

LISTENING COMPREHENSION (30 marks)

TASK 1

Task 1 consists of two subtasks: 1a and 1b. Read the instructions for each subtask carefully.

Task 1a

You are going to hear six extracts about different topics. For items 1 – 5, match the options (a - h) to the speakers (1 – 5) and transfer your answers to the answer sheet. There are **TWO** extra options which you do not need to use. You will hear the extracts **ONCE**. You now have 40 seconds to read the options. 0 is the example. (5 marks)

[Lotura Task 1-5 Speakers](#)

A	The text is about...	EXAMPLE	a	0
		Speaker 1		1
a)	an animal show. (Example)	Speaker 2		2
b)	a ballet dancer.	Speaker 3		3
c)	a famous engineering work.	Speaker 4		4
d)	a lottery winner.	Speaker 5		5
e)	a well-known jail.			
f)	an inspiring experience.			
g)	being part of a show.			
h)	young people's ability to relate.			

Task 1b

You are going to hear the same six extracts again. For items 6 – 10, match the options (a – h) to the speakers (1 – 5) and transfer your answers to the answer sheet. There are **TWO** extra options which you do not need to use. You will hear the extracts **ONCE**. You now have 40 seconds to read the options. 0 is the example. (5 marks)

B	Which speaker ... ?	EXAMPLE	a	0
		Speaker 1		6
a)	explains training techniques (example)	Speaker 2		7
b)	describes facilities and advantages	Speaker 3		8
c)	feels compelled to help others	Speaker 4		9
d)	mentions the best seasons to visit it			
e)	found a job in jail			
f)	praises social networking			
g)	taught grammar in school			

h) was given a special outfit

Speaker 5

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Task 1a

0	(a)	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
1	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
2	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
3	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
4	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
5	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h

Task 1b

0	(a)	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
6	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
7	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
8	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
9	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
10	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h

TASK 2

You will hear an interview with to Curtis Sliwa, founder of a group of volunteers called The Guardian Angels, who helped New York underground riders. For questions 11 – 18, choose the best answer a), b) or c) according to the speakers, and transfer your answers to the answer sheet. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You now have 1 minute and 30 seconds to read the options. 0 is the example. (8 marks)



[Lotura -Task 2-The Guardian Angels](#)

THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

0. Sliwa says that in 1979 the South Bronx was...
- full of very expensive buildings.
 - ~~the most dangerous area in New York City.~~ (Example)
 - where the most popular McDonald's was
11. Working class people used dangerous subway lines because other forms of transport...
- did not take them to their destination.
 - were not so fast.
 - were too expensive.
12. As New York was about to declare bankruptcy, police officers were being...
- dismissed.
 - reinforced.
 - retrained.
13. Criminals could attack subway riders more easily late at night...
- because of the mayor's decision.
 - if they travelled in groups.
 - when dressed up in police uniforms.
14. Sliwa decided to organise his group of volunteers because he had experience in...
- organising official support.
 - other volunteer actions.
 - working with neighbours.
15. The initial reactions of people in authority towards Sliwa's groups were...
- generally good.
 - quite critical.
 - unanimously positive.
16. Subway users were scared of Sliwa's groups at first because they thought they must be...
- criminals.
 - secret police.
 - beggars.
17. When a woman with children saw a group of Angels in the subway, she often...
- asked them for help.
 - moved away from them.
 - told her children to learn from them.
18. Sliwa says that not being educated is...
- characteristic of many people in jail.
 - common for 50% of the population in America.

a) on the rise among men in jail.

Example:

0	a)	b)	c)
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11	a)	b)	c)	13	a)	b)	c)	15	a)	b)	c)	17	a)	b)	c)
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12	a)	b)	c)	14	a)	b)	c)	16	a)	b)	c)	18	a)	b)	c)
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TASK 3

You will hear a recording about Becky Blanton. For questions 19 – 30, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase (**four words maximum**) and transfer your answers to the answer sheet. You will hear the recording **TWICE**. You now have 1 minute and 30 seconds to read the sentences. **0** is the example. (12 marks)



[Lotura:Task 3-Becky Blanton](#)

BECKY BLANTON: THE YEAR I WAS HOMELESS

Three years ago Becky Blanton learned how to become (0) _____ invisible _____. (Example)

When Becky was travelling there were a lot of things that she wanted to feel and (19) _____.

She thought that living in a van would be like a long (20) _____.

She says that having value as a person is often associated by society with living in a (21) _____.

After her father's death, Becky passed from grievance to (22) _____ and depression.

When it was possible, she used employee showers in (23) _____ and truck stops.

The temperatures in the van at night made it difficult (24) _____.

When looking for an apartment, Becky refused to (25) _____ her two pets.

In order to avoid being (26) _____ and hassled by the police, Becky parked in a different place every night.

The change from being a writer and journalist to being a homeless woman living in a van was so quick that it (27) _____.

The real homeless people don't (28) _____ while Becky did.

By the summer of the following year she started writing again as a journalist who was (29) _____.

She doesn't want to be the (30) _____ for the homeless.

Example:

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24		30	
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