

Mock Exam A2 Megoldó kulcs**Part 3 – Listening comprehension**

Task 1 Questions 1-7 *1.5 points for each correct sentence.*

1. Sharks are among *the oldest* animals in the world.
2. Today, sharks live the *same way* they did more than two hundred million years ago.
3. The average length of a shark is about *two meters/ metres*.
4. A shark has an extremely good sense of *smell* so it can find a drop of blood in the water.
5. Sharks grow *slowly* and they have less than ten babies during their lives.
6. Sharks are extremely healthy. They rarely have infections or *heart diseases*.
7. Their hunting activities protect the plants and other forms of life in the *oceans*.

Task 2: Questions 8-12 *1.5 points for each correct answer.*

8 B 9 B 10 A 11 A 12 B

Task 3: Questions 13-20 *1.5 points for each correct answer.*

13 C/E 14 E/C 15 F/B 16 B/F 17 A/I 18 I/A 19 H/J 20 J/H

Transcripts

Task 1 A2 L1 About sharks

On our program this week, we talk about sharks. They are among the oldest animals on Earth.

Scientists say sharks have lived in the world's oceans for millions of years. Today, sharks live the same way they did more than two hundred million years ago, before dinosaurs existed on the Earth.

Scientists say there are more than three hundred fifty different kinds of sharks. Most sharks are about two metres long. The dogfish shark, however, is less than twenty centimetres in length. And, the biggest whale shark can grow to a length of twenty meters.

A shark has an extremely good sense of smell. It can find small amounts of substances in the water, such as blood, body liquids and chemicals produced by animals. Sharks also sense electrical and magnetic power linked to nerves and muscles of living animals.

Sharks grow slowly. Some kinds of sharks are not able to reproduce until they are twenty years old. Most reproduce only every two years. And they give birth to fewer than ten young sharks.

Sharks appear never to suffer infections, cancer or heart diseases. Many people believe that shark cartilage can help prevent cancer. Scientists have questioned this idea. Yet they still study the shark in hopes of finding a way to fight human disease.

Sharks are important for the health of the world's oceans. They eat injured and diseased fish. Their hunting activities mean that the numbers of other fish in the ocean do not become too great. This protects the plants and other forms of life that exist in the oceans.

Task 2 A2 L2 interview about studying abroad

Reporter

When did you arrive in Wageningen? Why did you come to The Netherlands?

Katalin

I studied chemistry at the Technical University of Budapest when I first arrived in Wageningen, The Netherlands in 2004 as an Erasmus student. I really liked the course and learnt a lot from very good teachers. I had good opportunities for individual research work.

Reporter

What was it like first, was it like a holiday?

Katalin

What I found fantastic was that it was so easy to make friends. I keep in touch with some of them. There were so many opportunities for me to socialize, because I stayed in one of the dormitories of the university. I spoke English and German and I wanted to learn Dutch as

well. My fellow students were very friendly and helpful. There were so many parties and social programmes. Yes, it was a bit like a holiday.

Reporter

Was it easy to find your ways?

Katalin

Yes and no. I shared a very little room with another Hungarian girl. And it worked very well. We never felt homesick because we were there for each other. We could talk about our problems. On the other hand there were many nationalities, and it was very interesting to meet them. We shared the kitchen, the bathrooms, corridors, and the sitting rooms with each other. And we had to clean and take care of not only our own rooms but the other community places as well. To tell the truth, not everybody did their fair share in it. I felt I did the lion's share and sometimes it made me a bit frustrated.

Reporter

What happened after this scholarship?

Katalin

I finished my studies in a joint-degree programme in Budapest and in Wageningen.

Reporter

What happened next?

Katalin

I wanted to go on with my studies in a PhD programme, but first I got only a job in the same research institute. A year later I applied successfully for a PhD programme at Chalmer's in Göteborg, Sweden. So I moved there without coming home to Hungary.

Reporter

You don't seem to have problems with foreign people, foreign cultures and foreign situations. How is that?

Katalin

I don't really know, but I think I was born to travel. You know, my family used to travel a lot because of my father's professional engagements. Those travels must have helped me, because once we arrived in a foreign country, we immediately started to discover it. By the way, he is a university professor in Hungary.

Reporter

Thank you very much for the interview. That was most interesting.

Katalin

Thank you.

Task 3 A2 L3 Planning a group holiday**Peter**

Hi, Everybody! Thank you for coming. This is a great opportunity for us to discuss where we would like to go and what we would like to do on our group holiday.

Maggie, we know that you are an outdoor type. Where do you think we should go?

Maggie

Thanks Peter. I like the Lake District very much. There you could walk in the hills, swim in the lakes. There are nice campsites and Bed and Breakfast places. But we do not have to hike every day, we could visit the famous places, small towns as well. The place is full of history and romanticism. But let's ask Zach, next.

Zach

Thanks Meg. Well, I'm interested in castles and forts and other historical places and historical events. So I could imagine a round tour in the north visiting big cities, like York, which is my favourite or Bamburgh Castle. We could walk in the cities, visiting museums and those castles, and we could enjoy the local food and drinks.

Peter

Thanks Zach. Really good ideas. Alice what do you think?

Alice

Oh, I like your ideas very much, but couldn't we visit a bit warmer places? For me the English Riviera is more attractive than the previously mentioned places. If we made a tour along the southern coast of England we could visit beautiful towns with their museums and places of interest, there are famous castles there, but we could also enjoy the sea, I mean the English Channel. We could go swimming, surfing or hiking as well.

But Peter, you haven't said anything yet.

Peter

Thanks, Alice. To tell the truth, I am a city guy. I would go on a nicely organized holiday. But I wouldn't like to organize it. I think we should find a good travel agency who could organize everything for us and we could visit big cities or just London, and we would visit the important and interesting places, we would go to good restaurants, we would enjoy concerts. I would like parties, music, dancing, good food, lazy mornings on my holiday.