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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Listening

For examination from 2024

SPECIMEN PAPER

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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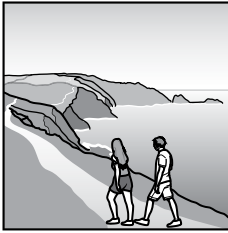
Exercise 1

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.

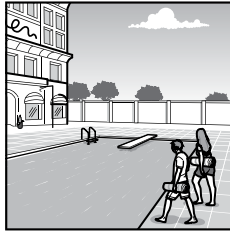
You will hear each recording twice.

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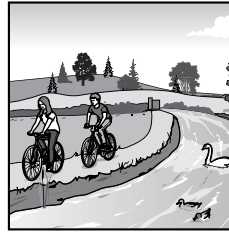
What do the boy and girl decide to do in the afternoon?



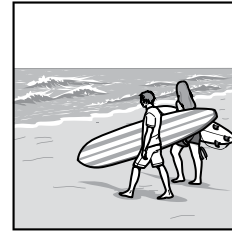
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B



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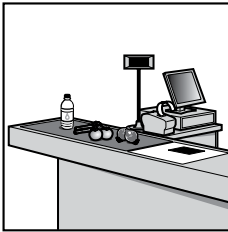


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Question 2

Where does the man think he lost his wallet?



A



B



C



D

[1]

Question 3

Who will give the first talk at the school?



A



B



C

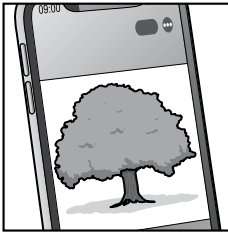


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Question 4

Which photo did the boy enter in the competition?



A



B



C



D

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Question 5

What did the woman do on her day trip?



A



B



C



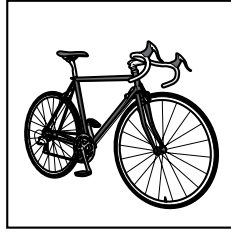
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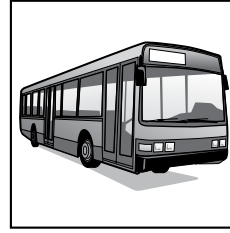
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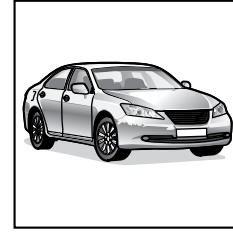
Question 6

How will the boy get to school tomorrow?

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

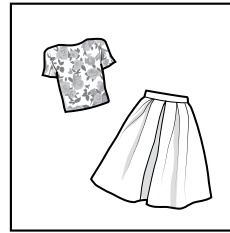
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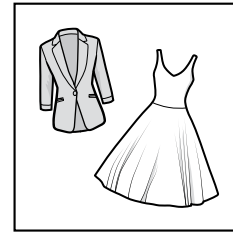
Question 7

What is the woman planning to wear to her friend's wedding?

**A**

**B**

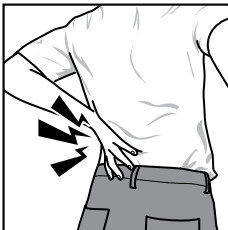
**C**

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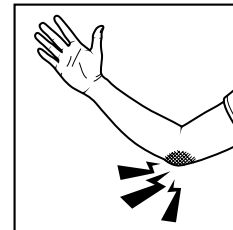
Question 8

Why did the boy go to the doctor's yesterday?

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

[1]

[Total: 8]

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 classmates talking about a book they are studying at school.

Question 9

What does the girl think about the book?

A The characters are rather boring.

B The story moves too slowly.

C The place where it's set is not realistic.

[1]

Question 10

What kind of book would the boy like to study next?

A horror

B non-fiction

C crime

[1]

You will hear a teacher giving some information about a class trip to a recycling centre.

Question 11

What will the students do first at the centre?

A discuss the importance of recycling

B learn about health and safety at the recycling centre

C go on a tour of the recycling centre

[1]

Question 12

What should the students bring with them?

A food for the trip

B an item of clothing

C something to write in

[1]

You will hear two friends talking about a music website they both use.

Question 13

How did the girl find out about the website?

A It was recommended in a magazine.

