**First year written exam October 2017 Listening text**

**A tour guide giving details about a trip tomorrow**

I hope you’re enjoying your stay in London! Tomorrow is going to be an exciting day with a visit to the famous waxworks museum, Madame Tussauds. Then, after lunch, we’ll pay a visit to Portobello Road market, the world’s largest antiques market, with possibly the option of going to Hyde park afterwards. Some of you may not know anything about Madame Tussauds, so I’m going to tell you a little about it and then give you details for the tour tomorrow, okay?/

 Madame Tussauds is now over 250 years old and has exhibitions in cities in many places around the world and naturally in London where Madame Tussaud and her sons first established it. / They first showed their works in Baker Street, but then they moved to the current location in Marylebone Street after Madame Tussaud’s death. / It was first famous for its chamber of horrors with its terrifying relics of the French revolution such as the death masks of the victims. This chamber still exists and we will see it tomorrow. / The modern part of the exhibition is quite different and you can view wax models of famous people from the past up to the present day. Some are dressed in accessories and clothes actually belonging to real people, which makes the models look even more realistic, while others are excellent imitations. / Just imagine meeting your favourite actor George Clooney face to face or a tennis star like Nadal, or even a member of the Royal Family! There are also world leaders such as Barack Obama. Others are superheroes from films like the Incredible Hulk or Spiderman. /

The exhibition is really easy to get to. We will meet inside the hotel lobby at 09:00 a.m., not outside. We are going to walk to the Tube station at 09:15 a.m., from where we’ll get the train to Marylebone Street. The weather should be good tomorrow, so don’t worry about bringing an umbrella. // The journey will take 15 minutes to Marylebone Street, and the attraction is about 5 minutes’ walk from there. / Once there you’ll have 2 and half hours to explore before having an-hour- long lunchbreak in the self-service restaurant at the museum itself./ After lunch, we will head off on the Tube again to Portobello Road market and later we may go to Hyde Park, but only if we have some time left. I know you are also going to see a show tomorrow night at a famous London theatre.

If you have any questions, please ask now!