News Items

You are going to hear 12 news items. They will be read ONCE only. After each news item there will be a pause of 20 seconds for you to answer the questions by writing one of the letters A, B, C or D in the boxes. After writing your answer, you may also like to look at the question which follows. When you hear a soft sound, go on to the next question.

1. What information do we get in this news item?
   A. Road rage has very little to do with traffic jams
   B. The Responsible Driving Campaign was not successful
   C. Road rage victims need counselling treatment
   D. Frustrated drivers attacking other drivers is a growing problem

2. What are we told about in this news item?
   A. The queen’s visit to St Paul’s Cathedral
   B. A church in London called St Martin-in-the-Fields
   C. The accidental interruption of a choir’s performance
   D. An accident where students were badly injured

3. What is suggested in this news item?
   A. There was a row in the World’s Football governing body
   B. The referee did not get the money he had been promised
   C. The wrong ball was auctioned off at a very high price
   D. The referee tried to make a profit, but failed

4. What is reported in this news item?
   A. A breakthrough for the conservation of rainforests
   B. All of the Congo basin is to be protected
   C. Top politicians still refuse to discuss the deforestation issue
   D. Long-term measures against deforestation are to be adopted

5. What information do we get in this news item?
   A. The curfew scheme is still very controversial among residents
   B. At weekends children under 16 have to stay at home in the evenings
   C. The number of youth crimes has increased in some Scottish towns
   D. Scottish police no longer escort children home in the evenings

Answers

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6 What is reported about Venice?
A More people must be persuaded to move from the centre
B A new local airport is proposed
C There are plans to reduce local railfares
D A modern means of communication is badly needed

7 What are we told in this news item?
A A pill is now available for people suffering from Alzheimer’s
B So far, the new drug has been tested only on rats
C After the age of seventy, it is difficult to learn new things
D The loss of long term memory seems to be the greatest problem

8 What happened at Heathrow?
A Two passenger planes were landing at the same time
B An accident was warded off at the last moment
C An air traffic inspector made a fatal mistake
D Pilots’ heavy workloads caused a threatening incident

Answers
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9 What is mentioned in this item?
A Tourists are flocking to the old seaside resorts again  
B A PR campaign based on *Fawlty Towers* has been launched  
C New generations of tourists have different tastes and interests  
D A fortnight at the seaside is still part of most people’s holiday plans

10 What does the Home Secretary say?
A Too few Asians and blacks work in Britain’s police force  
B It will be cheaper for Britain to recruit policemen from abroad  
C Police officers from Asia and Africa will come to Britain to learn  
D Black and Asian police officers have been recruited to fill vacancies

11 What would be a suitable headline for this item?
A Government blames midwives for babies’ deaths  
B Labour wards need better equipment  
C Heavy workload blamed for babies’ deaths  
D Midwives reject controversial report

12 What are we told in the last news item?
A The population of apes may have to be reduced  
B Apes were first imported to Gibraltar by Winston Churchill  
C In Morocco, this ape is a mythological animal  
D Gibraltar’s apes first became famous during the Second World War

Answers
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