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#### TEST 1

# **Questions 1–6** For Questions 1–6 you will hear a series of short sentences. Answer each question on the line provided. Your answer should be as brief as possible. You will hear each item twice. **1** Magda usually gets a school bus to school. Why must she wait in a different place for the bus? ......[1] **2** Why can't Alex go with his friend today? Give **two** details. ......[2] **3** What can the students do to make their day out cheaper? ......[1] **4** What does the doctor tell Vijay to do? Give **two** pieces of advice. ......[2] **5** Min wants to open her first bank account. What should she do? Give **two** details. **6** Gerry is at a job interview. What does the interviewer want to know? [Total: 8]

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### **Question 7**

Listen to the following interview about koala bears, and then complete the notes below. You will hear the interview twice.

THE KOALA: LIFE AND HABITS	
Baby koala:	
At birth, and undeveloped.	
Lives in mother's pouch until mature enough to on her back.	[1]
Habitat:	
Lives among the trees of and and coastal regions of Australia.	[1]
Diet & related problems:	
Koalas eat only eucalyptus leaves.	
These are nutritionally. Koalas need to eat	
of leaves each day to get enough protein.	[1]
High levels of or reducing the nutritional content of	
the leaves.	
As a result of a poorer diet, there are problems with	[1]
Water:	
Eucalyptus leaves provide koalas with most of their water.	
The word 'koala' comes from an Aboriginal word meaning	[1]
Life expectancy & population:	
Can live to 17, but many die by the age of because they get injured by	
dogs or	[1]
There are about koalas alive in Australia today.	[1]

[Total: 7]

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### **Question 8**

Listen to the following interview with a student who has just begun a university course, and then complete the details below. You will hear the interview twice.

STARTING UNIVERSITY	
Period of time at university: Has been at university for	
Workload: More than he expected.	[1]
A lot of reading to do, but lecturers explain which are required.	
essays given at the same time.	[1]
Lectures & seminars: Lecturers are who hold your interest.	[1]
Seminars: Small groups of students. Tutors listen and give feedback on the	
	[1]
The university flat: Just like Shares kitchen and bathroom but has own	
bedroom which is very	[1]
Usually cooks for himself because the others have	[1]
Part-time job: Works one or two nights a week at the	
Working one night a week covers his budget.	[1]
The local area: Campus is near the city centre, which has cinemas, clubs, restaurants	
and all kinds of	
Neighbourhood is not expensive so a	
possible on his budget.	[1]
Views about home: Busy enjoying himself, so hasn't been	[1]

[Total: 9]

List	en to the following interview with someone who lives near the Arctic Circle, and then answer the stions below. You will hear the interview twice.
(a)	Why does Karl think the impression people have of life in Greenland is wrong?
(b)	When is the village cannon fired? Give <b>two</b> occasions.
	[1]
(c)	What type of work do many people in Greenland do now?
(d)	What special skills did Karl's grandparents have? Give <b>two</b> examples.
(e)	Which animals are still hunted today? Give <b>two</b> examples.
(f)	What did Karl's grandfather tell him about, and why did Karl particularly admire him?
	[Total: 6]

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## **Question 10**

	en to the following talk by a professor who is helping to develop a new drug, and then answer the stions below. You will hear the talk twice.
(a)	Which group of people is mainly affected by the disease?
	[1]
(b)	What does the professor think that non-specialist doctors would benefit from? Give <b>two</b> details.
	[1]
(c)	How may the condition limit people's everyday lives? Give <b>two</b> examples.
	[1]
(d)	How does the new drug work? Give <b>two</b> details.
	[1]
(e)	What benefits did the new drug have for the women in the trials? Give <b>two</b> details.
	[1]
(f)	Why does the professor believe the drug is unique?
	[1]
	[Total: 6]

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