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Paper 2 Listening

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Approximately 50 minutes (including 6 minutes' transfer time)



You must transfer your answers onto the multiple choice answer sheet.

You will need: Multiple choice answer sheet
Soft clean eraser
Soft pencil (type B or HB is recommended)

INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **40** questions on this paper. Answer **all** questions.
- You will have 6 minutes to transfer your answers from the question paper onto the multiple choice answer sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the multiple choice answer sheet. Shade **one** letter only for Questions 1 to 40.
- Write in soft pencil.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the multiple choice answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has been done for you.
- Do **not** use correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- Each correct answer will score one mark.
- Any rough working should be done on this question paper.

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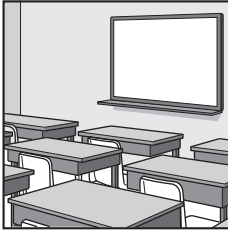
Exercise 1

You will hear eight short recordings. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

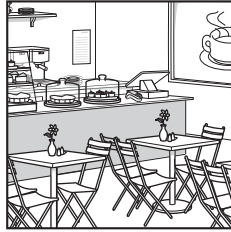
You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

Where are the friends going to spend their break?



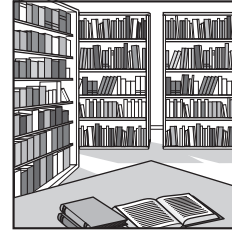
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B



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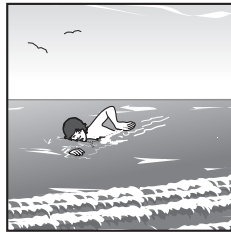
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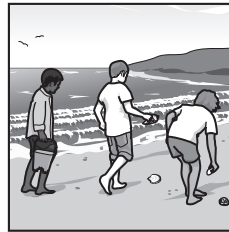
What did the boy enjoy the most during the trip?



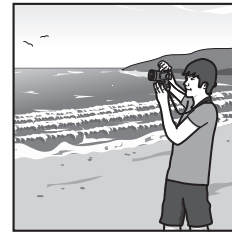
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Question 3

Which instrument is the girl going to play at the school concert?

**A**

**B**

**C**

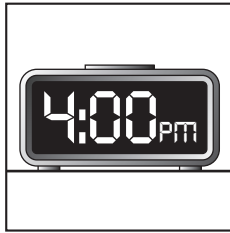
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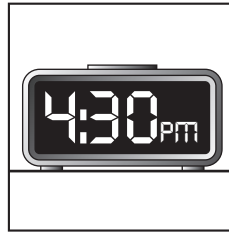
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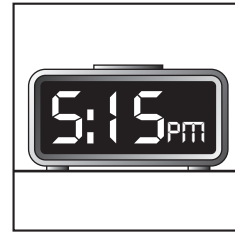
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What time is the yoga class the man wants to take?

**A**

**B**

**C**

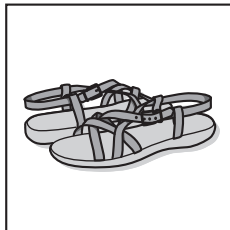
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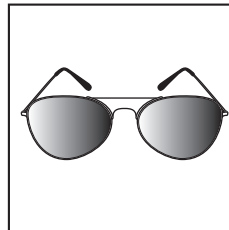
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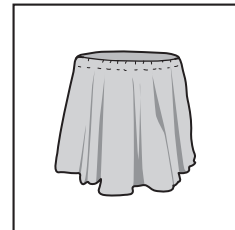
Question 5

Which item is on special offer at the shop?

**A**

**B**

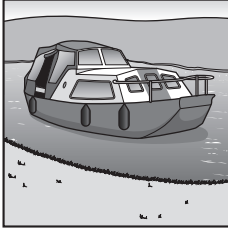
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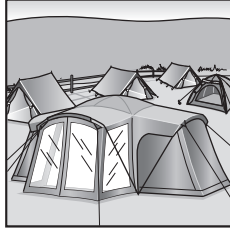
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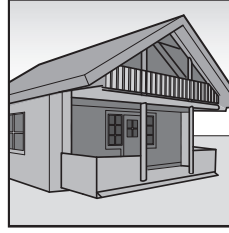
Where is the man hoping to stay on his holiday?



A



B



C

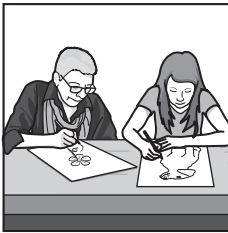


D

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Question 7

How did the girl learn to draw?



A



B



C



D

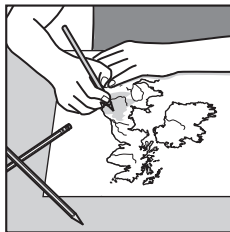
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Question 8

What is the homework for the following week?



A



B



C



D

[1]

Exercise 2

You will hear five short recordings. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B** or **C**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

You will hear each recording twice.