B She discovered it by accident.

C A relative told her about it.

[1]

Question 14

The friends both think that

A the reviews on the website are very good.

B the videos on the website are all worth watching.

C the competitions on the website all have some great prizes.

[1]

You will hear a girl leaving a voicemail message for a friend about a television programme.

Question 15

How did the girl feel about the end of last night's episode?

A confused

B disappointed

C surprised

[1]

Question 16

What did the girl find out about the person who wrote the series?

A how old she is

B where she comes from

C what she is working on now

[1]

You will hear part of a radio interview with an actor.

Question 17

The actor moved to Australia because

- A he preferred the way of life there.
- B there was more work available there.
- C his family were already living there.

[1]

Question 18

What does the actor say about his new film?

- A He's sure it will make a lot of money.
- B It's very different to his other work.
- C A wide range of people will enjoy it.

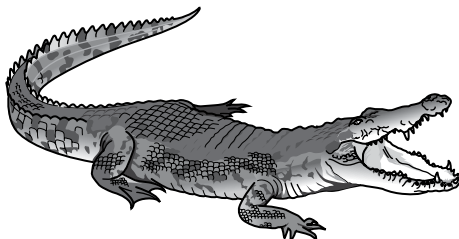
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Exercise 3

You will hear a biologist called Matthew Wilkins giving a talk about animals called crocodiles. 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**.

Crocodiles

Question 19

Matthew says that one thing that is typical of all crocodile species is ...

A how big they can grow.

B how much cold they can tolerate.

C how well protected they are.

[1]

Question 20

Matthew says that the crocodiles he studies can live for a maximum of ... years.

A 55

B 75

C 80

[1]

Question 21

Matthew says that Nile crocodiles tend to be lighter in colour if they live in ... water.

A salty

B muddy

C fast-flowing

[1]

Question 22

Matthew was surprised to learn that crocodiles occasionally eat ... as well as meat.

A fruit

B grass

C leaves

[1]

Question 23

Matthew estimates that crocodiles renew their teeth ... times during their lives.

A 50

B 60

C 110

[1]

Question 24

Matthew says that crocodiles' jaws are 10 times more powerful than those of a ...

A bear

B lion

C shark

[1]

Question 25

Matthew mentions that crocodiles usually use their ... to change direction when swimming.

A heads

B tails

C feet

[1]

Question 26

Matthew has noticed that the crocodiles he researches often sleep ...

A with their mouths open.

B without closing their eyes.

C while floating on the water.

[1]

[Total: 8]

Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about clubs they belong to.

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 joined the club because I wanted to make new friends.

B I wish the club had more new members.

C I've learned a lot since I joined the club.

D I'd like the club to meet more regularly.

E I think the club should offer a wider range of activities.

F I'm actually thinking of leaving the club quite soon.

G I've encouraged people I know to join the club too.

H I hate it when I miss one of the club sessions.

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]

[Total: 6]

Exercise 5

You will hear an interview with a woman called Gillian Harrison, who makes travel documentaries. 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

What does Gillian say about her childhood?

- A** Being part of a close family was important.
- B** Her ambitions at the time were very limited.
- C** She travelled with her family from an early age.

[1]

Question 34

Gillian describes her time at school as

- A** no different to most other children's.
- B** shorter than she would have liked.
- C** a challenging period of her life.

[1]

Question 35

Gillian says that her first job

- A** taught her a valuable lesson.
- B** let her help her family financially.
- C** increased her self-confidence.

[1]

Question 36

Gillian was offered TV work as a result of

A writing a book.

B posting videos online.

C knowing a producer.

[1]

Question 37

What surprised Gillian about her first trip abroad to make a documentary?

A how badly organised it was

B how long the working days were

C how large the country she visited was

[1]

Question 38

What does Gillian's husband say about her trips abroad?

A He wishes they were a bit shorter.

B He understands how difficult they can be.

C He would like to accompany her on them.

[1]

Question 39

What quality does Gillian say is essential for travel documentary makers?

A bravery

B determination

C curiosity

[1]

Question 40

What does Gillian say about speaking in front of a live audience?

A It's far more frightening than she expected.

B She's often asked predictable questions.

C It's something she feels obliged to do.

[1]

[Total: 8]

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