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## LISTENING PART 1

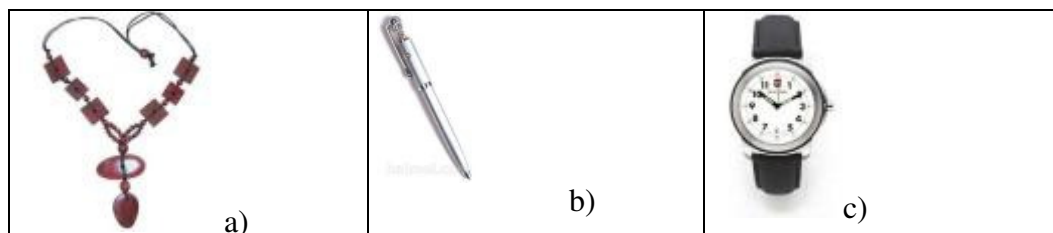
### Questions 1 - 6

You will hear three short dialogues with two questions each. Answer the questions according to what you hear, clicking on the answer you want to choose.

You can listen to each dialogue twice.

#### Dialogue 1

1 What gift are they going to buy Mary?



2 When is Mary leaving the company?

☐ On Saturday ☐ In a month's time ☐ Next week

#### Dialogue 2

3 Where should they stop during their drive?



A



B



C

4 What are Irish people famous for?

- ☐ their gift shops ☐ their traditions ☐ their ability to talk

### Dialogue 3

5 What would Emma most like to have?



A



B



C

6 Where would Emma probably go?

- ☐ the States ☐ around the world ☐ Europe

### LISTENING PART 2 – A Tour of Sidney's Opera House Questions 7 – 11

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

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

- A Swedish B Finnish C Danish

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

- A 1957 B 1972 C 1977

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

- A five years B fifteen years C fifty years

10. Who opened the Sidney Opera House?

- A Jorn Utzon B Queen Elizabeth C the Prime Minister

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

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

## LISTENING PART 3 -- School Counselling

### Questions 12 - 15

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".

12. Paul thinks the school work is too difficult.

☐ True

☐ False

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

☐ True

☐ False

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

☐ True

☐ False

15. Paul works full-time at the supermarket

☐ True

☐ False

## READING PART 1

### Questions 16 - 20

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.

**16.** 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

**17.** Who was the sculptor commissioned to design the Statue?

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

**18.** 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

**19.** The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York harbor...

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

**20.** 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 2

### Questions 21 - 25

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*

**21.** Fifty percent of the Hispanic community speaks English only.

- A** True                                      **B** False                                      **C** Doesn’t say

**22.** One third of the Spanish community speaks both English and Spanish.

- A** True                                      **B** False                                      **C** Doesn’t say

**23.** The number of Hispanics speaking Spanish only is decreasing sharply

- A** True                                      **B** False                                      **C** Doesn’t say

**24.** *Goya* makes Italian food.

- A** True                                      **B** False                                      **C** Doesn’t say.

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

- A** True                                      **B** False                                      **C** Doesn’t say.

## READING PART 3

### Questions 26 - 30

- Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
- For each question, click on the letter next to the correct word (A, B, C or D)

#### CLEVER DOG

For years, a dog had turned up on the grocer's doorstep every Wednesday morning to do his owner's shopping.

On this Wednesday morning, the dog walked into the grocery store as usual with a purse around his neck. The grocer asked the dog what he wanted. It pointed his paw at the loaves of bread. "How many?" the grocer asked him. The dog barked **\_(26)\_**. The grocer packed one loaf. "Anything else?" he asked. The dog pointed to the sugar. "**\_(27)\_**?" the grocer asked him. The dog barked twice, and the grocer packed two kilos of sugar. While the grocer **\_(28)\_** the sugar the dog walked behind the counter and stood in front of the grocer. The grocer opened the purse that was tied to the dog's collar, took the right money and tied the bread and sugar around the dog's neck. Then the dog turned round and walked off.

A regular **\_(29)\_** was surprised to see the dog with his shopping round his neck and decided to follow him home. After about a kilometre, the dog approached a house and scratched at the door. When it opened, the man said to the woman at the door, "That's a very clever dog you have there, you must be very proud of him." "Clever?" she replied. "Not really. That's the second time this week he **\_(30)\_** his front door keys."

