

Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

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.

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.

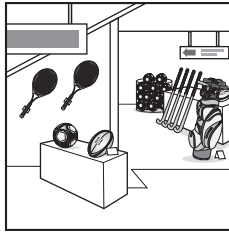
You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

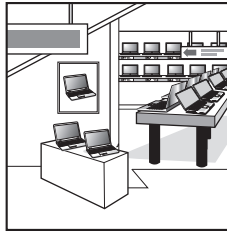
What did the couple both like in the department store?



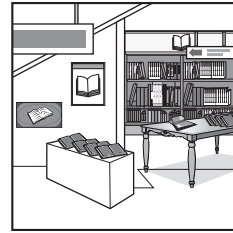
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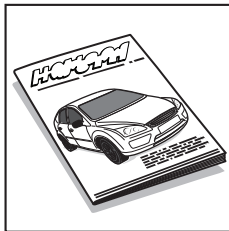
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Question 2

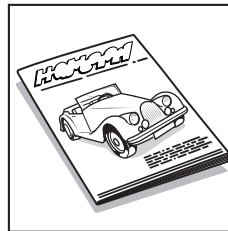
Which photo is on the cover of the man's car magazine?



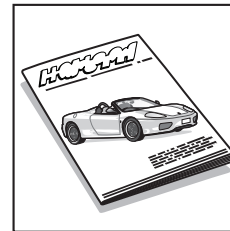
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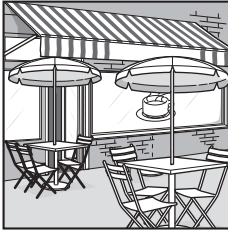
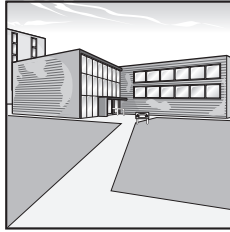
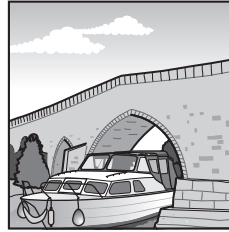
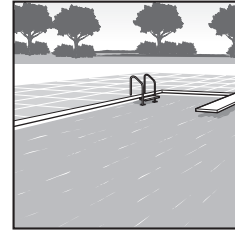
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Question 3

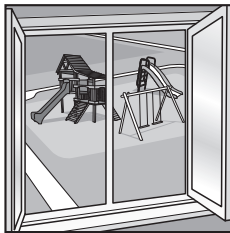
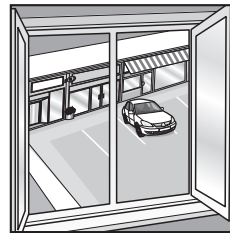
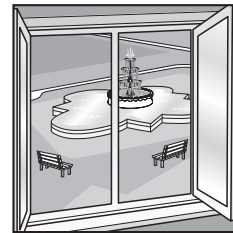
Where does the girl suggest meeting her sister today?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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Question 4

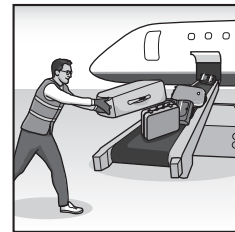
Which view from her apartment does the woman like best?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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Question 5

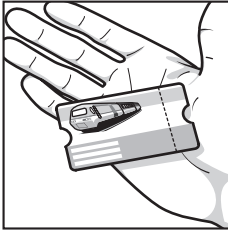
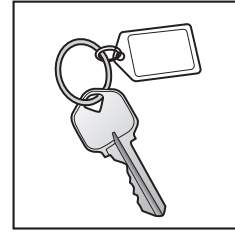
Which job would the man like to do?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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Question 6

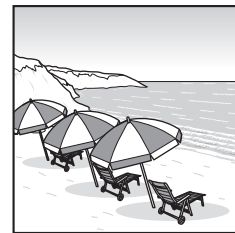
What did the man forget to take with him?

**A**
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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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Question 7

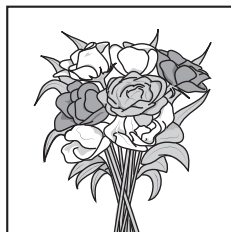
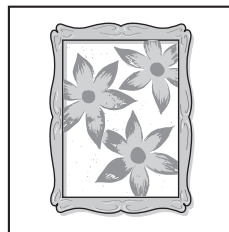
Where do the couple decide to go for their holiday?

**A**
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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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Question 8

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

**A**
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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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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 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.

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B They won't be seen by many visitors.

☐

C They'll be affected by storms.

☐

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Question 10

The woman says that the sculptures are

A designed to last a long time.

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B intended to attract marine life.

☐

C based on real people.

☐

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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. ☐

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Question 12

The woman solved her sleep problems by listening to

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

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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.

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B extremely quiet.

☐

C very cold and wet.

☐

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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

☐

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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. ☐

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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. ☐

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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

☐

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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.

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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

☐

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Question 20

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

A landing

☐

B feeding

☐

C resting

☐

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Question 21

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

A location

☐

B number

☐

C species

☐

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Question 22

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

A 100

☐

B 250

☐

C 270

☐

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Question 23

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

A bumblebee

☐

B honeybee

☐

C solitary bee

☐

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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

☐

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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

☐

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Question 26

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

A on balconies

☐

B along roadsides

☐

C in gardens

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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.

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B established the museum.

☐

C worked as a scientist.

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Question 34

Karen says the painting is unique because of its

A colours.

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B popularity.

☐

C age.

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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.

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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

☐

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Question 37

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

A worried about its possible loss

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B pleased other people would see it

☐

C sad to say goodbye to it

☐

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Question 38

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

A They checked the strength of the frame.

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B They added support to the back of it.

☐

C They carefully inspected the paint.

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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.

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C it was difficult to carry it through the corridors.

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Question 40

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

A relieved that it had arrived on time.

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B thrilled to see it in such a suitable position.

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C proud to see how much interest there was in it.

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