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听力原文与参考答案及解析

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一、高等学校英语应用能力考试(A 级) 模拟测试题听力原文

Model Test 1

Part I Listening Comprehension

Directions: This part is to test your listening ability. It consists of 4 sections.

Section A

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short dialogues. There are 5 recorded dialogues in it. After each dialogue, there is a recorded question. Both the dialogues and questions will be spoken **only once**. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Example: You will hear: M: Are you watching the series on Channel 8 this evening?

W: Yes, I won't miss my favorite series.

Q: What are the two persons talking about?

You will read: A) An evening party.

B) The woman's job.

C) A TV program.

D) News on Channel 8.

From the dialogue we learn that the woman will see her favorite TV series. Therefore, C) A TV program is the correct answer. You should mark C) on the Answer Sheet. Now the test will begin.

1. M: Jane, I'm sorry to bother you about this, but could you turn that music down?

W: Sorry, I didn't realize you could hear it.

Q: What will the woman probably do?

2. W: You should stay in bed for a couple of days and take this medicine three times a day.

M: All right. Thank you for your advice.

Q: What's the probable relationship between these two speakers?

3. M: How is everything going? You look so worried.

W: I have got a million things to do and all of them have to be finished in half an hour.

Q: What does the woman mean?

4. W: The weather forecast says it will rain this morning.

M: Look at the ground! It's already wet.

Q: What do we learn from the man's reply?

5. M: I remember you told me that you were going to the bank.

W: Yes, I have to cash a check and then pay the bill for the electricity.

Q: What will the woman do first?

Section B

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short conversations. There are 2 recorded conversations in it. After each conversation, there are some recorded questions. Both the conversations and questions will be spoken **two times**. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre. Now listen to the conversations.

Conversation 1

M: Mary, what are you doing?

W: I am surfing the Internet. I want to know what's on this weekend.

M: Is there anything interesting?

W: Yes. There will be a free jazz concert in Central Park and Madonna will have her live show at Madison Square.

M: Wow... Sounds great! You know I like pop music and Madonna is one of my favorite female singers. When will her performance start?

W: 6 p. m. this Friday. Will you be free then?

M: Yes, for sure.

W: Let's go together then. I will be waiting for you in front of the coffee bar next to your office building at 5:30.

M: All right.

Q6. What have the two speakers decided to do?

Q7. Where will they meet?

Conversation 2

W: Bright Star Hotel.

M: Good afternoon. My name is Martin Moore. I'd like to book some rooms for tomorrow for a week.

W: Okay, that's December 2nd to 8th. What kind of rooms would you like?

M: Two single rooms and three double rooms.

W: Sure, we have single rooms at \$30, \$40 and \$60 a night and double rooms at \$40, \$50

and \$ 70 a night.

M: Um... I'd like quiet rooms all on the same floor if possible.

W: Okay, I can arrange them for you, sir.

M: Do they have baths?

W: Yes, they all have baths and showers.

M: Fine. I would like single rooms at \$ 40 and double rooms at \$ 50.

W: So, two single rooms at \$ 40 a night and three double rooms at \$ 50 a night.

M: Yes, that's right. Thank you.

W: You're quite welcome.

Q8. How long does the man book the accommodation?

Q9. How many rooms does the man book?

Q10. How much will the man pay for one night?

Section C

Directions: *In this section you will hear a recorded short passage. The passage is printed in the test paper, but with some words or phrases missing. The passage will be read **two times**. You are required to put the missing words or phrases on the Answer Sheet in order of the numbered blanks according to what you hear. Now the passage will begin.*

The UK is one of the most popular destinations for international students, with one-fifth of undergraduates in the UK coming from abroad. But how do UK students view their global *peers*?

A new survey conducted by the Higher Education Policy Institute and the Higher Education Academy shows that 86 percent of UK students say they study alongside international students and 54 percent think international students work "much harder" or "a little harder" than local students.

