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**PART 1**

**LISTENING**

**20 MINUTES**

**Task 1. Listen to the speakers talking about important people in their lives and complete the gaps with an appropriate word (1 – 5).**

*childhood friend                      brother                      best friend                      next-door neighbour                      boyfriend*

1. Speaker A is talking about her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Speaker B is talking about his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Speaker C is talking about her \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Speaker D is talking about his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Speaker E is talking about her \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 2. Listen to the SAME monologues again. Read the statements (6 – 13). Choose true (T) or false (F).**

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| 6. A Her next-door neighbour also worked with her mum.                    | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 7. A Her next-door neighbour has a healthier lifestyle now.               | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 8. B He didn't see his brother after he went to university.               | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 9. B He supports the same football team as his brother.                   | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 10. C She and her friend argued about a boy.                              | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 11. C She is going to go to the same university as her friend.            | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 12. D He didn't have much in common with his friend when they were young. | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |
| 13. E She didn't like the look of her boyfriend at first.                 | <b>TRUE/FALSE</b> |

**Task 3. Listen to the radio interview about the Pomodoro Technique and choose the best answer (A, B or C) to the following questions (14 – 20).**

14. The Pomodoro Technique is designed...
  - A. to get good grades.
  - B. to help people work effectively.
  - C. to cook pizza in Italy.
15. What is the first step you should start with?
  - A. Break down each task into parts.
  - B. Make up a to-do list.
  - C. Choose a task to complete.
16. You have 3-5 minutes breaks...
  - A. every 25 minutes.
  - B. when you finish the task.
  - C. if you finish the task in 25 minutes.
17. During the break...
  - A. you may sleep.
  - B. you should walk around.
  - C. you must take another task.
18. When you complete the whole task...
  - A. you should immediately start a new one.
  - B. you should set the timer again.
  - C. you should cross out it in the list.
19. The mobile phone is not a good timer because...
  - A. you can use applications.
  - B. someone can call you.
  - C. you can switch it off.
20. When can you have a longer break?
  - A. When you are tired.
  - B. After four-five short breaks.
  - C. Any time you want.

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**PART 2**

**READING**

**25 MINUTES**

**Task 4. Read the text and put the sentences (21 – 26) in order writing their number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

***Rumpelstiltskin***

**Do you know the fairy tale, Rumpelstiltskin? Well, this is a modern version. Meet Chloe, a young woman who doesn't want to sing, crying at the audition for Find A Star ...**

From all across the land, people came to audition for the TV talent show *Find A Star*. At the front of the line was Mr Miller and his daughter, Chloe Miller. Chloe was a singer, Mr Miller told anyone who was listening.

Chloe couldn't really sing. She didn't want to sing in front of the audience and the judges, including famous record producer Simon King. When the doors opened, she ran to the bathroom to cry. Mr Miller was outside, talking to journalists. 'Chloe's voice is like gold,' he said. 'Simon King will choose her as the winner.'

Just then a little man appeared and said to Chloe, 'I can help you win the audition. I'll turn your voice into gold – just like your father's promise. What will you give me in return?'

'I have only this ring,' said Chloe.

'I'll take that!' the little man said.

When Chloe sang for the judges, her voice was so beautiful that the audience stood up to clap.

'You're in the competition,' said Simon King.

The next month, Chloe and her father arrived for the competition on live TV. Again Chloe was afraid and she hid in the bathroom. How will I sing like that again? she asked herself. But, again, the little man appeared. 'Give me your necklace and I'll make you sing like gold again,' he said.

Once more, the audience and the judges danced, cried and cheered every song she sang. She won the first round, the second and third, all the way to the final. Her father told all the newspapers, 'My daughter is going to win.' Chloe tried to look happy whenever the cameras were on, but really she didn't want to be a famous singer.

This time, when the little man came, Chloe had nothing left to give him and she was terrified. 'I'll open my mouth and everyone will know I can only sing a little bit.'

'I must have something in return,' said the little man. 'One day I will ask you for something and you will have to give it to me.'

