

UNIT 2: Test B

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 that learning Ukrainian
A is easier than most other languages.
B enabled her to communicate at a basic level.
C was a good way to meet people and take up new
hobbies.
- 2 What does Sarah say about visiting Paul
McCartney's childhood home?
A She liked it because it felt real.
B She would have enjoyed visiting it again.
C She enjoyed it more than she had expected.
- 3 How did Sarah feel about Alicia's reaction to the
sculpture in the Tate museum?
A She was surprised by it.
B She was excited by it.
C She was upset by it.

- 4 The Chang's favourite activity was
A a visit to Wales.
B a day shopping.
C an evening with other people.
- 5 What did Sarah enjoy most about visiting Shanghai?
A She was fascinated by the different food.
B She was interested in the different architecture.
C She was pleased to be able to experience a big city.
- 6 How does Sarah feel about the way her German visitors will communicate?
A concerned about possible problems
B keen to help them avoid difficulties
C sure that they will find it easy to talk to people
- 7 What should visitors do when staying with host families?
A ask for help when they need it
B follow the house rules
C use their own language 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 the topic Sarah is talking about?
- A her role in organising school trips for students
 - B tennis players who have visited Liverpool with the twin-town organisation
 - C her experiences of hosting families and school students
- 2 Where do the people who have stayed with Sarah come from?
- A China and the Ukraine
 - B all over the UK
 - C China and Germany
- 3 Which is the best description of Sarah's attitude?
- A She wants to help visitors and make their stay as enjoyable as possible.
 - B She is more interested in visiting other countries than hosting visitors.
 - C She is keen to teach visitors English and learn other languages herself.

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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 helped to tidy up the environment in a place of natural beauty?
- 2 says that the project helps fight loneliness?
- 3 talks about the impact of mass tourism on native species?
- 4 used their IT skills in their volunteer work?
- 5 helped to monitor the numbers of an animal?
- 6 reports that some children have little experience of real animals?
- 7 describes the effects of a natural disaster?

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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 D to the local community. (4 marks)
- 2 Why did writer C decide to volunteer? (2 marks)

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Total: ____/50

Young volunteers

Four young people write 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?