

*** TEST B01:**

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Listen to the following talks and decide if each of the statements about them is TRUE or FALSE. Mark T (True) or F (False) to indicate your choice in the box.

		TRUE	FALSE
1	They have the same characters.		
2	They will open the presents before cut the cake.		
3	He sprained his ankle while he was playing soccer.		
4	The girl buys a card for her sister's birthday.		
5	The movie is a adventurous one.		

TASK TWO

Listen to the following talks and cross the best answer.

1. Choose the incorrect information:

- a. This apartment is suitable for a large family.
- b. It costs 7999 dollars a month.
- c. There are five rooms in the apartment.
- d. You don't have to pay for the utilities.

2. What does Luigi's Restaurant serve?

- a. Hamburgers
- b. Italian food
- c. Seafood
- d. Meat

3. The man prefers to travel by bike because _____.

- a. it never gets a flat tire
- b. it's faster than the subway
- c. it doesn't cost much money
- d. he wants to saves money to buy a house.

4. What kind of room does the guest want to book?

- a. One room with one bed
- b. Two rooms with one bed
- c. Two rooms with two beds
- d. One room with two beds

5. The woman _____ .

- a. had been a pharmacist before she became a travel agent
- b. earns more money as a travel agent than a pharmacist
- c. quitted her job as a travel agent two years ago.
- d. has been working as a pharmacist for ten years.

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		TRUE	FALSE
1	They played in the same soccer team.		
2	The customer wants to buy a limo for his wedding.		
3	Only credit cards are accepted to pay for goods in the duty free shop.		
4	The woman prefers the standard single to the deluxe room.		
5	He got the ear infection when he went swimming.		

TASK TWO

Listen to the following talks and cross the best answer.

1. What does the man not order?

a. Salad	b. Mushroom
c. Hot sauce	d. Spaghetti

2. What makes her enjoy the tour is that.....

a. the places she visited was interesting	b. the tour guide was helpful
c. the bus she took was comfortable	d. all of the above

3. When was the speaker not in fear of spiders?

a. When he was a kid	b. When he had a pet spider
c. When he went to college	d. When he had a spider collection

4. What does the student do to apply for the language class?
- a. Fill out the application form
 b. Make a phone call to the office.
 c. Spend the application form and the fee to the office.
 d. Have the application form sent to his house.
5. Choose the incorrect information:
- a. Dan has just lost his job.
 b. Dan received his last month's salary.
 c. Dan's company went bankrupt.
 d. He'll apply for a job in California.

TASK THREE

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		TRUE	FALSE
1	They have the same character.		
2	Sally's going to celebrate her birthday party at her house on Saturday.		
3	They will meet at Joe's Café at 13:30 tomorrow.		
4	The name of the great café is Emilio.		
5	The man prefers his friend to send her address by email.		

TASK TWO

Listen to the following talks and cross the best answer.

1. Which of the following statements is correct about Hana Young and Barbara Streisand?
- a. They have similar appearances.
 b. They were born in the same year.
 c. They were born in the year of the Horse.
 d. They were born in the same place.
2. . Choose the correct information:
- a. The apartment 2A is vacant.
 b. The two apartments are rented by one person.

- c. The apartment 2B is vacant. d. Ms. Sanchez is talking on the phone with Tom Andrews.
- 3.** What shouldn't a woman wear to a formal dance?
 a. A long dress b. Some nice jewelry
 c. High-heeled shoes d. A very short dress
- 4.** Café Rossi _____.
 a. serves only coffee b. serves Mexican food
 c. is on the River Avenue, across from Mabel's Café. d. is on the corner of River Avenue and Elm Street
- 5.** What was his first job?
 a. A taxi driver b. A bus driver
 c. A train driver d. A pilot

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Listen to the following talks and decide if each of the statements about them is TRUE or FALSE. Mark T (True) or F (False) to indicate your choice in the box.

		TRUE	FALSE
1	Her car never has problem.		
2	The woman doesn't like steak		
3	He doesn't care the service, he just likes good food		
4	The woman has already got tickets		
5	The lecture is about how to earn a lot of money.		

