

Ключи и транскрипция текстов для аудирования

LISTENING (по 2 балла за каждый верный ответ)

1	A	B	C
2	A	B	C
3	A	B	C
4	A	B	C
5	A	B	C
6	A	B	C
7	A	B	C
8	aunt, too nervous		
9	hired car		
10	tie		
11	watching quiz shows		
12	the green room		
13	university teacher		
14	general knowledge		
15	(big) television / TV		

READING (по 1 баллу за каждый верный ответ)

1	up
2	of
3	the
4	ok
5	by
6	ok
7	ok
8	ok
9	ok
10	ok
11	to
12	to
13	just
14	ok
15	still
16	D
17	G
18	B
19	J
20	H
21	E
22	A

23	F
24	C
25	I.

USE OF ENGLISH (по 1 баллу за каждый верный ответ)

1	chat away
2	eat away at
3	hand out
4	lie around
5	mess around
6	run off
7	shout out
8	speak out
9	see off
10	slow down
11	take down
12	work out
13	run off
14	eat away at
15	take down
16	(break) even
17	(dream your) life away
18	(go) bust
19	(be in the hot) seat
20	(be in the) red / headlines
21	(make) headlines
22	((be) over) the moon
23	(score) a hat-trick
24	(strike) it rich
25	(try) your hand at something
26	dreaming his life away
27	over the moon
28	scored a hat-trick
29	made headlines
30	try his hand at
31	breaking even
32	went bust
33	in the hot seat
34	in the red
35	struck it rich

SCRIPT

LISTENING

Task 1

P: Good evening and welcome to the programme. This evening's guest is headmaster of East Crompton Comprehensive Dr. Charles Greenway, and we're going to be talking about truancy. Dr. Greenway, thanks for joining me this evening.

CG: Good evening, I'm pleased to be here.

P: Let's begin by defining the word truancy. What do we actually mean - a couple of missed lessons, a week's holiday during term time, or repeated absences from school with no explanation?

CG: It's a good question to begin with, Paul. Any absence that has not been authorised by the school is truancy. It doesn't matter if a child is being taken to Disneyland in Florida because it's cheaper in term time, going Christmas shopping with a parent, or just roaming around the neighbourhood with other children causing problems for the local residents. It's all truancy.

P: How widespread is the problem in the United Kingdom?

CG: Very, I'm afraid. As many as four million school days are lost every year through truancy, and about 1.7 million of those are lost because of children being taken on family holidays and excursions. Travel agents have special offers during term time, so it's a lot cheaper for a family to go away. This government wants to raise educational standards, but we can't do that if children miss school. Full attendance is a precondition for effective learning.

P: Did I hear correctly just then - almost half the days lost because of truancy are because of parents taking their children on holiday?

CG: Yes, exactly. It is quite shocking, isn't it? Imagine how incredibly difficult it is for us to convince children that missing school for no good reason is a bad thing when their own parents behave in such an irresponsible manner.

P: It must be. What are the government doing in view of this situation?

CG: Well, after years of campaigning by teachers all over the country, the government are finally beginning to understand that something has to be done. They are currently holding talks with the travel industry to encourage travel agents to give discounts to families who book their trips in the school holidays, and the police are now involved in picking up children on the streets. Social workers are also being recruited to work with the families of children who play truant. And, for our part, we're setting up behaviour improvement projects in the school to teach children discipline and respect for learning. But let me stress again that most of the responsibility for ensuring that a child is at school lies with the parents. Neglecting this responsibility is a criminal offence.

P: Do you mean parents could be prosecuted in a court of law if their children do not attend lessons?

CG: That's exactly what I mean, although this law is poorly enforced. It should, in my opinion, be better enforced. The future of our children matters. We owe it to them to give them the best education possible, and we can only do this if they are in school.

P: I agree with what you're saying, but don't you think it's a little harsh to prosecute parents of truant children?

CG: It may seem so to the average person, yes, but I would like to stress again that the future of this country is the schoolchildren of today. It is impossible for the schools to prepare them for life if the children are not at school, and parents simply must be on our side when it comes to stopping children playing truant.

P: I see your point. I think it's about the right time to take a few calls from our listeners. We've got William Peterson on the line. Good morning, Mr. Peterson?

Task 2

Dan:	So Julie, have you ever been on TV?
Julie:	No, but my dad was years ago. What happened was that a TV producer walked in to my grandmother's shop and asked her if she'd let my <u>aunt</u> take part in this quiz show called The Big Question.
Q1	He'd seen her working in the shop and I suppose he thought she'd look good on TV. Anyway, when she was asked, she said no. She said she was afraid she'd get <u>too nervous</u> and be unable to speak when they asked her questions! My elder sister, who was only eleven at the time, told her she should go because it was the chance of a lifetime, but she wouldn't change her mind.
Dan:	So then what happened?
Julie:	Well, at that moment my dad walked in, overheard the argument and said that if she didn't want to go, he'd be happy to go himself. Anyway, the producer agreed and a couple of weeks later my father took a <u>hired car</u> - ours was very old and he didn't trust it - and drove
Q3	to the TV studios. I don't think he <u>trusted the</u> trains to arrive on time either.
Dan:	So he risked getting caught in the traffic instead!
Julie:	That's right. Anyway, when he got there, he'd got his suit but he realised that he hadn't remembered to bring a <u>tie</u> , so he asked the producer if he could borrow one.
Q4	
Dan:	And did he study at all for the show, you know by reading encyclopedias and so on?
Julie:	Not at all! I don't think we even had an encyclopedia in the house. He told me later that the only thing he'd done was spend a few evenings <u>watching quiz shows</u> on TV so he'd know what to expect. My dad is not one of those people who's in the habit of studying really.
Q5	
Dan:	And who were the other competitors? Were they people like him?
Julie:	Well, what he told me was that before the show he waited with the other participants in a place called ' <u>The Green Room</u> ', where they chatted to each other and were given something to eat and drink. Anyway, he said he was quite impressed because the other two competitors were both quite smartly dressed and looked very academic. In fact one of them
Q6	

- Q7 was a university teacher. The other wasn't though; he turned out to be a bus driver.
- Dan: And what sort of questions did they have to answer?
- Julie: As far as I remember all the questions they had to answer were on general knowledge.
Q8 Nothing specialist if you see what I mean, but I still think my dad felt quite lucky to be able to answer his, because he managed to beat both the other contestants.
- Dan: Fantastic! And what was the presenter like? Was he, you know, aggressive or anything?
- Julie: No, he wasn't – at least during the programme, he wasn't. My dad said that he was really
Q9 charming. But, as soon as the show had ended, he stopped being friendly and left without talking to any of the contestants again. Sounds a bit strange, doesn't it?
- Dan: It does. Anyway, did your father win a lot of money and become a millionaire or something?
- Julie: No! He didn't become a millionaire, but he did
Q10 win a few prizes – there was a big television, I remember, and a big fluffy elephant, which he gave to me. They were pretty impressive prizes for us then, so we were all very happy. I kept the elephant for years, till I was at least 16, but then it went to a jumble sale.
- Dan: And would you like to take part in a quiz show?
- Julie: I'd love to. I'm hooked on them and I'm always phoning in to try and win some of the prize money! No luck so far though.
- Dan: Well, keep trying!

