

END-OF-COURSE TEST

Listening 1

- Sally** You were thinking about joining a book group last time I saw you ... Did you contact them?
- Tom** Yes, I did. But in the end, I couldn't go. They meet on Tuesdays, and I'll be busy then.
- Sally** Oh, why?
- Tom** I'm starting a new class on Tuesday nights. Photography. I'm going to study it at the local college.
- Sally** I didn't know you liked photography. Do you even have a camera? I thought you just took pictures with your cell phone!
- Tom** Well, I used to. But I got a new camera for my birthday last week, and I really want to learn how to use it better. The class is for six months, and it covers the history of photography, taking pictures, and editing them too – you know, on your computer.
- Sally** Sounds interesting! So where's this college? I might look at their classes too.
- Tom** It's on Rowland Road. In fact, they have an open house this Friday – you can find out more about all the classes they offer.
- Sally** Thanks, Tom! So where's Rowland Road?
- Tom** That's easy. It's only about five minutes' walk from here. You know the gym? It's the next left after that.
- Sally** Oh, I think I know the place. Isn't there a movie theater down there somewhere?
- Tom** Yes, Movieworld. The college is across from that.
- Sally** Great. I'll go and have a look.
- Tom** What sort of thing do you think you'd like to try?
- Sally** Well, I gave up French very early in school, and I think I'd like to go back to learning it again. I'll wait and see when it's held.
- Tom** Well, if you find one on a Tuesday, I can give you a lift. Remember, that's the night of my photography class.
- Sally** Great idea. I'll just look for Tuesdays, then. Thanks, Tom.

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Listening 2

- 1**
- Jake** Look at this hotel on the website. The rooms are really luxurious.
- Sue** Yes, well, for five stars, you'd expect something pretty special ... Ooh, yes, it is fantastic, isn't it?
- Jake** Maybe we could try it for a weekend break next summer?
- Sue** Hmm, if we could afford to stay there, it would be great, but it's not really an option.
- 2**
- Anna** What a terrible place! I'm not going there again!
- Paolo** Oh? You said the rooms were comfortable, and the food was delicious.
- Anna** Maybe, but everyone I talked to was so unhelpful. I didn't enjoy my stay at all.
- Paolo** Oh no, that's too bad.
- 3**
- Ben** We're going to Buenos Aires in the fall.
- Kate** Really? Lucky you! Have you made a hotel reservation yet?
- Ben** I'm waiting to ask Miguel, actually. He told me he'd been to a couple of really nice hotels, and could give me a few suggestions. He said he'd find their names and contact details.
- Kate** Ah, that's helpful.
- 4**
- Sara** How was your break last weekend?
- Mark** The weather was beautiful. And our hotel was friendly, and in a great location ...
- Sara** But you don't sound that happy. What was wrong?
- Mark** The city itself, I'm afraid. Everywhere we went was so crowded that it was hard to see anything. And you had to line up for hours to get into the museums. It just wasn't relaxing at all. It's a lovely place, but tourism has ruined it, I think.
- Sara** Oh no!
- 5**
- Dave** How was your vacation? Did you have fun?
- Molly** Yes, the people were very nice. Our accommodation was a little basic, but I didn't mind that. There's only one thing I'd change.
- Dave** Oh, what's that?
- Molly** There was too much industry, right downtown. The whole place was very polluted. After a week there, I just wanted to get out into the countryside and breathe some fresh air!