Also, 78 percent of those who reply to the survey say studying alongside people from other countries is "useful preparation for working in a global environment". Some think "International students have helped increase their knowledge of other cultures, religions and countries, and most importantly, create a warming sense of a global community".

Section D

Directions: *This section is to test your ability to comprehend short passages. You will hear a recorded passage. After that you will hear five questions. Both the passage and the questions will be read **two times**. When you hear a question, you should complete the answer to it with a word or a short phrase (**in no more than 3 words**). The incomplete answers are printed in your test paper. You should write your answers on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now listen to the passage.*

Michael Phillips was an experienced pilot. One day when he was flying over the Pacific Ocean, the engine suddenly stopped. He tried to restart the engine but he encountered many technical difficulties. Finally the plane crashed on an unknown island. Michael survived the

accident but he was badly hurt. He waited all the next day for the plane to come to rescue him. However, no plane flew over him but seagulls. Three days passed and Michael became so weak that he even couldn't move his body. On the fifth day when he gave up the hope of being found, a small airplane came close to the island. Michael tried his best to wave his hands. Luckily, the pilot on the plane found him. After a while the airplane dropped some food, medicine, tools and a sleeping bag on the ground. The pilot smiled and waved to Michael happily and then flew away.

- Q16. What did Michael do after the engine stopped?
Q17. Where did the plane finally crash?
Q18. When was Michael found?
Q19. What did Michael do when he saw a small airplane?
Q20. What did the plane drop on the ground?

Model Test 2

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. M: I wonder whether it would be possible to change this single room to a double room.
W: I'm sorry, sir. All the double rooms are booked up. Let me check with other hotels to see if they have any.
Q: What is the woman going to do for the man?
2. W: We didn't win the game, but I was satisfied with the performance of our team.
M: You did a very good job. It's a real surprise to many girl students in our school.
Q: What do we learn from this conversation?
3. M: You'd better take the car to the garage. There is something wrong with the engine.
W: Okay. I found out the trouble when I drove the children to school yesterday.
Q: What are the two speakers talking about?
4. M: Why don't you come to our house for dinner some time this week?
W: Well, I'd love to, but I have visitors from Britain.
Q: Why can't the woman accept the man's invitation?
5. W: Hi, Tom, why are you dressed up today? Are you going to the theater?
M: No. I just had a job interview this afternoon.
Q: What do we know about Tom?

Section B

Conversation 1

- M: Excuse me, Madam.
W: Yes. What can I do for you, sir?
M: I bought this walkman here yesterday, but I don't know how to use it.
W: Okay, I'll help you. First, press OPEN button to open the door of the walkman. Put your

cassette in and close the door.

M: And then?

W: Press POWER button. If the power is on, there will be a light indicated here, and after that, press PLAY and turn on the volume.

M: Yes. I think I did the same as you do but it still doesn't work.

W: Have you checked your batteries, sir? Make sure to use two new batteries at the same time.

M: Oh, I see. I know what the problem is.

W: Any questions, sir?

M: No. Thank you.

W: It's my pleasure.

Q6. What is the man's problem?

Q7. What can we conclude from the conversation?

Conversation 2

W: Welcome to Australia. May I see your passport and declaration, please?

M: Yes, of course. Here you are.

W: Thank you. Where are you from?

M: California, the United States.

W: What is the purpose of your trip?

M: Partly business and partly pleasure.

W: How long do you plan to be here?

M: About half a year. At least three months, I think.

W: Where will you be staying?

M: Melbourne, of course. But I'll visit some other places.

W: Fine, I have to check your luggage now, Sir.

M: Okay, I have a small suitcase and a box with some newly designed products of our company.

W: What do you have in the suitcase?

M: Clothes and some scientific papers.

W: All right. Thank you for your cooperation.

Q8. Where does this conversation most probably take place?

Q9. How long will the man stay in Australia?

Q10. How many pieces of luggage does the man have?

