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PART 1: REGULAR TESTS

TOPIC 1 - OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to a passage about Mrs. Vi and decide if the following statements are true or false.

(Track 1)

Mrs. Vi is well-known in her neighbourhood. Every day, she gets up early and starts cooking big pots of food. She makes tasty things like rice and vegetables. Then, she gives this food to people who don't have much money and are hungry. She does this for free, with a big smile. Her kitchen smells really good and many people come to get a meal. They are happy because of what she does. Mrs. Vi helps everyone feel better by making sure they have something to eat. She is a very kind person who helps a lot in the community.

TOPIC 1 - PROGRESS TEST

I. Listening

Listen to a passage about Sydney and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 2)

Sydney is the largest city in Australia. It is located on the southeast coast, along the beautiful Sydney Harbour. Some major landmarks in Sydney include the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and Darling Harbour. Sydney has many beaches, like the famous Bondi Beach. The Royal Botanic Garden offers green space in the city. For shopping, visitors go to Pitt Street Mall or Queen Victoria Building. Sydney has great food too. You can try meat pies or Sydney rock oysters. At night, Sydney comes alive with restaurants, bars and nightclubs. The city celebrates many festivals like Vivid Sydney with light shows and music. With its sunny weather, iconic sites and laidback lifestyle, Sydney is a vibrant and exciting city to visit.

TOPIC 2 – OUR TOWN LIFE

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

These students are talking about their favourite cities. Listen and decide if the following statements are true or false. (Track 3)

I love living in Ho Chi Minh City, my vibrant hometown. I enjoy exploring the bustling streets, savouring delicious street food, and meeting friendly people. However, I also recognize the city's challenges, such as traffic congestion and air pollution. I believe that by improving public transportation and promoting eco-friendly practices, Ho Chi Minh City can become an even better place to live and study.

Yuri:

I am fascinated by Tokyo, the capital of Japan. The city's perfect blend of modern technology and traditional culture amazes me. I love the efficient public transportation system, the clean streets, and the polite people. However, I sometimes find the crowded trains and the high cost of living challenging. Despite this, Tokyo remains an incredible city to explore and experience.

TOPIC 2 – PROGRESS TEST

I. Listening

Listen to a passage about the Metro line in Ho Chi Minh City and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 4)

Ho Chi Minh City, a big and busy city in Vietnam, is getting something new and exciting - its very first Metro train line. This big project will help make traveling around the city better by cutting down traffic jams and giving people a clean and fast way to get around.

The Metro line will be over 19 kilometres long and will go from Ben Thanh in the city centre to Suoi Tien Theme Park on the edge of the city. It will have 14 stops and will help people get to different places faster and easier.

This new Metro isn't just for travel; it shows how fast Ho Chi Minh City is growing and changing. It's a sign that the city is working towards a better and greener future. The Metro will change how the city

looks, help businesses, and make life better for people living there. Ho Chi Minh City is moving forward, and the Metro train is a big part of this change.

TOPIC 3 – OUR TEEN LIFE

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to Lisa talking about her tips on time management, then tick true or false. (Track 5)

Hi everyone, I'm Lisa and I want to share some tips I've learned about managing my time effectively as a student. One of the biggest things that has helped me is using a planner to keep track of all my assignments, exams, and activities. I write everything down so I can see what's coming up and plan ahead. I also make a daily to-do list and prioritize the most important tasks. Another key for me is avoiding procrastination. I try to work on things a little bit each day rather than waiting until the last minute. When I have a big project, I break it down into smaller chunks that feel more manageable. It also helps me to minimize distractions by putting my phone away while I'm working. Managing my time well reduces my stress, helps me get better grades, and still leaves me some free time to relax and socialize. I hope these tips are useful for other students too!

TOPIC 3 – PROGRESS TEST

I. Listening

Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about healthy eating habits, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 6)

Thao Hey Nick, I've been trying to eat healthier lately. Do you have any tips?

Nick That's great, Thao! I've found that focusing on whole, unprocessed foods is key. Lots of fruits, veggies, lean proteins, and whole grains. It's also important to pay attention to portion sizes and listen to your hunger cues.

Thao I try to eat mostly those things, but I still struggle with snacking on junk food sometimes. How do you deal with cravings?

Nick I find it helps to keep healthy snacks on hand, like cut up veggies, fruit, nuts or yogurt. That way when a craving hits, I have a nutritious option ready to go. Planning meals in

advance also makes it easier to eat well throughout the day. And drinking plenty of water can sometimes curb cravings too.

