Test 3

**Task1. You are going to read aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.**

London's Big Ben has been **bonging** for 156 years, but it could all stop **with a bang** if repairs aren't carried out. The Great Clock, one of London's most famous tourist attractions, needs work to stop it falling silent. Politicians say the repairs could cost taxpayers up to 40 million pounds and would shut Big Ben down for up to 4 months.

"Big Ben and the Elizabeth Tower, which it's on top of, is an iconic image of the UK. It's the most famous iconic image of the UK, one of the most famous images anywhere in the world. It's part of the image of the country. The cross-party Commons Finance Committee's report says Big Ben has "chronic problems" with the **bearings** behind the **hands** and **pendulum**. There is also severe metal erosion, cracks in the roof and other defects.

Upgrades were also needed to bring the building in line with health and safety regulations.

The costs include plans to build a visitor centre at the bottom of the tower, and a lift to take tourists to the top. In 1976, repairs saw the clock stopped for 26 days over nine months.

**Task2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer 6 questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.**

**Electronic assistant:** Hello! It’s the electronic assistant of the Dietary Magazine. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people fell about shopping in our region. Please answer 6 questions. The survey is anonymous- you don’t have to give your name. So, let’s get started.

**Electronic assistant:** How old are you?

**Student:**

**Electronic assistant: How** many meals a day do you usually have?

**Student:**

**Electronic assistant:** What is your favourite food?

**Student:**

**Electronic assistant:** Why do people stick to different diets?

**Student:**

**Electronic assistant:** What restaurants and cafes do you prefer to have meals and why?

**Student:**

**Electronic assistant:** What dish would you recommend trying and why?

**Task 3. You are going to have a talk about animal protection. You will have to start in 1.5 minutes and speak for not more than 2minutes.**



**Remember to say:**

* **Why some animals are in danger**
* **What do you think of keeping animals in zoos**
* **What people can do to protect endangered animals**

**You have to talk continuously**