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### LISTENING PART 1 – A Tour of Sidney's Opera House

You will listen to a tour guide giving information about Sidney's Opera House. Click on the answer you want to choose.

1. The architect who designed the Opera House is...

A Swedish B Finnish C Danish

2. Work on the Sidney Opera House started in...

A 1957 B 1972 C 1977

3. How long did it take before it was completed?

A five years B fifteen years C fifty years

4. Who opened the Sidney Opera House?

A Jorn Utzon B Queen Elizabeth C the Prime Minister

5. How many tiles were used to build the Opera House?

A 2,679 B 3,000 C 1,000,000

### LISTENING PART 2 -- School Counselling

You will listen to a conversation between a student, Paul, and a school counsellor. Decide if each of the following 4 statements is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, click on "TRUE"; if it is not correct, click on "FALSE".

6. Paul thinks the school work is too difficult.

☐ True

☐ False

7. According to the school counsellor, Paul has to manage his time better.

☐ True

☐ False

8. From noon to 1.00 p.m. Paul volunteers at the student centre.

True

False

9. Paul works full-time at the supermarket

True

False

## READING PART 1

Look at the following 5 short texts and imagine someone asks you what they mean.  
Mark the correct answer (A, B or C)

|    |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | <b>10% discount on all cash purchases over \$ 100</b>                                                                                                   | <i>You can get 10% discount</i><br>A. If you spend more than 100 \$<br>B. If you pay cash<br>C. If you spend more than 100 \$ and pay cash                                         |
| 2. | <b>All rooms to be vacated by noon on day of departure unless otherwise arranged with reception</b>                                                     | Guests<br>A. Must check out before noon.<br>B. Can check out after noon<br>C. Must ask reception for permission to occupy rooms after check-out time                               |
| 3. | <b>NOTICE TO STAFF:</b><br>Please remember that smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises unless otherwise stated. Offenders will be prosecuted | Smoking<br>A. Is forbidden everywhere on the premises<br>B. Is permitted in selected areas only<br>C. is an offence                                                                |
| 5. | <b>DANGER!</b><br><b>UNSAFE BRIDGE</b><br><b>PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION</b>                                                                           | A. You should cross the bridge slowly.<br>B. You must not drive across this bridge.<br>C. The bridge is only safe for pedestrians.                                                 |
| 5. | <b>THE AIRPORT EXPRESS DEPARTS FROM PLATFORM 3 EVERY 20 MINUTES DURING THE DAY (EVERY 30 MINUTES AT NIGHT)</b>                                          | A. The Airport Express takes half an hour at night.<br>B. Airport trains leave Platform 3 at 20 minutes past the hour.<br>C. The train service to the airport runs 24 hours a day. |

## READING PART 2

Read the text and questions below. For each question, click on the correct answer.

### The Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty National Monument officially celebrated her 100th birthday on October 28, 1986. The people of France gave the statue to the people of the United States over one hundred years ago in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution. Over the years, the Statue of Liberty's symbolism has grown to include freedom and democracy as well as this international friendship.

Sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi was commissioned to design a sculpture -- with the year 1876 in mind for completion -- to commemorate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence. The Statue was a joint effort between America and France and it was agreed upon

that the American people were to build the pedestal, and the French people were responsible for the Statue and its assembly in the United States. However, lack of funds was a problem on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Meanwhile in France, Bartholdi required the assistance of engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel to address structural issues associated with designing such a colossal copper sculpture.

Back in America, fund raising for the pedestal was going particularly slowly, so Joseph Pulitzer opened up the pages of his newspaper *The World* to support the fund raising effort. Financing for the pedestal was completed in August 1885, and pedestal construction was finished in April 1886. The Statue was completed in France in July 1884 and arrived in New York harbor in June 1885 on board a French ship. In transit, the Statue was reduced to 350 individual pieces, and later reassembled on its new pedestal in 4 months' time. On October 28th 1886 the dedication of the Statue of Liberty took place in front of thousands of spectators.

6. When was the Statue of Liberty given to the United States?

- a. almost 100 years ago
- b. more than 100 years ago
- c. 100 years ago
- d. less than 100 years ago

7. Who was the sculptor commissioned to design the Statue?

- a. Auguste Bartholdi
- b. Gustave Eiffel
- c. Auguste Rodin
- d. Joseph Pulitzer

8. The pedestal construction was finished...

- a. in July 1884
- b. on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1886
- c. in the first half of 1886
- d. In August 1885

9. The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York harbor...

- a. by boat
- b. by plane
- c. by ferry
- d. by ship

10. How long did it take to re-assemble the Statue?

- a. 4 months
- b. almost 5 months
- c. more than 4 months
- d. over 5 months

### READING PART 3

Read the text and the sentences below. For each sentence, click on the correct answer.

#### **‘Se habla español’ isn’t enough!**

In 2000 there were 35.3 million Hispanics in the US. Hispanics now make up 6.4% of the American market. But less than 2% of marketing expenditure in the US uses Spanish language advertising to target the Latin community.