Thao Those are good ideas. What about eating out or social situations? I find it harder to make healthy choices then.

Nick I look for restaurants with healthy options on the menu and try to choose dishes focused on whole foods. At parties, I fill up on veggies and lean proteins first before considering less healthy treats. Everything in moderation! And don't beat yourself up if you indulge occasionally - just get back on track with your next meal.

Thao This is really helpful, thanks Nick! I'm going to try incorporating these strategies into my routine.

TOPIC 4 – OUR PAST TIME

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to Susan talking about her 16th birthday party, then decide whether the following statements are true or false. (Track 7)

My 16th birthday was one I will never forget. It was a bright and sunny Saturday, and to my surprise, my parents had planned a secret garden party for me. I had thought we were going out for a simple dinner, but as I stepped into the backyard, I was greeted with loud "Surprise!" cheers from all my friends and family. The garden was decorated with balloons and streamers in my favourite colours, pink and white.

There was a table piled with presents, but the biggest surprise was the enormous birthday cake with sixteen candles. The air was filled with music because my friends had prepared a playlist of all the songs I loved, making the day feel even more special.

We played all sorts of fun games, including a treasure hunt and musical chairs, which had us all laughing out loud. As evening fell, I made a wish and blew out the candles, feeling overwhelmed by happiness and love. That 16th birthday of mine was truly unforgettable, filled with laughter, surprises, and the warmth of everyone I cared about.

TOPIC 4 – PROGRESS TEST

I. Listening

Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about a famous Vietnamese food, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 8)

Tim Hi Nga! I heard you're from Vietnam. Can you recommend a good dish to try?

Nga Sure, Tim! You should definitely try Bún Chả. It's a famous Vietnamese dish.

Tim Bún Chả? What's that?

Nga It's a dish with grilled pork, rice noodles, and herbs. You also get a dipping sauce.

Tim That sounds delicious! Where can I find the best Bún Chả?

Nga Hanoi is famous for Bún Chả. If you visit, I can take you to a great restaurant.

Tim Awesome! What makes Bún Chả so special?

Nga The combination of flavours is amazing. The grilled pork is savoury, and the fresh herbs add a nice touch.

Tim I can't wait to try it! Is it easy to eat?

Nga Yes, you just dip the noodles and pork into the sauce and enjoy!

Tim Thanks for the recommendation, Nga. I'm excited to taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine!

Nga You're welcome, Tim! I'm sure you'll love it.

TOPIC 5 – OUR MEMORIES

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to an interview and choose the best answers. (Track 9)

Interviewer: What single change would improve your life's quality?

The man: That's a no-brainer, more time!

Interviewer: What's the worst job you have had?

The man: I recently had a job at a summer language school, and it was a challenging experience from beginning to end.

Interviewer: Do you follow through with your New Year's resolutions? Are you planning to set any for this year?

The man: Last year I made one resolution myself. I promised I would not fall behind in my studies. For the coming year I think I will make an effort to accept what happens.

Interviewer: Any things that make you regret this year? What would you have done differently?

The man: There have been bad and good happenings this year. I could have dealt with some situations better in my personal life I mean. But at the end of the day things have turned out well.

Interviewer: What has ever made you angry?

The man: I have to admit that I go ballistic – get angry when I see examples of racism.

Interviewer: What's your phone wallpaper right now?

The man: It's a photo that I took from the top of a mountain while I was on a climbing holiday last year. It was terrific.

Interviewer: Where would you like to be in 10 years from now?

The man: Well, I'll have finished all my studies by that time, so I hope I will be living and working in maybe countries like Chile or Brazil.

Interviewer: What's the most important lesson you have learned in life?

The man: Hope the best, expect the worst.

Listen to the passage and complete each of the sentences with NO MORE THAN two words or numbers. (Track 10)

Each year, eight million children throughout the United States attend summer camps. For over a hundred years, these camps have provided kids with opportunities to learn new skills and take part in various activities in a supportive and enjoyable setting.

There are 10,000 camps nationwide, designed to cater to children from 6 to 18 years old. These camps, which can last from 1 to 8 weeks, are often located in scenic lakeside settings and offer a variety of price ranges to accommodate different budgets. Activities for children generally include outdoor pursuits like climbing and other challenging sports, as well as indoor activities such as drama, music, and poetry. While the camps aren't luxurious, the wooden cabins where the kids stay are quite comfortable. The schedule is packed, leaving little time for relaxation, as the children are constantly

engaged in activities. The camps are popular with the children and many come away full of enthusiasm. As one former camper put it, "I made many friends, was never alone, and grew much more self-confident."

