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ΑΡΧΗ ΣΕΛΙΔΑΣ 2

A. Read the text below and respond to tasks A1 and A2.

Clubbers risk losing the sound of silence

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Many young people are at risk of premature hearing loss, according to the Royal National Institute for Deaf People. In a report published today it blames the growth in the popularity of loud music for what it says is an alarming rise in deafness among the young.

"These trends in youth culture have generated an inexorable rise in noise exposure and pose a serious threat to the hearing of an entire generation", the report says. It adds that a generation could experience hearing loss in middle age, rather than later on.

The report says that three times as many young people are exposed to dangerous sound levels today as in the early 1980s, with more than 23 per cent now regularly listening to very loud music. Digital technology means that music can be played at events or on hi-fi systems at a much higher volume without being distorted. As a result, clubbers or those who listen to loud music at home are three times as likely to suffer from tinnitus, commonly referred to as noises in the head or ear. The noise may be whistling, ringing or clicking; it may be constant or intermittent. Hearing loss is cumulative, so regular attendance at live concerts and nightclubs puts people at increasing risk, especially if they also spend a lot of time listening to personal stereos. Although workers are required by law to be offered ear protection if they are subject to noise above 85 decibels, there are no statutory limits for the protection of audiences. At concerts, groups may play music amplified to above 120 decibels, which is 1,000 per cent louder than 85 decibels.

A study in Britain found that of those who went to rock concerts up to 73 per cent reported dulled hearing or tinnitus or both. Among clubbers the figure was 66 per cent, and 17 per cent of stereo users also reported hearing difficulties. Tests have shown that 44 per cent of those who attend rock concerts once a month have hearing difficulties.

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Α. ΚΑΤΑΝΟΗΣΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

A1. Answer questions 1-3 using information from the article (up to 15 words each).

(3 x 4 points = 12 points)

- 1. What do you understand by the phrase "losing the sound of silence" in the title of the article? That people who have their hearing damaged may not able to enjoy silence, suffering from tinnitus, hence hearing noises. (or similar)
- 2. What does the article warn us against? It warns us against being exposed to too loud music. (or similar)
- 3. Which specific groups of people are more likely to have hearing problems from listening to music? Those who frequent in clubs, or live concerts, as well as those who listen to loud music at home. (or similar)
- A2. Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) for items 4–9 using information from the article.

									(6 x 3 points =	18 points)
	4. Today's generation is very likely to face deafness							9		
		A. in their 20)'s.		B. in t	heir 40)'s.	c.	in their 60's.	2
	5.	. At concerts, audiences are offered ear protection					ion	_		1
		A. if the mus above 85				e mus decib	<mark>ic plays</mark> above els.	C.	under no circumstances	9
	6. The danger of less clear hearing or noises in the ear is higher for people who									
		A. go to nigh	ntclubs		B. atte	end ro	<mark>ck concerts</mark> .	С.	listen to stereo	music.
	7.	People who us	ually lis	sten to ve	erv loud r	nusic c	an lose <mark>their</mark> hea	ring		Ċ
		A. increasir				denly.		C.	periodically.	
	8.	People who are	prote	cted by la	aw agains	st noise	e may be			
		A. street wo	orkers.		B. club	o fans.		C.	stereo users.	<u> </u>
	9.	Within the last t	thirty y	ears the	number o	of youn	ig peop <mark>le w</mark> ho list	ten to	very loud music	00
		A. has rema	ined s	teady.	3. has	doubl	ed.	C .	has tripled.	
B .	Β. ΓΛΩΣΣΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΓΝΩΣΗ									
B1.		Use the correct	form o	f the foll	owing w	ords (<mark>/</mark>	A-H) to complete	the se	entences 10-14,	as in the
example. There are TWO words you do not need. (5 x 2 points = 10 points)										
•		-			as you a					points)
Α.		rely	В.	fish		C.	interrupt		D. forgive	S
E.		afford	F.	astonisł	 ו	G.	hold	C	H. promote	

Example: When he came to our town on a promotional tour for his book, I got a signed copy.

