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READING

1 Read the article quickly. Choose the best summary (1–7) for each paragraph (A–G).

A teen deterrent?

A There is a sound that can only be heard by young people. It is so high that people over the age of 25 cannot hear it at all. However, for teenagers, it's one of the most annoying sounds in the world.

B Recently, in the UK, a special device has been invented – an alarm that uses this special sound. The makers claim that it can deter young criminals. In many cities, it's common to see bored teenagers hanging out near stores or in parks. Most don't get into any trouble. But some end up committing crimes, like fighting other people, painting graffiti on walls, or breaking windows. The alarm is designed to make these teenagers want to go away.

C The person who invented the alarm, Howard Stapleton, said that he got the idea when his 17-year-old daughter went into a store and a group of other teenagers outside were very rude to her. He tested different sounds and found out that teenagers would go away from an area if they heard a special type of noise.

D Other people in the area have started using these sound alarms. Thousands of stores are using them. Many people have been very happy with the results. They explained that the number of crimes had gone down and their areas had ended up safer and nicer to live in.

E However, there are problems with the alarm. Perhaps the biggest is that the sound deters everyone under the age of 25 – not just criminals. For example, it can keep teenage customers away and even make young children sick. Some parents have said that it had made their children cry, and that they couldn't play outside anymore.

F Other people think that the alarms are a very bad idea because they create areas where it is not possible for young people to go to and spend time in. Not all teenagers are criminals, but the alarm treats them as if they are.

G Other teenagers have turned the special alarm into an advantage. They have made it into a special ringtone for their phones. Because only young people can hear it, they can now get text messages or phone calls in class without their teachers hearing anything at all!

1 These alarms have had a positive effect. ☐
2 Some teenagers are using the special sound in a new way. ☐
3 There is a special noise that teenagers don't like. ☐
4 The alarms punish good teenagers as well as bad teenagers. ☐
5 This is how someone had the idea to create the alarm. ☐
6 There is an alarm that makes teenagers want to leave a place. ☐
7 Some parents are upset about the alarm. ☐

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2 Read the article again. Mark these sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).

1 Teenagers can hear more than people over the age of 25. ☐
2 Most crimes are committed by teenagers. ☐
3 The person who invented the alarm had a daughter who was a criminal. ☐
4 The alarm became popular and people said it was a good idea. ☐
5 The alarm isn't popular outside the UK. ☐
6 The alarm only deters teenagers. ☐
7 The alarm isn't fair, because it deters both good and bad teenagers. ☐
8 Students are now using the alarm to make their teachers go away. ☐

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LISTENING

3 **Listen to a conversation between Hugh and Gina. Decide who has each opinion, Hugh (H) or Gina (G).**

1 British people wear expensive clothes. ☐
2 People from the UK only eat at expensive restaurants. ☐
3 Not everyone from the UK is the same. ☐
4 Watching movies is a good way to understand people from a different country. ☐
5 British people eat all different types of food. ☐
6 American tourists are friendly and pleasant. ☐
7 Some Americans don't behave nicely when they are abroad. ☐
8 Not everyone from one country is the same. ☐

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4 **Listen again. Choose the correct answers.**

1 Gina says that tourists come to her city because of
A the summer weather. B the history of the place.

2 Hugh thinks that the gourmet restaurants are popular because
A British tourists like that kind of food. B there aren't any local people there.

3 Hugh says that the people he saw were
A not friendly with him. B wearing expensive clothes.

4 Hugh says that watching British TV shows means that he
A is familiar with the way British people act. B doesn't like British people.

5 Gina says that when she went to the UK,
A she had a good relationship with people. B some people were strange.

6 Gina says that some American tourists
A don't like traveling. B only think about themselves.

7 Gina believes that
A not all people from one country are the same. B some people shouldn't go to other countries.

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WRITING

5 Write an article about people from your country (150–180 words). Use the questions and ideas below to help you.

- How would you describe people from your country?
- Do you think most people are like that?
- What do people from other countries usually think about the people from your country?
- Why do they think this?

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SPEAKING

6 Work in pairs, A and B. Look at the photos below. They show crimes being committed. Take turns to describe your photo, and say what you think is happening. Then decide together which crime more serious.

A



B



7 Work in pairs. Imagine that you saw or heard about the situations in photo A or B. Take turns to give your news, react, and ask for more details. Use the useful language below.

You'll never guess what …

You won't believe what happened …

I heard a really (sad / scary …) story about …

There was a story in the paper the other day …

Tell me.

What?

Really?

That's awful.

No way!

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TOTAL SCORE 70

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