TOPIC 5 – PROGRESS TEST

I. LISTENING

Part 1 - Listen to Peter talking to a friend about a school trip and CIRCLE the best answer to each of the questions. You will hear the conversation twice. (Track 11)

Friend: Hello, Peter. What was the school trip to Durham like? You went on Wednesday or Thursday?

Peter: On Friday.

Friend: How was the city?

Peter: Well, we went to three places – the cathedral, the museum and the castle. The castle only opens in the morning so the bus took us straight there first. We then went to the museum and the cathedral.

Friend: It was a good trip, wasn't it?

Peter: Well – in the museum we looked at old paintings and stamps, which I didn't like much, but I liked the old clocks that the guide showed us. He also told us all some information about them. That was interesting.

Friend: How about the castle?

Peter: Well, you know how some are just dark, empty ruins. This was different. There was a lot to see. It just wasn't very warm.

Friend: Were you allowed some time for shopping?

Peter: Yes, I only bought a few postcards after eating our sandwiches. The book about Durham that I wanted to buy was too expensive.

Peter: You took many photographs?

Peter: Well, before we went back to the bus I took some of my friends. I wanted to take photos of the cathedral windows but it was impossible.

Part 2- You will hear the manager of a cycling club giving some information about a bike race. Listen and complete the notes. You will hear the information twice. (Track 12)

Good evening everyone, and thank you all for coming to the cycling club meeting. Now, every year we join teams in the Cardiff Bike Race, so here's some information about this year's competition. Have your pens ready, please. Now. The race will take place next week, on September 22nd. You are not allowed to wear your normal black T-shirts and shorts as members from another club use those colours. Instead, we'll wear blue. Make sure you remember to pack the right ones, please. There'll be four teams and each team has three people. Steven, Petra, Luke and Alice – you've been before so you can help the other members. On the day, make sure that you get up and have breakfast before 7 a.m and get yourselves ready when the race starts at eight-thirty. At twenty kilometers, there'll be a place for snacks, with cake and orange juice. There may be no chocolate! To avoid getting sick, you are advised not to eat too much. The first prize for last year was cycling shirts. This year, the winners will each get the latest sports watch! The best of luck everyone!

TOPIC 6 - OUR LIFESTYLES

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to a short talk about “What is it like to be a Vietnamese teenager? And complete the sentences. (Track 13)

1. Study: In Vietnam, students face significant academic pressure, leading to a heavy workload. There is a strong expectation for students to excel academically and achieve high marks on exams in order to gain admission to the top universities in the country. Classes in Vietnam typically consist of over 30 students, all following the same curriculum. Teachers for each specialized subject rotate between classes to provide instruction. As a result, most of the friendships students form are with peers within these large class groups.

2. Family responsibility: In addition to household chores, another type of responsibility I want to address is the duty to care for your parents in their old age. In Western cultures, it's common for adults to send their elderly parents to nursery homes. However, in Vietnam, there is a strong belief that since our parents have provided us with food, shelter, and education, it is our responsibility to take care of

them when they can no longer work. This cultural expectation drives many to study diligently, enroll in competitive schools, obtain prestigious degrees, and secure well-paying jobs. As a result, many young people choose to sacrifice their personal passions in favor of stable career paths such as engineering, medicine, or office work, etc.

Listen to Hung talking about his friend, Thanh, and decide whether the statements are True or False. (Track 14)

One of my best friends, Thanh, is a wonderful schoolgirl who was often teased by our classmates for wanting to be a football player. Despite the teasing, she was determined to show everyone her skill and dedication. During the day, Thanh attended school, but at night, after completing her homework, she would spend hours practicing football in her small front garden or sometimes at a nearby park in her neighbourhood. Her mother supported her passion by installing extra lights in the garden, allowing Thanh to practice football even after dark.

Soon, an inter-school football competition was announced, and Thanh decided to participate. During the selection process, our friends were amazed to see her play exceptionally well. The school coach was so impressed with her performance that he chose her for the school team. We were all astonished by her skillful play. Thanh went on to excel on the team, demonstrating that with determination, effort, and focus, nothing is impossible.

TOPIC 6 – PROGRESS TEST

I. LISTENING

Part 1 - Listen to two phone call messages and fill in the blanks with the correct information. (Track 15)

- This is 641480. I'm afraid there's no one to take your call right now. Please leave your name and number after the tone and I'll call you back.

- Ah, yes, hello. Mr. Trotter, my name is Davina and I'm interested in your advertisement. Could you call me back, please? Any time before 6 o'clock. The number is 0870446091. Ask for Davina. Bye!