TASK TWO

Listen to the following talks and cross the best answer.

1. How old is Ted's grandmother?
 - a. sixty-four years old
 - b. seventy-four years old
 - c. ninety-four years old
 - d. none are correct

2. When was the last time she got bad cold?
 - a. a few months ago
 - b. last week
 - c. when she was in the dormitory
 - d. a few days ago

3. How does she treat a cold ?
 - a. taking some medicine
 - b. eating chicken soup
 - c. drinking garlic
 - d. eating steak

4. What does Jill take for a bad cold?
 - a. sleeping all day
 - b. ginseng .
 - c. going to a doctor
 - d. medicine

5. Where does she learn how to treat a cold ?
 - a. from her grandmother
 - b. in newspaper
 - c. from the neighbor.
 - d. on the Internet.

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Listen to the recording and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

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2. Does your health (6) _____ cover all your needs? Will it pay for hospitalization ? Will it cover you if you have an (7) _____ far from home? Will it pay for prescription medicine? Does it provide coverage for your (8) _____ or wife and other family members? Don't spend your life (9) _____ as your insurance rates get higher and higher. Our insurance plan covers all your (10) _____ expenses at reasonable rates, wherever you may be. What kind of insurance does he advertise?

* TEST B05:

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Listen to the following talks and decide if each of the statements about them is TRUE or FALSE. Mark T (True) or F (False) to indicate your choice in the box.

		TRUE	FALSE
1	The conference room has already equipped with new chairs		
2	He is preparing a report for the board meeting		
3	She is going to Hawaii for a vacation		
4	She runs out of gas on his way to come there		
5	He wants the woman to turn on the air-conditioning		

TASK TWO

Listen to the following talks and cross the best answer.

- What kind of sports does the speaker like to do nowadays?
 - jogging
 - dancing
 - swimming
 - playing football
- Why doesn't the speaker like doing exercise at home?
 - it is boring
 - no one talks to him
 - he likes meeting people
 - all of the above
- What did the speaker think about tennis?
 - it is an expensive sport
 - difficult to find a partner.
 - easy to find the courts
 - it is a funny sport
- What did he use to do every day?
 - gambling
 - walking
 - rollerblading
 - swimming
- Choose the incorrect information:
 - riding bicycle to keep fit
 - falling off a couple of times.
 - sometimes going to work by bike
 - going swimming at weekends.

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KEY

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B03	T	F	T	F	T	C	B	D	D	A
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TAPESCRIPT

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TASK 1

1.

M: What do you think? Are we the same or different?

W: Well, I'm quiet.

M: And I'm noisy. I'll say.

W: And I'm shy.

M: And I like to be with people.

W: You always have a lot to talk about.

M: You don't like to talk at all.

W: I have nothing to say.

M: I have a lot to say.

2.

OK. Here the plan. You turn out the lights. And I'll bring in the cake. Everyone will sing "Happy Birthday". Got it? Ok. "Happy Birthday". "Happy Birthday". And then blow out the candles. Eat cake, hand out the presents. Open the presents. Turn on the music and dance, dance, dance.

3.

W: What's that aspirin for?

M: My ankle. I sprained it when I was playing soccer.

W: Don't you want a bandage? Or some ice?

M: No, thanks. I took some aspirin and now I feel better.

4.

W: Oh, I forgot my sister's birthday. I need to get her a card. Her birthday's tomorrow.

M: Here's a bookstore. You could buy her a book, too.

W: No, she doesn't like to read. I just need a card.

5.

M: The movie's about to start. Where are you?

W: I'm still at the travel agency. I'll be there soon.

M: Hurry. You're going to be late. I've already bought the tickets.

W: OK, OK. What's the movie about anyway?

M: A comedy about a tourist lost in Tokyo.

TASK 2

1.

