

Unit 15

A Focus

1 Language building

B

1. The man is reading a newspaper.
2. The baker is making bread.
3. The baker is standing in front of the oven.
4. The man is wearing a suit.

2 Test tactic

C

1. (A) The man is looking at a backpack.
(B) The man is standing near a wall.
(C) The hiker is wearing sunglasses.
(D) The man is sitting on his bag.
2. (A) The boy is riding the bicycle.
(B) The man is taking off the wheel.
(C) Many people are standing near the trees.
(D) They are fixing the boy's bicycle.

3 Tactic practice

1. (A) The people are taking shelter from the rain.
(B) The beach isn't crowded.
(C) It's a very cloudy day.
(D) The seaside is popular today.
2. (A) The chickens are in the yard.
(B) The chef is standing by the grill.
(C) The food is ready to serve.
(D) The restaurant is very busy.
3. (A) A forest grows in the valley.
(B) The fire truck leaves the station.
(C) Logs are stacked in the yard.
(D) The wooden figurines are on sale.

Understanding natural English

A forest grows in the valley.
The man is standing near a wall.

B Mini-test

1. (A) The woman is waiting for service.
(B) The jacket has been placed in a box.
(C) The woman is paying the cleaning bill.
(D) The clothes are hanging in the window.
2. (A) He is clearing his desk.
(B) He is writing on the paper.
(C) He is focused on his work.
(D) He is working on his computer.

3. (A) The backpacks are on the ground.
(B) The hikers are looking at the view.
(C) The stairs are very steep.
(D) The boats are going out to sea.
4. (A) The man is leaving the studio.
(B) The man is putting away some brushes.
(C) The man is brushing his jacket.
(D) The man is painting a picture.
5. (A) They're out shopping.
(B) They're checking some information.
(C) They're watching television.
(D) They're talking to each other.
6. (A) The man is writing a letter.
(B) The man is standing at the board.
(C) The man is cleaning the whiteboard.
(D) The man is looking for a marker.

Unit 16

A Focus

1 Language building

C

1. It seems like forever, but actually it's only about six years.
2. If you go across the street and turn left, you should see a Chinese restaurant about a block down.
3. They don't usually drop them off until after 6 o'clock.
4. Well, I was born in Scotland, but I grew up in England.

2 Test tactic

B

1. Excuse me. Where are the stairs?
(A) Go out this door and walk around the corner.
(B) They're away on business.
(C) It's not polite to stare.
2. When did they cancel the order?
(A) Back in March, I think.
(B) Yes, they were ordered to do it.
(C) I really think we have to cancel it.
3. How long did you have to wait?
(A) Yes, it is very long.
(B) I was waiting for it on Tuesday.
(C) Not as long as I expected.

4. Do you know where my keys are?
(A) Yes, it's the wrong key.
(B) In the drawer, as usual.
(C) They went out.
5. Do you know of a good cleaner near here?
(A) I think it's not so clean.
(B) I prefer a different cleaner.
(C) There's one on Bank Street.

3 Tactic practice

1. How do you get to the university from here?
(A) Take the number 11 bus.
(B) It's a long road.
(C) The university isn't here.
2. When did the package arrive?
(A) This morning
(B) I've packed it.
(C) Yes, it's arrived.
3. Where is the A4 paper kept?
(A) It's for the photocopier.
(B) No, don't throw away any paper.
(C) In the storeroom
4. How long did the journey take?
(A) Every Friday
(B) Just under three hours
(C) About three kilometers
5. Could you tell me where a bank is?
(A) This isn't a bank.
(B) There's one around the corner.
(C) About a kilometer

Understanding natural English

Where is the A4 paper kept?
When is the taxi coming?

B Mini-test

1. Where are you taking them?
(A) On Thursday.
(B) It won't take long.
(C) Back to the hotel.
2. How did the meeting go?
(A) Around the table.
(B) Very well, I think.
(C) In New York.
3. Where is the staff entrance?
(A) Only on Monday.
(B) I'd like that.
(C) At the back of the building.

4. When is the taxi coming?
(A) In about ten minutes
(B) Because I'm sorry
(C) On the bus
5. How do I get to the boardroom?
(A) He's getting bored.
(B) Take the stairs to the third floor.
(C) There aren't enough.
6. Why are you standing?
(A) There are no seats left.
(B) I have one, thanks.
(C) Next to the door.
7. What time should we leave?
(A) That's a good idea.
(B) Let's take the train.
(C) As soon as I've finished this.
8. What's wrong with the computer?
(A) That's too bad.
(B) Yes, I can.
(C) It won't turn on.
9. Could you show me the way to the hospital?
(A) Sure, just follow this street.
(B) There can't be.
(C) About two hours.
10. How long are you planning to stay?
(A) About two kilometers.
(B) About three or four days.
(C) I've stayed here before.
11. Where do you keep the printer paper?
(A) I'm afraid we've run out.
(B) It was printed in Hong Kong.
(C) Keep the paper in your wallet.
12. I can't finish the report by Friday.
(A) No, I'm sorry. I can't.
(B) I don't think he has finished it.
(C) The boss isn't going to like that.

