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# FORM 5

# **ENGLISH** LISTENING COMPREHENSION

**Teacher's Paper** 

#### Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

> You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. I shall first read through the questions and then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes on the blank sheet provided during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to allow you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.

- 3 minutes Teacher reads out the questions a.
- 3 minutes First reading aloud of passage while students take notes b.
- 3 minutes Students may answer questions с.
- d. 3 minutes - Second reading of passage and possibility of answering questions
- 3 minutes Final revision e.

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TIME: 15 minutes

**Reality TV – love it or leave it.** 

The first reality TV show in the world was called Expedition Robinson and it was shown in Sweden in 1997. Half of the population of the country watched the final episode and a new kind of TV programme was born. Two years later in Holland, the first series of Big Brother was filmed. Again it was a fantastic success and the final programme was watched by 15 million people. There are now more than 20 countries around the world which have Big Brother or Survivor on their TV screens. The ordinary people who take part in the programmes are known by millions of people in their own countries and reality TV has become a big, big business.

For the TV producers, reality TV is a dream come true because many of the programmes cost nothing to make. At some point, the television viewers are asked to telephone the programme to vote or to take part in the show. It is the cost of these telephone calls that pays for the shows. One of the most popular shows is Pop Idol. In the show, a group of attractive people are turned into pop stars. The viewers vote for their favourite person in the show. The winners make records, their pictures are published on the covers of magazines, millions of copies of the record are sold and then... they are quickly forgotten.

But not everyone is happy about reality TV. In Portugal, two TV channels got into trouble because they showed too much of the private lives of the people in the shows. In France, reality TV is called 'rubbish TV' and the studios of Loft Story , the French version of Big Brother, were attacked three times in one week. In Greece, Big Brother was described as 'an insult to human rights and civilisation'. But despite problems, reality TV continues to do well in most countries and it will be there for some time to come.

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1.	State whether the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). (4)	marks)
a)	Reality TV started in Sweden.	
b)	Many countries have reality TV shows.	
c)	Most programmes are expensive to make.	
d)	Loft Story has not had any problems in France.	
2.	Fill in each blank with information from the text.(4r)	narks)
a)	Reality TV makes money when the viewers make	
b)	Loft Story and are the names of two reality TV shows.	
c)	At first the winners are very popular, but then they are quickly	•
d)	The French people call reality TV	
3.	Answer the following questions with information from the text. (2marks	)
a)	In which year did the first reality TV show in the world appear?	
b)	In which country was reality TV described as "an insult to human rights and civilis	ation"?

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# StudentBounty.com **ENGLISH** FORM 5 Class: Name: MARKS Listening Compr. Written Paper Total **Oral Assessment** Section A – Language. (20 marks) A. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the best answer from those provided. (5 marks) 1. The tourists finally \_\_\_\_\_\_ on their journey at 10 o'clock in the morning. (got about; came up; set off; went out) 2. The police will have to \_\_\_\_\_\_ security for the band's visit. (take up; loosen up; tie down; tighten up) 3. Kirsty was so angry at the news that she \_\_\_\_\_\_ the phone and rushed out of the room. (turned out; hung on; slammed down; called up) 4. The children were so upset that they could hardly \_\_\_\_\_\_ their tears. (wash out; set off; hold back; keep off) 5. Kurt is quite a nice chap. Don't be by his appearance. (put down; set out; put off; taken over) marks B. Fill in each blank space with ONE suitable word. (5 marks) The first real libraries we know (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ existed around 8,000 years (2) ! The Mesopotamians wrote (3) wet clay tablets (4) a wedge – shaped stick. These tablets were baked, (5) the rarest of them were placed (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ clay envelopes (7) \_\_\_\_\_ safe keeping. Thousands of (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_ tablets, which were stored in palaces and temples, and arranged by subject, have been (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_. Such collections (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the first real libraries.

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# C. Work out the following exercise by forming a word from the one in brackets. The first been worked out for you.

sugentBounts.com It is (real) (0) **really** amazing how (medicine) (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ practice as we know began during the time of the Greeks. More than two thousand years ago, a man called Hippocrates put together a (collect) (2) of (science) (3) books called "The Hippocratic Collection." It was the beginning of medicine as we know it today because it depended on close (observe) (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of patients to learn about diseases. In these books there were records of actual cases and what happened to the patients. For the first time, instead of depending on some magic formula, (treat) (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_ was given as a result of past experience. In this way modern medicine was born.

#### D. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence above it. The first sentence has been worked out for you. (5 marks)

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0. William Shakespeare wrote "Macbeth." "Macbeth" was written by Shakespeare.

1. Sue will not improve her German accent without spending some time in Germany.

Unless Sue\_\_\_\_\_

2. "Don't ask so many questions," Greg told his friend.

Greg told

3. All the students rushed to the notice board as soon as the examination results were put up. No sooner had

4. Tom applied for the post because his parents encouraged him.

If his parents had not \_\_\_\_\_

5. The children were given the message by a man wearing a red coat.

A man

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**Section B** 

# E. Comprehension. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions below.

## **Mobile Madness**

What are the advantages of mobile phones?

