



Cambridge IGCSE™

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

0511/21

Paper 2 Listening

May/June 2025

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.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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.

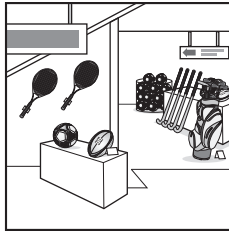
You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

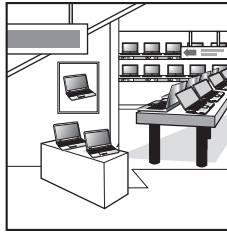
What did the couple both like in the department store?



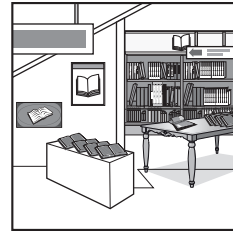
A

☐


B

☐


C

☐


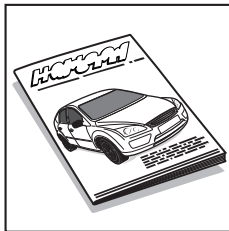
D

☐

[1]

Question 2

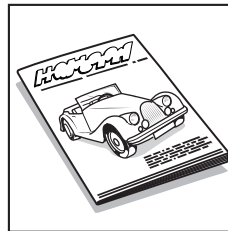
Which photo is on the cover of the man's car magazine?



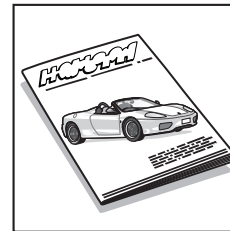
A

☐


B

☐


C

☐


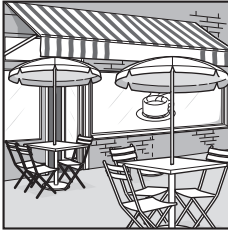
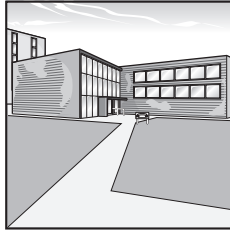
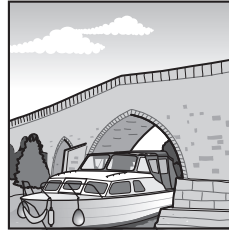
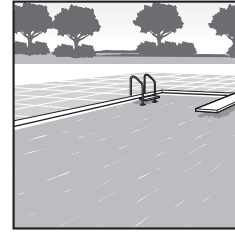
D

☐

[1]

Question 3

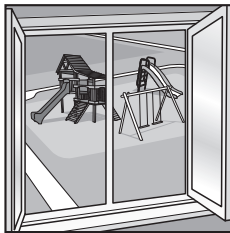
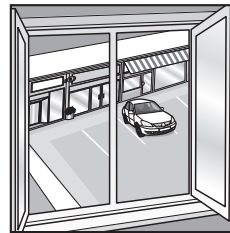
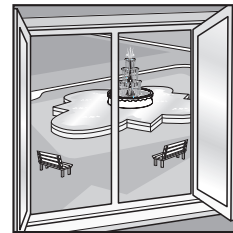
Where does the girl suggest meeting her sister today?

**A**
☐
**B**
☐
**C**
☐
**D**
☐

[1]

Question 4

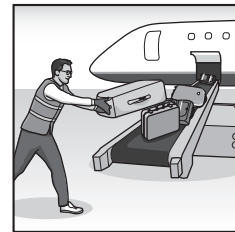
Which view from her apartment does the woman like best?

**A**
☐
**B**
☐
**C**
☐
**D**
☐

[1]

Question 5

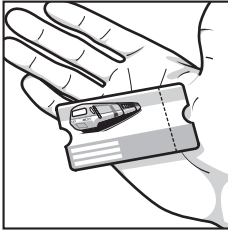
Which job would the man like to do?

**A**
☐
**B**
☐
**C**
☐
**D**
☐

[1]

Question 6

What did the man forget to take with him?



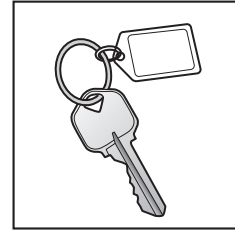
A

☐


B

☐


C

☐


D

☐

[1]

Question 7

Where do the couple decide to go for their holiday?



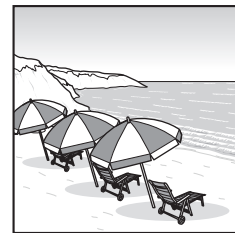
A

☐


B

☐


C

☐


D

☐

[1]

Question 8

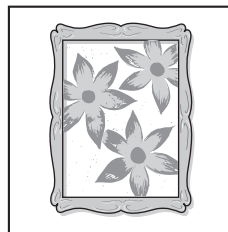
What did the girl give her mother as a birthday present?



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 friends discussing a new display of underwater sculptures.

Question 9

What is the man's opinion about the sculptures?

A They disturb the natural environment.

☐

B They won't be seen by many visitors.