Section C

There are plenty of things to be gained from travel, including getting to know new people and cultures and acquiring new experiences. Travel also broadens our minds. It can also make us more creative. In recent years, researchers have begun examining more closely what many people have already learned from experiences: that spending time abroad may have the potential to effect mental change. Experiencing new things and interacting with new people and new cultures wakes

your mind up.

However, that doesn't mean the more places you've been, the more creative you'll get. You have to interact with the places you go to and immerse yourselves in a new place and a new culture if you want to get the full benefit.

Section D

I often complain about the problems related with city life. Sometimes I dream of living in the country enjoying the beauties of nature. Once a friend of mine asked me, "Do you really hate the life in the city? Would you really move to the country?" My answer is NO. In general, city life is relatively convenient and comfortable. There is a variety of transportations, like buses, cars and undergrounds. All kinds of stores are everywhere in the city. There are also many theaters, cinemas, art galleries and restaurants providing people with various kinds of entertainment. To me, moving away from the city would mean the loss of excitement. Therefore, I choose to continue to live in the city.

Q16. What does the speaker often complain about?

Q17. What was his friend's question about?

Q18. What does the speaker think of the city life in general?

Q19. What are the advantages of living in the city?

Q20. Where does the speaker finally choose to live?

Model Test 3

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. M: Excuse me. I would like to make an appointment with Mr. Johnson.

W: Sorry, Mr. Johnson was on a holiday in England, and on his way back he'll be staying in New York for a week. He'll probably be back the day after tomorrow.

Q: Where is Mr. Johnson now?

2. W: John, are you familiar with Mrs. Helen Baker?

M: No, I am a new-comer here in this company.

Q: What can we learn from this conversation?

3. M: Tomorrow I will go to the airport to see you off.

W: Oh, I am sorry. I forgot to tell you. I have called off my trip.

Q: What do we learn about the woman?

4. W: These apartments are new and well furnished. The place is nice and quiet.

M: Yes. But it is far from my working place. Let me think it over.

Q: What is the man doing?

5. M: If I were you, I would retype the report before handing it in.

W: I don't think it looks so bad, but anyhow I will do it right away.

Q: What does the man mean?

Section B

Conversation 1

M: Hi, Mary. Do you mind if I join you?

W: No, not at all. Have a seat, Mike.

M: Do you have any plans for the weekend?

W: Yes. I'll go to Washington and stay there for a couple of days.

M: Really? My roommate is going to Washington too. Are you driving?

W: No, I'm going to take a train. I've already bought my ticket.

M: What are you going to do in Washington?

W: I'll visit an old friend of mine. She is a musician.

M: So you two will have a lot to talk about.

W: Yes. You know I like music too.

M: Sounds very interesting.

W: We are going to hear a concert at a music center in Washington.

M: Wow, have a nice trip.

W: Thank you.

Q6. What are the two speakers mainly talking about?

Q7. How will Mary go to Washington?

Q8. What can we learn from the conversation?

Conversation 2

W: Excuse me, have you decided on your order, sir?

M: Yes, I will have a pizza, please.

W: And would you like fresh vegetables with that?

M: Yes, please. I want some tomatoes.

W: I'm sorry, sir. We haven't got any tomatoes today.

M: Well, it doesn't matter.

W: Would you like some soup?

M: No, thanks.

W: And what would you like to drink?

M: I'd like to have black coffee.

W: Okay. Anything else?

M: No. That's all.

Q9. What didn't the man order?

Q10. What do we learn from the conversation?

Section C

Email marketing is directly marketing a commercial message to a group of people using email. In its broadest sense, every email sent to a potential or current customer could be considered email marketing. It usually involves using email to send ads, request business, or ask for sales or donations, and is meant to build loyalty, trust, or brand awareness. Email marketing can be done to either sold lists or a current customer database. Broadly, the term is usually used to refer to sending email messages with the purpose of enhancing the relationship of a merchant with its current or previous customers, to encourage customer loyalty and repeat business, acquiring new customers or convincing current customers to purchase something immediately, and adding advertisements to email messages sent by other companies to their customers.

