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### LISTENING (24 pts.)

YOU HAVE **60 SECONDS** TO READ THE QUESTIONS. YOU ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO THE RECORDING **TWICE**.



**Listen to Arianna Huffington, a journalist and writer, giving a talk. As you listen, choose the correct alternative. (7x4 = 28 pts.)**

- How did Arianna learn the importance of sleep in her life?  
A) Medical doctors and scientists changed her mind about sleep.  
B) She saw that getting enough sleep was hard for some people.  
C) She worked with many doctors and studied the value of sleep.  
D) She experienced tiredness which resulted in her hurting herself.
- According to Arianna, which one is **NOT** one of the benefits of getting enough sleep?  
A) doing more work  
B) getting more inspiration  
C) enjoying life more  
D) rediscovering oneself
- We understand that her recent dinner with the guy was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) entertaining  
B) upsetting  
C) boring  
D) strange
- According to the talk, people think that breakfast at eight o'clock is too late because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) they want to show people that they achieve a lot without sleeping much  
B) exercising before breakfast is a must for people living in Washington  
C) in Washington people do not have breakfast no sooner than this hour  
D) they have lots to do in the morning before attending those arrangements
- According to the talk, people with a high IQ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) can make awful decisions as they are under the pressure of being a leader  
B) are not able to become effective leaders if they cannot make good predictions  
C) can foresee the future better than anyone even after the sinking of Titanic  
D) are not the only ones that can become great leaders in business
- The message Arianna gives at the end of the talk is for the audience to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) start being appreciative about themselves  
B) try their best to balance their work and private lives  
C) switch themselves off and discover themselves  
D) let go of the negative feelings by sleeping more
- The talk is **MAINLY** about \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) creating some original solutions for people who cannot sleep  
B) how people can make use of sleep and have a better life  
C) the ways sleep can help people achieve more success  
D) showing some examples of how sleeplessness affects people

### USE OF ENGLISH (36 pts.)

**A. Choose the correct option to complete the paragraph. (6x2=12 pts.)**

#### Einstein

Albert Einstein is a physicist known by almost all people in the world. He **1. used to / got used to / was used to** work without any rest on his theories. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, he developed the theory of relativity, which changed our understanding of space and time. Einstein **2. was obtaining / obtained / had obtained** the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921 for his discovery. Before achieving this success, Einstein **3. had faced / was facing / faced** many problems like working at odd jobs. He once worked as **4. a / the / --** patent examiner, a position he didn't enjoy but that helped support his family. Despite the struggles, his passion for physics continued. Einstein didn't want to leave Germany during the war but due to political reasons he **5. was able to / had to / could** move out of the country and missed his country for many years. His legacy lives on, and he is known to be one of **6. clever / cleverer / the cleverest** people in the world, and we still learn much from his contributions to science.

**B. Fill in the blanks with FIVE of the words or phrases given in the box to complete the paragraph. There are TWO EXTRA words or phrases. (5x2=10 pts.)**

borrow	insurance	mature	salary
cut down on	in debt	afford	

### Life at University

University life is a time of growth and learning. As students step into adulthood and become a/an 1. \_\_\_\_\_ individuals in society, they face the challenge of managing finances. Many students need to 2. \_\_\_\_\_ unnecessary costs to stay within their budgets like entertainment or eating out. However, some may still need to 3. \_\_\_\_\_ money from their peers or parents to cover costs. They could even loan some money from the bank and get 4. \_\_\_\_\_. It's essential to balance academic activities and financial responsibilities. After graduation, it is important to get a good 5. \_\_\_\_\_, which will enable young graduates to repay their loans. Overall, university life is not only about academic development but also about developing practical skills like budgeting and making smart financial choices for the future.