☐

C They'll be affected by storms.

☐

[1]

Question 10

The woman says that the sculptures are

A designed to last a long time.

☐

B intended to attract marine life.

☐

C based on real people.

☐

[1]

You will hear two work colleagues talking about their problems with sleeping.

Question 11

What does the man say about his current poor sleep pattern?

- A** It is hard to change. ☐
- B** It started after a particular problem. ☐
- C** It's been going on for a long time. ☐

[1]

Question 12

The woman solved her sleep problems by listening to

- A** news programmes. ☐
- B** recorded stories. ☐
- C** different types of music. ☐

[1]

You will hear a man talking about his recent visit to the coast.

Question 13

Before his visit, the man was worried that the area would be

A too old-fashioned.

☐

B extremely quiet.

☐

C very cold and wet.

☐

[1]

Question 14

During his trip, what surprised the man about the area?

A the number of visitors

☐

B the size of the towns

☐

C the surrounding landscape

☐

[1]

You will hear two friends talking about clothes.

Question 15

Why is the woman pleased with what she bought in the market?

A It's similar to something she once owned.

☐

B It could turn out to be valuable.

☐

C It's an attractive colour.

☐

[1]

Question 16

When friends borrowed the man's clothes,

A he wondered why they didn't return them.

☐

B he was upset when they kept them.

☐

C he decided to ask for them back.

☐

[1]

You will hear a woman talking about taking part in a charity walk.

Question 17

How did the woman feel just before she set off?

A unsure what to wear

☐

B worried about the distance

☐

C disappointed by her friends' reaction

☐

[1]

Question 18

What did the woman realise during the walk?

A The guide walking with them didn't know the way.

☐

B Her map-reading skills weren't very good.

☐

C She hadn't explored her local countryside enough.

☐

[1]

Exercise 3

You will hear John Marconi, who is an expert on insects, giving a talk about bees. 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**.

Bees**Question 19**

John recommends ... as good places for people to see bees.

A thick forests

☐

B busy towns

☐

C open fields

☐

[1]

Question 20

John especially enjoys watching bees ... on wild flowers.

A landing

☐

B feeding

☐

C resting

☐

[1]

Question 21

John is most interested in recording the ... of bees he sees.

A location

☐

B number

☐

C species

☐

[1]

Question 22

John believes there are now as many as ... types of bees in Britain.

A 100

☐

B 250

☐

C 270

☐

[1]

Question 23

John thinks the type of bee called the ... is currently having the most difficulty surviving.

A bumblebee

☐

B honeybee

☐

C solitary bee

☐

[1]

Question 24

John says that ... is an essential role carried out by volunteers.

A collecting money

☐

B updating databases

☐

C reporting falls in bee populations

☐

[1]

Question 25

John's key aim in his work is to make sure people are ... bees.

A keen to take care of

☐

B aware of the beauty of

☐

C informed about the lives of

☐

[1]

Question 26

John says that planting wild flowers ... is surprisingly effective in helping bees.

A on balconies

☐

B along roadsides

☐

C in gardens

☐

[1]

Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about their favourite food.

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 It's **not** popular with friends.

B It's quick and easy to make.

C It uses ingredients that are normally at home.

D It's great for maintaining energy levels.

E It's a good reward for studying hard.

F It's a childhood favourite.

G It brings back memories of family holidays.

H It's healthier than some other foods.

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 a museum director called Karen Cheng talking about a painting of a woman, which the museum recently sent abroad. 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

The woman in the painting is someone who

A belonged to the royal family.

☐

B established the museum.

☐

C worked as a scientist.

☐

[1]

Question 34

Karen says the painting is unique because of its

A colours.

☐

B popularity.

☐

C age.

☐

[1]

Question 35

The painting is extremely valuable because the artist

A tended to paint in a very different style.

☐

B left very few examples of his work.

☐

C was very famous during his lifetime.

☐

[1]

Question 36

What did experts find in the painting after they'd cleaned it?

A an interesting item of furniture

☐

B important details in the clothing

☐

C another person in the background

☐

[1]

Question 37

How did museum staff feel about sending the painting to an exhibition overseas?

- A** worried about its possible loss ☐
- B** pleased other people would see it ☐
- C** sad to say goodbye to it ☐

[1]

Question 38

How did museum staff prepare the painting just before the journey?

- A** They checked the strength of the frame. ☐
- B** They added support to the back of it. ☐
- C** They carefully inspected the paint. ☐

[1]

Question 39

The problem with taking the painting out of the building was that

- A** it was almost too heavy to be carried down the stairs. ☐
- B** it took more people to carry it than they'd thought. ☐
- C** it was difficult to carry it through the corridors. ☐

[1]

Question 40

After seeing a video of the painting at the Canadian exhibition, Karen felt

- A** relieved that it had arrived on time. ☐
- B** thrilled to see it in such a suitable position. ☐
- C** proud to see how much interest there was in it. ☐

[1]

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge Assessment. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is a department of the University of Cambridge.