

## HOMEWORK: 4-3

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

1. **consolidate** - to bring together (separate parts) into a single or unified whole; unite; combine  
**Sample Sentence:** They consolidated their three companies.

2. **gauge** - extent; scope; capacity

**Sample Sentence:** He is trying to determine the gauge of his own strength.

3. **relinquish** - to renounce or surrender  
**Sample Sentence:** To relinquish the throne is her dream.

## TOEIC4-3 Short Conversations

### Teacher's Manual

In this part of the test you will listen to a short conversation between a man and a woman. After the conversation, you will answer three questions about the dialogue. There will be four possible answers for each question. Typical questions include, who, what, where, when, why, and how. You may also be asked to make an inference.

### Listening Comprehension Transcript **Don't read a) b) c) d)**

**Man:** Oh no. The phone company dropped my call again, right in the middle of the conversation! I'm fed up with Z-Mobile!

**Woman:** I use Rewired. I hardly ever get dropped, and long distance calls in the US and Canada are free. Plus, I can choose four friends to talk with each month as long as I like.

**Man:** Really? You get unlimited minutes with four people? How much do you pay each month?

**Woman:** I pay a flat fee of \$70 for up to 700 minutes, but you can choose pay-as-you-go plans too. I really like Rewired. You should check it out.

1. What are the speakers mainly discussing?
  - a. Dropped calls
  - b. Cell-phone companies**
  - c. Long distance
  - d. Types of phones
2. What problem does the man have?
  - a. He dropped his phone
  - b. He paid too much money
  - c. His call got cut off**
  - d. His minutes were limited

3. How does the woman suggest solving the problem?
  - a. By getting unlimited minutes
  - b. By considering a new cell-phone carrier**
  - c. By buying a new cell phone
  - d. By redialing a phone number

### Listening Comprehension Transcript

**Woman:** Hey Mark, what's the policy for vacation requests? I'd like to take time off in July, when the kids are out of school.

**Man:** You and everybody else. You've got to submit a form to Human Resources. It's first come, first serve, based on seniority.

**Woman:** I see. My chances wouldn't be very good then, would they? Maybe I should try for February, when the kids have mid-winter break.

4. Who most likely are the speakers?
  - a. Colleagues**
  - b. Classmates
  - c. Strangers
  - d. Neighbors
5. What is the woman planning to do?
  - a. Look for a job
  - b. Work overtime
  - c. Go back to school
  - d. Take a vacation**
6. What does the man say about vacation requests?
  - a. They must be submitted by July
  - b. The woman doesn't have a good chance
  - c. Senior employees get first choice**
  - d. First-year employees do not get vacations

### Listening Comprehension Transcript

**Woman** Yes, I need a round-trip, first-class ticket to Tokyo, leaving on the 15th and returning on the 22nd.

**Man:** Yes sir. Let's see... we have two flights on the 15th. The first is non-stop and leaves at 9 a.m. The second leaves at 12 noon with a two-hour layover in Seoul. And for the

return flight on the 22nd, the non-stop leaves at 10 a.m., and the layover flight leaves at 2pm.

**Woman:** I'd prefer the non-stop, if it's not much more expensive.

**Man:** The non-stop is \$490; and the flight with the Tokyo layover is \$460.

7. What does the woman want to do?
  - a. Buy an airline ticket
  - b. Find flight information
  - c. Get a refund
  - d. Greet a visitor
  
8. What position does the man hold?
  - a. Pilot
  - b. waiter
  - c. Flight attendant
  - d. salesperson
  
9. What will the woman probably do next?
  - a. Make a phone call.
  - b. Buy a ticket for the layover flight
  - c. Buy a ticket for the non-stop flight
  - d. Change his mind and go home

## Listening Comprehension Transcript

**John:** There must be some mistake. I ordered 30 crates of tomatoes, not 13.

**Danny:** Let me see, sir. The order number's 3432-A. Here it is...Oh, it's my bad. The one on the 30 smeared, and it was hard to read.

**John:** That's OK, we all make mistakes. But what can we do about it? I need those tomatoes, 'cause I'm advertising a big sale starting tomorrow.

**Danny:** No problem sir. I'll radio the warehouse, and another driver will special deliver them this afternoon.

**John:** Thanks, I really appreciate it.

10. What are the speakers talking about?
  - a) Buying 30 tomatoes
  - b) Finding a deliveryman
  - c) An erroneous delivery
  - d) Advertising sale
  
11. Who most likely is Danny?

- a) **A deliveryman**
- b) A customer
- c) A sales clerk
- d) An architect

12. What can be inferred about John's character?

- a) He's a rude deliveryman.
- b) He understands the client.
- c) **He's an understanding client.**
- d) He has a rude deliveryman.

**Woman:** Hey Karl. How's your research going for the board of directors' report? Is there anything I can help you with?

**Man:** Thanks for offering, Mel. I've been summarizing customer satisfaction surveys for each quarter of last year. It's pretty interesting. Actually, if it's not too much trouble, would you proofread my power-point slides? I'll have them finished in about an hour.

**Woman:** Sure, no problem. E-mail them to me and I'll look them over. Did you discover anything interesting in reading the surveys?

**Man:** Oh yes. They're quite interesting. Probably the most fascinating points were the opinions about the price of our product. In the first quarter, about 70 percent of the customers said it was priced fairly, but by the last quarter, when the economy had worsened, more than 80 percent said it was priced too high.

13. What project is the man working on?

- a) A newspaper article
- b) A performance evaluation
- c) **A research report**
- d) A first draft

14. Where do the man and woman probably work?

- a) At a library
- b) **At an investment firm**
- c) At a restaurant
- d) At a university
- e)

15. What does the man say about product price?

- a) It increased by 10 percent
- b) **Customer's opinions of it changed**
- c) Most customers paid too much
- d) It is priced unfairly

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1. antibiotic
2. drape
3. incumbent

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