Unit 17

A Focus

1 Language building

B

1. **M1** I'd like two tickets to Dallas for tonight, please.
M2 Certainly. Would you like a sleeper car?
M1 No, coach class is fine. What time is that?
M2 It leaves at 9 o'clock from track 11.

Where is the man?

2. **M1** Do you have any vacancies for tonight?
M2 For how many people?
M1 Just me and my wife. With a bath if you have it.
M2 I'm sorry, sir. Except for a single room, we're fully booked.

What is the first man doing?

3. **M** I think you will really like the features on this new unit. The sound is much better and it's lighter, too.
W Yes, it looks good, but it's almost \$30 more than your old model.
M True, but if you take delivery this week, we can offer a 10 percent discount on your first order.
W OK, but let's start with 50 units and see how fast they sell.

What is the man's job?

3 Tactic practice

Questions 1-3 refer to the following conversation.

- M** Hi. Are you looking for anything special?
W Yes, my husband's birthday is coming up and I was wondering if you had a recording of this piece. I think it's quite rare.
M Let me see. Yes, that's available on a double CD that was released last month, but it sold out very quickly and we don't have any left. Would you like me to order it for you?
W That would be great.
1. Where are the speakers?
 2. What is the woman doing?
 3. What does the man imply?

Questions 4-6 refer to the following conversation.

- W** Have you seen this?
M Yeah, but the money's not great and it doesn't say much about the working conditions.
W That's true, but you've always wanted to work overseas. And, anyway, in a foreign country every day would feel like a holiday, wouldn't it? If I hadn't just got a new place, I'd consider it myself.
M I'm not sure. I'm not desperate to find a job at the moment. I'd rather take my time and look for jobs closer to home.
4. What are the speakers doing?
 5. What can be inferred about the speakers' relationship?
 6. What does the man imply?

Understanding natural English

That's what we were told to expect.
You've always wanted to work overseas.

B Mini-test

Questions 1-3 refer to the following conversation.

- M** I hope you had a pleasant trip to Kingston. I've heard it's a fascinating place and that the summer carnival is very exciting.
W That's what we were told to expect but it turned out to be a bit disappointing.
M Really? But surely the city center was full of color and lights and dancing?
W Well, the carnival was a problem. Our hotel was on a busy street in the center of the celebration area, and there was a lot of noise all night long. We had difficulty sleeping.
1. What has the man heard about Kingston?
 2. What does the woman say about her trip?
 3. Where was the woman's hotel located?

Questions 4-6 refer to the following conversation.

- M** Excuse me, I think there is a mistake on my bill.
W What seems to be the problem, sir?
M Well, it says here that the special is 15 dollars, but the sign I saw was offering the special for only 10 dollars.
W Ah, I see, sir. Actually, the sign says that the special is only available until 1:30 p.m. and it is now already 2 o'clock.
4. Where does the conversation probably take place?
 5. What is the problem?
 6. Until what time was the offer available?

Questions 7–9 refer to the following conversation.

- M** I can't believe we have only until Thursday to get the reports finished before we have to send them out.
- W** I know what you mean. We haven't been able to work on any other projects all week. If we keep working like this, though, we should be able to finish on time.
- M** I hope so. I know your team is already half way through the report but mine is still trying to agree on a design.
- W** Well, let me know if I can do anything to help.
- 7.** What are the speakers mainly discussing?
- 8.** What is scheduled to happen on Thursday?
- 9.** What is the man's concern?

Questions 10–12 refer to the following conversation

- W** Here's the air conditioner. It made a strange noise last night and then stopped working. Can you tell me how long it will take to fix it?
- M** It shouldn't be more than a couple of hours if I have the parts. This is a rather old unit, though.
- W** It's very warm in here. I'll sit in the garden and wait for you to finish.
- M** I'll get my tools and get started right away.
- 10.** Who most likely is the man?
- 11.** How much time does the man probably need?
- 12.** Where are the speakers?

