LISTENING

SECTION 1 Questions 1 – 10
1. postgraduate
2. engineering
3. computer games
4. German
5. (in) Hall/hall
6. 0295069003
7. (in the) mornings
8. Round Theatre
9. Transport Secretary
10. newspapers

SECTION 2 Questions 11 – 20
11. E 16 six weeks
12. A 17 email
13. G 18 £1.50
14. D 19 yellow form
15. B 20 ordering

SECTION 3 Questions 21 – 30
21. (the) website/internet
22. (the) length
23. current
24. format
25. Events Officer
26. changes/revisions
27. technical
28. brochure

29, 30 (in any order) B, E

SECTION 4 Questions 31 – 40
31. (a) map
32. (television/TV) news
33. music
34. cancelled
35. data
36. B
37. C
38. C
39. A
40. B

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READING

READING PASSAGE 1 – Unlikely Boontowns: The World’s Hottest Cities
1 – 3 in any order B F G
4 – 6 in any order C E F

7. F
8. R
9. G
10. H
11. O
12. M
13. C

READING PASSAGE 2 – Psychosocial Value of Space
14. iv
15. viii
16. vi
17. x
18. ix
19. ii
20. vii

21. I
22. H
23. F
24. C
25. A
26. E
READING PASSAGE 3 – Ditching the Saintly Image

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WRITING TASK 1
Sample Answer

The table shows how many people worked in certain sectors in the UK in 1998 and in 2006. In some of the sectors there have been significant changes to both the age groups and the total numbers working.

In hotel and catering, the age profile of workers used to be much younger in 1998, with the majority of workers being under 35. In 2006, the majority of workers were between 26 and 45, with more workers in the over-46 category than in 1998 and fewer in the under 25s. The building industry had fewer workers overall in 2006 though it retained a similar age profile to that of 1998. The technology industry has seen some change with substantially more workers now than in 1998, but the vast majority of these were still in the 26-35 age band, as they were in 1998. In education, numbers have not changed that much within each age category, although there are now fewer workers in the over-56 age group.

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WRITING TASK 2
Sample Answer

The Western diet has received a lot of criticism in newspaper reports over the last few years, principally because people in the West appear to be gaining weight and this is believed to cause health problems.

A typical Western diet consists of large amounts of meat and processed food and this is especially true in USA and UK. At the same time, there are reports that people in these countries are getting fatter with obesity now becoming a major problem. For this reason it would seem sensible for people in these countries to change their diet. They should perhaps look at countries which do not have these problems and try to copy their diets. The food industry in USA and UK makes a lot of money from advertising processed and preprepared foods. In addition, fast food chains such as McDonalds are very popular.

Having said that, it should be remembered that the West also includes countries, like Spain, Italy and France, which do not have these problems. These countries tend to follow a Mediterranean diet with a lot of fruit and vegetables and fresh ingredients. The diet in these countries is generally considered to be good for your health so we should not categorise all Western diets together.

For health reasons alone, I think people in the USA and UK should consider their diet carefully and perhaps the best solution is for them to alter their diet to make it more like the Spanish or Italian diet. Whatever changes they make, they should definitely make a change. However, it should be remembered that these changes do not apply to all Western countries, only ones which currently have problems with obesity.

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