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LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

(10 points)

*For items 1–10 listen to a dialogue and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear (A), or FALSE (B), or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text (C). You will hear the text **twice**.*

1. Bill thinks that the game was exciting.
2. The rain had stopped right before the game began.
3. The friends agree that the players are in bad shape.
4. Ford has recently become their team's captain.
5. Bill thinks that Evans is a much better player than Ford.
6. Evans has been a defender in the team for a long time.
7. The friends think that the management doesn't spend enough money on the team.
8. The friends are proud of the pitch the team plays on.
9. The friends think that the team needs a new manager.
10. The friends' team is playing in the Third Division.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

Time: 40 minutes

(15 points)

Read the passage below and answer questions 1–15.

USE YOUR SIXTH SENSE!

How good are your hunches? Can you send a 'think-o-gram'? Can you send or receive ideas and information by means of mental waves, in the same way as radio waves?

Or you may have read some of the articles written in recent years about telepathy, which is the term scientists use to mean communication from one mind to another without the use of any of the usual five senses – sight, hearing, smell, taste or touch. Telepathy is one form of extra-sensory perception. (The word 'extra' means 'outside of' so 'extra-sensory' refers to something outside of the usual senses.)

Science has been taking a close look at ESP (extra-sensory perception) and has made some interesting findings. Recent studies have been seeking answers to many of the same questions you may have wondered about.

Do most people have ESP?

Yes. Studies conducted at the City College of the University of New York have demonstrated that ESP is associated with other human abilities, such as perception, learning and thinking. As Professor Gertrude Schmeidler observes, ESP acts to some degree in everyday happenings: for example, someone stares at you and you turn around. Or a friend phones you after a long time and you have a feeling it is he or she before picking up the receiver.

The studies indicate that all forms of ESP – telepathy, subconscious promptings, hunches – are simply enlargements and improvements of our ordinary senses. Why they work at one time but not at another has been found to be influenced by such things as mood and personality.

Do some people lack ESP?

Yes, just as there are people who have little or no intuition, so there are people who have little or no ESP. Studies at Oxford University show that in the minds of some people there is a kind of control which stops ESP.

What personality type is best at ESP?

All studies show that people who make the best scores on ESP tests are likely to be well-adjusted, emotionally stable, self-confident, and socially outgoing and to have a good relationship with others. Also, they are free from nervousness and hostility. In addition, a carefree, positive, accepting, happy-go-lucky outlook on life was found in many of the high scorers.

A study of elementary school boys and girls has shown similar findings, "with positive scores being made by children who were outgoing in personality, and the lowest scores being made by those who were withdrawn in their social relations."

Is it true that a good memory and ESP go together?

Yes. Research at the Institute of Parapsychology in Durham, N.C., shows "a definite relationship between the scores made by the subjects on their ESP tests and the scores made on their memory tests." It seems that ESP and memory have something in common, but what exactly is that is something that we do not yet know.

Are creative people better at ESP than others?

Yes. Investigations have shown that people with creative ability are better at sensing others' thoughts, have greater awareness, and a sharper sense of perception. They can usually depend on the accuracy of their hunches (psychologists call these hunches precognition). In studies conducted at the University of Wyoming, students who scored highest on creativity tests also made the highest scores on ESP tests.

Does your ESP work better when you are lying down?

That depends on whether you are sending or receiving. Studies at the University of California indicate that the conditions for telepathy are best when the sender is really concentrating – and the receiver is lying down and relaxed.

Can you lose ESP?

Yes. Tests show that it may be present one day and gone the next. Loss of ESP may be either temporary or permanent. ESP, like other senses, is influenced to a great degree by mood, general attitude, and outlook, which may change from day to day.

Are happily married couples better at ESP than others?

Yes. The closer your relationship is to another person, the better you are able to sense his or her thoughts and feelings, and this holds true whether you are in the same room or isolated from each other.

In studies made at Agnes Scott College, couples who share a close emotional relationship were tested against couples who were not close, in a sender-receiver ESP test. (All couples were separated from each other in special rooms). Couples in the closely-related group did better in every way than did the couples who did not have a close relationship.

Does it matter whether or not you believe in ESP?

Yes. In studies conducted by a team of University of California psychologists, significant results on telepathy tests were obtained only with the group which believed in ESP.

Are some of our dreams really thoughts sent by someone else?

Yes. Studies have demonstrated the ability to influence another person's dreams from a distant room and, in one experiment, from a distance of 14 miles.

