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# LISTENING PART 4



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- La parte della comprensione orale si divide in QUATTRO parti e dura 30 minuti.
  - Nella quarta parte ascolterai una conversazione (due volte) e bisogna rispondere correttamente alle domande a risposta multipla in base a ciò che si sente.
  - Prima di procedere, ti invito a scaricare il pdf sulla parte di Listening. In questo modo, sarai in grado di seguire questa lezione con più facilità e svolgere gli esercizi in modo più accessibile.
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# COME SVOLGERE QUESTO ESERCIZIO?

- Leggi le domande per capire il contesto, così saprai a cosa prestare attenzione quando inizia l'audio. Sottolinea le parole chiavi per capire quali sono i concetti principali.
  - Se la prima volta non capisci quale sia la risposta giusta, avrai la seconda possibilità per prestare maggiore attenzione.
  - Una volta terminato il compito, rileggi le risposte e controlla che tutto sembri giusto.
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You will hear a conversation. You will hear the conversation twice. Choose the correct answers.



1. Fran knows about 'typing pools' because
    - a) she used to work in one.
    - b) her mother was a typist.
    - c) they were popular with typists.
  2. When he watched the programme, Jim was impressed by people's
    - a) long working hours in the office.
    - b) workload in their homes.
    - c) separation of work and home.
  3. Jim is always in contact with his company because
    - a) the company insists he is.
    - b) he wants to be like everyone else.
    - c) he enjoys knowing what's happening.
  4. Fran believes that bringing one's work home
    - a) makes people's work more interesting.
    - b) means working less time in the office.
    - c) has an impact on people's home life.
  5. Jim says that, as a result of technology,
    - a) office work can be done more quickly.
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  6. Fran and Jim both give examples of people who
    - a) now sell antique objects through the Internet.
    - b) have found the Internet useful for business.
    - c) should get good websites for their businesses.
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Part 4

Question	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Answer	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>

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M Fran, I watched this programme the other day about office and business life fifty years ago. My goodness, it's amazing how much things have changed.

F Well of course, Jim. There were no computers in those days were there?

M No, that's what I noticed first of all. Everything looks so different with people working at desks with pens and paper. But what's even more noticeable is the movement around the office. People going to filing cabinets, people walking around carrying papers and files. And the noise was different, too.

F Well they had the typing pool.

M What's that?

F You see! Even you don't remember. I remember my mother worked in one. The typing pool is where all the typists used to sit and type the letters from the company. No emails in those days.

M No, I know that. Nowadays people do their own typing anyway. But the interesting thing is that people finished work and then left their work at the office. That was it. Once they got home, nobody could bother them, except on the telephone.

F Yes, I know. It seems that nowadays, we're always at work. People can email us or even send us work on our smartphones or PDAs, or whatever they're called these days.

M What's it stand for?

F Personal Digital Assistant, I think.

M Wow! You know a lot about these things.

F Well, I live with someone who is always using his, don't I?

M Oh, yes. I'm afraid I have no choice. It's company policy. We have to be in contact all the time. These days it takes a moment to win or lose a contract in a moment so it's part of my work contract.

F Yes, but I do think it means it's so much more difficult to separate work from social life these days and it must have an effect on family life.

M Yes, I know. But just think, now you can find any information you need so quickly. Years ago you had to spend days writing letters to people to get some important information. Now it's all on the Internet.

F Yes, I know.

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- F Yes, I suppose that before, you wrote a letter for some information and then could sit back and not do anything until you received a reply. Now you can send an email, or look on the Internet and get anything instantly. But there's so much more pressure on everyone.
- M But on the other hand, remember how much easier things are now. All that paper in files and the way offices used to store information; for example pay records, that sort of thing. Now it's all done automatically.
- F Yes, I suppose so. There are good things and bad things about the world we live in.
- M And of course lots of businesses are based on the Internet. I know someone who used to sell antiques in an antique market in London. Now he sells everything through the Internet. So his business has changed completely.
- F You know it's interesting you saying that, because I have a friend who stopped working when she had her children, but she was always a good businesswoman and she also liked making her own jewellery. She started selling the jewellery on the Internet and now has a staff of five people making jewellery all day because she sells so much.
- M I can believe it. That's why it's so important to have a good website. Mmmm... now that would be a good business to be in.
- F Oh you can forget that. You've got enough business to do without thinking about another one.

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