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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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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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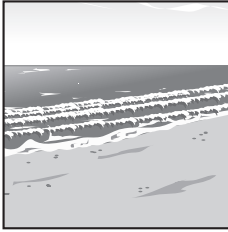
### Exercise 1

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 would the woman most like to live?



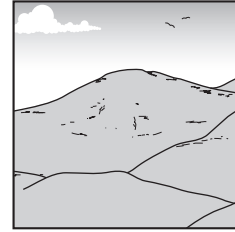
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#### Question 2

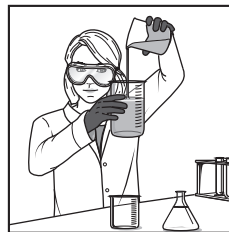
What does the science teacher want her class to do now?



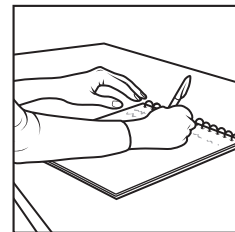
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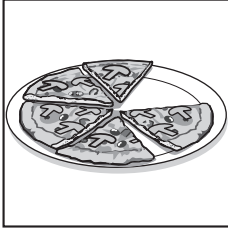
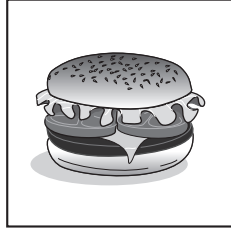
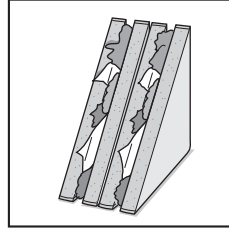
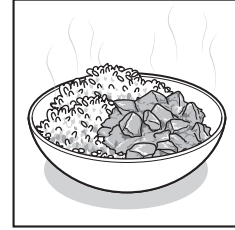
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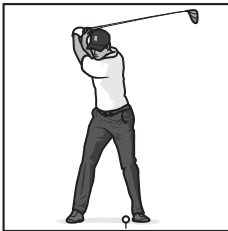
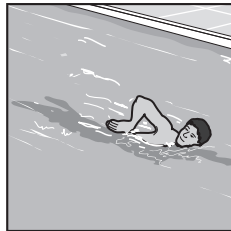
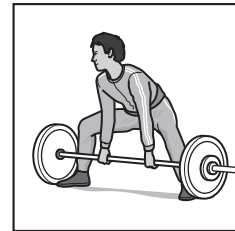
What do the man and his daughter decide to have for lunch?

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**Question 4**

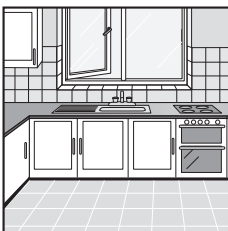
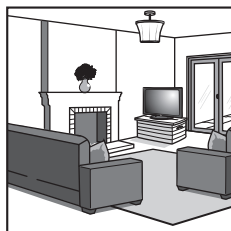
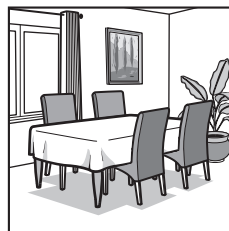
What will the man do to improve his fitness?

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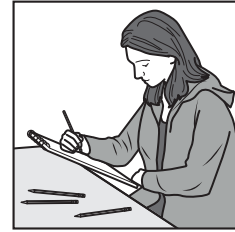
Which is the woman's favourite room in her new home?

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**Question 6**

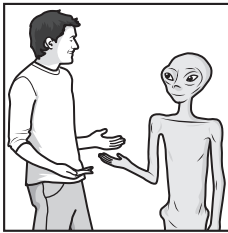
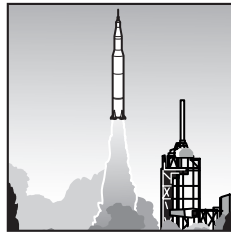
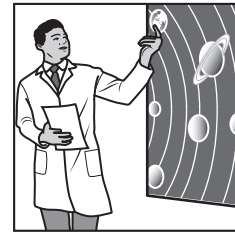
Who will give a talk to the art students tomorrow?

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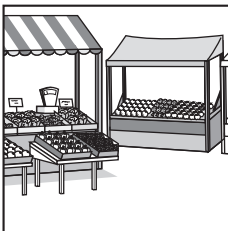
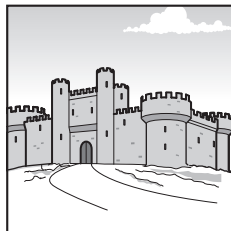
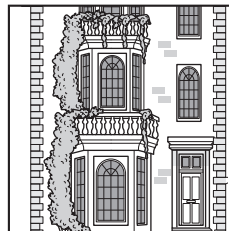
What did both friends watch on TV last night?

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**B**
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**Question 8**

Which place in the city do both friends like?

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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 a man talking about his garden.**

**Question 9**

What was the problem with the man's flowers this year?

**A** their location

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**B** too little water

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**C** poor quality soil

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**Question 10**

What does the man decide to do next year?