This brings up the interesting question of how many of our dreams come from our own minds and how many may come from someone else. Science has only just begun to investigate this phenomenon, but it is interesting to think about the possibility that the air may be as filled with wandering thoughts as it is with equally invisible radio waves. If that is so, we would do well to learn to be careful about the thoughts we 'broadcast'.

Task 1. Questions 1–7

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text? In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: A (TRUE) if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; B (FALSE) if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.

1. There are people who are totally deprived of ESP.
2. ESP is unique in its nature and bears no resemblance to human ordinary senses.
3. Grouchy introverted personality types with underdeveloped social skills tend to make equally good scores on ESP tests as carefree extraverts.
4. The higher your level of creativity is the worse you do on ESP tests.
5. The conditions for telepathy are best when the manipulator remains fully focused and the receiver is relieved of any tension.
6. You may show a high level of ESP regardless of your belief in it.
7. Our dreams are solely the products of our own minds.

Task 2. Questions 8–15

Choose option A, B, C which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 8–15 on your answer sheet.

8. Extra-sensory perception has to do with ideas and thoughts which are sent and received by ... waves.
 - A. radio
 - B. personality
 - C. mental
9. How well ESP works in any one person ...
 - A. changes from time to time
 - B. is always the same in that person
 - C. depends upon the time of day

- 10.** Scientists ... some people are better at sending and receiving ESP messages than others are.
- A. do not know yet whether
 - B. have found that
 - C. do not believe
- 11.** Those who do best at ESP are people who
- A. have never met before
 - B. have a close relationship
 - C. know each other well but are not in the same room at the time
- 12.** A person can receive ESP messages best when he or she is
- A. concentrating hard on a problem
 - B. working out outdoors
 - C. relaxed
- 13.** We would expect twins to be ... at sending or receiving ESP messages from one to the other.
- A. about the same as anyone else
 - B. rather poor
 - C. unusually good
- 14.** One of the very best times for receiving ESP messages is during
- A. sleep
 - B. a game such as basketball
 - C. an argument with a friend
- 15.** If people in the future use their ESP powers more than they do now, we may one day find it necessary to
- A. learn a foreign language
 - B. control our thoughts as we do our speech
 - C. stop thinking

<p><i>Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!</i></p>

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 30 minutes

(20 points)

Task 1. Questions 1–10

For items 1–10 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Example:

0	resignation
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SOB STORY

Margaret Thatcher wept after her (0) ... as Prime Minister.	RESIGN
When did you last cry? Did it cause you any (1) ...? After	EMBARRASS
all, it can seem a bit (2) ...to cry. Babies do it all the time	CHILD
because it's their only way of catching people's attention. But sobbing actually helps get rid of the (3) ...substances	HARM
which tend to build up in your body when your life is (4)	STRESS
(5) ... say the tears we produce when we feel	RESEARCH
(6) ... are different from those caused by an	MISERY
(7) ... in the eye.	IRRITATE
(8) ... tears contain a substance which makes us feel depressed. If we cry, we get rid of it and feel better! So it can	EMOTION
be (9) ... to hold back tears. If you don't express your	HEALTH
(10) ... you risk becoming more upset and this can even have an effect on the body's immune system making you more likely to get ill.	FEEL

Task 2. Questions 11–20

For items 11–20, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use from three to five words. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. The pool isn't deep enough to swim in.

too

The pool swim in.

0	is too shallow to
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11. The only exercise she takes is jogging in the morning.

apart

She doesn't take any exercise in the morning.

12. They think that anything up to 300 people might have come.

believed

Up to 300 people come.

13. They've only got half the boys they need to make up a team.

twice

They need they've got to make up a team.

14. I think there's snow on the way.

if

It looks to snow.

15. It's possible that he forgot about the task.

might

He about the task.

16. You should be in bed by now!

high

It's went to bed!

17. You could always stay with us for a few days, if necessary.

put

We could always for a few days, if necessary.

18. After seeing all the candidates they'll announce their decision.

once

They'll announce their decision all the candidates.

19. She's never flown before.

first

This is the by air.

20. I can't believe you stayed so calm.

temper

I'd if I'd been in your shoes.

<p><i>Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!</i></p>

WRITING

Time: 40 minutes

(15 points)

Write a short review of your favourite play by William Shakespeare for your school magazine.

Write **the title of the play** at the beginning on a separate line (*words are not counted in this line*).

Remember to mention in your review:

- why you like the play;
- which character in the play you would most like to meet and why;
- why you should stage the play at your school theatre.

Write **100 –140 words**.

<i>Transfer your review to the answer sheet!</i>
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