

TOEIC 3-4 Short Talks

HOMEWORK: 3-3

Kindly give the definition of the following words and make the sentence.

1. assimilate - to take in and incorporate as one's own; absorb

Sample Sentence: He assimilated many new experiences on his European trip.

2. correspondent - consistent, similar, or analogous

Sample Sentence: The end of all moral speculations is to teach us our duty; and, by proper representations of the deformity of vice and beauty of virtue, beget correspondent habits, and engage us to avoid the one, and embrace the other.

3. devour - to consume destructively, recklessly, or wantonly

Sample Sentence: Fire devoured the old museum.

Teacher's manual

In Part IV you will listen to a short talk. It might be an announcement, a radio advertisement, or a telephone recording. You will listen to the talk and read a few questions about it.

Thank you Dr. Seymour. Our next presenter, Dr. Wesley Kidd, has done extensive research on the effects of cell-phone radiation on the human brain. Dr. Kidd is a native of Florida, where he earned a bachelor's in science before moving here and getting his masters and PhD at State University. He has spent the past two years studying cell-phone radiation under a grant from the National Institute of Health. Next year, he has been invited to join a prestigious committee of international scientists to continue his work in Stockholm, Sweden, for three more years. Dr. Kidd plans today to give a Power Point presentation outlining the preliminary results of his research, followed by practical recommendations about cell-phone use. Please hold all questions, and we'll have about 15 minutes at the end of the presentation for a question-and-answer session. Also, while we're on the subject of cell phones, a friendly reminder: please turn off or mute all cell phones, beepers and other alarms during the presentation. Thank you, and without further ado, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Wesley Kidd.

1. Where is this introduction probably taking place?
 - a. In a stadium
 - b. At a staff meeting
 - c. At a conference**
 - d. In a public park

2. What will Dr. Kidd do next year?
 - a. Retire from working
 - b. Continue his research**
 - c. Study another subject
 - d. Receive his PhD

3. What will the listeners probably do next?
 - a. Turn on their cell phones
 - b. Ask questions
 - c. Leave the room
 - d. Applaud**

Ok, if I could have your attention please. We have a new board member to formally introduce today. I say new because he's new to those of you sitting at this table, but not to many of you personally. John Clayton has been with the firm for almost 20 years now. He started as a hardware technician and worked his way up to senior manager, then systems director and finally to his current position of vice president in charge of research and development. Since you're all familiar with John's work, I want to tell you a little about his personal life. John is married with three wonderful children, ages 12, 9 and 7. Last year, his 9-year-old, Luke, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. This was of course terrible news for John and his wife Karen, but they have helped Luke battle the sickness, and he is doing very well. During this difficult period, John was able to do his job despite missing several weeks attending to his family. His election to our board of directors is a testament to his courage, perseverance, and high personal standards. John replaces Martin Lynch, who retired last November, and though those are big shoes to fill, I am confident that he is more than up to the task. But enough blather from me. John...

4. Where is this introduction most likely taking place?
 - a. In a board room**
 - b. In an auditorium
 - c. At a university
 - d. At a hotel

5. What is the speaker mainly discussing?
 - a. John Clayton's work career
 - b. John Clayton's personal life**
 - c. John Clayton's wife, Karen
 - d. John Clayton's accomplishments

6. What will happen next?
 - a. The meeting will begin.

- b. Board members will vote.
- c. Martin Lynch will retire.
- d. John Clayton will speak.**

Welcome to Jasson Industries' new employee orientation. My name is Wendy Cho, and I will be spending about 30 minutes introducing you to the schedule for this week's training. At 10:30 we will take a brief break, and then Karen Maitland from the personnel and benefits office will go over the forms in your packet and answer any questions you may have about company policies. Karen has been with the company since it was started and has lots of information to share with you. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 noon to one o'clock. In the afternoon, we'll start with an excellent video about the history of Jasson Industries. Following the video, at 3:30, we will break up into groups by the department you'll be working in, and you will meet your group trainers. Your technical training will begin tomorrow. Your trainers will explain where and when to meet and give you any materials you will need to get started.

- 7. Who is the speaker probably addressing?
 - a. A group of technical trainers
 - b. A group of new employees**
 - c. Guests at a special dinner
 - d. Historians at a convention

- 8. What will Karen Maitland do?
 - a. Answer questions about policies**
 - b. Talk about company products
 - c. Lead a tour of the company
 - d. Meet with the trainers

- 9. When will a video be shown?
 - a. This morning
 - b. This afternoon**
 - c. Tomorrow morning
 - d. Tomorrow afternoon

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Kindly give the definition of the following words and make the sentence.

- 1. resilient**
- 2. vanity**
- 3. articulate**