10.	I lock my office door when I am working to lessen the number of interruptions.
11.	Pete, we trusted you, but you've gone too far! Your behaviour is unforgivable.
12.	I wait for the sales to buy good-quality clothes at <u>affordable</u> prices.
13.	I have been <u>reliably</u> informed that the Prime Minister will come into your room, so you do have to make some speeches.
14.	Much to her astonishment, her parents chose yellow roses instead of their usual red ones.

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B2.	APXΗ ΣΕΛΙΔΑ Fill in the TWO gaps in the formal statements meaning with the informal statements of Colum	tatements of Column B, so that they have a similar				
Exar	nple: I think you're silly not to wear a helmet.	Wearing a helmet both protects riders and				
	Besides an injury, you might get a fine.	is required by law.				
	A. SPOKEN FORM	B. WRITTEN FORM				
15.	I don't know why the invitation got to me after everyone else had got theirs.	Inexplicably, it seems I was the <u>last</u> to learn about the wedding.				
16.	They tell us to let the secretary know by 8 when we are going out late.	Students are not allowed to leave the building at night <u>unless</u> they inform the secretary by 8 pm.				
17.	He didn't train enough; he was a bit unlucky, too. That's why he didn't break the record.	His failure to break the record was <u>due</u> to poor training and bad luck.				
18.	The TV says it's going to snow tomorrow. Perhaps we shouldn't drive to work.	Given that the forecast for tomorrow's weather is bad, drivers are advised to consider other means to get to work.				
19.	What John did to his friend was so bad they probably won't speak to each other for a lifetime.	The outcome of John's actions is that never again are they likely to speak to each other.				

B3. Match items 20-24 (Column 1) with options A-G (Column 2) to make complete statements. In Column 2 there are TWO options you do not need.

			(5 x 2 points = 10 points)
	COLUMN 1		COLUMN 2
2 0 .	It is far better to postpone an answer than to do	Α.	for the purpose of getting attention.
D	what parents do,		
21. E	Girls have as much sense of humour as boys,	В.	his/her natural instincts are suppressed.
22.	It would seem the self-regulated child is capable	C.	because cheating is the easy option to
F		/	use.
23.	I concluded he was using his temper	D.	provide the child with too much
Α			information.
24.	When a mother teaches a child to be good,	Е.	but they seldom use it for protection.
B		-	of automatic that influences of had
		F.	of overcoming the influences of bad
			training.
		G.	to help the teacher maintain his

Γ. ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΗ ΓΡΑΠΤΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΥ

Produce a written text (40 points)

TASK: You have just read a text on a forum created by a local Council. The topic was: people spending some of their free time on voluntary work, such as helping elderly people, planting trees, building playgrounds, etc. There were several responses, some agreeing with the topic and some disagreeing. You decide to add a passage to the topic of the forum (200 words).

authority.

- State and justify your position on the topic
- Refer to what some other contributors wrote on the forum
- Make a suggestion concerning your neighbourhood, town, etc.

(Use the name "workdoctor3" to participate in the forum)

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Sample answer

Volunteering is a hotly debated issue, with many supporters on both sides, for equally valid reasons. In my opinion though, this activity is much-needed in modern societies.

To begin with, being a volunteer can make you feel pleasant, because you help make the world a better place, planting more trees, or helping those in need. Of course, as John21 said, the government is responsible for those issues. However, I do not believe that the government can deal with every single person, nor can they effectively address the problems of each and every part of the country. On the other hand, volunteers can, because help they offer a warm smile to the fellow human, whose pain is alleviated, or to the whole community, by making the place more beautiful.

Besides this, we live here, so we can also enjoy the fruit of our effort. Indeed, Maria_GraceGrm has a point when she says that she did not contribute into making the park dirty, wondering why she should have to clean it. Nevertheless, there have always been irresponsible citizens, and those won't lend a hand to solve the problem they have created. Yet, through volunterring, we ameliorate our living conditions, regardless of such behaviours, whereas future generations are educated to act more responsibly for everyone's sake.

To conclude, not only can volunteering make one feel nice and be an active society member, but also makes help more personal, whilst educating the young to become more responsible citizens for the common good.

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