StudentBounty.com Surveys show more than half of UK 11 to 17-year-olds say their parents give them more freedom because they have a mobile, and they are allowed to stay out later as a result. Owning a mobile phone makes 80 per cent of young people feel safer, whether driving, shopping, or at school.

- 5 Mobiles make it easier to contact friends. According to a study by an American research group, mobiles are the most common means of socialising, and teens will often avoid contact with peers who don't have a mobile phone. In another survey, 49 per cent of 11 to 17-year-olds said they have either received text messages asking them out on a date or have sent texts to end a relationship. Is there such a thing as too much communication? Speaking about a previous relationship, 16-year-
- 10 old John confessed, "I was texting my girlfriend all the time. I could have told you everything she did every minute of the day."

Many teens seem to relish this constant communication to the point where they actually feel isolated without it. Twenty-six per cent of 11 to 17 -year -olds say they'd feel unwanted if a whole day went by without their mobile phone ringing. Only 11 per cent of their parents felt the same.

- 15 Two years ago, a UK medical survey made headlines when it claimed mobile phones might cause headaches, mood swings and hearing problems in up to 5 per cent of all users. The culprit? Radiation, or energy waves in the form of particles. Mobiles emit a low level of radiation through radio waves, which can be very harmful. Since you place your mobile against your ear and head, radiation comes in direct contact with head tissue. Other recent studies show that children under
- eight shouldn't use mobiles because there may be a link between frequent mobile use and ear or 20 brain tumours. A ten-year study in Sweden showed these tumours were twice as common among mobile phone users than among non-users. Sir William Stewart, chairman of the UK National Radiological protection board, says, "I don't think we can put our hands on our hearts and say mobile phones are safe. If there are risks – and we think there may be risks – then the people who are going to be most affected are children." 25

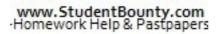
But a 2006 UK study found no clear connection between brain tumours and mobile phone use for any age group. The study claims previous research failed to link mobile use to tumours or cancer. "We still don't know about the long-term effects of mobile phone use," says Dr. Kat Arney at Cancer Research UK. "That's because any health risks could take decades to show up."

1. Underline the best answer.

(2marks)

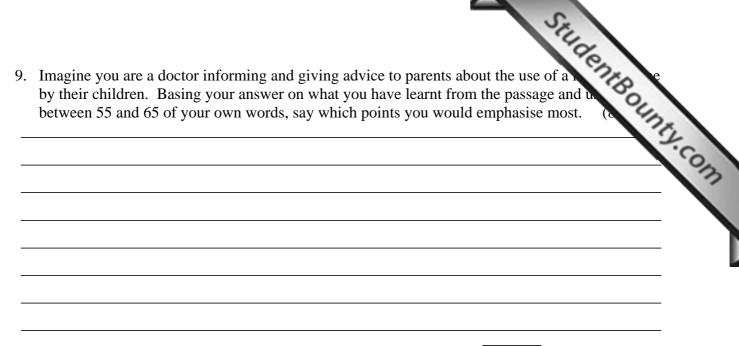
The passage is about:

- a) Parents, teenagers and mobiles;
- b) Relationships between teenagers;
- c) Sending messages by mobile;
- d) Mobile phones in our lives.



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<ul> <li>2. Say whether the following are <b>True</b> (<b>T</b>) or <b>False</b> (<b>F</b>). Give a rease</li> <li>a) Fewer than half of young people feel safer because they own a more Reason:</li> <li>b) Teenagers without a mobile feel at a disadvantage.</li> <li>Reason:</li> </ul>	on for your answ
a) Fewer than half of young people feel safer because they own a mo	bile
Reason:	Jone
b) Teenagers without a mobile feel at a disadvantage	
Reason:	
<ul><li>c) 16-year-old John rarely sent messages to his girlfriend</li></ul>	
Reason:	
3. What do the following words refer to in the passage?	(4marks)
a) them (line 2)	
b) who (line 7)	
c) it (line 13)	
d) you (line 18)	
4. Find one would from the necessary with a similar meaning to .	(A months)
4. Find <u>one word</u> from the passage with a similar meaning to :	(4 marks)
iii.give out iv.influenced	
5. From the first ten lines of the passage, find two reasons why 11 to	17 – year olds consider a
a)	(2 marks)
b)	
6. Give two reasons why many teenagers feel unhappy if their mobile once a day.	e phone does not ring at least (2 marks)
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9. Imagine you are a doctor informing and giving advice to parents about the use of a by their children. Basing your answer on what you have learnt from the passage and u between 55 and 65 of your own words, say which points you would emphasise most.



#### F. **Composition.**

(30 marks)

# Write between 180 and 250 words on ONE of the following:

- 1. Students should look for a part-time job in summer. Discuss.
- 2. A local radio station is holding a 'Best parent of the Year' competition. Write a letter to the Head of Programmes giving the reasons why, in your opinion, one of your parents qualifies for the award. Write to: Funky Radio Station, Green Avenue, Dingli.
- 3. Clint: How about going to the cinema this evening? Sue: Oh no! I've watched enough DVDs at home this week. I'd rather go bowling.... Continue this dialogue.
- My best friend is a two-year-old dog. Write about this particular friend. 4.

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