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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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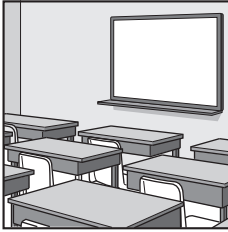
Exercise 1

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.

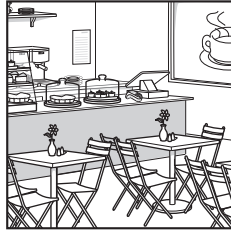
You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

Where are the friends going to spend their break?



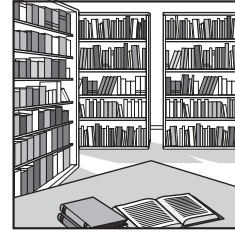
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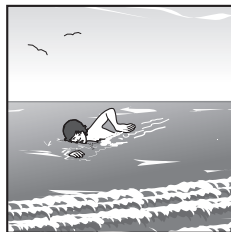
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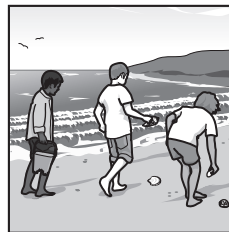
What did the boy enjoy the most during the trip?



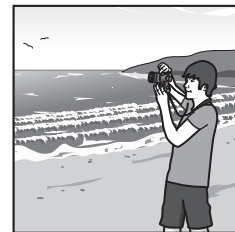
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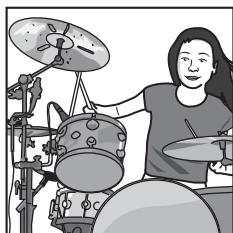
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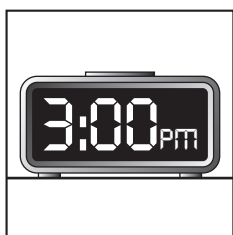
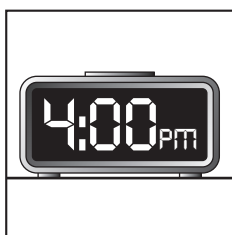
Which instrument is the girl going to play at the school concert?

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Question 4

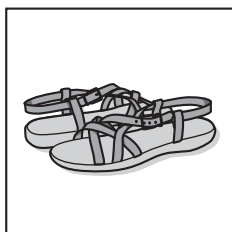
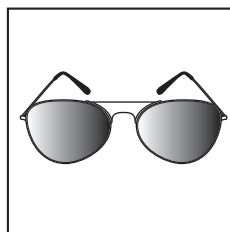
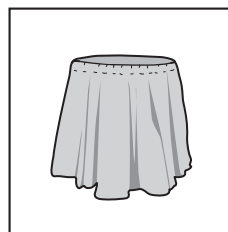
What time is the yoga class the man wants to take?

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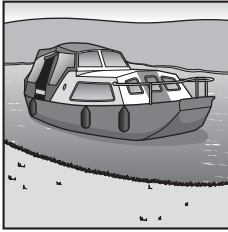
Which item is on special offer at the shop?

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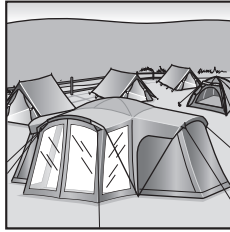
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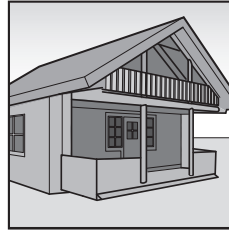
Where is the man hoping to stay on his holiday?



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Question 7

How did the girl learn to draw?



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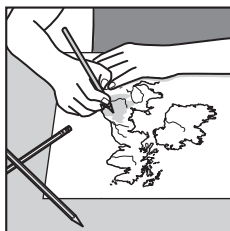
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Question 8

What is the homework for the following week?



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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

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B optimistic

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C excited

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Question 10

The boy has done some preparation using

A borrowed notes.

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B library resources.

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C the internet.

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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.

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B encouraging.

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C demanding.

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Question 12

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

A calling the club.

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B sending an email.

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C completing a form.

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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.

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B the attitude of the staff.

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C the quality of the food.

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Question 14

Following her complaint, the guest received

A a reduction in her bill.

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B free entry to the spa.

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C a special rate for the next visit.

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

Question 15

The speaker first learnt how to cook

A from her friends.

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B from her family.

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C from online tutorials.

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Question 16

The speaker says that she especially enjoys

A cooking healthy food.

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B inviting people for meals.

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C being able to save money.

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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.

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Question 18

What is unusual about the painting?

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

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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.

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B in woods and fields.

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C quite close to people.

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Question 20

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

A safety from other animals.

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B a source of food.

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C a quiet environment.

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Question 21

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

A fly silently.

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B hear very well.

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C see in the dark.

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Question 22

Barn owls typically lay their first eggs in ...

A March.

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B April.

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C May.

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Question 23

Young owls typically spend ... with their mother.

A between 8 and 20 days

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B at least 30 days

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C just over 8 weeks

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Question 24

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

A bad weather conditions

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B chemicals used in farming

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C low levels of food supplies

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Question 25

The Owl Box Project ...

A supports owls in different ways.

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B was set up by a group of farmers.

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C is small and community-based.

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Question 26

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

A donating money.

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B building nesting boxes.

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C sharing information about their work.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Question 39

In the future, Max is planning to

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

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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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