

LISTENING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

TASK 1

Listen to the biography of Sidney Bloom. For questions 1-6 choose the correct option a), b) or c). 0 is the example. (6 items x 0'8)



[B1-Task 1-Sidney Bloom](#)

SIDNEY BLOOM

0. Sidney Bloom was born in...
 - a) 1858.
 - b) 1912.
 - c) **1921. (Example)**
1. Sidney's father...
 - a) had money problems.
 - b) was an immigrant.
 - c) worked for a bank.
2. At the age of 16, Sidney...
 - a) became a soldier.
 - b) started to work.
 - c) went to university.
3. Sidney Bloom's wife...
 - a) had never worked before her marriage.
 - b) helped him at work.
 - c) was from a poor family.
4. The waiters at Bloom's sometimes...
 - a) complained about their boss.
 - b) earned a lot.
 - c) were not too polite.
5. When Bloom retired, his business was run by...
 - a) a lawyer and an accountant.
 - b) his own family.
 - c) his waiters.
6. At the time of his death...
 - a) all his restaurants had already closed down.
 - b) he was in hospital.
 - c) his children had already died.

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4	a	b	c
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TASK 2

Listen to the following 7 radio programme extracts and match the text numbers to headings a-j. There are THREE headings you do not need to use. 0 is the example (6 items x 0'8)



[B1-Task 2-America wins competition](#)

AMERICA WINS COMPETITION

- a. America wins competition
- b. Australia beats America
- c. Chinese rebels attack schools
- d. Death of a politician
- e. Hot weather kills several people
- f. Journalist killed in Liberia
- g. Rainy weather causes chaos
- h. Sharp increase in world's population
- i. ~~Short sentence for animal smuggler 0 (Example)~~
- j. Teenager caught up in a revolution

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TASK 3

Listen to Peter Flynn talking about tattoos. Complete gaps 1-8 with no more than three words you hear. 0 is the example. (8 items x 0'8)



B1-Task 3-Tattoos

TATTOOS

- Peter Flynn has his own (0) **opinion** (Example) about tattoos.
- Peter says he is a coward because he doesn't like needles or ____ (1) ____.
- A dozen men ordered customers to leave a shop and then smashed the ____ (2) ____ and equipment.
- When a man caught his wife having an affair, he ____ (3) ____ and tattooed his name on her stomach.
- A famous footballer had his 12-year-old ____ (4) ____ tattooed on his arm.
- For a starting price of \$180 you can have a ____ (5) ____ tattooed on your back.
- Tattoos have always been very popular in Australia with ____ (6) ____.
- Records of convicts in Sidney described the tattoos of the arriving ____ (7) ____.
- Tattoos have existed for thousands of years, but they always go ____ (8) ____ again.

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TASK 4

Listen to Owen talking about mobiles in China and correct the wrong information in the next sentences. Write the correct answer on your answer sheet. 0 is the example. (5 items x 0'8)



B1-Task 4-Mobiles in China

MOBILES IN CHINA

0. Owen gets shocked because people are sometimes on their phones.
constantly (Example)
1. Almost everybody has their mail account linked to their phone.
2. Using Alipay you don't need a password to shop online.
3. Last Sunday they didn't want to cook or go out for drinks.
4. Owen can look up all the restaurants in their city on the phone app.
5. In 20 minutes a guy delivered their lunch and Owen didn't have to pay in cash.

0 constantly

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