Section D

A hobby can be almost anything a person likes to do in his spare time. People take up hobbies because these activities offer enjoyment, friendship, knowledge, and relaxation. My favorite hobby is playing football. I have been playing the sport for a long time and it has been a big part of my life. Though I didn't play very well, I really love it. I have been to many games and the name of my team is Big Boys. My next favorite hobby is baseball. It is such a relaxing sport that I can play for hours. Once again I didn't play very well but I think I can hold my own. My favorite team is BRS, which won World Series Champions. My other favorite hobby is traveling. I have been to many places from Europe to Asia such as France, Germany, Italy, China, Korea etc. and every year I try to find a new place to visit.

Q16. Why do people take up hobbies?

Q17. What are the speaker's favorite hobbies?

Q18. What is the name of the speaker's football team?

Q19. What does the speaker think of baseball?

Q20. Which countries has the speaker been to?

Model Test 4

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. W: Excuse me, could you show me the way to the railway station?

M: Certainly. Go straight ahead until you reach the traffic lights. Then turn right and you will see a square. The station is on the west side of it.

Q: Where is the railway station?

2. M: I want to buy a second-hand car. What do you think?

W: Well, I think buying a new one saves money in the long run.

Q: What can we learn from the woman's reply?

3. W: How long will it take you to fix my computer?

M: It shouldn't take longer than a week. I'll call you when it's ready.

Q: What is the probable relationship between the two speakers?

4. M: I can't stop thinking about my report.

W: Neither can I. I am working on mine day and night.

Q: What does the woman mean?

5. W: Did you see last night's television program on music live performance?

M: Well, I intended to watch it, but I slept through it.

Q: What happened to the man last night?

Section B

Conversation 1

M: Hi, Mary.

W: Hello, Jack. How are you?

M: I'm fine. Where are you going?

W: Oh, I'm on my way home from work.

M: I didn't know you have a job.

W: Yes. I work part-time at a supermarket.

M: What do you do there?

W: I wrap fresh fruit and vegetables. I also stock shelves. Have you got a job, Jack?

M: Yes. I teach foreign students English in the evening. But it means I will go back late.

W: I guess every job has its disadvantages. Sometimes I feel so tired. But a job can help me earn money for school.

M: Me too. Well, I'd better go. I have students waiting for me this evening.

W: All right. Goodbye.

M: Goodbye.

Q6. Where was Mary going when Jack met her?

Q7. Why does Mary work part-time at a supermarket?

Q8. What will Jack do next?

Conversation 2

W: Excuse me, I am looking for somewhere to live, but there are one or two things I like to know. Can you help me?

M: Yes, of course. What do you want to know?

W: I've seen a house on Queen's Road but it's unfurnished. How much is it a week?

M: Let me see. That one is 90 pounds a week.

W: The one on Green Street looks good, but I don't know how big it is and what the price is.

M: Let me check my files. It's a new one with a bedroom, sitting room, kitchen, and bathroom. It's on the second floor, 120 pounds a week.

W: That's a little bit expensive. But I think I can manage it. What about the one on Victoria Street?

M: It's quite cheap, only 60 pounds, but you have to share the kitchen and bathroom.

W: Thank you very much for your help.

Q9. Which house is the most expensive concerning the rent?

Q10. What can we learn from the conversation?

Section C

When it comes to getting a job, experience and education aren't the only things that matter. Employers also look at your job skills to make sure that you have what it takes to do the job and grow in the position. If you have marketable job skills, you can make yourself stand out from the other job candidates.

Decide what job skills you need now. If you work with people, practice and improve your people skills and develop some management skills. If you need to improve your computer skills to be more marketable, take a course that will prepare you for your career. Remember that practice makes perfect. You won't master everything overnight, but with practice you'll see yourself improving in the areas in question.

