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Listening (10 min – 10 points)

Task 1. Look at the sentences for this part.

You will hear two neighbours, a woman, Natasha, and a man, Colin, talking about running. Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, put a tick (✓) in the box under **A** for **YES**. If it is not correct, put a tick (✓) in the box under **B** for **NO**.

	A	B
	YES	NO
1. Natasha has decided to take the day off work to go running.	___	___
2. Colin found running to work was bad for his health.	___	___
3. Natasha would prefer to go running outside the city.	___	___
4. Natasha would like to wear her sports clothes at work.	___	___
5. Natasha will run in the big race because she hopes to win it.	___	___

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Reading (20 min – 10 points)

Task 1. *The people below all want to watch a television programme. There are descriptions of eight television programmes.*

Decide which programme would be the most suitable for the following people.

For questions 6-10, mark the correct letter (A-H) on your answer sheet.

6. **Sandrine** and her ten-year-old daughter, Daisy, love watching all kinds of dancing, especially if the dancers are famous entertainers. Daisy particularly likes the beautiful dresses the women wear.

7. **Tim** has an amazing memory for facts on a range of topics. He enjoys testing himself against people taking part in quizzes on TV and wants to find out how to be on one himself.

8. **Simon** enjoys murder mysteries, and likes the challenge of working out who did the crime before the identity of the murderer is uncovered in the final scene.

9. **Mariella** loves skiing and enjoys watching winter sports on television. She tries to improve her techniques by copying the professionals who take part in them.

10. **Ned and Jake** are computer programmers. They enjoy TV programmes that are funny and give them a complete break from their work, especially if they are connected with football.

ON TV TONIGHT

A Below stairs

New comedy series about Ray and Jen, who work in the IT section of a big company. Their office is in the basement while their bosses work in luxury upstairs. Reviews so far have been mixed. There are plenty of laughs, though some people may find the situations rather silly.

C Top Team

A return of the jokey quiz show, in which teams of famous sports personalities and comedians have to give amusing answers to questions on a range of popular sports, not just football and tennis but winter sports too. Light-hearted entertainment for everyone!

B Whiteout

All the latest action from the slopes, including men's and women's downhill racing, jumping, ice dance and ice hockey. Presented from the mountains by former footballer Neville Gray, with expert reports on speeds and distances. Figure skater Jayne Wilton comments on the dance performances.

D Quicksteps

Each week, well-known faces from the world of television team up with a professional partner to perform a range of classical and modern dances. You, the viewer, can vote for the best performance and the best costume, and each week's winners will take part in the grand final later in the year.

E Taskmaster

Can you beat the four members of the public who answer general knowledge and specialist questions in the final of this year's competition? Tonight's specialist subjects include the history of winter sports, Latin American dances, detective novels and French history. There will be information about how to enter next year's competition.

G Inspector Blake

A first-division football player has a beautiful wife, a big house and a bright future. When he's found dead in his car near a local park, Blake discovers that he was less popular than it seemed. Set in the 1970s, this nail-biting drama will keep you guessing right until the end.

F The Two Dancers

Set in late 18th-century France, this drama tells of the relationship between two beautiful dancers who both love the same man. Although the ending is not unexpected, this drama is thoroughly entertaining all the way through. Worth watching just for the beautiful costumes and scenery.

H Madison

This little-known musical is based on the true story of an American ice hockey team in the 1930s. The facts are historically accurate, even though the show is advertised as a musical comedy-thriller. Really only of interest to experts in the history of musicals or ice hockey fans.

Task 2. Look at the sentences (11-20) below about a man who got lost in the Rocky Mountains. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark **A** for **YES** on your answer sheet. If it is not correct, mark **B** for **NO** on your answer sheet.

	A	B
	YES	NO
11. Bob Rigsby was in Canada in order to study its wildlife.	___	___
12. On the first day of getting lost, Bob realised how serious his situation was.	___	___
13. Bob had few problems finding something safe to eat in the mountains.	___	___
14. On the fourth day, Bob recognised the place that he was in.	___	___
15. Shirley thought that Bob sounded upset on the phone.	___	___
16. It was the first time Bob had been missing for such a length of time.	___	___
17. The first phone call that Shirley made was to the Canadian embassy.	___	___
18. The hotel owner was worried while Bob was absent from the hotel.	___	___
19. Employees from the hotel went to look for Bob.	___	___
20. Bob says he regrets going into the mountains on his own.	___	___

Lost in the Rocky Mountains

Fifty-four-year-old scientist Bob Rigsby was lost for five days in Canada's Rocky Mountains, and was only rescued after a mobile phone call to his wife, Shirley, over 8,000 km away in England.