Chloe agreed. She won the TV competition and Simon King signed her to his record label, King Records. Her first – and only – album sold millions and her manager – Mr Miller – became rich. Because she didn't really enjoy singing and she knew she wasn't that good, she began to act instead. At first no one believed this singer could act, but she went to drama school and worked her way from small parts in TV shows to leading roles in films. She forgot all about the little man.

One year, she was nominated for an Oscar for Best Actress. The night before the ceremony, the little man appeared again. 'You remember your promise?' he said. 'Give me your first Oscar or I'll tell all those journalists how you really won the TV contest.'

'I'll give you all the money my record has made,' she said, 'but please don't tell everyone. I've worked so hard for that Oscar!' she cried.

'If you can guess my name in three days,' he said, 'you can keep your Oscar – and your secrets.'

On the first day, Chloe guessed all the names she could think of. 'James, Ahmad, Santiago, Danil, Ji-hun'. But they were all wrong. On the second day she guessed 'Drake, Justin, Kanye, Ed, Zayn'. But they were all wrong

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too. Chloe was afraid. She had only one more day to guess. So she went to Twitter and searched #guessmyname and #Oscars. After hours, she found a tweet from @Rumpelstiltskin saying, 'Ha ha ha, tomorrow the Oscar goes to ...ME :)))) #guessmyname'.

The next day the little man came and said, 'Last chance. Guess my name or tonight I take your Oscar and share your secrets on Twitter.'

'Is your name ... Rumpelstiltskin?' she asked.

'Ahhhh,' screamed Rumpelstiltskin, because she was right. He stamped his foot so hard that it made a hole in the floor and he couldn't pull it out. But he kept her secret and Chloe Miller accepted the Oscar for Best Actress and lived happily ever after.

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21 (...) Chloe becomes a famous singer.

22 (...) Chloe gives the little man her ring.

23 (...) Chloe changes her job.

24 (...) The little man is angry.

25 (...) Chloe doesn't want to pay the little man.

26 (...) Chloe wins *Find A Star*.

**Task 5. For questions (27 – 35) choose the correct definition (A, B, or C) of the word in CAPITALS. Look at the word in context to help you.**

## **HOLI**

**Spring! Colours! Love! Holi is a time to play and laugh, forget and forgive.**

Holi is the ancient Hindu festival of colours and love. It is celebrated in India and Nepal and many parts of South Asia. There are lots of Holi celebrations in the UK, organised by the large British-Hindu community. Recently, Holi has also inspired non-religious celebrations in Europe and North America, and its popularity is growing.

### **The festival of colour**

Holi marks the beginning of spring. It is a celebration of good winning over evil, and a time to give thanks for the good harvest. The dates change each year according to the full moon, but it is normally in March and sometimes in late February. People go outside and throw coloured paint powder at each other. It does not matter if you are rich, poor, old or young – everyone can throw paint and everyone can get messy! There is a spirit of togetherness and equality. It is a time to forgive people and repair broken relationships, as well as meet with other people, play and have fun.

### **Traditional Holi**

Traditional Holi celebrations start the night before the throwing of colours. People meet around a bonfire and pray that evil will be destroyed, in the same way that the demon Holika was burnt in a fire, according to the legend. The next day is the chaotic and noisy festival of colours. People chase each other and throw coloured paint powder over each other. There is music and drumming, and people run and laugh in the streets and parks. Holi is celebrated outside.

### **Other Holi events in the UK**

Holi celebrations happened as early as the fourth century. It is thousands of years old! But recently, Holi-themed events have become popular with a new generation in Europe and North America. Every year, bigger and bigger crowds of people go to Holi events in London and all over the country, arriving dressed in white T-shirts and returning covered from head to toe in bright colours. There are paint-throwing parties at music

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festivals and races like the five-kilometre 'Colour Run', which is celebrated in more than 35 different countries. In the UK, restaurants and cultural organisations also offer their own Holi celebrations, with special menus, Indian music and dance.