**C. Circle the correct alternative to complete the paragraph. (5x2=10 pts.)**

### Social Media

Social media has become a big part of our lives. People often share their achievements, making it feel like a 1. **trophy / competition / match** for everybody. It's easy to compare ourselves to others and feel pressure to live up to certain standards. Sometimes, people may even 2. **end up / knock out / set off** feeling unhappy because their lives don't seem as perfect as those online. Many individuals share moments that they are 3. **interested in / famous for / proud of**, like engagements, weddings, or new jobs. 4. **Although / However, / In addition**, it's essential to remember that what we see on social media may not reflect the whole reality. Additionally, spending too much time online can 5. **cost / pay / earn** us meaningful connections in the real world. Reaching a balance and being mindful of the effect of social media on our well-being is crucial for a healthy and fulfilling life.

**D. Complete the dialogue below including the words given in parentheses (min. 2, max. 9 words) to have a meaningful conversation. Be careful with the punctuation marks given. (4x2=8 pts.)**

**Kenshin:** I've been updating my CV and writing cover letters lately. I have applied for some positions, too.

**Tomoe:** That sounds like a lot of work. 1. \_\_\_\_\_? **(yet)**

**Kenshin:** Yeah, several companies called me back. I will have some interviews soon.

**Tomoe:** 2. \_\_\_\_\_! Congratulations on getting interviews! Which companies are you interviewing with? **(how)**

**Kenshin:** Thanks, Tomoe! I have interviews scheduled with IKC Corporation and YYB Innovations next week.

**Tomoe:** That's great! 3. \_\_\_\_\_? **(ready)**

**Kenshin:** I think I am. I've been doing my research on both companies and practicing common interview questions. I want to make sure I present myself well.

**Tomoe:** It sounds like you're doing a good job. If you need any help preparing or if you want to do an interview, 4. \_\_\_\_\_. I'm here for you! **(call)**

**Kenshin:** I was thinking about that. How about meeting up tomorrow evening?

**Tomoe:** Sure! No worries.

### READING (32 pts.)

**Read the texts below and answer the questions. (8x4 =32 pts.)**

#### A Young Blind Wizard on Computers

Sometimes, something you think of as a negative thing turns out to be an advantage on the job. Though he is only 18 years old and blind, Süleyman Gökyiğit is among the top computer technicians and programmers at InteliData Technologies Corp., a large software company in the US.

"After two computer networks combined into one last October, we were going crazy," recalls Douglas Braun, a vice president. We couldn't even send e-mail to each other." In three weeks, Mr. Gökyiğit, a student at the University of Toledo working part-time at InteliData's office, created the software to integrate the two networks. "None of the company's 350 other

employees could have done the job in three months,” says Mr. Braun. “Süleyman can literally ‘see’ into the heart of the computer.”

Mr. Gökyiğit's gift is an **exceptional** ability to visualize how a machine works. “The computer permits me to reach out into the world and do almost anything I want to do,” says Mr. Gökyiğit.

Like most blind people working with computers, Mr. Gökyiğit uses a voice-synthesizer that reads the video on his monitor in a mechanical voice. Devices that produce displays specifically for blind people are also available, but Mr. Gökyiğit says they “waste time.” Instead, he depends on memory. Turning the synthesizer to top speed, he remembers almost everything he hears until a project is completed. While the synthesizer talks, Mr. Gökyiğit mentally “maps” the computer screen and memorizes the location of each icon on the screen, so he can call up files with his mouse.

He is also at home with hardware, thanks to a highly developed sense of touch, using Braille which is an alphabet for the blind. Mitzi Nowakowski, an office manager at InteliData, recalls how he easily disconnected and reconnected their computer systems during a move last year. “Through feel, Süleyman can work much faster than most other people with sight,” she says.

Mr. Gökyiğit was born in Turkey, where he developed an eye condition that left him blind at age two. His parents brought him to a hospital in the US, but nothing could be done. “His doctors kept emphasizing, ‘Never shelter him or pity him,’” says his father. Today, Mr. Gökyiğit's co-workers call him “Süleyman the Magnificent” after an Ottoman Empire sultan in the 16th century.