Have we got the perfect apartment for you and your family? The kids won't have to sleep in the living room. Your guests won't have to stay at a hotel. This beautiful apartment has three bedrooms, two balconies, and a large kitchen with a dining area. And what do you think you'll pay for this five-room apartment? Not ten thousand, not eight thousand. No, it's your for only seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars. Utilities are extra.

2.

W: Do you like hamburgers? I know a great place to get hamburgers.

M: I don't eat meat.

W: Oh. We could go to Luigi's and have Italian food.

M: Or we could have seafood. Do you like Captain Hiro's Restaurant?

W: I hate seafood. I want pasta. Let's eat Italian food.

M: OK. Let's eat at Luigi's.

3.

- W: Look what time it is. Why are you so late?
M: My bicycle had a flat tire.
W: Didn't that happen to you just last week?
M: It did. It happens a lot. This bike isn't really very convenient.
W: No, but the subway is. The subway never gets a flat tire.
M: I know, and it's faster than the bike, too.
W: And it's more comfortable, too, especially when the weather's bad.
M: I now I really should ride the subway, shouldn't i?
W: Well, why don't you?
M: Because it's too expensive. Riding my bike is free, and I'm saving all my money to buy a car.

4.

- Guest: I'd like to make a reservation for two people.
Clerk: Will that be one room or two?
Guest: One room, but two beds. It's for my mother and myself.
Clerk: OK, one room with two beds. How many nights?
Guest: We'll stay three nights.

5.

- M: You were a pharmacist before you became a travel agent, right?
W: Yup. Two years ago, I decided to see the world.
M: Do you earn more money as a travel agent?
W: No, much less. After ten years as a pharmacist, I was making seventy thousand a year.

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1.

- M1: There are so many people here, but no one that I really recognize. Have you seen anyone you know yet? Wait a minute...Aren't you Joe Simpson?
M2: Yes, I am.
M1: I'm Stan MacDonald. We were on the soccer team together, remember?
M2: Yes, that's right! Good to see you again, Stan!

M1: It's good to see you, too. You haven't changed a bit!
M2: I don't play much now, though! Did you see that match between England and Brazil?

2.

M1: Wow! Just look at this baby! How long is it, anyway? 4 meters? 5?
M2: Almost, but not quite. Let me open the door for you, sir.
M1: Hey, thanks. Geez, it's so big inside! I could put my whole apartment in here! They'll be really impressed when I come to the wedding in a car like this!
W: Is this your first time renting a limo?
M2: Yeah. How did you know?

3.

W: Is it possible to buy souvenirs and gifts here?
M: Yes, go to Level 2. There's only one store – a duty free shop in the departure area.
W: Do I need go through customs and immigration first?
M: Yes. You'll find the shop right in front of you after you go through.
W: And do you know if they take credit cards or do I need to use cash?
M: Either is fine, but I'm not sure which cards they accept.

4.

M: What kind of room would you like?
W: Oh, just something simple. The cheapest you have will be fine.
M: So you don't want the deluxe then.
W: No, thanks.
M: I can give you a standard single on the second floor. The lower floors are cheaper.
W: Sounds perfect.
M: But the only one I have available at that rate is a smoking room, I'm afraid.
W: Oh, that's what I want.

5.

(M) I have a bad ear inflection. It started after I went swimming last week. It's really painful and I can hardly sleep at night. I often get ear inflections in the summer. The doctor gave me some ear drops and some antibiotics, so it should be better in a few days. I hope my ears get better because I have to play in a band at a party next Saturday.

TASK 2

1.

W: Have you made up your mind?
M: Yes, I'm going to have spaghetti and small salad.
W: Anything else?
M: When you bring the spaghetti could you bring me a bottle of hot sauce?
W: Hot sauce? Like Tabasco sauce?
M: Yes. I really like spicy food.
W: No problem.

2.

M: What was your city tour like?
W: Well, we saw lots of interesting places on the tour. I was totally exhausted at the end of it, but I'm really glad I took it. You should try it.
M: Did you go by bus?
W: Yes, I had a nice, comfortable bus, and a very helpful guide. You know how some guides talk all the time. This one didn't. He gave us just enough information, but not too much.