Bob, a British wildlife expert, had been in Vancouver, Canada, giving a talk at a conference on the environment. When it was over, he travelled to the Rocky Mountains and checked into The Maple Leaf hotel. He then set off on a short walk to look at the local plant and animal life. After a couple of hours, he realised he had taken a wrong turning on the mountain path, but was sure he could easily get back to the hotel. Even when night fell, he remained confident.

But, after walking for several hours the next day, it became clear to Bob that he was in trouble. 'I had my mobile phone with me, but the battery was almost dead. I thought I could probably make just one call but I didn't know the number of my hotel and I didn't want to worry my family unless I really had to.' Bob carried on walking for three more days. He knew which wild plants he could safely eat and he had little trouble finding them. When he was thirsty he drank from streams.

On the fourth day, he reached a forest that he knew he had walked through the previous day. His heart sank. He realised it was hopeless and decided to call his family in England, 'He was quite calm when he spoke to me on the phone,' says Shirley.

'He appeared to be in control of the situation, in spite of everything. He'd been lost a few times before, but never for so many days - that's why this time was different.'

She immediately contacted The Maple Leaf hotel, after a quick call to the Canadian embassy in London to get its phone number. 'We're always anxious if our guests are away for a long time,' says Greg McCaffrey, the hotel's owner. 'But that week several of our English visitors had gone to the city for a few days to watch the hockey games, and we thought Mr Rigsby had gone too.' As soon as Shirley phoned, hotel staff called the rescue service, who sent out a search party for the scientist. They found him in a cave some hours later, very tired, but, apart from some cuts and scratches, quite unhurt.

'I've learnt my lesson,' says Bob. 'I admit I was stupid to set off like that without a guide. I never want an experience like that again!'

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Use of English (15 min – 30 points)

Task 1. Choose the best word for each space (21-30).

Geography of Japan

Japan is made up of over 3,000 islands which stretch along the Pacific coast of Asia. The four largest are Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku. Japan' (21) neighbours are Korea, Russia and China. Japan has many high mountains and (22)..... valleys and much of its soil is rocky. This means that there is a limited (23) of good farmland. Where farmland does (24) , tea, rice and fruit are grown. Because of the lack of (25) Japan' cites are mostly crowded onto the flat (26) around the coast. Japan is the (27) fishing nation in the world and shellfish and seafood are also cultivated in the (28) bays along the coast. Because of all the mountains, rivers in Japan are short and fast-flowing and so cannot be used to (29) goods. However, there is an excellent (30) of ports and harbours which are used for this purpose.

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| 21. | A bordering | B nearby | C closest |
| 22. | A low | B deep | C short |
| 23. | A amount | B number | C total |
| 24. | A stay | B exist | C live |
| 25. | A area | B region | C space |
| 26. | A ground | B earth | C land |
| 27. | A leading | B important | C original |
| 28. | A thin | B shallow | C slim |
| 29. | A transport | B contain | C travel |
| 30. | A organisation | B network | C company |

Task 2. Now complete the text below with these verbs in the correct form (31-40).

wear out	put on	fold	match	try on	decide
change back	fit	go with	take off		

When I saw the shirt in the shop, I immediately decided to (31) it I loved the spotty pattern and the unusual buttons. As soon as I (32) it I could see that it (33) me perfectly - it was just the right size.

Then the shop assistant said that the colour (34) my eyes and so, of course, I (35) to buy it, even though it was expensive. I (36) it and (37) into my own clothes.

The assistant (38) it carefully and put it into a bag for me. I'll wear it with my orange trousers. I know it will (39) really well them. I'm going to wear it so much, I will probably (40) it in a few months!

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Writing (20 min – 20 points)

Imagine that you read the following question on a forum:

“Hi, guys! I need your advice. I’ve been chosen to arrange our class party. What should I do to make it a real success?”

Now give your advice how to arrange the party to make it exciting and educational at the same time.

Write about **100-120** words.

Do not forget to:

- *greet the members of the forum;*
- *give your advice and two reasons for your choice;*
- *sign your message.*

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.