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**LISTENING TEST (SEMESTER 2)**

**Duration: 15 minutes**

| **PRONUNCIATION** | | | | |  | | | | | |
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| **TASK 1** | | | **Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C, or D.** | | | | | | | |
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| **1.** | A. | dis**p**lay | | B. | | **p**roduct | C. | cu**p**board | D. | com**p**laint |
| **2.** | A. | M**e**rcury | | B. | | fing**e**rprint | C. | Int**e**rnet | D. | Fahr**e**nheir |
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|  | | | **Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others. Circle A, B, C, or D.** | | | | | | | |
| **3.** | A. | motivate | | B. | | advertise | C. | discover | D. | recognise |
| **4.** | A. | create | | B. | | attend | C. | access | D. | discuss |
| **5.** | A. | committee | | B. | | Taiwanese | C. | Vietnamese | D. | referee |

| **LISTENING** | | |  |
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|  | | **Listen to some information about natural disasters and technology. Circle the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen TWICE.** | |
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| **1.** | How are natural disasters happening around the world today? | | |
|  | **A.** | They are damaging the ecosystem. | |
|  | **B.** | They are increasing in number. | |
|  | **C.** | They are less intense. | |
| **2.** | What is the positive effect of using advanced technology? | | |
|  | **A.** | The number of human lives lost is going down. | |
|  | **B.** | The intensity of natural disasters is decreasing. | |
|  | **C.** | The power of supercomputers is advancing. | |
| **3.** | Who is a forecaster? | | |
|  | **A.** | A person who predicts future events | |
|  | **B.** | A person who uses supercomputers | |
|  | **C.** | A person who reads news stories on TV | |
| **4.** | Currently, how much time do people have to prepare for an upcoming storm? | | |
|  | **A.** | 24 hours | |
|  | **B.** | 48 hours | |
|  | **C.** | 72 hours | |
| **5.** | How does advanced technology warn people of upcoming disasters? | | |
|  | **A.** | People can call each other instantly thanks to smartphones. | |
|  | **B.** | People can receive messages alerting them of upcoming disasters. | |
|  | **C.** | People can watch the news online. | |

**ANSWER KEY**

**I. PRONUNCIATION**

1. C 2. A 3. C 4. C 5. A

**II. LISTENING**

1. B 2. A 3. A 4. C 5. B

***Script:***

Every year, human activities cause climate change due to a large amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere. Global warming and an unbalanced ecosystem have increased the number of natural disasters around the world. However, the number of human lives lost during these disasters is declining. The main factor is technology. These days, natural disaster forecasters use advanced technology to predict future weather events. In the past, storm predictions only came 24 hours in advance. Now, people usually have three days to prepare before the storm hits. Many experts agreed that time could save many lives during natural disasters. With the increasing use of smartphones, natural disaster warning systems have also come a long way. Applications are available to send messages to people in affected areas as soon as there is news about an upcoming disaster.