

Test

Listening Section

Part 1

You will hear a man called Simon Webster talking about being a racing driver.

For each question, circle the right option.

1 Simon asks other drivers for advice when he

- A has made a mistake on a racing track.
- B is unsure which racing track to use.
- C uses a racing track for the first time.

2 When do races take place?

- A during part of the year
- B on most days during the week
- C mainly on Fridays

3 What problem does Simon have?

- A He can't stop training before a race.
- B He can't improve any more.
- C He doesn't ever have holidays.

4 What does he say is most important

- A not getting frightened for a racing driver?
- B being able to concentrate
- C knowing how a car works

5 How did he become interested in cars?

- A His friends were keen on motor-racing.

B He enjoyed watching motor-racing on TV.

C His father took him to races.

6 What advice does he give to young

A They should do other sports too. racing drivers?

B They should study hard.

C They should get very fit.

Part 2

You will hear a woman talking on the radio about a new sports centre.

For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

New sports centre

It opens on (1) -----

It is opposite the (2) -----

The car park entrance is in (3)----- Road.

It costs (4) -----£ per week to be a member.

A (5) -----is provided.

You can learn to (6) ----- at 5.30 each day.

Reading Section

Part 1

Read the text to find out if each statement below is true (T) or false (F)

How to Save Petrol and the Environment

We are all aware of the need to protect the environment but sometimes it's difficult for us to do the right thing. For example, if you're a motorist the convenience of jumping in the car to go somewhere is balanced against the knowledge of how harmful each journey can be. But did you know that making a few simple changes to your driving habits will not only do less damage to our world but will also save you money and could even be good for your health?

Do you really need to take the car?

Try making more use of public transport. If the service is frequent and reliable you'll soon get used to using buses and trains. In fact, for shorter journeys why not take the opportunity to get into shape and go on foot.

Share the journey

How often do you see cars with just one occupant with the driver making the same journey as others living nearby? Why not car share and half the cost of the journey? There are several websites where people can swap details and make arrangements to meet up.

Change your habits

When you must use the car plan your journey so you can go to all the places you need to visit rather taking the car out again and again. If you get caught in a traffic jam switch off the engine when you're stationary for a long time. Try not to brake too sharply or accelerate too quickly as this will lead to you using up more fuel. On cold mornings don't warm up the engine before you start your journey and when you next put fuel in your car think about whether you really need to fill up the tank. All that extra weight will put more pressure on the engine.

Servicing

Make sure you carry out basic maintenance like checking the tyre pressure regularly. Finally, keep your car regularly serviced so that it runs as efficiently as possible.

Steps like this will save you money and help you do your bit to protect the environment.

1. Drivers don't care about the environment T/F
2. Changing the way you drive has more than one benefit. T/F

3. The service on public transport is always good. T/F
4. You should walk when you go somewhere nearby. T/F
5. If you travel with someone else it will save your money. T/F
6. Avoid sharing personal details on the Internet. T/F
7. Try to make one journey rather than lots of short ones. T/F.
8. Braking quickly is the safest way to drive. T/F
9. Don't leave the car running before you start a journey. T/F
10. Filling the car with petrol will save you money. T/F

Part 2

Read the text and the questions below

For each question choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Dear Editor

I am writing with regards to the article 'Is the TV Dead?' that appeared in your newspaper on the 4th March. The author claimed that with the rise of the Internet, the TV was becoming less and less significant in our lives.

I find it very difficult to agree with this view. The TV is still the main way most of us get our entertainment at home. It offers us the chance to see top musical artists, great films and documentaries and occasionally, thanks to important televised events, it has the power to bring the whole nation and all ages together in a way the Internet never could.

Your article was particularly critical of the TV for the poor quality of programmes available on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many of the channels offer nothing more than repeats or low budget programmes. However, I would argue that the majority of content on the Internet is also of questionable quality. I agree with the writer that it is easy to keep up-to-date with the latest news on the Internet, but I'm sure most of us still enjoy sitting down to the News on TV in the evening just as much.

