


Test 3

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**1. Listening: A casual conversation**

 You will hear part of a conversation between Angela and Sharon. For questions 1–5, choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

**1. Where are the two women?**

- in a restaurant
- in a bar
- in a café

**2. Who are the two people talking?**

- students at high school
- interns at a hospital
- freshmen at university

### 3. What is Angela studying?

- Information Technology
- foreign languages
- medicine

### 4. Why is the exam mentioned a tough one?

- Because it is an oral exam.
- Because the workload is high.
- Because the instructor is a problem.

### 5. What did Sharon NOT do at the hospital?

- She took a patient's blood sample.
- She signed a prescription.
- She put a cast on a patient's leg.



**4. Music can completely replace your social contacts.**

- True
- False

**5. The melody is as important as the story behind a song.**

- True
- False

**6. While listening to music to relax, you should not be disturbed.**

- True
- False

**7. This report informs the listeners about the healing power of music.**

- True
- False

### 3. Reading: Getting about in Greater Bristol

You are going to read a text on a website called *Getting About in Greater Bristol*. For statements 1–6, choose the answer (True, False or Not Given) which fits best according to what you read.

#### Getting About in Greater Bristol

*Getting About in Greater Bristol* is a website which provides all sorts of travel information for disabled people wanting to go to Greater Bristol, the area containing and surrounding the city of Bristol in the South West of England. This site has got information on transport for Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset as well as South Gloucestershire.

Due to the influence the Disability Discrimination Act has had on transport, both public transport and places in the Greater Bristol area are constantly being made more accessible.

Since some changes can only be brought about gradually, our website has the aim to help less mobile or disabled people to find their way around the area more easily. It includes recent changes and improvements in access to trains, buses, taxis, community transport services, bus stations, train stations as well as airports. We put a lot of effort in being up to date at all times.

This website introduces people to how to get about in the area using different means of transport and at the same time provides detailed information on transportation that disabled people look for when planning their journeys. Direct links to other sources than transportation and travel websites will make your travel planning even easier.

Finding accommodation suitable for disabled people plays an essential role when making travel arrangements. *Tourism for All* is a national charity and the UK Voice for Accessible Tourism. *Tourism for All* has managed to build up a remarkably good reputation because they have overcome various obstacles or difficulties people with disabilities or older people face when going on a trip. You will find a link to their homepage on our website.

Another link we provide is *Visit Britain*. Regardless of whether you need some practical travel advice or specific information on health insurances or visas, *Visit Britain* can answer your questions. Among other things, it also includes information on British culture.

We are proud to say that England and the Greater Bristol area in particular extend a very warm welcome to disabled visitors and their carers. A lot of public places, including tourist attractions of all sorts, have already been made accessible to people using wheelchairs. Restaurants and hotels have taken all the necessary precautions too.

We will, of course, keep investing our energy and resources in improving our environment for people with disabilities.

**1. *Getting About in Greater Bristol* is a website dedicated to all kinds of tourists.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

**2. Greater Bristol is known for its modern technology in public transport.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

**3. In Greater Bristol, public transport and places could not be made more accessible.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

**4. The website tries to post new developments immediately.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

**5. The website also refers people to other transportation websites.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

**6. This text points out a speciality in tourism in the Greater Bristol area.**

- True
- False
- Not Given

#### 4. Reading: Excessive use of media in teenagers

You are going to read a text on excessive use of media in teenagers. For questions 1–5, choose the answer which fits best according to what you read.

##### Excessive use of media in teenagers

Children and teenagers say that they are in full control of the amount of time they spend using all sorts of media and that they would be able to stop media consumption at any time. However, more and more young people are overwhelmed with the great variety of media-related input they are confronted with every day. They frequently do not even realize any more how many hours they spend playing video games, chatting with their friends on the phone, updating their profiles on social networking sites or just watching TV.

A lot of parents get the impression that their children are addicted to media consumption, which is an alarming fact. In the past few years, it has been observed that media replace essential activities in young people's lives, ranging from the replacement of physical activity and homework to the replacement of important personal relationships. If this is the case, parents need to set up easy and clear rules and try to change their children's behavior.