3.

(M) Some people hate spiders. They think they're really creepy. I guess I felt like that when I was a kid. I used to scream if I saw a spider on the wall. My friend had a pet spider and I couldn't go near it. Then when I went to college, we had a spider collection in our biology lab. When we studied them, I decided they were interesting and intelligent, too. I kind of like them now.

4.

W: Good morning, Administration Office. Can I help you?

M: Yes, please. I am interested in taking a language class. Could you tell me how to apply?

W: Yes, of course. You just need to fill out an application form and send it to us with the registration fee.

M: Great. Could you send me a form, please? My name is Hong-an Li, H-o-n-g-(dash)a-n L-i, and my address is 4211 South Main Street, Chicago, 60614.

M: OK, we'll send that out to you right away.

5.

M: What's going on with Dan these days? I haven't seen him for a while.

W: Well, he hasn't been too good recently. You know, he lost his job, don't you?

M: Oh, no! Why? What happened?

W: His company went bankrupt. They didn't even pay him his last month's salary.

M: That's too bad. What's he going to do now?

W: He couldn't decide what to do at first, but I think he's going to move to California and look for a job out there.

M: I hope it works out.

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1.

M: You're a lot of fun.

W: So are you. You make me laugh.

M: How do you think of these creative idea?

W: Same way you come up with them.

M: You are very friendly.

W: So are you. We're just alike.

M: Two peas in a pod.

2.

W: Are you going to Sally's birthday party on Saturday?

M: It's Sally's birthday already? Didn't she just have a birthday?

W: Well, she had one a year ago. Bob gave her a big party then.

M: Big but boring.

W: This year it's at Joan's house. She throws a great party.

3.

M: What time do you want to meet for lunch tomorrow?

W: How about twelve-thirty?

M: Well, I have a meeting at 12. It won't be over until one o'clock.

W: Then let's meet at one-thirty. We can go to Joe's Café.

M: One-thirty at Joe's Café. Great. See you there.

4.

M: Do you always stay at this hotel?

W: Yes, they don't have a pool or tennis court but the service is great.

M: Yesterday the men at the front desk gave me the name of a great café.

W: Ah, Emilio. He knows all the best places in town.

M: He even told me where to get my shoes repaired.

5.

M: Could you send me your new mailing address?

W: Yes, by email or fax?

M: By e-mail is best. My fax machine is broken.

W: Email it is.

TASK 2

1.

My friend Hana Young and the singer Barbara Streisand have one thing in common. They were born in the year of the Horse. Actually, they have more things in common. They both want to be successful and they are both really, really smart. Hana is really intelligent. She frightens me. Barbara is a lot older than Hana. Hana was born in 1978. I don't know when Barbara was born. I don't know where she was born either. But I know where Hana was born – in Peru, on May 27th.

2.

M: Tom Andrews, Building Manager. What can I do for you?

W: Is Apartment 2A vacant?

M: No, it isn't.

W: It says it is. 2A vacant.

M: Not any more.

W: You mean it's rented?

M: Yeah, rented to the woman in 2B.

W: You mean 2B is vacant?

M: No, I don't mean 2B is vacant. Ms. Sanchez is renting two apartments 2A and 2B.

3.

I got an email from a woman who asked what to wear to a formal dance. The word "formal" says it all. Formal means formal. Wear a long dress. Put on some nice jewelry too. Earrings and a necklace make a formal dress look even better. Sleeveless dresses look very nice at a dance. Remember, very short dresses don't look good at formal occasions. For a really formal look, take off those low-heeled shoes and put on shoes with high heels. Darling, have fun and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

4.

M1: This is Café Rossi. We're open from eleven am to eleven pm.

M2: Yes, I'm looking for a place to eat tonight, I hear your Mexican food is delicious.

M1: I'm sorry. This is an Italian restaurant, we don't serve Mexican food.

M2: Italian? Not Mexican? Aren't you the restaurant on River Avenue, across from Mabel's Café?

