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TRACK: General/Commercial/Textiles
TIME: 2 Hours

Listening 1 (5 Marks)

Listen to a radio report about a new system and fill in the blanks. Use ONE word only for each blank.

1. In the future, people will just have to look at a to tell them who they are.
2. In the USA and some countries, shops and use the eye-recognition system.
3. People will be soon recognised from the shape of their and hand.
4. An eye-recognition system is better than the fingerprint recognition system because the eyes don't
5. In Britain, % of people preferred the eye-recognition system.

Listening 2 (5 Marks)

Listen to a conversation between Jenny and her friend about the dangers of sharks and circle the correct answers.



1. This was the first time Jenny had

- A. been diving.
- B. been to Australia.
- C. seen a shark

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2. Jenny thinks the number of people killed by sharks is

- A. high.
- B. average.
- C. low.

3. Usually, sharks only kill people who

- A. try to catch them with spears.
- B. make a lot of movement in the water.
- C. make them think of a seal.

4. To reduce the possibility of a shark attack, you should swim in

- A. the early morning.
- B. deep water.
- C. unclear water.

5. If you think a shark is going to attack you, you should

- A. make a loud noise.
- B. wait for help.
- C. swim away quickly.

Reading 1 (10 Marks)

Read the following article about The Lighthouse of Alexandria.

- 1 It was early in the morning in Alexandria when Asma Al Bakri, an Egyptian film-maker, put on her diving equipment in the eastern harbour. What she found underwater was incredible. The bottom of the harbour was covered with 3,000 huge ancient stones and statues. Asma had discovered the lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- 2 The lighthouse of Alexandria was built 2,300 years ago. Before then, people had lit fires on hills to warn ships of dangerous rocks or to show the entrance to a harbour. At the top there was a fire which burned 24 hours a day. Although there were lots of earthquakes, the lighthouse fire continued to burn. However, the earthquakes damaged the building and it was repaired many times.
- 3 The lighthouse was a tourist attraction. Food was sold to visitors at the observation platform at the top of the first level. Visitors loved the impressive view from the balcony as it was 300 feet above the sea.
- 4 In 1303, there was a violent earthquake. It shook the lighthouse and stones started to fall. It leant more and more and finally fell into the sea. The lighthouse had stood there for 1,600 years, but now it had disappeared and was invisible. A hundred and seventy-five years later, a castle was built in the same place and gradually the lighthouse was forgotten.
- 5 Asma made her great discovery several years ago. Since then, archaeologists and divers have been working in the harbour. Although they have found a lot of things, there is still a lot to do.

A. Match the following headings to the correct paragraphs. Note that there is an extra heading. (5 Marks)

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| a. Sightseeing in the lighthouse | |
| b. Findings of the archaeologists | |
| c. Discovery of the lighthouse | |
| d. End of the lighthouse | ..... |
| e. An Egyptian film | ..... |
| f. The building of the lighthouse | ..... |

B. Match the following words with their meanings. Note that there is an extra meaning. (5 Marks)

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| 1. incredible | a. very old. |
| 2. ancient | b. impossible to see. |
| 3. impressive | c. extremely large. |
| 4. violent | d. strange to be believed. |
| 5. invisible | e. showing great force. |
| | f. the ability to affect feelings. |

Reading 2 (10 Marks)



Lost and Found at Sea



On April 1st, 1882 off the coast of Portugal the Douro; a Mexican ship; hit a Spanish ship and sank. The Douro had sailed from South America and had been carrying a cargo of coffee, diamonds and gold. Many of the passengers and sailors were saved, but the cargo went to the bottom of the sea. In 1995, divers knew that they had found the wreck when they raised a plate with the ship's name on it. Soon they had discovered 28,000 gold coins which had been lying underwater for over 100 years!

A very different cargo was found on the pacific coast of the USA in 1991- thousands Nike trainers! On 27th May 1990, over 80,000 trainers had fallen from the Hansa Carrier into the sea. The ship had been sailing from Korea to the USA where there was a terrible storm. Many of the trainers were found on American beaches. They hadn't sunk because they contained air. There was only one problem – the shoes weren't in pairs!

The people of Cornwall found something different on their beaches in 1967. On March 18th in good weather, one of the largest oil tankers in the world, the Torrey Canyon, was wrecked. The Torrey Canyon had been carrying nearly 130,000 tons of oil when it was wrecked. Twenty-four hours later, up to 80,000 tons of oil had escaped and had covered hundred of beaches and killed thousands of birds. Today, the beautiful beaches of Cornwall are clean again and the ship lies at the bottom of the sea.

A. Fill in the table below with information from the text. (5 Marks)

Name of ship	Doura	Hansa carrier
Date of sinking	1 st April 1882	.....
Sailing from	.....	Korea
Reason for sinking	Hit another ship	.....
Things carried on the ship	1. Coffee. 2. Diamonds. 3. Gold.	.....
When found	.....	1991

B. Answer these questions. Write short answers only. (5 Marks)

1. What is the Torry Canyon?

2. Where was it damaged?

3. Why were thousands of birds killed?

4. Describe the condition of the beaches nowadays.

5. Where is the Torry Canyon now?

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