- Stuart here. I'm not home at the moment, so please leave a message after the beep. Thanks.

- Hello, good morning. This is Bella Moore – M-O-O-R-E. I'm calling about the Kung Fu classes. You can call me back on my mobile, that's 0447395822. But I'll try to call you again later.

Part 2 - Listen to a woman talking about the Joneses - a typical English family and CIRCLE the best answer to each of the questions. (Track 16)

The Joneses are a typical English family. Mother Sally is 35 and she is a part-time secretary. Father Mike is 37 and works in an office. Sally is very busy with her job and the housework, so she doesn't have time for any hobbies. Mike likes doing things in the garden and repairing things in the house, but he sometimes goes to the pub with his friends.

They have two children: Jason, who is seven. He is keen on football and video games, and his sister, Jane, who is six. She is interested in playing with her Barbie dolls. They are keeping a cat called Snowy.

There is no work or school on Saturdays so the family usually plans to go somewhere for the day – a walk in the country or a day at the beach. On Sundays, they visit friends and relatives. In the summer, they go on holiday to foreign countries like Spain for some days.

The family usually gets together for dinner at half-past six. The children's favourite dinner is chicken and chips, but Sally prefers spaghetti. On Sundays, they always have traditional roast beef or roast lamb. Sally cooks and Mike cuts the meat. After dinner, they often watch TV. They enjoy comedy programmes and soap operas and always watch the lottery results. They hope one day they will win and move to a bigger house.

TOPIC 7 – OUR NATURAL WONDERS

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to a talk about The Great Barrier Reef, in Queensland, Australia and CIRCLE the best answers. (Track 17)

The Great Barrier Reef is renowned as the most stunning coral reef globally and holds the title of the largest coral reef system in the world. It comprises over 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands, extending more than 2,300 kilometers across approximately 344,400 square kilometers. Visible from outer space, it is the largest single structure created by living organisms. The reef is home to 400 types of coral and 1,500 species of fish, supporting a rich diversity of marine life. Designated a World Heritage Site in 1981, it was also named one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World by CNN in 1997. Visitors can explore the reef through tours from coastal towns like Port Douglas, Townsville, and Mackay. Activities such as snorkeling and scuba diving offer opportunities to experience the

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vibrant underwater world and observe the impressive array of birds and wildlife, making for an awe-inspiring adventure.

Listen to a conversation between John and Andrew and complete each of the sentences with ONE word or number. (Track 18)

A: What did you do during your last holidays, Andrew?

B: I went to a really sandy place.

A: You went to the beach, didn't you?

B: No, I went to the Kalahari Desert.

A: Where is that exactly? Is it in Africa?

B: Yes, it is and it's huge it's over 500,000,000 square kilometers. It's really amazing!

A: How did you get there? Did you ride a camel?

B: No, There aren't any camels there. We traveled around by car. But we saw lots of animals. There are lions, giraffes, and elephants in the desert.

A: That's right.

B: We didn't see any lions actually, but we saw some elephants and giraffes.

A: I can't believe you saw elephants. Deserts are really dry.

B: I know. There's only about 100 mm of rain every year. And it was really hot and sunny when we were there. but something really amazing happened on our last day.

A: What was that?

B: It rained.

TOPIC 7 –PROGRESS TEST

I. LISTENING

PART 1– Listen to Sarah talking to her friend, Jane, about a new job and CIRCLE the best answer. (Track 19)

Jane: 368879.

Sarah: Jane? It's Sarah. Are you still looking for a job?

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Jane: Yes, I am actually.

Sarah: Well. My boss is the sales manager. At the moment he needs a new secretary.

Jane: Oh, really? Tell me something more about the job.

Sarah: Well, Jane. It is a full-time job. That is five days a week.

Jane: Usually, what time do you start in the morning

Sarah: At 9 o'clock. Wow, you can catch the 8:30 train with me.

Jane: OK. And how is the pay? in my last job, I got 180 pounds weekly.

Sarah: Oh, you can earn more here. It is 6 pounds an hour so that makes around 210 pounds a week.

Jane: What do you often have for lunch, Sarah? Do you take sandwiches?

Sarah: No. We go to a little café near the park.

Jane: How many weeks' holiday do you have?

Sarah: Well. I have four weeks. Some people have five. But you are new, Jane, you only have three.

Jane: Right, I see. Shall I phone the sales manager?

Sarah: Yes. Why not? His name is Mr. Fawcett.

Jane: What?

Sarah: FAWCETT. F-A-W-C-E-T-T.

