

10 Worksheet Final Test: India

A LISTENING COMPREHENSION

These tasks deal with a text on social mobility in India, provided by the British Council.

Take five minutes to study the tasks below. Then go to the following link, click on the “play” button top right (marked by the typical arrow or triangle pointing to the right) and listen to the audio text “Social Mobility” (this will be 4:03 min long):

http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/CET/cet_profs/social-mob5_tf.htm

(Please copy and paste this hyperlink into your browser.)

Try to do some of the tasks while listening. Do not give in to the temptation of clicking on “tapescript”, for two reasons: Firstly, you cannot do the tasks while reading the tapescript, and if you use it to solve the tasks, you are not really practising your listening; and secondly, the tapescript differs in some passages from the words spoken in the audio text, some parts are even missing, so this would certainly confuse you. Just listen carefully. When you have reached the end, work on the tasks for about three minutes, then listen to the audio text again, and complete the tasks within another four minutes. Try to keep to the times indicated in order to get used to having limited time – just like in an exam.

1. Which of these statements is true, according to the text? (Do not tick more than 1 option.)

- ☐ India is one of the 12 richest countries in the world.
- ☐ India is the elf richest country in the world.
- ☐ India is the 12th richest country in the world.
- ☐ India is the 12th richest customer of the World Bank.

2. Which of these statements is true? (Do not tick more than 1 option.)

- ☐ India's economy is growing three times more than the USA's economy.
- ☐ India's GDP growth was nine times higher than the European GDP growth.
- ☐ India's GDP growth is one third of the USA's.
- ☐ A GDP growth of three per cent is a considerable value for any country.

3. Which of these statements is true? (Do not tick more than 1 option.)

- ☐ A quarter of India's population are very wealthy.
- ☐ A quarter of India's population are very poor.
- ☐ A quarter of India's population are without sanitation.
- ☐ Three quarters of India's population are very wealthy.

4. Listen closely and fill in the missing words:

A case in point is Mumbai, India's biggest city, where _____ of the city's population live in slums - _____ people.

5. What does the speaker say about "70% of India's population"? Give short answers to the following questions:

a) Where do they live? _____

b) Why are many of them trying to find work in the cities? _____

c) In what two fields does the government invest too little? _____

6. Which of the following disadvantages does the poorer part of Indian society have to put up with? (do not tick more than 3 options)

- ☐ quickly rising inflation
- ☐ higher living standards
- ☐ loss of their lands
- ☐ Chinese fireworks

- ☐ higher food prices
- ☐ increasing exports of rockets

7. The rich people of India seem to concentrate in three areas. What are they?

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

8. Many observers ask, 'Will India be able to sustain its rapid growth?' What are the reasons for that question? Listen closely and fill in the gaps.

While incomes are going up, and tens of thousands of new jobs are _____
_____, the government of India cannot _____
essential investment in public services such as health, education, _____,
public _____ and housing.

B TEXT COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

Please read this article by Helen Pidd at the web site of the *Guardian* (24 June 2012):

India's latest TV hit offers rare window on abortion and 'honour' killings

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jun/24/india-tv-hit-aamir-khan>

(Please copy and paste this hyperlink into your browser.)

Annotation: par. 16 Lord Reith 1889-1971, the first general manager of the BBC (1922-27) and its first director-general (1927-38), with great influence on the development of broadcasting in the UK, expecting radio and television to 'educate, inform and entertain'

Questions on the text

- 1 What is unusual about the contents of the remarkably successful TV show "Satyamev Jayate"? Refer to the first two paragraphs.
- 2 In par. 3, there is this statement: "the show is not only shaping public debate but has already shamed politicians into action". - Paraphrase what this means and analyse the stylistic device used here.

- 3 What does Aamir Khan hope to achieve with his show? Is he successful?
- 4 Sum up what Khan is criticised for in connection with this show.

C TEXT PRODUCTION

Choose one of these topics and write 200 to 250 words.

- a) Do you think TV shows like “Satyamev Jayate” should be produced? Support your opinion with arguments of your choice.
- b) Teaspoon (one-word essay).

D MEDIATION

Choose one of the following tasks.

- a) Translate paragraphs 14 to 17 of the text in section B (“India’s latest TV hit ...”) into idiomatic German (from “The programme has been compared to Oprah Winfrey’s ...” to “... their two children”). Bear in mind that you must be very precise in this kind of task.
- b) A British e-pal of yours, Alison, has found the text „Die gebotene Schärfe” by Michael Allmaier on the internet. It is an article which was published in the German weekly *Die Zeit* in June 2012. Alison thinks it sounds interesting because it seems to be about Britishness, fish and chips, and chicken tikka masala, but her German is not good enough to understand all of it. So she has asked you to tell her what part one of this text is about. Write her an e-mail in English giving her the information she wants. Write between 250 and 300 words.
Read the German text here:
<http://www.zeit.de/2012/26/City-Guide-Stammgericht-London> (part one)
(Please copy and paste this hyperlink into your browser.)
Do not include part 2 in your mediated text.

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