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LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes - max. 10

Listen to a meeting in which colleagues make a decision. For items 1-10, choose the best option (A, B or C). You will hear the text twice.

1. The objective of the meeting is to ...

- A. decide on the role of each team member.
- B. agree when each phase of the project will happen.
- C. improve team communication.

2. Emiko wants ...

- A. to be told what to do.
- B. everyone to make a decision together.
- C. to check the decision with the head office.

3. David ...

- A. prefers a structured approach.
- B. is happy to take a flexible and agile approach.
- C. agrees with the decision they make in the end.

4. Carolina doesn't say much at first because ...

- A. she doesn't have a specific opinion on the topic.
- B. she is worrying about something else.

C. she is considering people's suggestions

5. The decision they take is based on ...

A. a vote.

B. a recommendation from Jani's boss.

C. a majority decision to follow the team leader.

6. David suggests they should ...

A. allow some extra time later in the project.

B. get help from another team.

C. use an online project management tool.

7. The phrase «How do you feel?» is used to

A. Ask for opinion

B. Agree

C. Disagree

8. The phrase «It would be best to ...» is used to

A. Ask for opinion

B. Give opinion

C. Disagree

9. The word «AGILE» means

A. something that is extra or more than planned

B. one of the stages of a process

C. able to move quickly and easily

10. The word «TO ADAPT» means

- A. to change something to make it better or more successful
- B. something that is extra or more than planned
- C. a plan for when things will happen and how long they will take

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

READING

Time: 15 minutes - max. 15

You are going to read an article about people who gave up their jobs to start their own business. For questions **1-10**, choose from the people (A — D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

1. mentions how good it is being able to make your own decisions?
2. enjoys seeing employees making a success of things?
3. had to solve a technical problem before launching the business?
4. is surprised to have attracted such a wide variety of clients?
5. is happy to have received positive feedback from clients?
6. sometimes feels anxious about financial aspects of the business?
7. took time to decide what type of business to start?
8. was able to draw on experience gained in a similar working situation?
9. was keen to make use of a wide range of existing skills?
10. was keen to work on a more personal level with clients?

Starting your own business

We talked to four people who gave up working for somebody else and started their own business

A Beautician

I had to rethink my future when the multi-national company I worked for as a marketing executive decided to move my job to the USA. My life back then, wearing designer clothes and taking regular long-haul flights, couldn't be more different from today. Well, I wanted a job where I'd have the chance to interact with people more, and saw a gap in the market for a beauty salon locally. Working for yourself is great as you can make your own mind up about things and you

aren't driven by someone else about when and how you do that. But the flipside is that there's nobody to share the burden with when you wake up in the middle of the night worrying about how you're going to pay the rent. But I have no regrets.

B Gym owner

After seventeen years working in banking, I wanted to try something totally different. A business that used a combination of my financial, sporting and parenting experience, but which didn't involve such long exhausting hours at the office appealed to me a great deal. I came across the concept behind The Little Gym by accident when I was surfing the Internet. It's a novel concept that had gone down really well in the USA. It caters for children from four months to twelve years, giving them good-quality physical instruction and a cerebral workout at the same time. Having control of my own life is a definite high, as is seeing my staff doing a good job. Every day is different, so it's never boring.

C Caterer

I worked for a big international company, but was no longer finding it rewarding. I'd completed twenty years' service, so I had some money saved up, but not enough to retire on. But I took six months off and we went to stay with my wife's family in Spain. It was a good opportunity to ponder the question: 'What next?' That's when we got the idea for Tapas in a Box. We were in a bar eating the local Spanish food called 'tapas' and I thought: 'This would be perfect for people back home who want to have a great, relaxed time with friends, without spending ages cooking.' The challenge was then to work out how to deliver the mix of foods all at once, because tapas include things like raw almonds and chilled cheeses as well as the hot things that need heating in an oven. Once we'd cracked that, we were up and running. I can't stress too much the thrill you feel when a customer tells you they've had a great time. The sense of having gone from a new idea to actually delivering something good is very motivating.

D Virtual PA

I'd been a secretary and personal assistant (PA) for twenty years and had begun to dread the thought that I'd be at the same desk until I retired. When the company announced that its European office was to close, I could've taken a drop in salary and found another job locally, but decided to set up my own business instead. I got my idea because, in effect, I'd been a virtual PA all along. My boss was usually only in the office a couple of days a month, so we'd always worked remotely by email and phone calls. I thought I could offer a similar service to other busy people.

Now I've got all sorts of regular clients, including surveyors, solicitors, an advertising agency and even an author. I never expected such a mix. I can't wait to see what challenges lie in store for me.

Task 2. For items 11-15, read the text and choose the best answer for the questions below.

The legend of fairies

(1) Fairies today are the stuff of children's stories, little magical people with wings, often shining with light. Typically pretty and female, like Tinkerbell in Peter Pan, **they** usually use their magic to do small things and are mostly friendly to humans.