Half the Hispanic community speaks English only and 17% speaks Spanish only. A third are bilingual; they can speak both English and Spanish, and this group is growing. The bilingual population prefers to buy and sell some things in English and others in Spanish. People buying a service (for example information from an Internet service provider or a travel agency) prefer speaking in Spanish. But they prefer using English when purchasing a product, such as a car or a mobile phone.

Some companies have found ways to work in a bilingual market. Goya Foods produces food from all the main countries of Latin America. Its advertising targets people who speak Spanish and English. It advertised a free recipe book with the bilingual phrase ‘four *fabuloso* recipes that are sure to have your family crying out for *mas, mas, mas!*’

From the *Financial Times*

11. Fifty percent of the Hispanic community speaks English only.

- A True                                      B False                                      C Doesn’t say

12. One third of the Spanish community speaks both English and Spanish.

- A True                                      B False                                      C Doesn’t say

13. The number of Hispanics speaking Spanish only is decreasing sharply

- A True                                      B False                                      C Doesn’t say

14. *Goya* makes Italian food.

- A True                                      B False                                      C Doesn’t say.

15. *Goya* uses English and Spanish words in its advertising.

- A True                                      B False                                      C Doesn’t say.

### USE OF ENGLISH PART 1

For each sentence complete the second so that it means the same as the first.

**Write only the missing words in the box provided.**

1. Do you need any help with your job?

\_\_\_\_\_ help you with your job?

2. The Euro has been the common European currency for about 10 years.

The Euro \_\_\_\_\_ the common European currency about 10 years \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Rachel went to live in London 2 years ago

Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ in London .two years

4. Twenty students are sitting in the classroom  
\_\_\_\_\_ twenty students in the classroom.

5. They drink a lot of beer in Ireland.  
A lot of beer \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland

6. Those bikes belong to our friends.  
Those are \_\_\_\_\_ bikes.

7. Jane is taller than Sue  
Sue is \_\_\_\_\_ Jane.

8. Jason doesn't have any money, so he can't buy a car  
If Jason had some money, he \_\_\_\_\_ a car

## USE OF ENGLISH PART 2

Read the following sentences and choose the correct word for each space.  
For each question, mark the letter next to the correct word (A, B, C or D)

1. I was pleased when I got my composition back and there was only one \_\_\_\_\_ on it!

A correct                      B correcting                      C correction                      D incorrect

2. It's important for old people to keep their minds \_\_\_\_\_

A acts                      B action                      C active                      D acting

3. For most people a good \_\_\_\_\_ helps them get a better job.

A educate                      B education                      C educating                      D educated

4. My \_\_\_\_\_ is Helen Keller, who became a writer even though she couldn't see or hear.

A heroes                      B heroine                      C heroin                      D heroic

5. Mrs Jones walked around the room while the students worked \_\_\_\_\_

A silenced                      B silent                      C silently                      D silence

6. The last book I read was very \_\_\_\_\_

A bore                      B boring                      C bored                      D boredom

7. It's \_\_\_\_\_ ! I've lost my glasses again!

A believing                      B unbelievable                      C belief                      D misbelief

## Transcripts and Keys

### LISTENING PART 1 - A Tour of Sydney's Opera House

Tour Guide: "Good day and welcome to Sydney's Opera House. My name is Bob and I'm your guide for today. Before we start the tour, I'd like to tell you a bit about the history and the importance of this magnificent building which is now considered one of the seven man-made wonders of the world, along with the Eiffel Tower and the Pyramids of Cairo. It was designed by a **Danish** architect Jorn Utzon and was started in **1957**, taking **15 years** before it was finally completed. It was opened on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1972 by **Queen Elizabeth II**. It uses over **1 million tiles** and the sails, are facing the wrong way. They should be pointing out to sea (fade) ..... (later) Here in the main Concert Hall there is seating for 2,679 people. The Opera House has 8 theatres in all which are used for theatre, music and Opera. 3,000 events are conducted each year (fade)....."

### LISTENING PART 2 - School Counselling

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### READING PART 1

- 16 c  
17 c  
18 b  
19 a  
20 c

### READING PART 2

6. When was the Statue of Liberty given to the United States?  
**more than 100 years ago**
7. Who was the sculptor commissioned to design the Statue?  
**Auguste Bartholdi**
8. The pedestal construction was finished...  
**in the first half of 1886**
9. The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York harbor...  
**by ship**
10. How long did it take to re-assemble the Statue?  
**4 months**

### READING PART 3

- 21 TRUE  
22 TRUE  
23 DOESN'T SAY  
24 FALSE  
25 TRUE

### USE OF ENGLISH PART 1

1. **Can I** help you with your job?
2. The Euro **became** the common European currency about 10 years **ago**.
3. Rachel **has lived** in London for two years
4. **There are** twenty students in the classroom.
5. A lot of beer **is drunk** in Ireland
6. Those are **our friends'** bikes
7. Sue is **not as tall as** Jane
8. If Jason had some money, he **could buy** a car

### USE OF ENGLISH PART 2

1. correction
2. active
3. education
4. heroine
5. silently
6. boring
7. unbelievable