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ANSWER KEY

GRAMMAR – 15pts

1 has flown 2 has revealed 3 has always fascinated 4 have been trying 5 have transformed
6 have entered 7 has launched 8 completed 9 have used / have been using 10 wants 11 is working
12 will enable 13 discover 14 will change 15 continue

VOCABULARY – 10pts (SPELLING COUNTS!) – 0.5 for each

1 roommates 2 opportunity 3 effective 4 eventually 5 Initially/initially 6 conference 7 possibility
8 programmer 9 travel(l)ers 10 promising 11 difficulties 12 investors 13 numerous 14 enthusiastic
15 community 16 movement 17 significantly 18 property 19 influencers 20 alternative

READING COMPREHENSION – 10pts

1 E 2 A 3 G 4 I 5 H 6 B 7 J 8 K 9 F 10 C

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5pts

1 B 2 B 3 D 4 A 5 D

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LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

(Please read twice)

In Conversation with Peter Abbott: Insights from an Experienced Diplomat

Peter Abbott's distinguished career as a diplomat has taken him across the globe, from the vibrant landscapes of West Africa to the political heart of Washington DC, and from the bustling streets of Islamabad to the historic charm of Boston. His extensive experience and unique insights make him a fascinating figure in international relations.

How do you adapt to such different places, ranging from West Africa to Washington DC and from Islamabad to Boston?

You're always promoting the UK wherever you are, so the context of your work doesn't change very much. I think a good diplomat is respectful and aware that there are different ways of doing things around the world. You must be curious, ask good questions, listen, travel, try the food, listen to the music. But what I always miss is home, the British sense of humour. I miss our approach to life, which is usually quite relaxed. I miss pubs and dogs in pubs.

What is your view of Britain's role in the modern world?

I don't think the UK's role in the modern world has changed much. We are still one of the world's great leaders. We sit in all the major decision-making centres of the world. Britain has a huge amount to contribute to solving some of the very difficult challenges we face, and our history, for better or worse, means that we've got deep relationships around the world - long-standing relationships that give us a unique ability to analyse and provide insight.

Can you share your most memorable diplomatic experience and what made it so significant?

One of my most memorable diplomatic experiences was when the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Boston for the Earthshot Prize at the famous home of the Boston Red Sox. This event started an extraordinary 12 months. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, then we mourned her death, and finally, we had the coronation. All of these events put the Royal Family in the spotlight. The Royal Family can be very powerful advocates, and I often think of the monarch as "Britain's top diplomat."

Finally, one of my most important questions is: How do you take your tea?

I like a strong English breakfast tea with milk and one sugar (he laughs). I don't take British culture with me wherever I go. I try to enjoy the place I am in. The coffee here in America is good, for example. I value serving my country and making connections with other countries. Even with global problems, I trust and believe in the strong relationship between the US and Britain and our role in the world.

(<https://www.varsity.co.uk/interviews/27384>, adapted)

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ROLEPLAY

Student

As a teenager travelling alone by plane for the first time, you will find it beneficial to sit next to an English-speaking adult. This is an ideal opportunity to start a conversation by introducing yourself and discussing your travel plans, hobbies and any other relevant matters. You may also want to ask for any travel tips that might be helpful.

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ROLEPLAY

Teacher

You are an English-speaking adult who travels a lot for work. You notice a teenager sitting next to you who seems a little nervous. Strike up a conversation by introducing yourself and asking about this/her travel plans. Offer some travel tips and share your own experiences.

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SPEAKING – PICTURES

1. Look at the pictures. Describe the pictures.
2. Make up a story about the people in the pictures.
3. What responsibilities do you think come with discovering something valuable or important?



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