LISTENING Time: 15 min

CONVERSATION

You will hear a recording and you’ll have to answer questions from 1 to 10 on what you hear. You’ll hear the recording twice. Now you have one minute to look at the tasks.

Questions 1-4
Circle the correct letters A-C.
1. What kind of course is the man seeking?
   A Daytime
   B Evenings
   C Weekends
2. How long does the man want to study?
   A 12 weeks
   B 6 months
   C 8 months
3. What proficiency level is the student?
   A Beginner
   B Intermediate
   C Advanced
4. When does the man want to start the course?
   A March
   B June
   C September

Questions 5-10
Complete the form.
Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer.

Language Centre
Client Information Card

Name: Richard 5 …........................................................................
E-mail address: 6 ..........................................................@hotmail.com
Date of birth: 7 ................................................................. 1980
Reason for studying Japanese: 8 ...................................................
Specific learning needs: 9 .........................................................
Place of previous study (if any): 10 ..............................................
Part 1

Read the article about George Weekes. Are sentences 1-10 ‘Right’ (A) or ‘Wrong’ (B)? For questions 1-10, mark A or B on your answer sheet.

George Weekes writes poems and books for all age groups, and sometimes reads his work on television.

‘My parents moved to Manchester from Jamaica just before I was born, but east London has been my home for many years now. Tourists never come here. This part of the city has problems, but there are also many good things about it.

People of many nationalities live in this area, so there are shops with Jamaican bread, African vegetables, Chinese spices and lots of other interesting things. The shop my wife likes best is one that sells beautiful Indian dresses. The local bookshop is much more friendly than a big store and I’m always happy to talk to the customers about my books!

I’m 36 now but I don’t really like 36-year-olds! Once people become 30 they think about money too much and say that modern music is too noisy! Almost all my friends here are under 17. I love their language and their music. They give me ideas for my writing.

Sometimes I go for a run along the river. There are flowers and animals and even some cows there, so it’s like being in the country. I live and work in a city but inside I am still a country person.’

Example
0. George Weekes is a writer. Answer – A
1. George Weekes writes only for children of all ages.
2. He was born in London.
3. Tourists visit his part of London because there are many good things about it.
4. People from different parts of the world live here.
5. His wife prefers a clothes shop.
6. George thinks big bookstores are better.
7. He likes the local bookshop because he can meet his readers there.
8. He feels comfortable among the people of his own age.
9. Most of his friends are younger than he is.
10. George goes running near some water.

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Part 2

Read the article about a man who opened a restaurant. For questions 11-20, mark A, B or C on your answer sheet.

Opening a Restaurant

Twelve months ago Robin Parker left his job at an insurance company. He now runs a restaurant which is doing very well since it opened four months ago.

Opening a restaurant was a big change for Robin. He loves travelling and all his favourite television programmes are about cooking. One day, he read in a newspaper about a doctor who left her job and moved to Italy to start a restaurant. He thought, ‘I can do that!’ His wife wasn’t very happy about the idea, and neither was his father. But his brother, a bank manager, gave him lots of good ideas.

Robin lived in Oxford and had a job in London. He thought both places would be difficult to open a restaurant in, so he chose Manchester because he knew the city from his years at university. He found an empty building in a beautiful old street. It was old and needed lots of repairs but all the other buildings were expensive and he didn’t have much money.
Robin loves his new work. It’s difficult being the boss, but he has found an excellent chef. He says he enjoys talking to customers and some of them have become his good friends. He gets up at 6am and often goes to bed after midnight. It’s a long day but he only starts to feel really tired when he takes time off on Saturdays and Sundays.

Robin’s restaurant is doing so well that he could take a long holiday. But he’s busy with his new idea to open a supermarket selling food from around the world. He’s already found a building near his restaurant.

EXAMPLE

0. Robin opened
   A a restaurant. B a shop. C an insurance company.

11. Robin started his own business
    A a year ago. B a month ago. C four months ago.

12. Robin’s restaurant started doing well
    A 4 months after it opened. B not long ago. C from the beginning.

13. Robin decided to open a restaurant after he
    A read a newspaper story. B saw a TV programme. C visited Italy.

14. What helped him a lot was
    A his wife’s ideas. B his brother’s advice. C his father’s example.

15. Robin has a restaurant in

16. Robin chose the building his restaurant is in because it was

17. Robin likes
    A being a good boss. B meeting his customers. C trying the chef’s dishes.

18. Robin feels most tired
    A in the mornings. B in the evenings. C at weekends.

19. Robin is going to
    A take a long holiday. B start another business. C open a second restaurant.

20. Robin’s new business will be
    A not far from the restaurant. B in the same building. C far from the restaurant.
Body Language

Many people believe the (0) way…... to really know somebody is to understand what they mean when they’re saying (21) at all! This is the science of (22) body language. In (23), learning how to recognise body language and how to use it to communicate your (24) message, is big business. (25) there are hundreds of books written on the subject.

Experts are even going into companies to talk (26) employees about how to perform better. They suggest that this can be done with a (27) changes in their body-talk. Welcoming body language, for example, (28) to include giving a friendly nod to say hello and learning forward slightly to show you want to listen. The problem is, the more we understand body language, the more able we are to change it if we want to. This means that realising when somebody is (29) a lie is more difficult than (30) used to be!

EXAMPLE
0. A chance B way C method ANSWER – B

21. A anything B something C nothing
22. A getting B understanding C seeing
23. A order B case C fact
24. A own B only C single
25. A Daily B Nowadays C Often
26. A at B for C to
27. A few B little C several
28. A should B ought C might
29. A telling B saying C speaking
30. A they B its C it

Part 2

For questions 31-35, read the sentences below. Use the word in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Write your answers on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE
0. You have a lot of wonderful ideas! You are so _CREATIVE_!

31. Gary studied hard and showed a great _________________. IMPROVE
32. You need ________________ muscles to do this sport. POWER
33. A lot of young people wear ________________ clothes. FASHION
34. A well-known ________________ is carrying out a new experiment. SCIENCE
35. I called my friend for help and he came ________________. IMMEDIATE

Part 3

For questions 36-40, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.
EXAMPLE
0. I enjoyed learning languages at school.
   I used __________________ learning languages at school. ANSWER – to enjoy

36. John can swim very well.
    John is really __________________ swimming.

37. The plane is faster than the train.
    The train isn’t as _________________ the plane.

38. She is too young to drive.
    She is not old _________________ to drive.

39. I find documentary films boring.
    I get _________________ by documentary films.

40. I prefer reading books to watching TV.
    I like reading books _________________ watching TV.

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TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

WRITING Time 60 minutes

1. You are staying in Britain. Your English friend, Amanda, has invited you to spend a weekend in her country house.
   Write an e-mail to Amanda. In your e-mail you should
   • thank her for the invitation
   • say what you are going to bring with you
   • suggest something you could do together there.
   WRITE 35-45 WORDS

2. This is part of a letter you receive from a friend.
   I can’t decide whether to buy a new bicycle from a shop or on the Internet. Where do you think I should buy it? Is it better to buy some things from shops? Do you buy things on the Internet?

   • Now write a letter answering your friend’s questions.
   • Write your letter in about 100 words on your answer sheet.

Do NOT write down the address.

Do not write down your REAL name.