

## LISTENING

### TASK 1

You will hear an English woman called Britta talking to an interviewer about her life in Berlin. For questions 1-6, choose the answer A, B or C. Listen to the dialogue two times.

1. How long has Britta lived in Berlin?
  - A. Four years
  - B. Six years
  - C. Twenty years
2. What does Britta say about living in Berlin?
  - A. She can't sleep at night because of the traffic noise.
  - B. She misses the museums and theatres in Bonn.
  - C. She likes living in a big, busy city.
3. The area of Berlin where Britta lives is
  - A. a rather expensive place to live.
  - B. a good place to eat out.
  - C. a long way from the city centre.
4. How does Britta usually travel around in Berlin?
  - A. She walks.
  - B. She uses her bicycle.
  - C. She uses the tram or bus.
5. Britta says that her nephew, Philippe, likes going
  - A. to the park with her.
  - B. to the shops with his parents.
  - C. to a gallery with her.
6. Britta has lots of friends who
  - A. live near her.
  - B. work with her.
  - C. are still in England.

**Answers: 1 – A / 2 – C / 3 – B / 4 – B / 5 – C / 6 – A**

### TASK 2

You will hear a conversation between a boy, Carl and a girl, Susanna, about a school concert.

Look at the four sentences (7-10). Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.

If it is **correct**, write **A** in front of the sentence.

If it is **incorrect**, write **B** in front of the sentence.

7. Susanna feels shy about playing her violin in public.
8. Carl and Susanna share the same opinion about practicing their instruments regularly.
9. Susanna's parents refuse to allow her to give up violin lessons.
10. Carl persuades Susanna to take part in the concert.

**Answers: 7 – B / 8 – B / 9 – A / 10 - B**

## READING

### TASK 1

Read the text and ten (11-20) statements after it. Decide whether the statements are TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN.

If the statement is TRUE, write 1.

If the statement is FALSE, write 2.

If there is no information about it in the text (NOT GIVEN), write 3.

People have played goal games for hundreds of years. Football was born in England. The English have played football for many centuries. In the 1200s they played a kind of football on feast days. The field was the land between two villages. The teams were the people of the two villages. The ball was the leathery bladder of a pig or other animal, blown up like a balloon. Each team tried to kick the ball all the way to the other village. These games were so dangerous that people were often killed.

It is a historical fact that Henry VIII passed a law forbidding football in England because it took people away from archery, but it did not stop people in England.

In the 1800s, students at boys' schools in England played a game something like soccer. Players tried to kick the ball down the field to the goal. Then in 1823, a boy at Rugby School picked up the ball and ran with it. This was against the rules, but many players liked the idea. So they made up a new game called rugby football.

Boys in the United States began playing football in the 1860s. They, too, liked the idea of running with the ball, so they used some of the rugby rules. They also made up rules of their own. Soon, American football was quite different from the football played in other countries. It is considered to be a rough game, played by men only. Thus football has become one of the most popular games all over the world.

This game is also a popular sport to watch. Millions of fans watch the games on television and find them very exciting.

The English are the most passionate spectators. When there is a big race day anywhere or a match is on, the stadium gates must always close, leaving out thousands of people. In any weather the sport grounds are absolutely full and the spectators keep shouting their heads off. American football is no less popular with people in the United States and Canada. Often whole families attend the stadium and sport grounds to cheer for their favorite team.

11. Football appeared in England under Henry VIII.
12. In 1200s football was played only on holidays.
13. Only mixed teams of people of two villages could play football.
14. Football was as popular as archery.
15. Rugby football as a kind of football appeared by accident.
16. American football has the same rules as football played in all the other countries.
17. American football is popular all over the world.
18. American fans are believed to be the most emotional fans.
19. In England football is not played in rainy weather.

20. American football is the most popular game in Canada.

*Answers: 11 – 2 / 12 – 1 / 13 – 2 / 14 – 2 / 15 – 1 / 16 – 2 / 17 – 3 or 1 / 18 – 2 or 3 / 19 – 2 / 20 – 3*

## TASK 2

Read the text and five questions (21-25) below. For each question, choose the answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

Write the letter (A, B, C or D) in front of the question.

### THE ARTIST

People think being an artist must be a wonderful way to earn one's living. And of course, there are lots of great things about working for oneself, at home alone, even in a cold studio like mine. What I really like is that nobody tells me what time to start in the morning. I like to paint as soon as I wake up, which is always early, but isn't the same time every day. And nobody tells me what to wear, or whether I can take the afternoon off and go to a football match.

But then, I have no one to chat with when I'm bored, no one to discuss last night's match with during the office lunch hour. Sure, I can spend the afternoon doing something I enjoy like cycling or gardening if I choose. But the work will still be there when I do finally get back home.

