

LEVEL C (C1 & C2)

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MODULE 3 Listening comprehension

## PART A - CHOICE ITEMS

### ACTIVITY 1

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

1a. According to the speaker, one of the main causes of wildfires

- A. are dry weather conditions.      B. are irresponsible individuals.      C. is lightening.

2a. This program is mainly about

- A. extinguishing wildfires.      B. preventing wildfires.      C. detecting wildfires.

Listen again and check your answers.

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

3a. A suitable title for this piece of news is:

- A. Older drivers in decline.      B. A drop in car prices.      C. Fewer teens on the road!

4a. The main cause for the drop in numbers seems to be

- A. exclusively economic.      B. the change in lifestyle,      C. age versus experience.

Listen again and check your answers.

### ACTIVITY 2

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



5a. The speaker finds the question the parent raises

- A. illogical.      B. valid.      C. alarming.

6a. With respect to early foreign language teaching, the speaker seems to

- A. question it.      B. be against it.      C. support it.

7a. Early foreign language teaching in the U.S.A.

- A. is viewed as harmful.      B. is becoming more widespread.      C. has a very long tradition.

Listen again and check your answers.

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

8a. The speaker points to studies of the brain to show that early foreign language teaching is

- A. counter-productive.      B. less promising.      C. feasible.

9a. As one ages, the ability to learn a foreign language effortlessly

- A. decreases.      B. remains stable.      C. is enhanced.

10a. When learning a language, in comparison to adolescents, children \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. require simpler instructions      B. are less reluctant to try new things      C. have more persistent inhibitions.

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.

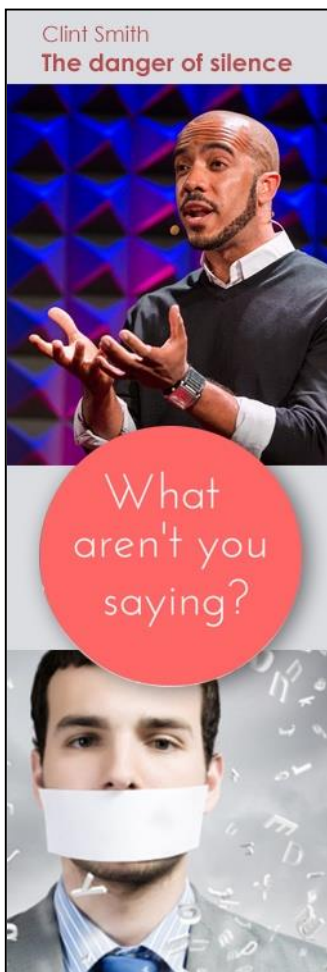
**ACTIVITY 3**

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

- 11a. This recording basically addresses individuals who  
 A. rarely drink coffee.      B. consume coffee regularly.      C. prefer uncaffeinated drinks.
- 12a. The speaker begins by stating  
 A. the dangers of caffeine.      B. the benefits of drinking coffee.      C. ways to be alert.
- 13a. The speaker seems to warn us  
 A. about sleep disorder symptoms.      B. against the side effects of excessive drinking.      C. against large amounts of caffeine intake.
- 14a. The speaker seems to conclude that consuming caffeinated drinks  
 A. is ok when done in moderation.      B. has many dangerous side effects.      C. is not alternative to other stimulants.

**ACTIVITY 4**

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



- 15a. The speaker refers to Dr. Martin Luther King in order to  
 A. explain how he teaches poetry.      B. justify the Civil Rights Movement.      C. criticize not speaking up.
- 16a. "Tell your truth" means  
 A. being honest.      B. speaking one's mind.      C. telling one's version of the truth.
- 17a. The speaker feels that he has spent his life  
 A. telling the truth at all costs.      B. compromising the truth to please others.      C. making no sacrifices.

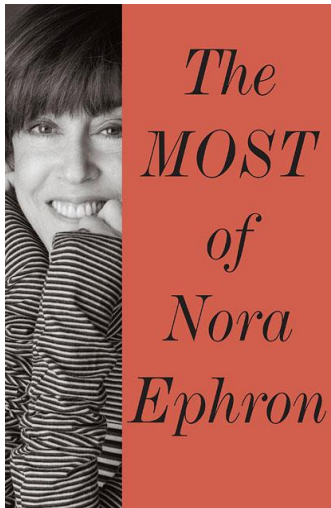
Read items 18a-20a. Listen **ONCE** and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

- 18a. The speaker thinks back on various instances of injustice with  
 A. regret for not taking action.      B. pride for doing the right thing.      C. disgust for the world he lives in.
- 19a. The speaker feels we should be focusing more on  
 A. silence instead of nonsense talk.      B. listening to what people are saying.      C. things usually left unsaid.
- 20a. The speaker ends his speech with a promise  
 A. to help people more.      B. to speak up more often.      C. to give up things for the sake of others.

## PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

**ACTIVITY 1**

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



- 1b. Nora Ephron usually confronted all of life's problems in a most \_\_\_\_\_ manner.
- 2b. What made Ephron popular was a novel she wrote based on her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3b. Ephron was a competent screenwriter but also a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4b. In addition to writing scripts, Ephron also \_\_\_\_\_ them
- 5b. The woman who will be celebrating Ephron's life is Eve Pollard, one of the few \_\_\_\_\_ in her field.

Listen again and check your answers.

**ACTIVITY 2**

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



- 6b. The speaker is talking about fishing conditions: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7b. The speaker has heard fishing stories from his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8b. One story the speaker heard was about a really big catch while the boat was on \_\_\_\_\_!
- 9b. Another story he heard was about one day, when there was such a big catch of fish that, actually, the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!
- 10b. And, finally, there is this story about a guy who \_\_\_\_\_ on the boat, and was put on \_\_\_\_\_ until the profitable fishing trip was over!

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