Jane: Well. Thanks a lot.

Sarah: Best of luck! Bye, Jane.

Jane: See you later.

PART 2– Listen to a student telephoning a school and fill in the blanks with the correct information that you hear. (Track 20)

Receptionist: Good morning. International Language School. Can I help you?

Student: I need some information about your school. Can you help me?

Receptionist: Certainly. What do you want to know?

Student: Well. First, when does the next course begin? I mean what dates?

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Receptionist: Well. Our courses always begin on the first Monday of every month. Let me check. The next course begins on the 3rd of January.

Student: That is next week then.

Receptionist: Yes. That's correct.

Student: Can you tell the time classes start?

Receptionist: Well. They begin at a quarter past nine; so you should be here a little earlier - at about 9 o'clock.

Student: And I am not sure about your address. Could you give it to me please?

Receptionist: Yes. The school is at 57 London Road.

Student: Just a moment. Let me look at the map of the town. Could you tell me where London Road is please?

Receptionist: Yes. It's a long road and quite near the station.

Student: OK. I'll find it on my map. Thank you very much for your help.

Receptionist: You're welcome.

TOPIC 8 – OUR TOURS

A SHORT TEST ON LISTENING

Listen to Mr. George Smith expressing his opinion on traveling and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F). (Track 21)

It is often said that travel broadens the mind. I am myself for the view. However, it's important to recognize that not everyone who travels necessarily becomes wiser or more open-minded. Let's begin by examining the positive aspects of traveling.

To begin with, you can get to know other cultures and you can meet different people. Secondly, you can compare the countries you have visited to your own country and judge how things are organized from a more objective viewpoint. On the other hand, a lot of places we travel to have been developed for tourists and you may not get to see the authentic character of the country. Also, some people who travel are only interested in the food and drink and the possibility to sunbathe on sandy beaches. They are not interested in learning about the country they visit.

To start with, traveling allows you to experience different cultures and meet a variety of people. It also provides an opportunity to compare the countries you visit with your own, offering a more objective perspective on how things are organized. However, many tourist destinations are tailored for visitors, which can obscure the authentic character of a country. Additionally, some travelers focus solely on food, drinks, and relaxing on sandy beaches, rather than engaging with the local culture and learning about the places they visit.

In summary, travel has the potential to broaden your mind and expand your horizons. To truly benefit from it, approach your journey with curiosity and strive to explore beyond the typical tourist spots.

Listen to a passage about Côn Đảo and fill in each blank with NO MORE THAN two words or number. (Track 22)

Côn Đảo is an island district in Ba Ria - Vung Tau Province, about one - hour flight from Ho Chi Minh City. Con Dao covers an area of about 76km² consisting of 16 large and small islands with about 6,000 inhabitants.

Con Dao is well-known for long-standing historical values, and its magnificent natural beauty, rich ecosystem with sandy beaches, peaceful atmosphere, mouth-watering seafood and diverse ecosystem awaiting tourists to come to explore.

The most ideal time to travel Con Dao is from April to November annually when the sea is calm and the weather is excellent. Some places you should not miss in Con Dao.

1. **Thánh Giá Mountain**. It takes half an hour to reach the mountain. Standing on the top of the mountain, tourists can enjoy the fresh air, and will have the chance to capture in their eyes the general view of the town, spectacular beauty of the blue sea with many islands in the distance.

2. **Đầm Trầu** is located in the north of the island in the area of Co Ong airport. The distinguishing feature of Dam Trau Beach is that its sand dunes own yellow color, not white like other beaches. Coming here, travelers can take a dip into the cool crystal-clear seawater, sample fresh seafood, and admire the airplanes taking off and landing right next to the sea.

3. **Bãi Nhát** is one of the most beautiful and pristine beaches in Con Dao. This is also the favorite place to admire the sunset for many visitors. Bai Nhat is located on Ben Dam Road, about 6km southwest of

Con Dao town. The road from the town to Bai Nhat is the most beautiful sea curve on the island with mountains, forests on one side, and a vast blue sea on the other.

TOPIC 8 – PROGRESS TEST

I. LISTENING

Part 1 - Listen to the radio interview and CIRCLE the correct answers. You can listen twice.

(Track 23)

INTERVIEWER: Can I ask you some question about your travel, Mr. Ward?

Mr. Ward: OK

INTERVIEWER: Oh, great. Do you travel often from here?

Mr. Ward: Just when we go on summer holiday.

INTERVIEWER: Where are you planning to fly this time? Spain, Italy?

Mr. Ward: We were thinking about Spain, but we have decided on Turkey in the end.

