

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Общее количество баллов – 40.

Каждый пункт теста оценивается в 2 балла.

За каждую орфографическую ошибку / пропущенное слово снимается 0,5 балла.

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Text 1. Tapescript

Speaker 1: It may not be the biggest airport, but there's quite a lot to do there. Especially if your flight is delayed by bad weather, as ours was. *There's a play area for kids, though ours were a bit old for that and they preferred to go round the clothes shops and music shops instead.* Meanwhile, I was checking my email and having a look at a few things online in the communications centre. *There was no charge for that, which was good.* After that, we spent some time in quite a comfortable lounge on the top floor, where you could see aircraft approaching and coming in to land.

Speaker 2: It was quite annoying, really. The airport authorities had told passengers to be there early in the morning because they were expecting a strike by security staff, but then it was called off and they didn't bother telling us. So when we arrived with the kids on the 7.45 train, the crowds were already starting to build up. *There were long queues for everything, no seats, and not enough staff around. And the facilities for children weren't up to standard, either.* In the end, though, our flight was called and once we'd taken off, everything went fine. The flight attendants were helpful and efficient, and *we landed exactly on time.*

Speaker 3: Until last year the only way to get to the airport was by road, but *the underground now runs there from the city, with trains every few minutes.* So getting there wasn't a problem at all, and we found our check-in desk easily enough. Once we'd dropped our cases off there we went to a café for a snack, which was actually quite tasty, then joined the queue to have our hand luggage checked. I don't know why but on that particular day *they were going very carefully through everybody's bags, with the result that we were there quite a while,* but they were very polite and we didn't really mind.

Speaker 4: *The main building itself was fine, all shiny and new,* and almost everything within the airport worked well. My only complaints were that it cost rather a lot to get an Internet connection on my computer, and also that *it's not easy to get out there from the city centre, as the train doesn't run in the evening and the bus takes hours.* Fortunately, somebody from the office offered me a lift, and I got there quickly. I thought it might take some time to pass through all the security checks, but in fact there weren't many people in the queue and I was soon in the departure lounge.

Speaker 5: In general things work OK there but I didn't think much of the facilities for passengers, *apart from those for the kids. There was a special section for them, with lots of games, and ours would've stayed there all day if they could. But for adults there's nothing, really, apart from some rather dull shops.* There's nowhere to check your email, and there isn't even anywhere you can sit and watch the planes landing and taking off. *I think if I had to wait there any length of time on my own I'd probably take the bus downtown for a couple of hours, as there's a frequent and reliable service.*

Text 2

11 – A	12 – A	13 – C	14 – C	15 – B	16 – A
17 being (so) high up	19 the skies weren't clear				
18 (really) thin	20 the S/sun G/gate				

Text 2. Tapescript

I: Lily, what made you decide to walk through the Andes mountains to Machu Picchu?

L: I've always enjoyed the outdoor life, particularly quite energetic things like skiing and hill walking. But it wasn't so much that as the feeling *I just had to see a place that tells us so much about an ancient civilisation*. I knew the views along the way would be wonderful, of course, but *it was just being there that was my real goal*. And I started making preparations for that quite some time before I left for South America.

I: What did you do? Was there anywhere you could get accustomed to being so high up?

L: Well, the trail takes you to above 4,000 metres, but of course there's nothing like that in this country, so I couldn't. *I thought of spending some nights out in the tent* during some particularly bad winter weather here, but decided that might put me off going at all. *So I got into the habit of doing around fifteen kilometres on foot through the hills near here each evening*, even when it was raining heavily, or snowing. By the time I was ready to go I was feeling able to handle fairly bad conditions, though of course they would be rather more extreme in the Andes in July.

I: Was there any particular reason you chose to go then? Or was that the only time you could have off work? **L:** Actually I can take my holidays any time, as long as my colleagues agree, so really it was a matter of choosing the time of year when the trail was least likely to be wet and slippery. And *as it tends to be driest in July, that's when I went*. Despite the fact that that's often the busiest month for tourists.

I: So how did the walking go? **L:** It was wonderful; a fantastic experience. Even though sometimes it was very hard going and naturally there were a few problems along the way.

I: What in particular? **L:** *I suppose at the highest point, nearly 4,500 metres, where the air was really thin*. There just wasn't enough oxygen, and *you ended up moving along like an old person, one tiny step at a time*. It took hours to get up the smallest slope. I was just glad that the porters were carrying our tents – they were so heavy – otherwise I'd never have made it. And up there, even in summer, *the temperatures could've fallen well below freezing, but luckily they didn't. Maybe because at night the skies weren't clear*.

I: So what about all those stars the Andes' night skies are so famous for? **L:** They look amazing in photos, don't they? But it was too cloudy while we were there. And those birds with the huge wings, the condors, they weren't around either, but *there were still unexpected things, like the hot springs*. And, *above all, being able to chat with the kids from local villages*. I mean, my Spanish is pretty bad, but somehow we managed to communicate perfectly. That was great!

I: And what, looking back over the whole journey, would you say was the most exciting moment?

L: Hmm, it's hard to say. There were several magical experiences, such as when we walked through the Sun Gate at the entrance to Machu Picchu itself, seeing all the ruined buildings and narrow streets. Then, in the evening, after most of the tourists had gone, we saw the most wonderful sunset. But *I think for me it was earlier on, when we came over the pass and first caught sight of that tooth-shaped mountain that stands just beyond the city*. That really did take my breath away.

I: Yes, that must have been marvellous.