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**2022-2023 PROFICIENCY LISTENING**

**Part A: Listen and Answer the questions.**

**(5 pts)**

1. Why do people give names to hurricanes?

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2. How does the US weather service give names?

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3. When did they start to give male names as well as female ones?

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4. Which letters are not available in the list of names?

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5. How do they decide on the name of a hurricane?

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**Part B: Listen and complete the sentences.**

**(6 pts)**

1. We’ve got two small children and they’re getting a bit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ historical monuments and museums.

2. It’s a multi-media \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of medieval Dublin. It’s great.

3. It gets very crowded in summer and there can be long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. You can see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and letters and rare editions of people like Jonathan Swift or Oscar Wilde.

5. It’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Museum of Modern Art.

6. If you are into Irish Folk music then O'Donoghue's is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the best.

**Part C: Listen to the conversations and answer the questions. (3 pts)**

1. Why wasn’t it possible to see the Golden Gate Bridge?

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2. Why is the man unhappy about the weather?

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3. Why does the man want to see the Opera House?

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**Part D: Listen to the conversation and fill in the**

**blanks with the key phrases you hear (6 pts).**

A: Hi Leo. How was your weekend?

B: 1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, thanks. Why did you ask?

A: Because you told me that 2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

in on Saturday night, but I heard you were at a

party.

B: Who told you that?

A: Grace said that she’d seen you there. How come you didn’t tell me about it?

B: Because 3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for half an hour.

I had to go because my dad asked me to take my

sister there. I talked to Paul for a few minutes and

then I left.

A: Are you 4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Leo?

B: Honestly, it is true! If you don’t believe me, you

can ask Paul. He asked me why I’d come

5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A: Alright. I believe you. Sorry Leo.

B: 6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.