**MOCK TEST**

**BUSINESS ENGLISH III**

**I Reading comprehension**

Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N) has won $237 million in extra funding for a fourth batch of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to account for changes to the hardware and software of the stealthy, supersonic new warplanes, the Pentagon said on Monday.

The modified contract increases the cap on retrofits needed on early production planes due to issues that arose in testing, which is still continuing, the U.S. Defense Department said in a daily listing of contract awards.

Lockheed said the change would enable the Defense Department to pay for certain changes they want incorporated into the new jets, up to the new cap. Lockheed is responsible for any additional costs beyond the agreed cap.

The Pentagon projects it will cost $397 billion to develop and build three variants of the plane for the U.S. military, a total of 2,447 planes. Eight partner countries also share in the development costs.

The U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the new warplane, the Pentagon's costliest weapons program, on Tuesday afternoon.

Vice Admiral David Venlet, who runs the program for the U.S. government, is expected to provide an update on the program and several technical issues, including problems with the helmet worn by F-35 pilots, and the tailhook that helps stop the aircraft carrier variant of the plane.

**Answer these questions (choose the best answer):**

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1. What will be the total cost of building all the planes that the article mentions?

 a) almost $400 million
 b) almost $240 million
c) almost $400 billion

2. What is one of the technical issues mentioned in the article?

a) there's a problem with the glass.
b) there's a problem with the pilot's helmet.
c) there's a problem with faulty readings.

3. How many other countries will share in the development costs of the airplanes?

  a) 9

 b) 7

 c) 8

4. The changes on the airplanes will focus on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) both software and hardware

b) software

c) hardware

5. How does this program compare to the Pentagon's other weapons programs?

a) it is more classified.

b) it is more expensive.

c) it costs less than the other ones.

**II Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.**

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1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(never come) across such a big snake in my life. What about you?

2. By Saturday next week, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) on this painting for exactly one month.

3. My wife and I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a few problems recently and I have to admit that our relationship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(get) a bit boring since our daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for university.

4. Even though I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(like) singing, I can say that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a voice.

5. By the year 2020, the population of London \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(grow) substantialy.

6. My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) to see us next weekend. They\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not visit) us for two years.

7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(look for) her ring for two hours when we found it in the bathroom.

8. They were very tired in the evening because they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(help) on the farm all day.

9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lead) a very busy life these days. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(prepare) for my final exams and at the same time I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(try) to move to my new apartment. You can't imagine how tired I am.

10. Do you know what time the 10:45 plane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in Chicago?

**III Fill in the blanks with the missing words from the box:**

maturing extend progressing discussing needs

 sponsoring marketing agreeing sharpening

Dear Mr Thomson,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my internship this summer with Cambro Corp. My experience was extremely rewarding. In addition to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my marketing skills and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_professionally, I thoroughly enjoyed working with such a great team of people. It was a pleasure to watch and learn from my colleagues.

In particular, I want to thank you for the time you spent with me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my professional development. Our weekly meetings were very helpful and provided me with insightful constructive criticism of my work. The market study I conducted to identify customer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for electronic gearboxes for industrial conveyor belts was extremely interesting. I hope the study has provided the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ department with solid data and some fresh ideas. If anyone has questions about the study I can be reached via email at frances.orford@coolmail.com.

In addition, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf. It will be particularly valuable to me as I search for full time positions next spring. I will contact you periodically to let you know how my career search is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my thanks and appreciation to the entire marketing team for such a valuable internship experience.

Yours sincerely,

**IV Match words with their definitions**

staggering aptitude venue tailor procurement

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make or change something for a particular person or purpose

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ natural ability that makes it easy for you to do something well

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extremely surprising

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the process of buying supplies or equipment for a company

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the place where an activity or event happens

**V Match a word to its appropriate collocation:**

1. We don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.

1. bring b) gain c) attain d) reach

**2.** You should try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ skills that will serve you for a lifetime.

a) attend b) achieve c) acquire d) attest

3. They are trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their earnings.

a) boost b) attach c) attribute d) apply

4. She will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of practical experience in our firm.

a) provide b) obtain c) assign d) appraise

5. These qualifications will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your CV.

a) empower b) embody c) enhance d) entail

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