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Section B marks

ow many times have you asked someone the meaning of a word only to be told \mathbf{u} ook it up in the dictionary \mathbf{v} Not so long ago this meant getting up out of your seat going to a bookcase taking out a thick heavy dictionary finding the page with the first letter of the word and then looking through a long list of words thinking about the order of the letters in the word until you found it. Then and only then could you find out what the word meant. Nowadays this is far easier to do thanks to that wonderful twentieth century invention the nternet.

Part VI IQ Test marks

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Part VII Error Correction marks

One of the most frequently asked question connected with libraries is whether they will ever be replaced by electronic media Ithough this question cannot be answered to much certainty the present trend of fewer people using libraries is probably a sign that they are becoming more popular

This trend has been partly responsible for a number of libraries are being closed over the past few years in other reason for the future of public libraries is in a doubt is that the amount of government money they receive is not longer sufficient. Now that the problems have Λ identified an organisancableganisan is properties.

Part VIII WritingmarksSection Amarks

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Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

In this section, you will hear **five** short conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, one question will be asked, and you have **fifteen seconds** to read the **four** choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

W: have to go y mother just called and said she has cooked a big meal for tonight

M: oes she like to cook y mother hates cooking

W: Yes she likes it but not as much as she likes doing some shopping with her friends

Question: What does the woman's mother like to do best

- W: think 'm going to quit my gym membership They've just raised the cost to \$ a year and that's too much
- M: Why don't you join the New ealth Training entre t's only \$ a year and if you bring a friend they will only charge you each \$ for the first year

W: Wow that's almost half the cost of my gym

Question: ow much per year does it cost to be a member of the New ealth Training entre

W: What did you do on the weekend

M: had my first sail boarding lesson o you know the sport You ride something like a surfboard with a sail What about you

W: went to see the Van ogh exhibition at the rt useum ut it seemed almost too sunny to be indoors **Question:** What did the man do on the weekend

M: ey ora your mother's a teacher right

- W: Yeah she teaches physics at Rowland igh School
- M: So why did you choose to study history at college idn't you like physics
- W: Well did but had an amazing history teacher at school She made everything very interesting So started loving that subject

Question: Why did or a major in history

W: xcuse me Terry can you help me

M: What can do for you re you having trouble with the printer

- W: Yes 'm trying to print my assignment but it isn't working press this button but nothing happens See
- M: think the paper's stuck but don't know how to open this printer et me call a technician
- W: can't wait Thanks anyway

Question: What problem does the woman have

Section B

In this section, you will hear **two** long conversations. Each conversation will be read only **once**. At the end of each conversation, there will be a **one-minute** pause.

Conversation One

Listen to the conversation. And read the **four** choices marked **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**, and decide which is the best answer according to what you hear. Then mark the corresponding letter on the **answer sheet** with a single line through the centre.

M: i ate how's it going

W: Pretty well thanks hope 'm not bothering you

- M: No What's up
- W: Well took your Public Policy class last semester
- M: Yes remember
- W: nd see that you're teaching two other courses ntroduction to nternational Relations and Representations of Race and Policies in the Political Science epartment this semester oth of them look great owever my schedule is so full that have to choose one of them was hoping you could help me decide
- M: O Now what year are you in
- W: 'm only a freshman this is my second semester
- M: Well the second course is somewhat advanced so recommend that for either juniors or seniors What got you interested in political science
- W: 've always been interested in the ways that various policies affect minorities and 'm just realizing how much they affect me This field opens up a new world for me
- M: nteresting ut in your case think you can handle it You're just beginning to develop a strong awareness of your identity in relation to society and its constructions of race and the best way to dig into it is by studying it You could bring your personal experience to class and allow others to learn from you

Conversation Two

Listen to the conversation and complete the sentences with **one word** according to what you hear. Then write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

M: What's that monkey W: No it's a baby mountain gorilla M: t's very cute sit in a zoo W: No it's in the mountains of central east frica That's where mountain gorillas live M: They're an endangered species right W: Yes hunters kill them for their fur but also for their hands didn't know that That's terrible ow many mountain gorillas are there in the wild today M: What W: There are only 'm afraid M: ow awful What can we do to help them W: That's what 'm looking at On this website you can adopt a gorilla like the idea of that M: What else can you do to help W: Well there're lots of great things you can buy and all the money goes to helping mountain gorillas M: ey let's get some presents for our friends W: That's a good idea guess it's better than adopting M: agree really like the poster W: You know Richard likes posters et's get him one M: ood idea

Section C

In this section, you will hear five short news items. Each item will be read only once. After each item, there will be a fifteen-second pause. During the pause, read the question and the four choices marked A, B, C and D, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the answer sheet with a single line through the centre.

rom Xinjiang's otan ity to Ruoqiang ounty train rides are made possible because of the kilometre otan Ruoqiang railway The railway which was put to operation on une th made the

km Taklimakan esert rail loop line finally complete making it the first desert rail loop in the world

The Spring estival has been officially listed as a UN loating oliday in the UN alendar of onferences and eetings starting from as announced by the hinese ission to the United Nations in a statement in ecember untris shows that the wide influence of hinese civilization will greatly promote exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations variables untrison

This is Wrangel a remote island in arctic Russia s the summer sea ice melts away many polar bears are forced to head for dry land. Some swim up to miles to get there. Without the sea ice the hungry polar bears cannot hunt seals and feed on their calorie rich flesh but find other sources of food including human food supplies.

Some ultra processed foods increase the risk of developing cancer heart disease and diabetes but others are good for you new research suggests major new international study has found that regular

consumption of meat products and sugary drinks make it more likely that someone will get those diseases ut bread and cereals despite also being ultra processed actually reduce someone's risk of getting those diseases because they contain fibre

The official slogan emblem and mascots for the this ian Winter arms which is set to take place in arbin in were unveiled on anuary. The slogan is **u** ream of Winter ove among sia **v**This event is expected to create a new growth pole for the ice and snow economy and promote cultural exchanges among sian countries y linking**u** dreams**v** and**u** unity**v** with the**u** hinese ream **v** the sian Winter ames will serve as a bond to promote cooperation and development among sian countries

Section D

In this section, you will hear **one** monologue. The monologue will be read **twice**. After listening, answer the questions using **no more than five** words. Write the answers on the **answer sheet**.

W n Thomas dison invented the phonograph t was a device that could produce and play music owever the quality was bad so the music didn't sound very good

Years later flat round disks that we call records were invented They were made out of plastic and it was possible to store many of them owever they could break

or a while cassettes and cassette players were popular especially the personal ones like the Sony Walkman but when s and players became available people stopped using cassettes

ini disk players became available in t was the first time you could delete the songs you didn't want

n it was possible for people for the first time to download songs digitally onto P players You could also record hundreds of them on the device ompared to a typical vinyl record that could hold about minutes of music this was incredible

n the iPod Touch became the first music device that could connect to the nternet People were able to pay for and upload tunes online from the iTunes Stores

What's in the future ow do you think technology will change the way we listen to and enjoy music

This is the end of the listening part. Please transfer your answers to the answer sheet.