

Section 1: Short Conversations (40%)

Direction: You are going to hear four short conversations. While you are listening to the recordings, choose the best answer to the question and put the answer on the answer sheet.

Recording 1 (01:44)

This is a telephone conversation between a man (**Renaldo**) and a woman (**Simone**).

1. When did Simone have a job interview with Renaldo?
(A) yesterday
(B) three days ago
(C) last week
(D) last month
2. Why can't Renaldo give the salary that Simone asked for?
(A) Because Simone is still on probation.
(B) Because Simone doesn't have enough work experience.
(C) Because Simone's salary is not negotiable.
(D) Because Renaldo's company can't afford it.
3. What compensation package does Renaldo offer to make up for Simone's salary loss?
(A) better pension plan
(B) longer annual vacation
(C) higher health-care benefits
(D) company-subsidized apartment

Recording 2 (01:10)

A boss (**Emil**) talks about the annual performance evaluation with his subordinate **Sandra**.

4. What did Sandra's supervisor think about Sandra's job performance last year?
(A) excellent
(B) above average
(C) below par
(D) satisfactory

5. What is Emil's decision concerning Sandra's job evaluation?
(A) put her on probation for the next three months
(B) let her go next month
(C) cut her salary by 10%
(D) re-evaluate her job performance six months from now
6. What kind of sport did Emil and Sandra's supervisor use to describe her job performance?
(A) tennis
(B) golf
(C) baseball
(D) basketball

Recording 3 (01:11)

This is a dialogue between a woman (**Heather**) and a man (**Sam**) talking about renting an apartment.

7. Which of the following statements is true?
(A) All the available apartments are furnished units.
(B) The landlord pays for the water.
(C) Heather has to sign at least a one-year lease.
(D) The security deposit is \$900.
8. Which of the following statement is NOT true?
(A) Each unit of this apartment gets one parking space in the garage.
(B) Heather is looking for an apartment that she can move into on the first of the month.
(C) It seems that Heather likes this apartment.
(D) The apartment has laundry facilities in the basement.

Recording 4 (01:20)

A woman (**Fay**) and a man (**Dustin**) meet on an airplane. They introduce themselves to each other.

9. Which of the following description about Fay is NOT true?
- (A) Fay is single now.
 - (B) Fay just rented an apartment close to the airport in L.A.
 - (C) Fay is flying to Georgia on Thursday.
 - (D) Fay is originally from Kentucky.

10. Which of the following descriptions about Dustin is true?
- (A) Dustin lives in Westchester, South Carolina.
 - (B) Dustin is flying to Florida to visit his parents for a few days.
 - (C) Dustin is in the window seat.
 - (D) Dustin would like to lend his car to Fay and introduce her to the best furniture store in town.

Section 2: Short Talks (20%)

Direction: Please choose the best answer after you hear the recordings.

Recording 5 – advertisement (00:54)

11. What is being sold?
- (A) Used cars.
 - (B) Model ships.
 - (C) Used televisions.
 - (D) Computers.
12. How much can a buyer save?
- (A) One thousand dollars.
 - (B) Over one thousand dollars.
 - (C) Five percent of the total.
 - (D) Ten percent of the total.
13. When will the sale end?
- (A) Today.
 - (B) Tomorrow.
 - (C) In five days.
 - (D) In two weeks.

Recording 6 – recorded announcement (00:36)

14. Why would a caller contact this office?
- (A) To make a complaint.
 - (B) To order a product.
 - (C) To get a job.
 - (D) To talk to a consumer.
15. How will calls be answered?
- (A) Patiently.
 - (B) Promptly.
 - (C) In the order received.
 - (D) In the order of importance.

Section 3: Longer Talks (40%)

Direction: Please choose the best answer after you hear the recordings.

Recording 7 (03:26) – NASA Waits For Spirit To Send Signal From Mars

16. Which of the following is not a reason that the Mars rover *Spirit* is in hibernation (mostly shut down)?
- (A) It's solar panels are covered in dust
 - (B) It's solar panels are facing the wrong direction
 - (C) It's batteries are no longer functioning
 - (D) It doesn't have enough power to stay warm

17. Which of these statements is false?
- (A) The temperature is 60 degrees below zero.
 - (B) The rover has never been tested at temperatures as cold as it is now.
 - (C) The rover is seven years old.
 - (D) The rover mission was designed to last 90 days.
18. The Mars rover *Spirit* will probably never move again even if it wakes up because....
- (A) It can't get enough energy to move.
 - (B) Two of its wheels are broken.
 - (C) It is stuck in the sand.
 - (D) It is frozen in place.
19. *Spirit's* twin, a rover named *Opportunity*, is in much better shape. Why?
- (A) It is much newer.
 - (B) Its solar panels are clean.
 - (C) Its batteries are not broken.
 - (D) It is in a warmer part of the planet.
20. *Opportunity* is on its way to study an interesting crater that was 12 miles away. It is about half way there. When did it start its journey?
- (A) Two days ago
 - (B) Two weeks ago
 - (C) Two months ago
 - (D) Two years ago

Recording 8 (04:44) –What happened to the Dinosaurs?

21. This broadcast suggests that dinosaurs might have been killed off by...
- (A) Changing climate
 - (B) An asteroid that hit the earth
 - (C) Bugs and parasites
 - (D) Mammals
22. Which of the following was NOT changing when the dinosaurs disappeared?
- (A) Global temperature
 - (B) Food sources
 - (C) Magnetic poles
 - (D) Ocean currents
23. What is one reason the researchers doubt the traditional theory as to why all the dinosaurs were killed?
- (A) Dinosaur bones have been discovered from a time after the asteroid hit.
 - (B) All the dinosaur bones that have been discovered are older than the asteroid.
 - (C) No dinosaur bones have ever been discovered.
 - (D) Reptiles and birds also went extinct at the same time.
24. The researcher looked inside an ancient sand fly and discovered....
- (A) dust from a meteor
 - (B) a dinosaur egg
 - (C) the oldest mammal remains found so far
 - (D) dinosaur blood with a parasite in it
25. The theory discussed here is from a researcher named George Poinar. What kind of scientist is George and where does he work?
- (A) dinosaurologist at the University of Washington
 - (B) entomologist at Oregon State University
 - (C) paleontologist at Harvard University
 - (D) biologist at the University of California