Unfortunately, working at home means that people can always find me and I feel increasingly stressed thinking of my work waiting to be done. When I hear the traffic news on the radio I realise that I really haven't got much to complain about. I find a CD which will start me thinking, turn it up loudly and begin another picture.

21. What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A. encourage readers to work at home
- B. explain why he has changed his job
- C. describe his working life
- D. say how he would like to work

22. What does the writer like about his life?

- A. He has plenty of opportunities for sport.
- B. He is his own boss.
- C. He needn't work in the morning.
- D. He has a comfortable place to work.

23. What does the writer imagine he might do with colleagues?

- A. have meals in restaurants
- B. go to the swimming pool
- C. spend time in the countryside
- D. talk about sport

24. The writer plays loud music because

- A. the traffic outside is noisy.
- B. it helps him to have his ideas.
- C. it prevents him from feeling bored.
- D. he dislikes listening to the radio.

25. Which of these notices would be most useful for the writer to put on his door?

- A. I'm working – please don't disturb
- B. Please call at my office for an appointment
- C. Please knock before entering
- D. No visitors allowed during office hours

**Answers: 21 – C / 22 – B / 23 – D / 24 – B / 25 - A**

## USE OF ENGLISH

### TASK 1

For questions 26-30 complete the sentences with the appropriate colour idiom by choosing the correct variant from A-E.

- A. Blue
- B. Red
- C. Pink
- D. Green
- E. Yellow

- 26. We didn't invite Jack. He just came out of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27. Kate was the \_\_\_\_\_ of perfection in her snow-white dress.
- 28. I saw \_\_\_\_\_ when they told me I had lied to them.
- 29. I don't like Tom's personality. I find him a \_\_\_\_\_ dog.
- 30. Ann has a \_\_\_\_\_ thumb. Her garden is a real masterpiece.

**Answers: 26 – A / 27 – C / 28 – B / 29 – E / 30 - D**

### TASK 2

For questions 31-40 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- 31. They looked \_\_\_\_ each other with surprise.
  - A. with
  - B. after
  - C. on
  - D. at
- 32. This really is \_\_\_\_ food I've ever eaten.
  - A. worst

- B. bad  
C. the worst  
D. the baddest
33. He could open the door \_\_\_\_.  
A. easy  
B. easily  
C. most easy  
D. easiest
34. Save some money but don't put \_\_\_\_ in the bank.  
A. them  
B. their  
C. it  
D. its
35. He has been in London \_\_\_\_ he left college.  
A. since  
B. for  
C. before  
D. during
36. Look at \_\_\_\_ ear-rings! Aren't they beautiful?  
A. a  
B. an  
C. -  
D. the
37. There isn't \_\_\_\_ sugar in the box.  
A. many  
B. much  
C. few  
D. a few
38. You are not angry with us, \_\_\_\_you?  
A. aren't  
B. are  
C. don't  
D. do
39. This is the man \_\_\_\_wanted to ask something.  
A. which  
B. whom  
C. what  
D. who
40. I \_\_\_\_ this wonderful film 2 times!  
A. have seen  
B. saw  
C. had seen  
D. see

**Answers: 31 - D / 32 - C / 33 - B / 34 - C / 35 - A / 36 - D / 37 - B / 38 - B / 39 - D / 40 - A**

## COUNTRY STUDYING

### TASK 1

For questions 41-45 choose the correct variant A, B, C, or D. Write the answers (A, B, C or D) in the boxes.

41. Who is the current monarch?
- A. King George
  - B. Elizabeth I
  - C. Elizabeth II
  - D. Elizabeth III
42. What is the kilt?
- A. The hat
  - B. The shirt
  - C. The pair of gloves
  - D. The skirt
43. The mysterious Loch Ness monster is from \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Ireland
  - B. Wales
  - C. Scotland
  - D. England
44. When visiting a house for the first time in New Year (first footing) it is a tradition to bring \_\_\_\_\_ with you.
- A. A lump of coal
  - B. A cake
  - C. Flowers
  - D. A big piece of cheese
45. What do the Scottish people call "Hogmanay"?
- A. The first day after Christmas
  - B. The day before Christmas
  - C. New Year's Day
  - D. New Year's Eve

**Answers: 41 – C / 42 – D / 43 – C / 44 – A / 45 – D**

### TASK 2

For questions 46-50 decide whether the statements are true or false.

46. The BBC stands for "Best British Culture". FALSE
47. A mile is longer than a kilometer. TRUE
48. Haggis is a traditional Scottish musical instrument. FALSE
49. The official language in Wales is Welsh. TRUE
50. Elizabeth II has two birthdays. TRUE

**Answers: 46 – FALSE / 47 – TRUE / 48 – FALSE / 49 – TRUE / 50 - TRUE**