The writer is correct in stating that the Internet has become our major source for research and I think this is its main strength. However, criticising the TV for not being as good is totally unfair. Information programmes like documentaries are made for their potential as entertainment not as research tools and as such will continue to be popular with viewers.

So in conclusion I don't think the writer should be so quick to write the TV off. On the contrary, I think it has many more years left in it!

Yours sincerely
Samantha Johnson

1. Why is the person writing this letter to the newspaper?

- a. to make a complaint
- b. to offer a different point of view
- c. to encourage people to watch more TV
- d. to persuade people to not use the Internet

2. What do we learn about the writer's opinion of TV?

- a. It is useful as a reference tool
- b. It is excellent entertainment
- c. It is suffering because of the Internet
- d. The quality of programmes is a problem

3. Which of the following is seen as a problem with TV?

- a. the quality of some of the programmes
- b. the lack of entertainment programmes
- c. its poor use as a reference tool
- d. its unpopularity with younger people

4. What does the writer think is the best use of the Internet?

- a. to buy products
- b. to be entertained
- c. to get the latest news
- d. to find things out

5. Which of the following words describes how the writer feels about TV?

- a. Pleased
- b. excited
- c. confused
- d. worried

Use of English

Part 1

Here are some sentences about a popular restaurant.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use no more than three words.

1. Restaurant Nicole opened five years ago.

Restaurant Nicole has open for five years.

2. Restaurant Nicole can take groups of a maximum of thirty people.

Restaurant Nicole can take groups of up thirty people.

3. The chef creates special menus at certain times of year.

Special menus by the chef at certain times of year.

4. Some guests like to listen to live music during their meal.

Some guests enjoy to live music during their meal.

5. Customers often ask if the restaurant has any vegetarian dishes.

Customers often want to know if are any vegetarian dishes at the restaurant.

Part 2

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each gap

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Example: 0 A hope B decide C want D expect

0 - A

San Francisco

Whatever you (0) for from a visit to San Francisco in the USA, you won't be disappointed. The hills are just as steep as you imagined they would be, and the Golden Gate Bridge is just as spectacular. It's no (1) then that the city is among the world's (2) tourist destinations. (3) many people live there, San Francisco (4) more like a small town than a city of more than 4 million people. Its (5) on the water, its parks, and its hills all (6) that you can never see further than a few blocks. One of the most (7) trips is a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge. This is a journey (8) should be saved for a sunny day so that you can (9) the fantastic view, and Golden Gate Park has wonderful gardens, (10) addition to being great for a picnic.

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| 1 | A guess | B excuse | C question | D surprise |
| 2 | A complete | B top | C proper | D full |
| 3 | A Although | B Besides | C Unless | D Despite |
| 4 | A shows | B fits | C seems | D makes |
| 5 | A location | B point | C landscape | D scene |
| 6 | A allow | B mean | C let | D intend |
| 7 | A amazed | B popular | C interested | D positive |
| 8 | A who | B where | C which | D what |
| 9 | A admire | B approve | C accept | D attract |
| 10 | A in | B as | C on | D by |

Writing section

Write 100-120 words

Smoking should be banned in all public places

Key

Listening section

Part 1

1- c; 2 - a; 3- a; 4- b; 5- c; 6- c;

Part 2

1. 12th/12/twelfth of May

2. station

3. Fortescue

4. 9.50

5. towel

6. dance

Reading section

Part 1

1. False; 2. True; 3. False ; 4. True; 5. True; 6. False; 7. True; 8. False. 9. True, 10. False

Part 2

1. b; 2. b; 3.a; 4. D; 5.a

Use of English

Part 1

1. been; 2 to; 3. Are created; 4. Listening; 5. There

Part 2

1. D; 2. B; 3. A; 4. C; 5. A; 6. B; 7 B; 8 C; 9. A; 10. A