

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

TEXT 1

You will hear an interview with a historical biographer. After listening, put the following points (A–G) in the order (1–5) they are mentioned in the interview. There are two extra points which are not mentioned in the recording, and you don't need to use these letters.

- A.** Creating digital files for different periods of the subject's life.
- B.** Finding and using official state archives.
- C.** Showing interviewees respect and gratitude for their time.
- D.** Recognising that getting funding and time are big concerns.
- E.** Sorting out hard copy like letters and diaries into periods.
- F.** Writing the book's final chapter.
- G.** Experiencing the thrill of being privy to the power of great leaders.

Correct Order:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

For questions 6–10, choose the best alternative (A, B or C).

- 6. What does Penelope compare the research process to?
 - A) Solving a mathematical equation
 - B) A detective hunting a suspect
 - C) Teaching a difficult student
- 7. Why is it important to maintain a good relationship with interviewees?
 - A) You may need to come back to them for more information
 - B) They can help you find a publisher faster
 - C) They often provide financial support for research

8. How do interviewees usually feel at the beginning of a conversation, according to Penelope?

- A) Excited and enthusiastic
- B) Very reserved
- C) Friendly and open

9. According to Penelope, what is the golden rule when choosing a subject for a biography?

- A) They must be historically significant
- B) They should be currently fashionable
- C) You must find them personally fascinating

10. What does Penelope suggest as a way to attract the general reader?

- A) Focusing on the subject's everyday routine
- B) Including academic debates
- C) Highlighting scandalous or shocking events

TEXT 2

Complete the sentences with the exact words taken from the corresponding part of the recording. Use *no more than three words* for each gap.

11. But this is a comparatively _____ when compared to the gains.
12. People may _____ of their own problem, or they worry that aids will look ugly.
13. There, scientists have discovered that our skin also helps us to listen, by _____ in sounds.
14. Remarkably, only one in five _____ uses an aid.
15. Ashkan needs to use special recording equipment and _____ in lectures.

Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

16. The main concern preventing people from using hearing aids is their high cost _____.
17. Ashkan's hearing aids are described as being equipped with modern wireless technology _____.
18. Ashkan discovered hearing aids through a recommendation from his doctor _____.
19. The *Hear-It* website functions as an online store where users can directly purchase hearing aids _____.
20. The recent American research states that hearing relies solely on ears _____.

Количество набранных баллов: _____