Section D

Honeymoons are becoming fashionable nowadays. Although most newly-weds prefer to spend their money on a honeymoon rather than on a big wedding feast, many still insist that the traditional feast is necessary.

Social statistics show that 46 per cent of marriage-bound couples think the ideal celebration is a small banquet with friends and family followed by a honeymoon trip.

Nowadays, most newly-weds are not willing to live under the same roof with their parents.

A survey of 100 newly-weds living with parents showed that 80 per cent of them would prefer their own home. Others said they would be happy to live near their parents so that they could both enjoy their privacy while still providing help to elders.

Q16. What is necessary according to many newly-weds?

Q17. What is the ideal celebration?

Q18. What are most newly-weds not willing to do?

Q19. What do those newly-weds living with parents prefer?

Q20. Why do some newly-weds feel happy to live near their parents?

Model Test 5

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. M: Could you leave me an address where I can write to you?

W: I am afraid I will have a business trip for a long time. But if you write to me at my aunt's house, she'll hold my mail.

- Q: Which address should the man write to if he writes to the woman?
2. W: I think we'd better stop buying this kind of coffee. It tastes so terrible.
M: Perhaps we should get a new coffee machine instead.
Q: What does the man mean?
3. M: I have just seen your sister in the bookstore. Has she bought her books yet?
W: She bought a history book, but the English and Chinese textbooks were sold out.
Q: Which book has the woman's sister bought?
4. W: I hear you are moving to an apartment outside the university.
M: In fact, I didn't want to move. It would be more expensive. But I can't bear the noise next door.
Q: Why does the man want to move out of the university?
5. M: Last night, Tom left his car parked in front of the department store. But when he came out after his shopping, it was gone.
W: Oh, that's really a pity. He just bought it last week.
Q: What happened to Tom?

Section B

Conversation 1

- W: Good afternoon, Dr. Smith's office.
M: Hello, my name is Peter Marshall, and I would like to see the doctor.
W: Are you a patient of Doctor Smith?
M: Er..., no. My friend suggested that I call you.
W: What seems to be the problem?
M: Well, I don't know, just uncomfortable.
W: Are you in any pain?
M: A slight headache, but it lasts one week.
W: The doctor will be busy at the hospital until this evening. The earliest time you could see him would be tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.
M: I'll come in then if that's okay.
W: That will be fine.
- Q6. Who is the man speaking to?
Q7. Where is Doctor Smith now?

Conversation 2

- W: Can I see your driving license please?
M: What's the matter, officer? Did I do something wrong?
W: You were speeding.
M: I was speeding?
W: You certainly were. Do you have any idea how fast you were going?
M: I'm not sure.

W: The speed limit in this area is 30-mile-per-hour. There are signs all along the streets.

M: I'm sorry, officer, I guess I didn't notice. I'm on my way to a job interview and I haven't planned to come this way.

W: What do you mean?

M: Well, I was coming down on Blues Street but there was a traffic jam, so I turned on to a side street.

W: Well, since you have an interview. I'll give you a warning this time. You should always notice the speed limit whether you're on a street you are familiar with or not.

Q8. Why does the woman think the man should notice the speed limit?

Q9. What can we learn from the man?

Q10. What does the police officer finally do?

Section C

The good thing about starting your career is that you have an endless number of choices in front of you. It's like picking only one dish from a menu that is hundreds of pages long. To get started on your career you will first need to choose an occupation. Put a lot of thought into your choice and you will be rewarded with a career that is both fulfilling and successful. Next, it is important to go out and research any career field you are thinking about pursuing. Use the resources to help you gather information that will help you decide which career is most suitable for you. Finally, when you've chosen an occupation, make a plan that will help you reach your goal of working in that field.

