

LEVEL C on the scale set by the Council of Europe
MODULE 3 Listening comprehension

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PART A - CHOICE ITEMS

ACTIVITY 1

Read items 1a and 2a. Listen **TWICE** and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 1a. This piece of news reports on the discovery of
A. primitive artifacts. B. unidentified skeletons. C. a significant gravesite.
- 2a. One archaeologist believes this discovery also points to
A. the art of a lost civilization. B. a religious ritual. C. the lives of Wari queens.

Listen again and check your answers.

Read items 3a and 4a. Listen **TWICE** and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 3a. We learn about the effect of music on newborns'
A. intelligence. B. physical development. C. emotional stability.
- 4a. Other research studies conducted in this area
A. raise more questions than answers. B. contradict one another. C. point to similar results.

Listen again and check your answers.

ACTIVITY 2

Read items 5a-7a. Listen **TWICE** and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.



- 5a. It seems that this woman published
A. a biography. B. an autobiography. C. a religious book.
- 6a. The author attended
A. a prestigious private school. B. a vocational school. C. a faith school.
- 7a. The women in the speaker's community were raised
A. to become religion teachers. B. to help in the community's schools. C. to be good spouses.

Listen again and check your answers.

Read items 8a-10a. Listen **TWICE** and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 8a. It seems that the speaker grew up in
A. a multi-ethnic community. B. a tight-knit community. C. a poor community.
- 9a. The speaker married a person whom she
A. had no say in choosing. B. had dated a couple of times. C. had known for many years.
- 10a. The reason she left her local community was because she
A. felt overwhelmed and stressed out. B. decided to further her college education. C. wanted to raise her son in a Jewish community.

Listen again and check your answers.

ATTENTION

- Try to answer all the questions.
- Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 3 [ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 3].
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **30 minutes** to complete this exam.

ACTIVITY 3

Read items 11a-14a. Listen ONCE and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 11a. This program is mainly about
 A. radioactive materials. B. radiometric dating methods. C. discoveries in galaxies.
- 12a. The procedure being described is
 A. quite ineffective. B. something unique. C. used in different scientific fields.
- 13a. The Japanese experiment produced results which were
 A. approximate. B. unexpected. C. very accurate.
- 14a. This program is
 A. appropriate for educated adults. B. strictly for geologists. C. simplified for high school students.

ACTIVITY 4

Read items 15a-17a. Listen ONCE and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.



Benefits of Failure
by J. K. Rowling

- 15a. The speaker begins her speech by discussing
 A. a jobless single mother's ordeal.
 B. her parents' troubled marriage.
 C. her personal adversities.
- 16a. Regarding the dark period of her life,
 A. she was not sure whether it would ever end.
 B. she felt optimistic about its "fairy tale" ending.
 C. she believed it was a necessary period.
- 17a. It seems that her experience with being a "failure"
 A. made her aware of pretentious people.
 B. made her re-assess her real priorities.
 C. had a rather negative impact on her.

Read items 18a-20a. Listen ONCE and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 18a. Experiencing "failure" also gave her a chance to
 A. appreciate the simple things in life. B. tighten the bond with her daughter. C. channel her efforts into a project.
- 19a. Though failure is sometimes inevitable in life, those who never fail
 A. have yet to reap life's full benefits. B. do exist but are extremely rare. C. seem to be the lucky ones.
- 20a. It seems that living as a "failure" made the speaker
 A. cautious. B. wiser. C. sensitive.

PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Read items 1b-5b. Listen TWICE and fill in the gaps.

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| 1b. | William Robinson was a famous _____ designer. |
| 2b. | He was also an influential _____. |
| 3b. | His ideas gained popularity mostly in _____ years. |
| 4b. | It seems that his name is _____ to many. |
| 5b. | The speaker is about to interview an authority on _____. |

Listen again and check your answers.

ACTIVITY 2

Read items 6b-10b. Listen ONCE and fill in the gaps.

**CARTESIAN DUALISM**

Descartes' idea of dualism points to the fact that mind and body are two (6b) _____.

Whereas the body consists of (7b) _____,
the mind is made up of (8b) _____.

Cartesian dualists claim that we exist, even if our body doesn't, because (9b) _____.

Cartesian dualism set the agenda for the (10b) _____ - _____ dichotomy long after his death, in 1650.

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