Several months ago, Mr. Braun had difficulty accessing the company's network using his laptop on a trip. Instead of asking someone to manually do it, he called Mr. Gökyiğit, who memorized the logbook and produced the proper numbers “in ten seconds,” Mr. Braun says. Mr. Gökyiğit is the only company employee on call 24 hours a day. “We consider him our top problem solver,” says Mr. Braun.

1. It is mentioned in the second paragraph that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Mr. Gökyiğit was one of the permanent employees in the company
- B) people at InteliData weren't able to communicate via email for some time
- C) Mr. Braun was trying to combine two companies, but he failed to do so
- D) InteliData has many employees who are all proficient in solving technical problems

2. What does the underlined word “**exceptional**” mean in the text?

- A) unnatural
- B) mysterious
- C) unusual
- D) specific

3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about Mr. Gökyiğit?

- A) He uses a voice-synthesizer because he thinks it's a waste of time while working.
- B) He uses special devices to find information on the computer screen due to his blindness.
- C) The voice-synthesizer enables Mr. Gökyiğit to reach the information on the display.
- D) Mr. Gökyiğit is able to remember everything even after a project is completed.

4. We learn from the fifth paragraph that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Mrs. Nowakowski asked Süleyman for his aid connecting systems while they were moving last year
- B) Mrs. Nowakowski thinks Süleyman can do his job even when he is away from the company
- C) blind people can read using the Braille alphabet, but they need a greatly advanced sense of touch
- D) Süleyman is better at his job with the help of his sense of touch than most people who can see

5. Which one is **FALSE** according to the sixth paragraph?

- A) His doctor suggested to his family that they highlight his condition at every chance.
- B) His colleagues resembled Mr. Gökyiğit's achievements to that of an Ottoman sultan.
- C) Süleyman was born in Turkey, and his parents took him to the US to treat his condition.
- D) Mr. Gökyiğit was not blind when he was born, and he developed it after a couple of years.

6. It is emphasized in the last paragraph that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Mr Braun has issues in his travels
- B) Süleyman is a valuable employee
- C) Süleyman can manually find any data
- D) managers call Mr. Gökyiğit all day

7. Which one summarizes Süleyman Gökyiğit's role at InteliData Technologies?

- A) Süleyman, an 18-year-old blind individual, is on call for his role as a computer technician at InteliData Technologies.
- B) Süleyman was born blind and deals with the difficulties at InteliData Technologies as a top programmer with his skills.
- C) Despite his blindness, Süleyman is a successful computer engineer, rapidly solving complex network issues.
- D) Süleyman's unique skills as a blind computer technician make him the only person who can solve problems.

8. Which question does the text **MAINLY** answer to?

- A) What obstacles does Süleyman face in his role at InteliData Technologies?
- B) Why is Süleyman called "Süleyman the Magnificent" at InteliData Technologies?
- C) How does Süleyman overcome challenges at InteliData Technologies?
- D) In what way does Süleyman stand out at InteliData Technologies?

**LISTENING (7x4=28 pts.)**

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| 1. D | 3. C | 5. B | 7. D |
| 2. D | 4. A | 6. C |      |

**USE OF ENGLISH (18x2= 36 pts.)**

**A. (6x2=12 pts.)**

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| 1. used to  | 3. had faced | 5. had to        |
| 2. obtained | 4. a         | 6. the cleverest |

**B. (5x2=10 pts.)**

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|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. mature      | 3. borrow  | 5. salary |
| 2. cut down on | 4. in debt |           |

**C. (5x2=10 pts.)**

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|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1. competition | 2. end up | 3. proud of | 4. however | 5. cost |
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**D. (4x2=8 pts.)**

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| 1. Have you heard back from any of them yet? / Has any of them called you back yet? | 3. Are you ready (for the interviews)?     |
| 2. How wonderful/ fantastic /exciting   | 4. you can call me/ you can give me a call |

**READING\* (8x4=32 pts.)**

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| 1. B | 3. C | 5. A | 7. C |
| 2. C | 4. D | 6. B | 8. D |