Section D

There are times when you find yourself unable to work out a problem. It is at this point that how you use your teacher is important. With a good teacher, such times should be less frequent than with a bad one, so whatever your luck is, one thing is most significant: if there is something you don't understand, you must ask again and again if necessary, until you do understand it fully. Obviously it is almost unbelievable how many students would rather sit in silent ignorance than admit not understanding. To behave in such a way is the only truly stupid thing. It's also a false form of pride. Therefore, regard your teachers as guides or even friends and don't sit quietly wondering what he or she is going on about.

Q16. What is important when we can't work out a problem?

Q17. What is important for us to do if we don't understand something?

Q18. What do most students do when they don't understand something?

Q19. How does the author feel about the behavior of the students mentioned in the passage?

Q20. What should we regard our teachers as?

Model Test 6

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. W: What else would you like to eat? Cookies, chocolate or some apple pies?
M: No, thank you. I am already full.
Q: What would the man like to have?
2. M: Where is Jane? She should be here at two. And now it's two thirty. She must have missed the bus.
W: I think so, but I hope she won't miss the next one. Otherwise she will be late for the meeting.
Q: What is the woman worried about?
3. W: I want to borrow some reference books for my study. Can you help me?
M: Yes. You will find them in Section 28 in the middle of the shelf.
Q: What's the man's job?
4. M: I don't think you have any interest in attending the lecture on marketing and sales.
W: I do. Actually, I enjoy it very much.
Q: What do we learn from this conversation?
5. W: Excuse me, I don't understand why flight 767 has been delayed. The weather seems fine.
M: I'm afraid New York is snowing very heavily now. It should be clear by afternoon though.
Q: What does the man imply?

Section B

Conversation 1

- W: Elizabeth Anderson speaking.
- M: Professor Anderson, my name is Jack Johnson. My roommate, Jeremy Jones, is in your history class.
- W: Yes.
- M: Well, he is sick and won't be in your class today. He asked me to bring his term paper to your office.
- W: OK. The paper is due by one o'clock.
- M: Um... I have a class from 1 to 2. I'll bring it to your office after my class. Is that okay?
- W: Well, I have a meeting this afternoon. So you can leave it to my secretary, Jane Smith of the history department. She will take care of it.
- M: Okay. Oh I almost forgot. Will you be in your office later today? I have some questions about my study.
- W: Well, my meeting is scheduled all afternoon. Why don't you come tomorrow? My office is in the teaching building next to the library.
- M: Thanks. I'll do that.

Q6. Who is ill?

Q7. Why does the man call the woman?

Q8. What does the woman suggest the man do?

Conversation 2

W: We've got your application and personal resume, Mr. Roberts. I'd like to talk with you about your qualifications for a sales representative.

M: Yes, please.

W: What qualification do you have for the sales work?

M: I worked in a department store last year. And my major is business administration.

W: You know how to do business on a computer network, don't you?

M: Yes, I do. In fact, I've got a certificate of computer network of A level.

W: All right, Mr. Roberts. We'll inform you of our final decision by phone after we have interviewed all the applicants.

M: Thank you. I hope to hear from you soon.

Q9. According to the conversation, what kind of job is Mr. Roberts applying for?

Q10. What kind of qualification does the interviewer specially emphasize?

Section C

A multinational company engaged in real estate with its headquarters in New York is urgently looking for an Executive Secretary to the Business Development Director.

Applicants should have a pleasant appearance, mature and tactful personality, and be able to organize work efficiently under pressure. There should be at least 3 years' secretarial experience working at director's level. Good shorthand skills, and a very high standard of both written and spoken English are required.

The successful applicant will be offered an attractive benefits package, along with the potential of highly rewarding career promotion. Please apply with full resume, a recent photo, expected salary and contact phone number to Box 818 HCB Post.

