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UNIT 2: Test A

Dictation

Listen and write the sentences that you hear.

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Listening

Task 1

You will hear part of an interview with a young student who helps with overseas visitors who come to her town. For questions 1-7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Sarah says the best thing about having a visiting student was
- A being able to learn their language.
 - B taking up a new interest with them.
 - C understanding more about their culture.
- 2 What does Sarah say about John Lennon's childhood home?
- A It was too tidy to be interesting.
 - B It was worth visiting more than once.
 - C It was lacking personality.
- 3 How did Alisa react to the sculpture in the Tate museum?
- A She found it rather frightening.
 - B She thought it was difficult to understand.
 - C She was amazed by its complexity.

- 4 What did Sarah think was most surprising about the Chinese family?
A the names they chose
B the activities they wanted to do
C the amount of time they spent sightseeing
- 5 What was Sarah's opinion of Shanghai?
A She was amazed by how exciting it was.
B She liked its modern appearance.
C She found some aspects of the city rather unusual.
- 6 Why has Sarah prepared a guide for visitors from Germany?
A She wanted to assist them with potential language problems.
B She was keen to tell them about the city.
C She was unhappy that there was no other information for them.
- 7 What does Sarah think host families appreciate most from their guests?
A following house rules
B bringing presents from their country
C speaking English all the time

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Task 2

Think about what you have heard and answer the questions (1-3)

- 1 Which is the best summary of what Sarah is talking about?
- A her experiences organising an international tennis competition
 - B her experiences hosting people from cities that are twinned with Liverpool
 - C the tourist attractions in her home town of Liverpool
- 2 Where do the people who have stayed with Sarah come from?
- A China and the Ukraine
 - B Germany and the Ukraine
 - C all over the UK
- 3 Which is the best description of how Sarah feels about her experiences?
- A She thinks it could be improved if the people involved have more guidance.
 - B She has had some enjoyable and memorable experiences and is planning for more.
 - C She enjoyed hosting people in her home more than visiting them abroad.

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Reading

Task 1

You are going to read about four young people who have volunteered to help on different projects. For questions 1-7, choose from the four people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

- 1 was determined to assist the victims of a natural disaster?
- 2 refers to the negative effects of mass tourism on native species?
- 3 reports that some people in the community recognise how the project helps them?
- 4 describes a regular commitment to volunteering with children?
- 5 mentions the requirement to help to tidy up the environment?
- 6 had the opportunity to educate the next generation about conserving their environment?
- 7 reports that similar conditions had not been seen for generations?

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Task 2

Read the texts again and answer the questions (1 and 2).

- 1 In your own words, summarise the benefits of the volunteer work described in A to the local environment. (4 marks)
- 2 Why did writer D decide to volunteer? (2 marks)

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Total: ____/50

Young volunteers

Four young people talk about the projects they volunteered on.

A

Last year, I went to help with the conservation of endangered species in the Galapagos Islands. I've always been fascinated by the animals that live there. Unfortunately, the fact that over 80,000 tourists visit the islands each year means that the rubbish that they leave on beaches can harm the giant tortoises and seabirds. At first, I monitored the Galapagos Petrel, which builds its nests where the native miconia plants grow. Humans have introduced non-native plants, like the guava tree, which stop miconia from growing freely and so are a threat to this unique bird, as are the black rats that live in the rubbish-strewn urban areas on the islands. After a week of counting, tagging and measuring these birds, I then worked in the giant tortoise breeding centre. This is the only protected area on the islands and tortoises are bred and kept safe here. I helped repair nests and ponds and also fed the tortoises. They eat the otoi plant, so we planted lots of these. I also went into local schools to talk about how schoolchildren can help this endangered species to survive.

B

As part of my Duke of Edinburgh Gold award, I went on an expedition to Base Camp at the foot of Mount Everest to clear up the rubbish left by many groups of climbers. Each year, around 100,000 walkers and climbers visit the area and damage the precious ecology of the mountain. Since 2014, climbers have had to fill canvas bags left on the mountain with the rubbish left by previous visitors to the area. The bags are then taken away by helicopters at no extra cost as these fly to the mountain to drop climbing ropes and used to return empty. To date, over 16 tonnes of waste including oxygen tanks, tents, eating utensils and other camping materials have been taken away, but there is still more to do to return this famous location to its pure and clean condition of earlier times.

C

Most people think it rains all the time in Britain, which isn't true, but at times it can seem like it does. Sometimes we get too much rain and it floods. In December 2015, the city of Carlisle and the surrounding villages in the north of England experienced devastating floods after Storm Desmond hit the area. Luckily, my family lives in a village on a hill so we weren't affected. But when I saw that local children had had to leave their homes with their parents and sleep in the sports hall of their school, I decided to do something to help. I went to the flood relief centre and distributed hot meals that other volunteers had cooked. I am a bit of a whizz at building websites, so I made one that asked people to donate clothing, shoes, food and toys to be given to flood victims. There were also a lot of elderly people whose homes were flooded and they said it was the worst flooding they had seen since 1947.

D

I live in a town near London, but my uncle and aunt live on a farm in Devon and I go to visit them in the school holidays. I love helping to feed and care for the animals, so when I heard that Hackney City Farm in the centre of London was looking for volunteers, I jumped at the chance. I like working with children so I help at the Mini Farmers Club every Saturday morning. We make arts and crafts and get to know the animals. Some children have never seen a live farm animal until they come to the farm so it is wonderful to see their faces light up when they can stroke the goats and cows. They also learn about where foods like milk, cheese and meat come from as some think they are made in supermarkets! It's not just the children that we help – adults who want to learn how to grow fruit and vegetables come to gardening sessions. I can only help on these during the school holidays, and I meet a lot of retired people. Some of them tell me they feel isolated and like getting out and meeting people. The farm is always looking for volunteers, so what are you waiting for?