

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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