INTERVIEWER: Do you ever buy presents in the duty-free shop?

Mr. Ward: Well, sometimes. Maybe some chocolate

INTERVIEWER: It is expensive isn't it? How much do you usually spend at the airport? Between 10 and 20 pounds?

Mr. Ward: Yes, certainly. Not more

INTERVIEWER: If you have to wait, what do you do to spare the time? Do you read newspapers or magazines?

Mr. Ward: I never buy anything to read. I play games on my mobile phone.

Part 2 - You will hear a woman talking about renting a boat for holiday. Listen and fill in each blank with ONE word or a number or a date or a time. You can listen twice. (Track 24)

Thank you for calling Riverboat Holidays. This is the information line for booking our boat called Moonlight. This boat can be booked by groups of different sizes. The smallest group is two people; and the largest is eight people. There are three bedrooms and a large sofa which two people can sleep on. The boat can be booked for holidays from 1st June to 31st August. But this summer it is only available in August. June and July are already booked. If you book a holiday on the boat, we ask you

to pay 150 pounds straight away, and the rest of the money four weeks before your holiday. You pay 475 pounds altogether for one week. People often ask if they need to bring sheets and blankets, but these are already on the bed. However there are no towels on the boat so you will need to bring these. If you'd like to book the boat, please visit our website www.riverboatholidays.com or call us on 2150699. We are open seven days a week.

TOPIC 9 - GLOBAL ENGLISH

LISTENING

Listen to the conversation and tick True or False for each of the questions below. (Track 25)

Speaker: Hi everyone! I'm excited to share some useful tips with you on how to improve your English skills. Firstly, immerse yourself in the language by listening to English music, watching movies, or even tuning in to English radio stations. This helps you get familiar with the sounds and rhythms of the language. Additionally, reading English books, magazines, or even short stories can increase your vocabulary and improve your reading comprehension. Secondly, practise speaking English as often as possible. You can do this by talking to friends, family members, or even by joining language exchange groups online. Don't worry about making mistakes – it's all part of the learning process! Thirdly, make use of technology by using language learning apps or websites. They offer interactive exercises and games to help you practise grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Lastly, be patient and hard-working. Learning a new language takes time, so don't get disappointed if your progress is slow. Keep practising regularly, and you'll see improvements over time. Good luck on your English learning journey!

TOPIC 10 - MOTHER EARTH

LISTENING

Listen to the conversation between David and Jane, then tick True or False for each of the questions below. (Track 26)

Jane: Hi David, have you ever thought about how living things affect the environment?

David: Not really, Jane. What do you mean?

Jane: Well, think about plants. They give us oxygen to breathe and clean the air. Plus, they provide homes and food for animals.

David: Oh, I didn't know that. What about animals?

Jane: Animals help too! Some animals help plants grow by spreading seeds, and others pollinate flowers. Plus, they keep the balance by eating other animals.

David: That's interesting, Jane. But what about humans? Do we help or harm the environment?

Jane: Hmm, both. We can help by planting trees and recycling. But sometimes, we harm the environment by polluting and cutting down trees.

David: I see, Jane. So, it's important for us to take care of the environment and all living things.

Jane: Exactly, David. If we work together, we can make a positive impact on our planet.

David: Thanks for explaining, Jane. I'll try to do my part to help the environment!

TOPIC 11 - DIGITAL TOOLS

LISTENING

Listen to the conversation and tick True or False for each of the questions below. (Track 27)

The Future of Smartphones

Smartphones are super important today. We use them to call, text, surf the web, and more. But what's next for these handy gadgets?

Well, experts think they'll get even cooler! One big thing is adding artificial intelligence (AI). That means your phone can help you even more by understanding what you need. It's like having a smart friend in your pocket!

Also, there's this thing called 5G. It's going to make your phone super fast, like lightning! That means you can watch videos without waiting, play games smoothly, and do even more cool stuff.

So, in the future, smartphones will be even better with AI and 5G. They'll keep making our lives easier and more fun!

TOPIC 12 - WORK OPPORTUNITIES

LISTENING

Listen to the conversation and tick True or False for each of the questions below. (Track 28)

Minh: Hi Lan, have you thought about what you want to do in the future?

Lan: Hi Minh! Yeah, I've been thinking about it a lot lately. I'm not really sure what I want to do yet.

Minh: That's okay! It's normal to feel unsure. Have you considered your interests and hobbies?

Lan: Yeah, I like drawing and being creative, but I'm not sure if I can turn that into a career.