### Know your festival

Many thousands of people in the UK will go to Holi events this year, attracted by the bright colours and playful atmosphere. Holi has a friendly and inclusive spirit, so non-Hindus are often welcomed to join the celebrations. It is always good to know about the origins and meaning of the festival though, even if you do not identify as Hindu. So, as well as being a fun festival and your photos looking great on Instagram, it's good to learn what it's all about and where it comes from.

27. Holi marks the beginning of spring and celebrates good winning over **EVIL**.
  - A. a person with a lot of energy
  - B. the force of things that are bad
  - C. generous and kind
28. There is a spirit of togetherness and **EQUALITY**.
  - A. being positive
  - B. working together and thinking the same thing
  - C. being equal, having the same status and rights
29. The demon Holika was burnt in a fire, according to the **LEGEND**.
  - A. light and heat
  - B. a story from the past that some people believe is true
  - C. the spirit of evil
30. The next day is the **CHAOTIC** and noisy festival of colours.
  - A. causing fun and laughter
  - B. with many loud sounds
  - C. completely confused and disorganised
31. People **CHASE** each other and throw coloured paint powder over each other.
  - A. to run after someone trying to catch them
  - B. to run to try to escape a place of danger
  - C. to sit quietly
32. Holi has a friendly and **INCLUSIVE SPIRIT**.
  - A. an atmosphere of including everybody
  - B. a long tradition
  - C. a lot of people who want to celebrate it
33. It is always good to know about the **ORIGINS** and meaning of the festival.
  - A. the traditional things to do at a particular festival
  - B. the roots or starting point of where something comes from
  - C. where exactly you need to go for something
34. It is good to understand the meaning of the festival even if you do not **IDENTIFY AS** Hindu.
  - A. understand
  - B. feel the same as
  - C. call yourself, say you are
35. It is good to learn what this festival is all about and where it **COMES FROM**.
  - A. arrives from another country
  - B. starts from
  - C. brings new ideas to

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**PART 3**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**20 MINUTES**

**Task 6. For questions (36 – 42) express the meaning of each phrase in one word.**

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| 36 | behaving in a pleasant, kind way towards someone (adj)                    | f _ _ _ _ _ |
| 37 | a board game with a black and white board and different shaped pieces (n) | c _ _ _ _   |
| 38 | someone who visits a place for pleasure and does not live there (n)       | t _ _ _ _ _ |
| 39 | to smile and make sounds with your voice because something is funny (v)   | l _ _ _ _   |
| 40 | a comfortable bus used to take people on long journeys (n)                | c _ _ _ _   |
| 41 | to go to an event or a place (v)  | a _ _ _ _ _ |
| 42 | to start (a journey) (phr. v)   | s _ _ _ _ _ |

**Task 7. For questions (43 – 50) fill in the gaps in the text below with the correct forms of the words in CAPITAL letters.**

**THE GUARDIANS (film)**

(43) \_\_\_\_\_ **CLEAR** inspired by the movies that have been coming out from *Marvel Studios* for the last decade, *Guardians* is the closest we've seen to a genuine Russian take on *the Avengers*. Consisted of four (44) \_\_\_\_\_ **FANTASY** heroes who are the product of a secret Cold War era super soldier program, the plot revolves around the Guardians coming out of hiding when the (45) \_\_\_\_\_ **SCIENCE** who created them attempts to conquer Russia with an army of robots. Rife with themes of patriotism and (46) \_\_\_\_\_ **NATION** unity, the team includes representatives of the (47) \_\_\_\_\_ **DIFFER** nationalities of the former USSR.

There's Ursus, who has the (48) \_\_\_\_\_ **POSSIBLE** to shipshape into a bear-man and carries a gatling gun. Khan, who is super (49) \_\_\_\_\_ **SPEED** and wields a pair of curved swords. Ler, who can manipulate with earth and stone. And finally, Xenia, who has the power of (50) \_\_\_\_\_ **INVISIBLE** and can transform her body into water.

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**PART 4**

**WRITING**

**25 MINUTES**

**Write a short story which begins with the words**

«When the taxi arrived Susan was ready, dressed in her very best clothes.»

**You should write 80 – 100 words.**