Section D

Do you have trouble sleeping at night? Then maybe this is for you. When you worry about getting to sleep, turning and twisting your body and trying to find a comfortable position, you're probably only making matters worse. What happens is that your heart rate will actually increase, making it more difficult to relax. You may also have some bad habits that contribute to the problem. Sleeping during the day, doing no exercise, sleeping too late or a lot on weekends will all lead to your sleeplessness by disrupting your body's natural rhythm. What should you do then on those sleepless nights? Don't use sleeping pills; they may worsen the situation later. The best thing to do is to drink milk or eat cheese. They contain certain acid that helps you relax and induces sleep.

- Q16. What happens when you turn and twist to get comfortable?
Q17. What sometimes causes the sleeping problem?
Q18. Why do people have trouble sleeping?
Q19. What does the speaker say about sleeping pills?
Q20. What is the best thing for us to do?

Model Test 7

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

1. M: Would you like to have some seafood for a change?
W: Why not Italian food? There is a new restaurant at the corner.
Q: What can we learn from the woman's reply?
2. W: I don't know what's wrong with my watch. It was just a few weeks ago that I had it repaired.
M: Don't waste your time and money any more. It's a very old watch.
Q: What does the man mean?
3. W: Sir, I am afraid you can't stop your car here.
M: Sorry, I didn't notice the sign on the road.
Q: What is the man doing?
4. M: Excuse me, do you mind if I open the window?
W: No. I also feel a little bit hot in the room.
Q: What does the woman mean?
5. W: Good morning, BLP Company. Can I help you?
M: Yes. I have an appointment with Mr. Smith this afternoon but I am afraid I can't make it.
Q: What is the woman?

Section B

Conversation 1

- M: Good morning. How can I help you?
W: Good morning. I'd like to send this letter and parcel to New York. Can you help me?
M: Certainly. First, how do you want to send the letter? Does it have anything valuable inside?
W: Yes, I enclosed an important invoice and a check in it.
M: I think you'd better send it by registered mail.
W: Thank you. That's a good idea.
M: As for the parcel, we would like you to fill in this form. Please write down the full name, address and phone number of the person you will send the parcel to.
W: Okay. Anything else?
M: Yes, we also need your name, address and a contact number.
W: All right. Should I seal the parcel now?

M: No. Don't seal the parcel. You need to leave it open so that we can check the contents.

W: Fine. How long will it take the parcel to get to New York?

M: Two or three working days.

W: Then how much is it altogether?

M: \$20. \$4 for the letter, \$14 for the parcel and \$2 for the handling charge.

Q6. What is the woman going to do?

Q7. Where does this conversation take place?

Q8. What's the postage of the parcel?

Conversation 2

W: Hey, Mike! You got a new television.

M: Yes, it was delivered yesterday. What do you think of it?

W: It's so huge that it seems to take up the entire side of the room. But what happened to your old TV?

M: It just stopped working last Saturday. It was pretty old and didn't work well.

W: I see. Is the new one very expensive?

M: Well, not as much as you think. I got it on sale for 50% off.

W: Really? Where?

M: At the stereo shop on Simpson Road. At first I just wanted to buy a TV of the same size and quality as my old one. But the salesman said the price of the new type was 50% off.

W: Wow, I think it's a really good bargain.

M: Me too. The new one has a lot of special features. Isn't it exciting?

W: Yes, but I don't think you watch television that much.

M: Well, I think maybe the new TV set can change some of my life style.

Q9. What are the two speakers mainly talking about?

Q10. What is the man's attitude toward the television?

Section C

Can you concentrate in a crowded environment? If you want to work in a modern office you'd better start getting used to it. Millions of workers spend their long shifts in open-plan offices these days. If you stretch your arms out too far, you might knock over your co-worker's cup of coffee.

Offices today might have the latest computers, but the idea of having dozens of workers gathered in a big room isn't new. Companies say they use these layouts to encourage communication and collaboration among staff. But some people think the reason why open-plan has taken root has to do with the fact that you can reduce the amount of space per person in an open-plan and that if you put walls amongst the desks, offices would look like prison cells. But a big room feels different, so having lots of workers is acceptable.