(2) We owe many of our modern ideas about fairies to Shakespeare and stories from the 18th and 19th centuries. Although we can see the origins of fairies as far back as the Ancient Greeks, we can see similar creatures in many cultures. The earliest fairy-like creatures can be found in the Greek idea that trees and rivers had spirits called dryads and nymphs. Some people think **these creatures** were originally the gods of earlier, pagan religions that worshipped nature. **They** were replaced by the Greek and Roman gods, and then later by the Christian God, and became smaller, less powerful figures as they lost importance.

(3) Another explanation suggests the origin of fairies is a memory of real people, not spirits. So, for example, when tribes with metal weapons invaded land where people only used stone weapons, some of the people escaped and hid in forests and caves. Further support for **this** idea is that fairies were thought to be afraid of iron and could not touch it. Living outside of society, the hiding people probably stole food and attacked villages. **This** might explain why fairies were often described as playing tricks on humans. Hundreds of years ago, people actually believed that fairies stole new babies and replaced them with a 'changeling' – a fairy baby – or that they took new mothers and made them feed fairy babies with their milk.

(4) While most people no longer believe in fairies, only a hundred years ago some people were very willing to think they might exist. In 1917, 16-year-old Elsie Wright took two photos of her cousin, nine-year-old Frances Griffiths, sitting with fairies. Some photography experts thought they were fake, while others weren't sure. But Arthur Conan Doyle, the writer of the Sherlock Holmes detective stories, believed they were real. He published the original pictures, and three more the girls took for him, in a magazine called The Strand, in 1920. The girls only admitted the photos were fake years later in 1983, created using pictures of dancers that Elsie copied from a book.

11. In paragraph 1, the word **they** refers to ...

A. fairies.

B. children.

C. stories.

12. In paragraph 2, the words **these creatures** refer to ...

- A. trees and fairies.
- B. the spirits of trees and rivers.
- C. the Ancient Greek people.

13. In paragraph 2, the word **They** refers to ...

- A. pagan gods.
- B. pagan religions.
- C. Greek and Roman gods.

14. In paragraph 3, the words **this idea** refer to ...

- A. the idea that fairies were based on people.
- B. the idea that fairies used metal weapons.
- C. the idea that fairies used stone tools.

15. In paragraph 3, the word **This** refers to ...

- A. the fact that fairies were thought to be afraid of iron.
- B. stolen food.
- C. the possibility that hiding people stole food and attacked villages.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes - max. 20

Task 1. For items 1-8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Camels

The most distinctive feature of a camel is the hump, or humps, on its back. In these humps camels store fat (1.) is used as energy when they don't have access to food. They can put (2.) with very difficult conditions, drinking only a little (3.) no water for up to seven days. When they reach a place where they can drink, they soak up water (4.) a sponge – they can drink 135 liters in 13 minutes! And their mouths are (5.) tough that they can eat most types of plant.

Camels (6.) thought by many to have poor hearing. But although their ears are small, their hearing is actually very sharp. Camels can be almost any shade of brown, from pale cream to almost black and they have long necks to allow them reach high branches. Despite the (7.) that camels can be trained as useful working animals, they don't always do (8.) is expected!

Task 2. For items 9-20, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Desperate to go to school

Truancy has become a serious problem in many schools in recent years. In an attempt to tackle this problem one school introduced a new scheme to (9.) students to attend as many classes as possible. Pupils who (10.) a 100% attendance record throughout the whole academic year were (11.) with an all-inclusive weekend school (12.) to an activity center where they would be able to have a go at (13.) activities such as climbing, abseiling and white water rafting.

One student was so (14.) to qualify for this free weekend away that he even went to school with a broken wrist. He hurt his wrist when he fell (15.) his bike on the way to school but he was so worried about (16.) his 100% attendance that he didn't (17.) his teachers or parents until the school day had finished. He (18.) admitted to his mother what had happened when she (19.) that he was having difficulty eating his dinner and asked him what was wrong. She took him to hospital that night, they put his arm in plaster and he was able to go back to school the next day.

Fortunately, he was fully (20.) from his accident in time to go on the trip.

9.	A. suggest	B. force	C. encourage	D. make
10.	A. succeeded	B. made	C. achieved	D. realised
11.	A. rewarded	B. given	C. won	D. compensated
12.	A. holiday	B. trip	C. travel	D. excursion

13.	A. outside	B. outdoor	C. risk	D. danger
14.	A. interested	B. happy	C. excited	D. keen
15.	A. away	B. down	C. off	D. over
16.	A. filling	B. maintaining	C. guarding	D. succeeding
17.	A. tell	B. say	C. admit	D. explain
18.	A. lastly	B. actually	C. fortunately	D. eventually
19.	A. knew	B. aware	C. looked	D. noticed
20.	A. recovered	B. improved	C. repaired	D. fixed

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WRITING

Time: 10 minutes – max. 10

One of your pen friends wants to improve their English at a language school. They have never studied at a language school before and have asked for your advice on how to choose a good one.

Write a letter of **about 100-140 words** to your pen friend. Advise them about the following:

- the teaching method**
- the number of students in a class**
- the number of hours a week**

Remember the rules of letter writing.