Listening Comprehension

Text 2: Janitor Filipaj | Reading 2: Yu Min

Total: 25 min | 3 parts | 21 items | Skills: Note-taking/Detail/Inference/Dictation

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Part A: Listen and Fill in the Blanks (10 items x 1 pt = 10 pts)

Directions: Listen to the passage about Gac Filipaj. Fill in the blanks with the exact words you hear.

For years, Gac Filipaj ____(1) floors, cleaned toilets and took out trash at Columbia University. A ____(2) from war-torn Yugoslavia, he made a living working for the Ivy League school since 1993. But Sunday, May 13, 2012, was ____(3) time. The 52-year-old ____(4) put on a cap and gown to graduate with a bachelor's degree in ____(5).

For Filipaj, the degree comes after years studying late into the night in his Bronx apartment, where he'd open his books after a 2:30 to 11 p.m. ____(6) as a heavy cleaner. Before exam time or to finish a paper, he'd pull ____(7), then go to class in the morning and then to work. As his mother tongue is ____(8), it took him almost seven years to learn to master the English language before he was ____(9) to the School of General Studies.

It's been a long road for Filipaj who ____(10) to the United States in 1992, leaving behind his family and a farm in Montenegro. He had attended law college in Belgrade, but as a part-time student. He couldn't finish because of the civil war.

Answers: 1._____ 2._____ 3._____ 4._____ 5._____ 6._____ 7._____ 8._____ 9._____ 10._____

Part B: Listen and Answer (8 items x 1 pt = 8 pts)

Directions: Listen to the passage about Yu Min. Answer the questions in 1-2 sentences.

1. When and where did China's first hydrogen bomb test take place?
   Ans: _____
2. Who was the key contributor behind the hydrogen bomb?
   Ans: _____
3. Why did Yu Min's name remain a secret until 1988?
   Ans: _____
4. What was Yu Min assigned to work on in the early 1960s?
   Ans: _____
5. How long did it take Yu Min's team to crack the hydrogen bomb theory?
   Ans: _____
6. What health risk did Yu face in his later years?
   Ans: _____
7. Did Yu Min accept the title "father of the hydrogen bomb"? Why?
   Ans: _____
8. What award was Yu Min given in 2014?
   Ans: _____

Part C: Dictation (3 items x 1 pt = 3 pts)

Directions: Listen to each sentence three times. Write down the exact sentence.

1. [Janitor]

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2. [YuMin]

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3. [YuMin]

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Part D: Listen and Translate (4 items x 1 pt = 4 pts)

Directions: Listen to each sentence and write the Chinese translation.

1. [Janitor]

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2. [Janitor]

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3. [YuMin]

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4. [YuMin]

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