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Listening Comprehension

Section A

News report 1

And finally in tonight's news, a 9-year-old boy named Joe, told not to draw in class, lends a jobs decorating a restaurant with his drawings. Rather than shutting down the habit of drawing in his school's workbook, Joe's parents decided to encourage his creativity by sending their son to an after-school art class[Q1]. His teacher recognized Joe's talent and posted all his works online, which led to something pretty wonderful. A restaurant named Number4 in New Castle contacted Joe's teacher to ask if the 9-year-old could come and decorate the dining room with his drawings[Q2]. Every day after school, Joe's dad drives him to the restaurant so he can put his ideas straight on the wall. Once he's all done,the work would remain there permanentlyQ2]. Joe's dad said Joe is a really talented little boy. He's excellent at school, he's great at football,but drawing is definitely what he is most passionate about.

Q1: What did Joe's parents decide to do?

Q2: What will the restaurant Number 4 do?

New report 2

Christine Marshall, a 30 years old mom of one, posted a tearful video on social media Wednesday,begging for a safe return of her beloved pet dog[Q1].After combing through the security video outside a global shop, Christine has now posted an image of a man suspected of stealing the dog. The image appears to show a man carrying the dog in his arms. Christine also believes the video obtained from the shop shows the dog stolen by a man before driving off in a car which had been waiting

nearby. The family is now offering a 5000 pound reward for the safe return of the dog after launching a social media campaign to find the thief[[Q2]. The dog is 6 and a half years old and was last seen wearing a red collar. Christine said that "We'll pay that to anyone who brings him home as long as they are not responsible for his disappearance." Police are investigating the incident.

Q3: What is Christine Marshall trying to do?

Q4: What did the news report say about Christine Marshall's family?

New report 3:

London's Eggs & Bread café offers boiled eggs, toast, jam and bacon, as well as tea, coffee and orange juice. But at the end of the meal, customers don't have to worry about the bill. Hungry customers can pay whatever amount they can afford to eat at the café or nothing at all. Owner, Guy Wilson, says his café aims to build community rather than profits. He wants to provide a bridge for people to connect in an area that has been divided by class and wealth by providing affordable breakfasts[Q5]. The café is opened in the mornings every day of the year and has two members of staff or supervisors on shift every day. The café doesn't use volunteers but pays its staff to ensure consistency of its service. It doesn't take donations and doesn't want to be seen as charity[Q6]. Mr Wilson says when people start to know other people around them, they realize they are not that different, and whatever their financial background or their educational background. Most people will have something in common with each other[Q7]. He says it's important that his café can offer his customers security and permanence.

Q5: What does Guy Wilson say his café aims to do?

Q6: What does the news report say about Eggs & Bread café?

Q7: What happens when people start to know each other according to Guy Wilson?

Section B

Long conversation 1

M: So what time do you think we should have the party on Saturday? (8)

W: How about inviting people to come at six PM. Then we'll have the afternoon to prepare food and drink and stuff like that?

M: Yes, I was thinking that around six would be good, too. What food should we provide?

W: Well, I had thought about baking a cake and some biscuits. And now, I think we should prepare some sandwiches and snacks and some other kinds of food, so that people can just help themselves rather than getting everyone to sit down at the table to eat a meal. I think that's a bit too formal. It's better to let people walk around and talk to each other or sit where they like. (9)

M: Yes, that sounds good. I'll go to the supermarket to get some drinks. I think I might try that big new supermarket on the other side of town and see what they have. I've not been there before. I think we should get some beer and wine, and some fruit juice and other soft drinks. What do you think?

W: Sounds great! I think those drinks will be enough. And I heard that the new supermarket offers some big discounts to attract customers, so going there should be a great idea

(10) What shall we do about music?

M: Maybe we should ask Paul to bring his computer and speakers, so that we can play some music. (11) He has a great collection of different stuff.

W: yes, all right.

Question 8: What are the speakers mainly talking about?

Question 9: Why does the woman say it's a good idea to serve foods that guests can help themselves too?

Question 10: What does the woman say about the new supermarket?

Question 11: What does the man suggest they ask Paul to do?

Long Conversation 2

W:I'm thinking of buying a car. I wouldn't need to use it every day,but I think it would be very convenient to have one for the weekends.(12)

M: That's exciting. Would this be your first car?

W:No,I actually owned a car for a little while when I lived in Miami.You see,in America, many cities don't have good public transport, so most people need their own car to get around.

M: I see.So have you got your mind set on a specific model?

W: No, not really.I've heard that German cars are very reliable.(13)But I haven't decided on a specific model yet. I'd also like it to be small, so that it's easy to drive in the city.

