

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

TEXT 1

1. Listen to the recording and fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Use between 3 and 5 words.

1. The more people I examined, the clearer it became that there was one thing the vast majority of them had in common: they had a regular working routine and stuck to it _____.
2. And that's by no means _____ I discovered.
3. Transport wouldn't run on time, schools and workplaces would be in _____, and so on.
4. When nothing new is happening, we're not _____ and simply don't notice the days and weeks slipping away.
5. What we need to do is to try and recapture _____ by disrupting routines and actively seeking out new experiences.

2. Decide whether the following statements are True or False according to the information provided in the recording.

6. Having structured routines makes life easier and prevents major disruptions in our society. _____
7. Childhood memories are brighter mainly because children encounter many fresh situations daily. _____
8. Reliance on routine leads to greater satisfaction and joy in one's everyday life. _____
9. Introducing novelty into one's schedule helps to slow down the perceived time flow. _____
10. As people age, they develop forgetfulness because their brains simply lose the capacity to form long-lasting memories. _____

TEXT 2

3. You will hear four speakers talking about their work-related problems. Match questions 1–5 with speakers A–D. There is one extra question.

Which speaker ...

1 – benefitted from developing a rule book for everyone to use?

2 – received support and assistance from their boss?

3 – worked predominantly with native English speakers?

4 – acted in a more formal way than necessary?

5 – was forced to make a decision quickly?

11. Speaker A _____

12. Speaker B _____

13. Speaker C _____

14. Speaker D _____

4. Choose the best answer for each question based on the speakers' experiences.

15. Speaker A greeted their partner with a handshake and addressed him by his surname because...

- a) the partner was older than the speaker
- b) the speaker wanted to establish a good relationship with the partner
- c) the partner was very rich and successful, so the speaker felt uncomfortable
- d) the speaker wanted to observe the greeting traditions of the partner's country.

16. Speaker B found it challenging to work on an international project because...

- a) the speaker's English wasn't good enough
- b) the speaker didn't expect they would have to work remotely
- c) local laws and regulations had to be taken into consideration
- d) some team members were impolite.

17. Speaker C felt very stressed out because...

- a) their colleague decided to quit their job
- b) their management forced them to use an inconvenient approach to goal setting
- c) their boss was very demanding
- d) restructuring caused the speaker to be overworked.

18. In the approach to goal setting described by Speaker C, “M” stands for...

- a) measurable
- b) motivated
- c) mentorship
- d) meaningful.

19. Speaker D was told by the ground crew...

- a) to book a hotel for the night
- b) to wait for the next flight at the airport
- c) to talk to the airline agent for assistance
- d) to call the customer support line.

20. Speaker D was happy with the outcome because...

- a) unlike some other passengers, the speaker didn't have to take the bus
- b) they got the best hotel room from the airline
- c) they were upgraded to a business class seat
- d) they didn't have to rush and could enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee waiting for the situation to be resolved.

Количество ошибок: _____

Количество набранных баллов: _____