M1: We're on River Avenue, but not across from Mabel's. We're on the corner of River Avenue and Elm Street.

5.

My children and grandchildren ask me, "How long have you been a pilot?" I've been a pilot for many years. When I was young, I worked as a taxi-cab driver. I really liked driving, so next I got a job as a bus driver. It was fun driving buses, but then I realized it would be more fun to fly planes. I've been a pilot ever since then.

TASK 3

Hello. Welcome to CompuTech hotline. If you want to purchase computer supplies, press 1. If you have a technical support question, press 2. If you have...

You have reached technical support. All of our offices are closed for the day. We will open again on Monday morning. Your call is important to us. Please leave a message with your name, number and a short description of the problem. We will call you when our offices open on Monday. Thank you for your patience and have a nice day.

(Customer) This is Mario Waltey. 202 534 0499. I can't turn on my computer. Please call as soon as possible.

* TEST B04:

TASK 1

1.

Woman: I'm so tired of having car problems.

Man: What, your car broke down again?

Woman: You won't believe this, but I ran out of gas.

Man: You should start taking the bus.

2.

Man: This steak is delicious. You should try it.

Woman: Oh, no thanks. I don't like steak.

Man: You'll like this. It's the cook's specialty.

Woman: Perhaps, but I still don't eat meat.

3.

Woman: I saw a nice-looking restaurant not far from here.

Man: Yes, but I never go there. The service is terrible.

Woman: That's too bad.

Man: It doesn't matter how good the food is, the service is what's important.

4.

Man: I've booked you on the 4:30 flight.

Woman: Wonderful. Where can I pick up the tickets?

Man: You can get them at the airport when you check in.

Woman: Oh, then I had better leave early to have enough time at check in.

5.

Woman: Are you interested in that lecture called "Buying your first home"?

Man: No. I'd love to buy my own place to live, but I just don't have enough money.

Woman: Maybe the speaker has some ideas about how to do it without a lot of money.

TASK 2

1.

A: What do you take for a bad cold, Ted?

B: Oh, I have this great cold remedy. It always works. I chop up a bunch of garlic, put it in hot water, then drink it.

A: Gross! That sounds awful.

B: It *is* awful. I hated it when I was a kid. But my grandmother made me drink it every time I got a cold, and I always felt better a few hours later. It works for her, too. She's going to be ninety-four years old this summer!

A: Hmm. Maybe I should try it.

2.

A: What do you think is the best thing to take for a cold?

B: I take that new cold medicine. You know, the one they advertise on TV.

A: I've seen that commercial. The one with the dancing pink pills, right?

B: That's the one. Well, anyway, I had this really bad cold a few months ago and I was watching TV when the commercial came on. So I thought, you know, why not try it? It worked so well for me. Now it's the only thing I take.

A: It sounds pretty effective.

3.

A: Do you have a good cold remedy?

B: Oh, sure. Chicken soup.

A: No way! Does that really work?

B: Have some. I promise you'll feel better.

A: Who makes the soup? Your mom?

B: Actually, my mom's a doctor, so she doesn't believe that chicken soup really works. So I make it myself. I just go down to the supermarket and pick up a can. I got the idea from a story I read in the newspaper. It was all about this guy who ate chicken soup for every meal, and now he's over a hundred years old.

A: I don't know. I never believe that stuff.

4.

A: What do you take for a bad cold, Jill?

B: Well, I don't like to take those cold medicines. They put me to sleep. I bought this last time I had a cold.

A: Whoa, what is that? It looks like the root of a plant.

B: It's called ginseng.

A: It looks kind of weird.

B: Yeah, but it really works. I live across the street from this woman from Korea, and she told me to try it. You should try it, too!

A: Well, I'll think about it.

5.

A: What do you take for a cold, Helen?

B: Oh, orange juice. It's supposed to be good for you because it has a lot of Vitamin C in it. I make a big pitcher of it and drink it all the time.

A: Interesting. Maybe I should try it.