You will hear two university students talking about a history project.

Question 9

How does the girl feel about the history project?

A nervous

B optimistic

C excited

[1]

Question 10

The boy has done some preparation using

A borrowed notes.

B library resources.

C the internet.

[1]

You will hear a boy leaving a voice message for his friend about a tennis class.

Question 11

The boy suggests that the tennis coach was

A relaxed.

B encouraging.

C demanding.

[1]

Question 12

The boy's friend can sign up for the tennis class by

A calling the club.

B sending an email.

C completing a form.

[1]

You will hear a hotel guest making a complaint about her stay.

Question 13

The guest was most unhappy about

A the level of noise.

B the attitude of the staff.

C the quality of the food.

[1]

Question 14

Following her complaint, the guest received

A a reduction in her bill.

B free entry to the spa.

C a special rate for the next visit.

[1]

You will hear a student talking about learning how to cook.

Question 15

The speaker first learnt how to cook

A from her friends.

B from her family.

C from online tutorials.

[1]

Question 16

The speaker says that she especially enjoys

A cooking healthy food.

B inviting people for meals.

C being able to save money.

[1]

You will hear an art gallery guide talking about a painting.

Question 17

The painting has been shown at the gallery

- A for about a week.
- B for two months.
- C for nearly two years.

[1]

Question 18

What is unusual about the painting?

- A the woman's emotion
- B the woman's clothes
- C the woman's hairstyle

[1]

Exercise 3

You will hear a student, Nina, giving a talk about birds called barn owls. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B** or **C**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

You will hear the talk twice.

Now look at Questions **19–26**.

Barn owls

Question 19

Nina says that barn owls often live ...

A in urban areas.

B in woods and fields.

C quite close to people.

[1]

Question 20

Barn owls are often seen in areas covered in grass, as these provide ...

A safety from other animals.

B a source of food.

C a quiet environment.

[1]

Question 21

Nina mentions that unlike other birds, barn owls can ...

A fly silently.

B hear very well.

C see in the dark.

[1]

Question 22

Barn owls typically lay their first eggs in ...

A March.

B April.

C May.

[1]

Question 23

Young owls typically spend ... with their mother.

A between 8 and 20 days

B at least 30 days

C just over 8 weeks

[1]

Question 24

Nina was surprised to learn that ... are a threat to barn owls.

A bad weather conditions

B chemicals used in farming

C low levels of food supplies

[1]

Question 25

The Owl Box Project ...

A supports owls in different ways.

B was set up by a group of farmers.

C is small and community-based.

[1]

Question 26

Right now, the best way to help the Owl Box Project is by ...

A donating money.

B building nesting boxes.

C sharing information about their work.

[1]

Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about different types of festivals.

For Questions 27–32, choose from the list (A–H) which idea each speaker expresses. Write the correct letter (A–H) on the answer line. Use each letter only once. There are two extra letters which you do not need to use.

You will hear the recordings twice.

Now read statements A–H.

A I think that the tickets were overpriced.

B I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it.

C Festivals are a great place to meet new people.

D It can be hard work to organise a festival.

E Visiting a festival made me start a new hobby.

F I was a bit concerned about the safety at the event.

G I don't enjoy festivals as much as I used to.

H I was impressed by the skills shown at the event.

Question 27	Speaker 1	.....	[1]
Question 28	Speaker 2	.....	[1]
Question 29	Speaker 3	.....	[1]
Question 30	Speaker 4	.....	[1]
Question 31	Speaker 5	.....	[1]
Question 32	Speaker 6	.....	[1]

Exercise 5

You will hear an interview with Max Jones, who is a juggler – someone who entertains people by throwing objects into the air and trying to catch them. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B** or **C**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

You will hear the interview twice.

Now look at Questions 33–40.



Question 33

How did Max learn how to juggle?

A by watching TV

B from a family member

C by attending a class

[1]

Question 34

Max gave his first juggling performance

A thanks to being encouraged by a friend.

B to help out someone he knew.

C to show off his juggling skills.

[1]

Question 35

What did Max find most difficult about juggling in public for the first time?

A making the children laugh

B not dropping any of the items

C feeling comfortable with the audience

[1]

Question 36

Max says that the main thing to remember when you learn how to juggle is

A not to get discouraged.

B to try to concentrate.

C to practise as often as possible.

[1]

Question 37

What does Max say about choosing which items to juggle?

- A** The items should be large enough to be easily seen.
- B** Messy items should be avoided if possible.
- C** Lighter items work better than heavy ones.

[1]

Question 38

What do Max's parents think about his job?

- A** They wish it earned him more money.
- B** They'd prefer him to work locally.
- C** They've decided it would be better as a hobby.

[1]

Question 39

In the future, Max is planning to

- A** go back to university.
- B** perform on television.
- C** teach others how to juggle.

[1]

Question 40

Max doesn't want to try for the world record because

- A** he can't afford to pay for it.
- B** he isn't skilled enough.
- C** he doesn't enjoy competing.

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