Unit 18

A Focus

1 Language building

B

- 1.** (A) The parts weren't on the ship.
(B) Some of the boxes were broken in transit.
(C) The customer must pay for the damage.
- 2.** (A) They estimate it will take another month.
(B) The job hasn't started yet.
(C) Work has been going on for four weeks.
- 3.** (A) Mr. Holmes has done many things to support the group.
(B) Mr. Holmes is a very large man.
(C) Mr. Holmes scored many goals for the team.

2 Test tactic

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Spectators should try to get down to the Jamestown marina early to get a good place to watch the action. Pre-race events include knot-tying contests, tours of the 90-year-old tall ship *Columbia* and a chance to see 150 artifacts recently salvaged from a 200-year-old ship from the Jamestown harbor. Gates open from 9 o'clock. Parking is limited to 200 cars, so latecomers are advised to take public transport.

- 2.** How many salvaged items are on display?

3 Tactic practice

Questions 1–3 refer to the following announcement.

Before we start today's meeting I would like to check which of you will be able to attend the conference starting next Saturday. As you know I was planning to attend myself, but due to a clash with the shareholders' meeting, I won't be able to make both days of the conference. I would appreciate it if a couple of you could attend the conference and take notes on the three plenary discussions scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The presentations shouldn't last more than about two hours. I realize that this is scheduled for a non-working day, so I would be open to arranging a swap for those people attending, allowing you to take a half-day off another day. If you are interested in this, please come and see me at the end of the meeting. Right, let's move on to the first point of the day...

- 1.** How many people are requested to attend the conference?
- 2.** How long does the conference last?
- 3.** How much time off can volunteers expect?

Understanding natural English

I won't be able to make both days of the conference. She's one of the top designers.

B Mini-test

Questions 1–3 refer to the following announcement

You have reached the Monterrey Cinema Schedule hotline. Today's feature presentations are as follows. In cinema 1 we are showing *Long Vacation*, a comedy, featuring Tom Knott and Sandy Edwards. Shows start at 4 P.M., 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. In cinema 2 we are showing *Indigo Heart*, a romance, featuring Andy Vega and Myra Hassan. Shows start at 3 P.M., 6 P.M., and 8 P.M. In cinema 3 we are showing *Phantom Knight*, a mystery that takes place in the Middle Ages, featuring Deborah Legg. Shows start at 7 P.M. and 9:40 P.M. If

you wish to reserve a ticket, please use our online reservation service at www.monterreymovie.com. Thank you for calling the Monterrey Cinema Schedule hotline.

1. What type of movie is *Indigo Heart*?
2. Which movie features Deborah Legg?
3. According to the announcement, how can someone reserve a ticket?

Questions 4–6 refer to the following announcement.

We are very lucky to have a special guest at today's meeting. Elvira Kaur is one of the top fashion designers in our London office. She joined us following her graduation from City College and she won the Herbert Award for young designers when she was just 19 years old. In two years, she went from being an apprentice to head of our design team and, in September, she became regional manager. We are sure that her imaginative creations will push sales for the coming year beyond our target which, as you all know, is our most ambitious yet. Elvira is here today to explain her designs for next year's Spring/Summer fashion collection. Here is Elvira Kaur.

4. What does Elvira Kaur do?
5. What happened to Ms. Kaur in September?
6. What is the topic of Ms. Kaur's talk?

Questions 7–9 refer to the following announcement.

Today we will look at three new products for our spring catalog. The first is the "Kitchen Friend", a vegetable slicer and juice machine. It comes in six colors and performs a variety of common kitchen functions. We think this will be popular in most households. The next new product is the "Mini-Steamer". This device folds flat to fit in a suitcase but can steam out the toughest clothing wrinkles. We think it will be a hit in the business travel market. The final product we call the "Clam Case". This hard-shelled waterproof case comes in a variety of sizes to fit everything from portable music players to laptop computers. We think this will be especially popular with sports-minded, active college students. Take a moment to examine these samples and then we'll discuss possible marketing approaches for each.

7. Where is this announcement most likely taking place?
8. What comes in six colors?
9. What is stated about the Mini-Steamer?

Questions 10–12 refer to the following advertisement.

Are you trying to increase your strength and improve your overall condition in the shortest amount of time? Then you must order the new *Iron-man Springblade*! This easy-to-assemble piece of exercise equipment can be adjusted quickly and easily and can be used to strengthen every part of your body – arms, back, stomach muscles, and legs. And if you order now, we will include a workout video free of charge to teach you how to make the most of the *Iron-man Springblade*. Call 555 3546 and get started on reaching your fitness goals.

10. What is being sold?
11. What is special about this product?
12. What are customers offered if they place an order now?