##### Media and the body

Most of the media young people consume ask for sitting. They either sit in front of the TV on the couch or in front of their computer screen on a chair or they might even lie in bed sending text messages to their friends while having their notebooks sitting on their laps. Either way, young people are generally more sedentary when consuming media, except for those listening to their iPods while jogging or doing their workout on an exercise bike.

What is even worse than just sitting is the fact that most young people take in a lot of unhealthy food while sitting. Consuming junk food frequently goes hand in hand with consuming media. If there is no exercise whatsoever, the circumstances mentioned above can quickly lead to weight gain and other physical problems.

##### Media and homework

Many young people are so extremely absorbed in whatever kind of media they are using that they do not feel time passing. It is the entertainment and excitement they experience when playing games or communicating with peers via the phone or Internet that makes them forget everything else, their homework included. While this may have an immediate negative effect on their marks, they also miss out on a lot of personal development and growth.

## Media and relationships

The effects excessive media consumption can have are twofold. On the one hand, it can lead to complete isolation. Young people might turn away from family and friends because there is no time for personal interaction due to the time spent making one's way to all the levels in a video game, for example. On the other hand, there might be over-communication. Today, people can play video games online together with other people. They are communicating with each other all the time, but unfortunately not in person. While this certainly is some sort of interaction, it is not one that promotes the development of good social skills.

If parents have children who fit that pattern, they need to take the situation at home seriously and do something about it. As a first step, parents and children need to sit down together and discuss possible changes in the children's media usage habits. Setting up strict rules that do not make much sense, like forbidding media consumption altogether, is the wrong thing to do. Instead, parents should build on the suggestions their children have and work out a good and fair set of rules together.

### 1. What does 'are overwhelmed with' in the first paragraph mean?

- to be in control of
- to be flooded with
- to be excited about

### 2. How do teenagers compensate for their lack of exercise when consuming media?

- They consume a lot of healthy food.
- They do a lot of sports.
- They often do not compensate for it.

### 3. Why do teenagers frequently not do their homework?

- They are not interested in doing it.
- They do not have enough time for it.
- They do not think it affects their marks.

### 4. How does the writer of the text see online communication?

- It is a good way to communicate with more people at the same time.
- In combination with real-life, people are communicating too much.
- It has a negative influence on people's communication skills.

### 5. How should parents react to excessive media usage?

- They should take their children's opinions seriously.
- They should change their own media usage habits.
- They should present their children with strict rules.



## 6. Language in use: Stand-up comedy

**Read the text on stand-up comedy. Some words are missing. Use the words in brackets to form words that fit in the gaps. Write your answers in the gaps.**

Stand-up comedy is a particular kind of comedy in which the comedian is on stage, performing in front of a live audience, (1) ..... (**general**) speaking directly to them and (2) ..... (**involve**) them in his act. High-profile comedians are often filmed during their (3) ..... (**perform**) so that their shows can be made available via DVD, television or the Internet.

The person standing on stage is (4) ..... (**refer**) to as “stand-up comedian”, “comic” or just “stand-up”.

Stand-up performances are generally fairly short and are (5) ..... (**characterise**) by short jokes, one-liners and (6) ..... (**humour**) stories which are presented one after the other without much (7) ..... (**interrupt**).

There are stand-ups who use music or magic tricks to spice up their performances. The performances themselves usually take place in comedy clubs and bars or colleges and theatres.

Being (8) ..... (**success**) as a stand-up comedian is the result of hard work. Very often comedians work (9) ..... (**incredible**) long for very short programmes, which they keep improving while repeatedly performing them on stage.

## 7. Writing: Reality TV shows

**Together with a group of friends you have watched a reality TV show. State your opinion towards shows like “Big Brother”, “The Real World” or “The Osbournes” in about 190 words.**

Make sure to include the following points:

- what is typical for reality TV shows
- how often you watch them
- why you watch or do not watch them
- whether you would take part in one

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