Minh: Of course you can! You could explore careers in art, design, or even animation. Your creativity could take you far!

Lan: That's a good point. I hadn't thought about it like that before. What about you, Minh? How did you choose your future career?

Minh: Well, I thought about what I enjoy doing and what I'm good at. I also researched different industries to see what job opportunities are available.

Lan: That sounds like a smart approach. I think I'll do some research too and see what I find.

Minh: That's a great idea! And remember, it's okay to change your mind along the way. The most important thing is to find something that makes you happy.

Lan: Thanks for the advice, Minh. I feel better already!

PART 2: PERIODICAL TESTS

MID - TERM TEST 1

I. LISTENING

1. Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about their life at a new city, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 29)

Ann "Hey Bao, how's life treating you in Nha Trang?"

Bao "It's been amazing, Ann! The beaches here are stunning, and the seafood is so fresh. How about you? How's Hanoi?"

Ann "Hanoi is incredible! The city is bustling with energy, and the street food is out of this world. I've been exploring the Old Quarter and visiting historical sites."

Bao "That sounds fantastic! I've heard so much about Hanoi's rich history and cultural heritage."

Ann "It truly is a unique experience. The people here are so friendly and welcoming. I'm learning so much about Vietnamese culture."

Bao "I feel the same way about Nha Trang. The locals have been so kind, and I'm picking up some Vietnamese phrases along the way."

Ann "That's great! I'm planning to visit Halong Bay next month. You should come join me if you can take a break from the beach life."

Bao "I'd love that! Let's plan a trip together and explore more of Vietnam."

Ann "Perfect! I can't wait to see you and share our adventures in this beautiful country."

Bao "Same here, Ann. Let's keep in touch and make the most of our time in Vietnam!"

2. Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about healthy lifestyles, then decide whether the statements are true or false. (Track 30)

Nick "Hey Mai, I've been thinking about adopting a healthier lifestyle. Do you have any tips for teenagers like us?"

Mai "That's great, Nick! One of the most important things is to maintain a balanced diet. Make sure you're eating plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins."

Nick "Got it. What about exercise? I know it's important, but I'm not sure where to start."

Mai "Aim for at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. You can mix it up with activities like swimming, cycling, or even dancing. Find something you enjoy, so it doesn't feel like a chore."

Nick "That makes sense. I also heard that getting enough sleep is crucial for our health."

Mai "Absolutely! Teenagers should aim for 8-10 hours of sleep per night. It helps with concentration, mood, and overall well-being."

Nick "Thanks for the advice, Mai. I'm going to start implementing these tips right away."

Mai "You're welcome, Nick. Remember, small changes can make a big difference in the long run!"

TERM TEST 1

I. LISTENING

2. Listen to a conversation between two friends talking about a famous place in Vietnam, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). (Track 31)

Mi Hey Jack, how was your trip to Sapa?

Jack It was amazing, Mi! I've just returned from there, and I can't stop thinking about the incredible experiences I had.

Mi That sounds wonderful! What did you do during your stay?

Jack I went on a few breathtaking hikes through the mountains and visited some local villages. The scenery was stunning, and I've never seen such lush green landscapes before. I even visited Cat Cat Village, a charming town known for its traditional crafts and beautiful waterfalls.

Mi Did you try any local cuisine?

Jack Yes, I tried some delicious traditional dishes. I had the chance to eat with a local family, and they prepared an authentic meal for me. It was an unforgettable experience.

Mi That's great! Did you visit any notable landmarks?

Jack I did! I went to the Sapa Stone Church, a beautiful Gothic-style church built by the French in the early 20th century. It's a fascinating blend of European architecture and Vietnamese culture.

Mi It seems like you had a fantastic time. I'm glad you enjoyed your trip!

Jack Absolutely! I've fallen in love with Sapa, and I can't wait to go back someday. The memories I made there, from exploring Cat Cat Village to seeing the Sapa Stone Church, will last a lifetime.

2. Listen to a passage about the changes in children's lifestyles then and now, then decide whether the statements are true or false. (Track 32)

Life for children today is very different from the past. In the old days, children played outside more often. They rode bikes, played games, and made friends in the neighbourhood. They had less homework and fewer organized activities. Today, children spend more time indoors. They use computers, tablets, and smartphones for entertainment and learning. Many children have busy schedules with school, homework, and extra classes. Family sizes are also smaller now, so children have fewer siblings to play with at home. Despite these differences, some things remain the same. Children still need love, care, and support from their families. They also need time to play, explore, and learn about the world around them. Whether in the past or present, a happy childhood is important for every child.

