(Listening Script 1)101

Listening 1:

Listen to the following news story about a train accident and decide whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

An InterCity train had an accident in south Wales yesterday. The train was travelling through a tunnel at 160 kilometres per hour when it hit a flock of sheep that was going in the opposite direction. The train came off the tracks, fell onto its side and skidded for another 200 metres before coming to a stop. Fortunately, nobody was killed, but 28 people were injured, five of them seriously. The police, fire crews and the ambulance service were all called immediately and they arrived within minutes to rescue the people. The injured passengers were taken to local hospitals. ‘It’s a miracle that it was not a greater tragedy,’ said Steven Jones, one of the firefighters. ‘When we arrived, smoke was coming out of the tunnel and we thought that the train was on fire. A fire in a tunnel is of course a very serious matter, but luckily it was only the engine and we put it out very quickly.’ Amazingly, the train driver was not hurt in the accident. He said later: ‘As soon as I noticed the animals, I pulled the emergency brake, but it was too late.’ The tunnel was damaged and the train was almost completely destroyed. Overall, 2 million pounds of damage was caused. All the sheep except one died in the crash. The lucky survivor was rescued by a police officer and is now called Lucky Lucy. The local farmer who owned the sheep has no idea how the accident happened. ‘I have lots of sheep and they are kept in a nearby field which is surrounded by a fence. I don’t know how these sheep got out’. How this accident happened is a mystery.

Listening 2: You will hear people talking in five different situations. Listen and choose the correct answer a, b or c. (5 marks)

Conversation One

Man Hey, Julie. Did you have a good time on your holiday?
Woman It wasn't what I expected.
Man Oh, I remember you had a great time in Italy last summer.
Woman Yeah, I did, but this time it wasn't as good as last year. You see, the weather was terrible.

Conversation Two

Man May I see your boarding pass, please?
Woman Yes, of course. Just a minute.
Man Hurry up, please. There's a long queue behind you waiting to board.
Woman Oh, here it is.

Conversation Three

Presenter So, Mr. Dawson, we were talking about how Hollywood streets got their names.
Mr Dawson Well, there are a number of streets named after important local figures, famous golfers, authors, actors, explorers and so on.
Presenter What about Monroe Street? It's named after the famous actress Marilyn Monroe, right?
Mr Dawson Well, there is a street named Monroe. It wasn't named after the actress though, but the fifth president, James Monroe.

Conversation four

Girl New Year's Eve is very important for us and we have various customs which we follow to prepare for it. For example, in Japan, we clean our houses very well before the New Year because we wish to get rid of the dirt of the passing year.
Boy We do that in Greece, too. You see, our family, relatives and friends all gather at one house and we have a big New Year's Eve party together.
Girl We spend a lot of time with our family, too.

Conversation five

Sam I'm thinking of getting my own place. I want to be independent.
Jane What? Are you leaving your mum and dad?
Sam Yes. I'm happy but I don't think they are feeling the same. They are disappointed, I'm afraid.
Jane Slow down Sam and think carefully before you make your mind.