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SKILLS TEST 7 & 8

READING

1 Read the article quickly. Match the summaries (a–h) to the paragraphs (1–8).

270 stations in one day

1 If you love lists, then the London Underground makes a great source of facts and figures. For example, it's the oldest metro system in the world, and it currently has 270 stations, the deepest of which (Hampstead) is 58.5 metres below the ground. Its network of tunnels and tracks stretches for 402 km. If you could use them without interruption, _____.

2 The average speed of the underground trains is 33 kph, meaning that if you could travel continuously across the network, _____. However, you would also have to calculate the extra time it takes to use the 423 escalators and 196 lifts, as well as trying to get past the other 4.8 million journeys being made by other passengers on the Underground's busiest days.

3 All in all, if you wanted to try visiting all of the 270 London Underground stations, you couldn't so do unless you had a very good checklist. And suppose you wanted to visit all 270 stations in a single day – _____.

4 However, that's exactly what one 13-year-old boy, Alisdair Clift, wanted to do. The teenager, a big fan of the London Underground, worked out the best possible timetable: where to start, which stations to travel to, as well as which platforms to be at, all by himself. He knew that if he missed a connection, or got anything wrong, _____.

5 His journey began at 5.15 am on a Monday at the North London station of Chesham. Several hours and 269 stations later, his plan was to reach Heathrow airport. As long as he could do this before 1 am the next day, then _____.

6 Alisdair was feeling apprehensive, but he had a good motive for taking on this challenge. His 17-year-old brother had just lost a 7-year battle with cancer, and Alisdair wanted to raise £100 in his memory. The plan was that he would ask people to give him money, _____.

7 Luckily, as soon as people heard about Alisdair's plans, they turned out to cheer him on. Drivers on the Underground train let him ride in the front cab for the first few journeys. Passengers, when they realised who Alisdair was, were happy to give him money on the spot. TV and newspapers wanted to interview him, but of course, Alisdair had no time to stop and chat, otherwise _____.

8 Shortly before 1 am, having checked hundreds of stations off his list, Alisdair reached Heathrow Terminal 5. His parents, who hadn't helped him at all, were extremely proud of him, but of course, _____. But in the end, he had raised £35,000 to help people with cancer.

a It would take a long time to fully cross the London Underground. [2]

b One teenager wanted to visit each station in the London Underground in one day. [ ]

c The London Underground is very large. [ ]

d The teenager set off early in the morning. [ ]

e Alisdair achieved more than he had expected. [ ]

f It would be impossible to visit all 270 stations without a lot of organisation. [ ]

g Alisdair got a lot of support from other people. [ ]

h The reason why Alisdair decided to do this journey. [ ]

[ ] **7**

2 Read the article again. Match the missing extracts (a–h) with the gaps in the paragraphs (1–8).

a he would miss his next station [ ]

b you would need to plan every detail extremely carefully [ ]

c it would be greater than the distance between London and Paris [ ]

d they would have been just as proud if he had raised only £100 [ ]

e it would take you 12 hours [ ]

f it would cost him precious time [ ]

g he would achieve his goal before the Underground closed down for the night [ ]

h if he managed to visit all 270 stations [ ]

[ ] **8**

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LISTENING

3 **Listen to two people talking about an app. Match the information to the people who say them, Sara (S) or David (D).**

1 has created something to help people be more positive about life _____

2 thought the app wouldn't be useful at first _____

3 can't think of anything positive they did today _____

4 finds a way to change a negative thing into a positive thing _____

5 didn't have a coffee _____

6 didn't use to be a positive person _____

7 stayed away from negative people he/she knows _____

8 changed his/her attitude to life _____

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4 **Listen again. Complete the summary with one word the speakers use.**

1 The 'Silver Linings Journal' app is similar to a _____ .

2 It sends five _____ to your phone every day.

3 It gives you a _____ of all the positive things that happened to you in a day.

4 The inventor of the app says that this _____ people to be more positive in life.

5 David advises Sara to think more positively, for example, by doing something fun when it's _____ .

6 When Sara says that she had a bad experience at a café, David tells her to _____ on something more positive.

7 David said he used to be a _____ in front of his friends, which is why he needed to change.

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WRITING

5 Write a list of five things people can see or do in the place where you live. Then, choose the thing you think is best or most interesting. Write an essay (190–220 words) about your choice, explaining what and where it is, and why it is the best.

Your list:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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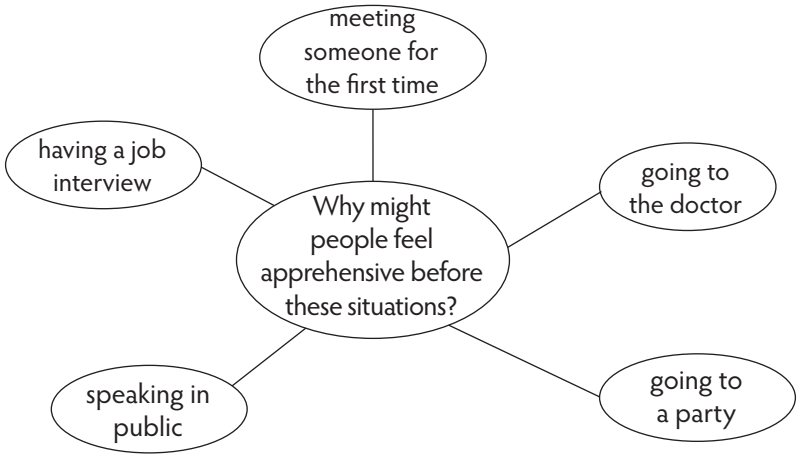
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SPEAKING

6 Work in pairs. Look at the ideas below, showing situations in which people might feel apprehensive. First, talk to each other about why people might feel apprehensive before these situations.



7 Now work together and decide which two situations make people most apprehensive. Take turns to imagine one of the situations above is going to happen to you. Use the language below to try and make each other feel more positive.

Cheer up!

Hang in there.

Don't let it get you down.

Try to look on the bright side.

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

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TOTAL SCORE 70

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