Mid-Year Listening Test



Part 1

\ In this part, you will hear ten short conversations. From the three answer choices, choose the answer which means about the same thing as what you hear, or is true based on what you hear.

- **A** She thinks Jeff needs to switch jobs.
 - **B** He can't believe Jeff has a good job.
 - **C** She thinks Jeff's behaviour needs to change.
- **A** She tells him to relax and stay calm.
 - **B** She tells him what part is broken.
 - **C** She's knowledgeable about computers.
- 3 **A** Her manager is guite kind around the office.
 - **B** Her manager is always telling employees off.
 - C Her manager is sometimes too bossy.
- **A** Susan is going to redo the test.
 - **B** Susan has no idea what the results are.
 - **C** Mr Wilkins expected the results that he heard.
- **A** They miss working in their hometown.
 - **B** Their hometown has lost intelligent people.
 - **C** There is brain disease in their hometown.
- A She's forgotten what the robber looked like.
 - **B** The police wanted her to sketch the robber's face.
 - **C** She was relatively calm during the robbery.
- 7 A He will think about her decision.
 - **B** She isn't sure what she should do.
 - **C** He thinks she made the right decision.
- **A** She wants to know if they've got the same project. 8
 - **B** She would like to make sure they're thinking alike.
 - **C** They're going to review the project during lunch.
- **A** She believes the author spoke inappropriately. 9
 - **B** He thinks the author displayed bad manners.
 - **C** She says the author shouldn't care what people think.
- A He knew it was a mistake to take the job.
 - **B** He wishes he had made a different decision.
 - **C** He had ignored people's advice about the job.

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Part 2

 Ω In this part, you will hear a question or a statement. From the three answer choices given, choose the best response, A, B or C.

- **1 A** Yes, we can talk about that.
 - **B** Oh, sorry I had no idea.
 - **C** OK, let's talk about mine.
- **2 A** Yes, they're more affordable.
 - **B** I think you can recycle them.
 - **C** Yes, anyone on the go needs one.
- **3** A Yes, they fight just because they want to.
 - **B** Well. I just saw some protesting in the centre.
 - **C** It just depends on what they're fighting for.
- **4 A** Yes, and they paid him a tidy sum.
 - **B** Well, he discussed the project with the CEO.
 - **C** That's right he's got a spacious office now.
- **5** A She'll have to commit it to memory first.
 - **B** Yes, it will be filled with memorabilia.
 - **C** Yes, I think her memoirs will be fascinating.
- **6 A** No, he travelled all the way across town.
 - **B** No, I think he honestly got himself into trouble.
 - **C** Yes, I'm sure he was paying attention.
- **7** A Yes. I can make something stylish with it.
 - **B** Probably not. There's not enough of it.
 - **C** All I need are a few electrical items.
- **8** A I can't remember, but he's a fantastic writer.
 - **B** Yes, it was put out last year by Almond Books.
 - **C** The voice is familiar, but I can't place it.
- **9** A Yes, and we've cut down on it already.
 - **B** I don't see how we can speed up our work.
 - C I did, but it didn't say where to put it.
- **10 A** Well, I counted and we're a player short.
 - **B** I know, there's pressure, but I'll do my best.
 - **C** Yes, but he quit last week.

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Part 3

 $\mathbf{\Omega}$ In this part, you will hear an extract from a radio program where experts discuss changes in the workplace. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to the information vou hear.

- According to the report, what has driven companies to cut working hours? 1
 - A Employees have demanded it.
 - **B** It seems that it's more profitable.
 - **C** Sweden has enforced a new law.
- How does the psychologist describe the breaks that people take during an eight-hour workday? 2
 - **A** They seem to be helpful for coping with the day.
 - **B** They are very useful for productivity.
 - **C** They have no positive role in an eight-hour day.
- 3 Which of the following is a rule that companies with the six-hour workday enforce?
 - **A** Employees must arrive and leave the office at specific times.
 - **B** The workforce are not allowed to conduct meetings.
 - **C** Management insist on restricting the use of social media.
- According to the report, what does the second benefit of the six-hour workday involve?
 - A a need for fewer members of staff
 - **B** improvement in employees' home life
 - **C** reduction in management roles
- 5 What types of companies are just starting to implement the six-hour workday?
 - **A** agencies that serve the government
 - **B** companies that build products
 - **C** institutions that provide services

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