M:I have a friend who sells second hand cars.In fact,I think his family owns the business.He's a really nice guy, and he knows a lot about cars.I could give you his phone number if you want.And you could call him and ask him questions.(14)

W:Hmm,that's nice of you, but I don't want to feel obliged to buy one of his cars.

M: Oh,no,he's not like that.He's a good friend of mine,and he would never try to pressure you or cheat you.(15) W: Well,if you trust him,then I guess it should be OK? To be honest,I could use some help in deciding what type of vehicle would best suit my needs. Speaking to an expert would be a good idea.

M: Exactly you have nothing to worry about.He's a lovely guy.and he'll be happy to help.(15)

Question 12 : Why does the woman want to have a car?

Question 13: What does the woman say about German cars?.

Question 14: What does the man recommend the woman do?

Question 15: What do we learn about the man's friend from the conversation?

Section C

Passage 1

Pigs are not native to North America.They were first introduced to California by Spanish and Russian explorers and settlers many centuries ago In the early times, pigs

were allowed to wander freely in search of food. This practice also allowed many pigs to escape from farms and live in the wild, which became a problem. In fact, they are one of the most damaging invasive species on the continent [Q16]. Wild pigs cause millions of dollars in crop damage yearly. They also harbor dozens of diseases that threaten both humans and farm animals [Q17]. Forest patches with wild pigs have been found to have considerably reduced plant and animal diversity. In addition to either eating other animals or their food supply, wild pigs damaged native habitats by rooting up grasses and rubbing on trees. Their activities may also create opportunities for invasive plants to colonize these areas. Wild pigs will eat almost anything containing calories. Mice, deer, birds, snakes and frogs are among their victims. They can also harm other wild species through indirect competition, rather than eating them to shrinking their food supply. On one particular United States island, wild pigs themselves became an attractive food source for a species of mainland eagle. The eagles began breeding on the island and also feeding on a species of native fox. The foxes were almost wiped out completely [18].

Q16: What do we learn about early pigs in North America?

Q17: Why are wild pigs a threat to humans?

Q18: What does the passage say about the native foxes on a US island?

Passage 2

A pair of entrepreneurs are planning to build and launch a spacecraft that would carry and roast coffee beans in outer space. [Q19] The craft will use the heat of re-entry to roast coffee beans as they float inside it in a pressurized tank. The effect would be to roast the beans all over and produce perfect coffee. The businessmen say that on earth, beans can easily break apart and get burned in the roaster. But if gravity is removed, the beans float around in a heated oven, receive 360 degrees of evenly distributed heat and roast to near perfection [Q20]. The spacecraft will reach a height of around two hundred kilometers. The beans would then be roasted in the heat generated by the craft, twenty minute re-entry into earth's atmosphere, Temperatures

in the pressurized tank will be kept to around two hundred degrees Celsius. Once back on earth, the planet's first space roasted beans would be used to make coffee that would be sold for the first time in Dubai. This is where the pair's company is based. It is not clear how much they would charge for a cup. Surprisingly, the space roaster concept should have gone ahead, will not be the first attempt to take coffee into space. In 2015, two Italian companies collaborated on the construction of a similar type of spacecraft, which was the first coffee machine designed for use in space. [Q21]

Q19: What are a pair of entrepreneurs planning to do?

Q20: What does the passage say about coffee beans roasted on earth?

Q21: What did the two Italian companies do in 2015?

Passage 3

In cold and snowy Alaska there's a village called Talkeetna. It has a population of a mere forty-nine souls. (22) Each March, this tiny village swells up in numbers because it is located in the middle of a race that takes place every year. It is a seven-day race called the Iditarod Trail, and participants stop at Talkeetna for their obligatory twenty-four-hour rest. Lucky for them, (23) Talkeetna is famous for its delicious fruit pies. Weeks before the competitors arrive, the residents of Talkeetna start preparing for, what is without question their biggest event of the year. (24) The whole village chips in to help, including the kids who end up developing their baking skills at an early age. Exhausted and hungry racers are greeted with delightful pies of all kinds, such as apple, orange lemon or banana. They consume the pie as a stomach warming race fuel. The toughness of the race allows for racers to eat pretty much whatever they want. The more calories, the better. Talkeetna has gained a reputation for its desert-based hospitality since the 1970s. It started with one person, Jan Newton. Jan moved from Idaho with her husband in 1972 and opened a restaurant. How rich and filling fruit pies quickly got the race's attention, and the village gained some fame as a result. (25) Proud residents then started to refer to Jan as queen of Talkeetna.

Q22: Why do a lot of people come to the village of Talkeetna every March?

Q23: What is the village of Talkeetna famous for?

Q24: Who comes to help with the event of the year?

Q25: What does the passage say about Jane Newton?