**A** hire a gardener to help him

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**B** do some research online

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**C** grow only vegetables

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You will hear a woman talking about a ride she recently went on with her cycling club.

**Question 11**

What went wrong on the ride?

- A** She had a problem with her bike.
- B** She discovered she'd forgotten her lunch.
- C** She got lost along the route.

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**Question 12**

Who completed the ride with the woman?

- A** a colleague
- B** a neighbour
- C** a relative

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You will hear two friends talking about the moon.

**Question 13**

What does the woman like most about the moon?

- A** the light it creates on clear nights
- B** the way it constantly changes shape
- C** the things she can see on its surface

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**Question 14**

When the man was reading about the moon, he discovered

- A** how many poems focus on it.
- B** how many people want to visit it.
- C** how many things are still unknown about it.

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You will hear a man talking to a shop assistant about buying a shirt.

**Question 15**

What does the shop assistant say about the shirts on display?

**A** They're the latest style.

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**B** They've just been delivered.

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**C** They're very popular.

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**Question 16**

What does the man like about the shirt he chooses?

**A** the material it's made of

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**B** its unusual colour

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**C** how well it fits him

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You will hear a biology lecturer talking about a species of butterfly.

**Question 17**

Why was the lecturer surprised to hear that people have seen the butterfly?

- A** The weather has been too cold for it recently.
- B** Attempts to increase its numbers have all failed.
- C** People thought that it no longer existed.

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**Question 18**

What information does the lecturer give students wishing to see the butterfly?

- A** It's easy to distinguish from other species.
- B** It's possible to find it around its favourite food.
- C** It's got relatively small wings.

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**Exercise 3**

You will hear a journalist called Sophie Brookes giving a talk about flying in the US state of Alaska, her childhood home. 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**.

**Flying in Alaska****Question 19**

Sophie reports that any typical group of ... adults in Alaska is likely to include one pilot.

**A** 6

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**B** 25

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**C** 70

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**Question 20**

The plane that Sophie's family owned for the longest time was built in the ...

**A** 1960s.

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**B** 1970s.

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**C** 1980s.

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**Question 21**

Sophie says that seeing ... was the most memorable view from their plane.

**A** forests

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**B** volcanoes

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**C** rivers

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**Question 22**

Sophie's relatives particularly rely on having ... delivered by plane.

**A** medicine

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**B** food

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**C** mail

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**Question 23**

Sophie particularly admires early Alaskan pilots' ability to fly without access to ...

**A** proper airports.

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**B** weather information.

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**C** modern devices.

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**Question 24**

Sophie decided to write an article about ... in Alaska.

**A** student pilots

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**B** pilot instructors

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**C** older pilots

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**Question 25**

During a recent trip to Alaska, Sophie travelled by plane to go ... in a remote area.

**A** sailing

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**B** skiing

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**C** hiking

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**Question 26**

While waiting to fly back to Anchorage, Sophie began thinking about ...

**A** how storms can often affect flights.

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**B** the consequences if her flight was cancelled.

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**C** her previous experience of missing a flight.

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**Exercise 4**

You will hear six people talking about what they learned on a photography course they attended.

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 understand the functions on my camera better.

**B** I've gained the skills needed to take pictures of street scenes.

**C** I'm better at arranging the people in my photos.

**D** I've become skilled at photographing celebrations.

**E** I've realised I need to pay attention to the background of my photos.

**F** I've discovered the best piece of equipment for me to buy.

**G** I'm now able to photograph moving objects.

**H** I feel more confident about using lighting in different ways.

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| <b>Question 31</b> | Speaker 5 | ..... | [1] |
| <b>Question 32</b> | Speaker 6 | ..... | [1] |

**Exercise 5**

You will hear an interview with a student, Tom Fenwick, who recently helped out on a local archaeology project – searching a site for historical evidence. 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 Tom find out about the project?

**A** His tutor mentioned it.

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**B** He came across it online.

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**C** It was located near his home.

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**Question 34**

Why did Tom decide to join the project?

**A** He enjoyed reading about ancient history.

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**B** He'd applied to study history at university.

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**C** He wanted to spend time outdoors learning about history.

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**Question 35**

On Tom's first day at the site, he

**A** realised it would be hard work.

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**B** was worried he might make a mistake.

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**C** felt his knowledge might not be extensive enough.

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**Question 36**

What did Tom learn about the site?

**A** It had been abandoned at one point.

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**B** It had been a major trading centre.

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**C** It had last been occupied many centuries ago.

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**Question 37**

When Tom found an ancient pot, he

- A got permission to take it to some experts.
- B could identify what it had been used for.
- C was amazed by the skill involved in making it.

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**Question 38**

When Tom used a machine to locate metal, he

- A felt determined to operate it effectively.
- B discovered a new hobby for himself.
- C was disappointed with how rarely he found anything.

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**Question 39**

What does Tom say about the necklace he discovered?

- A It had probably belonged to generations of the same family.
- B It was the only one of its kind in the country.
- C It may have been made in the local area.

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**Question 40**

Now Tom has left the project, he feels

- A proud of the contribution he made.
- B delighted that he's made some useful contacts.
- C keen to return soon to continue the work.

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