MID - TERM TEST 2

PART 1. You will hear a woman, Judy, talking on the radio about a new sports centre and CHOOSE the best words to complete the sentences. (Track 33)

REPORTER: And now Judy is going to tell us about one new sports center. Judy, you are the new manager, aren't you?

JUDY: Yes. Thank you. I'm looking forward to welcoming all your listeners to the new sports center. It was due to open last week on 5th May but we had a problem with the roof so it's actually opening on 12th May. So I do hope as many people as possible will come and join and also come to our party on Saturday, 14th May. That will be from two in the afternoon. It's not on the same site as the old sports center, which was next to the supermarket. The new one is on the other side of the road from the station. There used to be a hotel there. There's a large car park if you want to drive there. The entrance to the car park is down a small side road, Fortescue Road that's F-O-R-T-E-S-C-U-E. Please don't try to park in the road or outside the center. You can pay for membership for a week, a month or a year. For a year membership it'll cost 450 pounds, monthly membership is 40 pounds and if you pay weekly it will cost you £9. 50. So you save money by paying for a whole year. You need to wear trainers and suitable clothes but you don't need to bring a towel. That saves carrying a huge bag around with you. We are very lucky to have Sonia Smith joining us who is going to give dance classes daily at 5:30. Check on our website to get more information about that. We will also have exercise and yoga classes, but those

times aren't decided yet, so that's all I have to say for the moment. I look forward to seeing some of you
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PART 2. Listen to Allan talking about his experience at a football match and COMPLETE each of the sentences with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS. (Track 34)

I was playing the guitar when my father entered my room. He pulled something out from his pocket and waved it at me. I realized that they were tickets to a football match. I yelled in excitement for I had a deep passion for football. Soon, my father and I were on the bus, heading for the stadium. There was a huge crowd already gathered there. We made our way to our seats and snacked on some potato chips which my father had bought while waiting for the match to begin. The atmosphere in the stadium was electrifying; The spectators were shouting excitedly when the teams made their way onto the field. The referee blew the whistle, signaling the start of the match. The first half was an evenly-matched affair, with both sides threatening but no one on target. In the second half, the team I supported managed to score a goal. I was so excited that I jumped out of my seat and cheered as loudly as I could. Finally, the match ended. My team had won the match. I left the stadium; my voice a little hoarse from shouting, but feeling very contented with the performance of my favourite team.

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TERM TEST 2

I. LISTENING

Part 1: Listen to the weather forecast carefully and choose the answer A, B, C or D which fits best according to what you hear. (Track 35)

Welcome to the weather forecast. Now, let's see what the weather is like today. In the North of the country, it's very windy and cold. There is a chance of some rain, too. So don't leave home without your umbrella. The temperature is around 10°C. In the East, it's raining all day today, I'm afraid. There may be a thunderstorm in the afternoon. The temperature is a bit higher - at around 13°C. In the west and the middle of the country. The weather is dry but cloudy so no rain for you but it is quite windy and the temperature is just 10°C. The South of the country has the best weather today it's cloudy most of the time but sunny this afternoon. The temperature is around 15°C.

Part 2: Listen to a conversation between a teacher and David and fill in the blanks. (Track 36)

Teacher: Good morning children. We are going to visit a museum next week. Do you remember? You need to tell your parents about it, so listen carefully.

David: Are we going to go there on the train, Miss Fish?

Teacher: Yes, That's right, David. We will all walk to the station from the school together that morning.

David: Great. It's going to be an exciting day. What time will we leave school, Miss Fish?

Teacher: We will have to leave here at 8 o'clock. Sorry. I know it's early, but we'll have more time at the museum if we leave then.

David: Does it take a long time to get there?

Teacher: Yes. But the museum is very good. You will see.

David: What's the name of the museum, Miss Fish?

Teacher: It's called the Harding Museum. Write that down, please.

David: Is that H-A-R-D-I-N-G?

Teacher: Yes, that's the right way to spell it.

David: And what will we see there? Will it be paintings like last time?

Teacher: No, we are going to learn about insects at the museum. We are going to look at some, draw some, and find out a lot of things about them. It will be very interesting for you.

David: Wow. It sounds excellent. Can we buy our lunch there, too?

Teacher: No, there's no café there. So this is important: You must all bring a snack with you to eat at midday. Don't forget.

David: OK. And what must we wear that day? Can we wear jeans?

Teacher: No. You're not in school that day, but you must still wear your uniform. You're going to have a very good day there, David. Don't forget to tell your parents all about it, children. Now open your math books please we've got lots of work to do this morning.