

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 question that interests many opponents of video games is how distinct they are from more traditional forms of entertainment such as _____.

2. Or, if you couldn't listen to the next track on an album, unless you showed how well _____!

3. Finally, readers of novels and viewers of plays _____ than gamers.

4. Perhaps we could learn something from _____ of video gamers.

5. And lastly – we should note – the motivation is strong, even with games that are designed _____.

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

6. The speaker believes that obsessiveness towards video games is inherently negative and should always be discouraged. _____

7. A key characteristic distinguishing video games from other art forms is the requirement to prove yourself at every level of the game. _____

8. People's opinions are very much divided on the matter of video games. _____

9. The value of using video game principles is restricted to the entertainment industry. _____

10. Competitiveness is central to both video games and all other forms of artistic expression. _____

TEXT 2

3. You will hear four speakers talking about renting accommodation. Match questions 1–5 with speakers A–D. There is one extra question.

Which speaker ...

1 – hopes to get better reviews?

2 – is currently renting an apartment while on holiday?

3 – doesn't like renting accommodation together with others?

4 – changed their opinion about someone over time?

5 – had different impressions of their accommodation in different seasons?

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 decided to rent the accommodation in November because...

a) the speaker's husband liked that it was warm and cosy

b) it became more affordable

c) the speaker wanted a place with big windows

d) the speaker wanted to have a greenhouse for their plants in the garden.

16. Speaker B prefers renting apartments to staying in hotels when they go on holiday because...

a) it helps them save money

b) hotel rooms often look better in photos than they do in reality

c) the speaker finds the reviews of the flat left by other tourists very helpful

d) it allows the speaker to truly experience the life of the locals.

17. Speaker B thinks the key thing about renting an apartment successfully is...

- a) to leave the guests pleasantly surprised
- b) to be creative when taking photos so that the flat looks even better than it is
- c) to find a website with low commission
- d) to ask guests to leave good reviews.

18. Speaker C believes that buying a house...

- a) is worse than renting a place
- b) is attainable for her sisters because they have good jobs
- c) used to be easier than it is now
- d) is something parents should do for their children.

19. According to speaker D, the landlord...

- a) often invited them for tea
- b) asked them to have his name removed from the bills
- c) visited their house infrequently
- d) was willing to assist them with the gardening.

20. Speaker D gave their notice and found somewhere else to live because...

- a) they didn't like the house
- b) they got tired of having to avoid an unwanted guest
- c) they had a loud argument with the landlord
- d) the neighbours were too loud.

Количество ошибок: _____

Количество набранных баллов: _____