passage about television. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. The effects of T. V. on our lives are always negative. TRUE/FALSE
2. Television offers high-quality programs on different subjects. TRUE/FALSE
3. Television helps people who can't move around a lot. TRUE/FALSE
4. A person's brain becomes very active when he or she watches T. V. TRUE/FALSE
5. Television is good for concentration. TRUE/FALSE
6. Because of exciting T. V. programs, some people become depressed or upset about their own lives. TRUE/FALSE
7. Children aren't upset by violence because they see it all the time on T. V. TRUE/FALSE
8. Many people are addicted to T. V. TRUE/FALSE
9. You can solve the problem of T. V. addiction if you throw away the set. TRUE/FALSE
10. There are six signs of T. V. addiction. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 16

You will hear a passage about "the little town Granbury in Texas". As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. Granbury looked like a sad little town in 1967. TRUE/FALSE
2. Granbury was losing its population. TRUE/FALSE
3. The town was elegant and lively in the 19th century. TRUE/FALSE
4. A rich woman bought the hotel. TRUE/FALSE
5. The hotel owner was not the only person who thought of restoring old TRUE/FALSE

buildings.

6. The merchants were opposed to the restoration. TRUE/FALSE
7. Experts told the people that they should repair their old opera house. TRUE/FALSE
8. The cabinetmaker made new furniture for the hotel. TRUE/FALSE
9. The Granbury Opera House is beautiful but not very successful now. TRUE/FALSE
10. The State of Texas seems to be proud of Granbury. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 17

You will hear an introduction about Harrods. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the introduction ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. No store in Europe is larger than Harrods. TRUE/FALSE
2. Anyone can buy an elephant from the Pet Department. TRUE/FALSE
3. Most other stores cannot match Harrods' range of merchandise. TRUE/FALSE
4. You can arrange for a dead body to be buried by Harrods. TRUE/FALSE
5. You can borrow a book from Harrods. TRUE/FALSE
6. An American once asked to have a handkerchief sent to California. TRUE/FALSE
7. Harrods employs 4,000 regular staff. TRUE/FALSE
8. Everyone who visits London goes to Harrods. TRUE/FALSE
9. Harrods' restaurants are good but rather expensive. TRUE/FALSE
10. You can eat as much as you like at the Grand Buffet Tea for a fixed price. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 18

You will hear a passage about "the secrets of a very long life". As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. Doctors and scientists study certain people to learn their secrets of long life. TRUE/FALSE
2. People who live a very long time are usually in mountainous areas, and the weather is very hot. TRUE/FALSE
3. There is one main reason for the good health and long lives of these TRUE/FALSE

- people.
4. People in the Caucasus Mountains live a long time, but they have no their own teeth when they die. TRUE/FALSE
 5. Vilcabamba, Ecuador, is a ideal place for the human beings to live in. TRUE/FALSE
 6. The diets of the people in the three regions are very similar. TRUE/FALSE
 7. Fruit is one of the diets of the inhabitants in the three regions. TRUE/FALSE
 8. Drinking a lot of alcohol and smoking a lot of cigarettes are the two secrets of longevity in the mountains of Ecuador. TRUE/FALSE
 9. North Americans take in almost twice as many calories every day as inhabitants of the three mountainous areas. TRUE/FALSE
 10. The secrets of long life might be lots of rest and no hard work. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 19

You will hear a telephone conversation between a man and a woman. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the conversation ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.

1. Helen is the person whom the man intends to speak to. TRUE/FALSE
2. Helen lent Blain a book two months ago. TRUE/FALSE
3. The book is about climbing. TRUE/FALSE
4. Helen has looked at the book a lot since Blain returned it. TRUE/FALSE
5. The book is in good condition. TRUE/FALSE
6. 25 pages are missing. TRUE/FALSE
7. Blain read the book. TRUE/FALSE
8. Helen has had the book for a long time. TRUE/FALSE
9. Helen likes the book very much. TRUE/FALSE
10. Blain is going to see Helen later. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 – 10.

Practice 20

You will hear a passage about 'Shooting a Film'. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling true or False. You will hear the passage ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 – 10.