

ВАРИАНТ 1

PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

**Directions:** *You will hear the text **The Wise Woman's Stone** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

**The Wise Woman's Stone**

A wise old woman who was travelling in the mountains found a precious stone by a river. She picked it up knowingly, dried it carefully and put it in her bag. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food with him. The hungry traveller saw the precious stone inside the wise woman's bag, admired it, and asked her to give it to him. The wise woman did so without hesitation.

The traveller left, wondering at how easy it was to take away the jewel from the old woman. He was glad at his good fortune because he knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for the rest of his life. He would not have to work any more or go hungry again.

But a few days later he came back, looking for the wise old woman. When he found her, he returned the stone and said, "I have been thinking. I know how valuable this stone is, but I want to give it back to you in the hope that you can give me something much more precious. If you can, please give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

**Directions:** *You will hear a text about the past, present and future of a multinational communication company twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

Globalcall Communications has grown from a telecommunications provider for small local businesses in the greater Seattle metropolitan area to a truly global corporation providing telecommunications solutions for clients both large and small in all corners of the world. It was established to fill a significant market gap for simple communication solutions. The company first expanded to most major North American cities and later on became a major multinational corporation operating in more than 20 countries.

Presently, the company is extending operations to include voice-over IP, as well as high-speed cable Internet access. Globalcall Communications' team includes more than 40,000 specialists on three continents. Next year we will witness the development of a third generation wireless communications network in Asian countries.

The future looks bright for Globalcall Communications. By 2010 the company will be servicing more than 15 million households and businesses globally. Globalcall Communications will have become a household word. "We look forward to serving clients and are planning to do everything in our power to make sure that your communication future is unlimited and simple," says the spokesperson for the company.

**Directions:** *You will hear a text about a specific type of crime twice. Before you listen to it, you have 2 minutes to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 5 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, C or D. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

Welcome to *You and Your Community*. A campaign with the slogan ‘Shop A Jobber’ was launched in Hightown today by the police and the Community Association. At the opening the superintendent Barry Stokes explained that a ‘jobber’ is any person who comes to your house or flat, rings the bell and asks you if he can do any job for you. Such people walk in and offer to do the job cheaply and straight away. Then they ask for some money in advance, or they might begin the job, but then would say they’ve got to go off and get tools or materials. Often they’re never seen again. Mostly, these people look for properties which look in need of some repair or decorating. If they are given a cheque they go to the nearest bank to cash it, if they are given cash, they just laugh.

Unfortunately, especially elderly people give them money readily to do whatnot jobs. Younger people aren’t usually taken in so easily and want to see some form of identification, or make sure they belong to a builder’s federation or something. But jobbers seem to go for houses belonging to the elderly, and a lot of elderly people still keep a lot of cash at home. Many don’t trust banks.

That’s why we started the project ‘Shop a Jobber’, which means tell the police you have seen or you have been approached by one of those people. Thus the public can help us to prevent crime. One more fact is that many of these people will come back to a house say up to six months or a year later in order to rob it. And that’s one very good reason why we want to put a stop to ‘jobbing’.

And we certainly know of three such cases. The worst thing about these robberies is that the criminals go for old people’s houses or bungalows. Often there is violence, sometimes to the old people, sometimes to their pets, dogs or cats, or to both. One old man was beaten up and then tied to a chair and beaten up again – all because he wouldn’t tell the two intruders where he kept his money.