B: You really should. I read about it on this website for health problems, you know, on the Internet? It says that drinking a lot of orange juice can cure just about anything—even stuff like toothaches and sore muscles!

A: Well, I'm not sure about that. But I'll try it next time I have a cold.

TASK 3

1. Believe it or not, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Some people skip breakfast as part of a weight-reducing plan, but this is not a good idea. Studies have shown that people who don't eat a complete meal, including fruit, every morning actually end up gaining weight. They also often feel tired later in the day and compensate for this by eating unhealthy food. Healthy people never skip breakfast. What is the purpose of this talk?

2. Does your health insurance cover all your needs? Will it pay for hospitalization? Will it cover you if you have an accident far from home? Will it pay for prescription medicine? Does it provide coverage for your husband or wife and other family members? Don't spend your life worrying as your insurance rates get higher and higher. Our insurance plan covers all your medical expenses at reasonable rates, wherever you may be. What kind of insurance does he advertise?

* TEST B05:

TASK 1

1.

Woman: This new conference room is nice, but where will everybody sit down?

Man: We ordered the new chairs last week, but they haven't arrived yet.

Woman: Well, I don't know what to do for now. We can't ask people to sit on the floor.

2.

Man: I really need some help with this report I'm preparing for the board meeting.

Woman: Why don't you call me at home this evening and we can talk it over.

Man: Thank you. I'll call you after dinner.

3.

Woman: Well, see you later. I'm off to buy some clothes for my trip to Hawaii.

Man: Hawaii? I'd love to visit there. That's a great place for a vacation.

Woman: It is, but I'm going there for a conference.

4.

Man: You got here so late. We thought you had an accident.

Woman: Not exactly. I had a flat tire.

Man: I'm sorry. Well, come on in. Everybody's waiting for you.

Woman: I'm sorry to be so late.

5.

Woman: Do you mind if I open the window? It's so warm in here.

Man: Please don't. The street noise really bothers me.

Woman: I'll on the air-conditioning then. I need some cool air.

Man: I like it warm. Why don't you just take off your coat?

TASK 2

1.

I used to lift weights, but I didn't really enjoy it. So that's when I started swimming. Now I do it about twice a week. It's much more fun. I go to a nice pool near my office. It's never too crowded, which is great. There are friendly people who go there, so it's a good place to meet people.

2.

I go out every morning. It's a great way to start the day. It's more interesting than exercising at home like I used to. That was really boring. I go to a beach near my house. It's lovely in the early morning. There's hardly anyone there and you can listen to the ocean as you do it.

3.

I used to play both tennis and volleyball. But I play mainly volleyball now. I think it's a lot more fun. I thought tennis was very tiring. It was also difficult to find a partner, and the courts were always crowded, too. With volleyball, I have no trouble finding somewhere to play.

4.

I used to take long walks every day, but it got boring. I wanted something more exciting, so that's when I took up rollerblading. It's really fun! But, it's not as easy as it looks. It took me a long time to learn how to do it. I fell a lot at the beginning. The great thing is you can do it almost anywhere. My friends think I'm kind of strange because none of them do it, but I love it.

5.

I finally bought myself a bicycle. It's a great way to keep fit. I think it's better than going to a health club. It took me a long time to learn to ride it in traffic. I nearly fell off a couple of times. I don't often go on busy streets because that can be dangerous, but there are plenty of places where I can ride near where I live. I use it to get to work sometimes, but only if the weather is nice.

TASK 3

1. We have a new schedule here at Radio 2000. We begin this afternoon with three solid hours of classic rock music. That's three solid hours with no commercial interruptions. That'll be followed by an exciting new interview show in which we talk with all your favorite rock musicians, both past and current. We'll have the weather report at five before we move on to our new evening news analysis program. What is the purpose of this announcement?

2. A protest against the increase in the sales tax took place in front of the presidential place yesterday. Protesters say the sales tax isn't fair to business owners or consumers. Our newly elected mayor supports the tax increase. She says it will help, not harm, small businesses and strengthen the city's economy. The new tax goes into effect next month. What is the topic of this report?

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