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|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>26</b> | <b>A</b> only          | <b>B</b> one             | <b>C</b> once       | <b>D</b> at one time   |
| <b>27</b> | <b>A</b> How much      | <b>B</b> What            | <b>C</b> Any        | <b>D</b> How many      |
| <b>28</b> | <b>A</b> packed        | <b>B</b> was packing     | <b>C</b> has packed | <b>D</b> had packed    |
| <b>29</b> | <b>A</b> customer      | <b>B</b> customs officer | <b>C</b> clientele  | <b>D</b> buyer         |
| <b>30</b> | <b>A</b> is forgetting | <b>B</b> forgot          | <b>C</b> did forget | <b>D</b> has forgotten |

## WRITING

Write a text of about 100 words on the topic given.

You are abroad on holiday with some colleagues. Write home to:

- give your temporary address
- describe the town/city
- explain what you have done
- tell about your plans for the rest of the holiday

[illegible]

## Transcripts and Keys

### LISTENING PART 1

#### Dialogue one

M: What gift do you recommend for Mary? She's leaving the company next week and I'd like to give her something special. She's been such a good worker and we'll miss her.

M: Well, I suggest buying her a nice watch.

F: No, she already has a beautiful expensive one which she wears all the time. I was thinking of something useful like a pen?

M: I think you should buy her something more personal. How about a necklace?

F: Not a bad idea Tom. I know she's very keen on jewellery. Let's get her a necklace then. We can get it on Saturday.

#### Dialogue 2

F: So you're flying to Cork, right?

M: Yeah, right. We arrive there Monday evening and we already have a hotel booked for Monday night. Then we pick up our hire car on Tuesday morning.

F: Well, Cork itself is worth looking around – there's a nice cathedral there, but personally I wouldn't stay there too long if I were you. I'd head straight for the lakes for the second night – it's a beautiful drive through the mountains, and you can stop at the castle, and you know, kiss the famous stone there.

M: Kiss a stone!

F: Yes, it's a tradition, didn't you know? If you kiss the stone, you get the Irish gift of eloquence. You know, we're very famous for our eloquence and our ability to talk. So, don't forget to do it.

#### Dialogue 3

I: So, Emma, what would you most like to have in the world?

E: I think what I'd, I'd really like, and I always have, is a motorbike.

I: Uh uh...

E: Yeah, I used to have one in Greece but it was a mixture between a moped and a motorbike. It wasn't very powerful.

I: Uh uh.

E: I have an image of a huge powerful black, its got to be black, motorbike...erm...the one where you have two seats, one is raised at the back for a passenger..

I: Right...

E: ...yeah, and just the idea of packing my bags, grabbing my passport and...

I: Just go?

E: Just go. Yes.

I: Where would you go?

E: I'd probably travel down to Spain, France, round there. Just ride off into the sunset, not a care in the world.

I: Sounds lovely.

E: Ummm..

### LISTENING PART 2

#### A Tour of Sidney'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 3

#### School Counselling

Paul: You wanted to see me about my grades, Miss Lang?

School Counsellor: Yes, sit down, Paul. Now, some of your teachers told me you're not doing too well with your studies. Is the work too difficult?

P: The work isn't hard, it's just that I don't have much time to study these days. Besides playing on the school soccer team I'm also working a part-time job and volunteering at the students' center.

SC: Well, Paul, you probably just have to manage your time better. Tell me about your daily routine.

P: Well, I get up at about 8 and start classes at nine o'clock.

SC: When do you volunteer at the students' center?

P: From noon to one. I hardly even have time to eat my lunch.

SC: And you have soccer practice after school.

P: Every day. I have soccer practice from 3 to 4 and then I work part time at a supermarket.

SC: So you do your homework after that.

P: Usually, I'm too tired to start right away. I watch TV from about nine o'clock and then I do my homework from 11 to 1.

SC: One o'clock in the morning! Paul, you'd better stop playing soccer or stop working at the supermarket. Your school work is more important.

P: But I love playing soccer Miss Lang.

SC: So...

P: I guess I'll have to quit my job.

### READING PART 1

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| <b>16</b> | <b>b</b> |
| <b>17</b> | <b>a</b> |
| <b>18</b> | <b>c</b> |
| <b>19</b> | <b>d</b> |
| <b>20</b> | <b>a</b> |

### READING PART 2

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|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>21</b> | <b>TRUE</b>        |
| <b>22</b> | <b>TRUE</b>        |
| <b>23</b> | <b>DOESN'T SAY</b> |
| <b>24</b> | <b>FALSE</b>       |
| <b>25</b> | <b>TRUE</b>        |

### READING PART 3

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| <b>26</b> | <b>C</b> |
| <b>27</b> | <b>A</b> |
| <b>28</b> | <b>B</b> |
| <b>29</b> | <b>A</b> |
| <b>30</b> | <b>D</b> |