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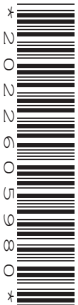
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Listening

October/November 2024

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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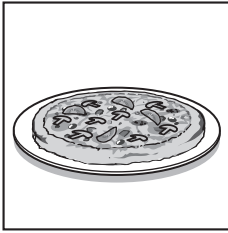
Exercise 1

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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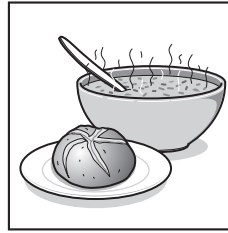
What does the girl decide to eat?



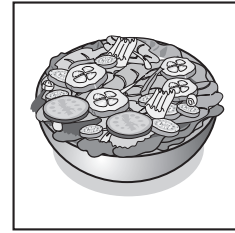
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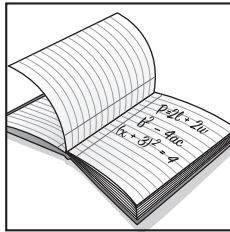
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Question 2

What has the boy forgotten?



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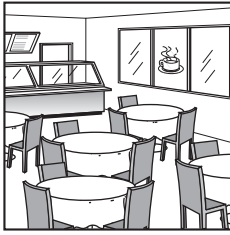
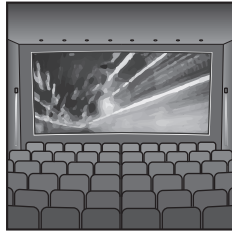
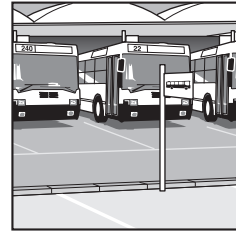

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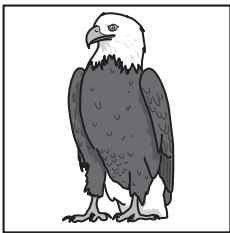
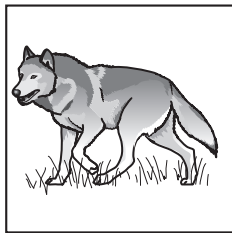
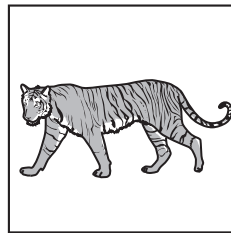
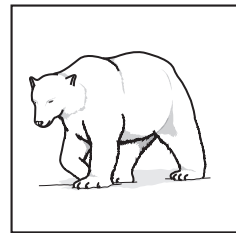
Where does the girl want to meet her friend?

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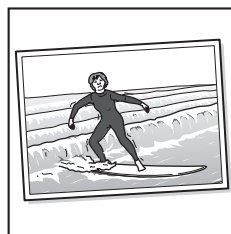
What was this week's nature programme on TV about?

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

Which is the boy's favourite photo?

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

Which sport has the girl given up most recently?



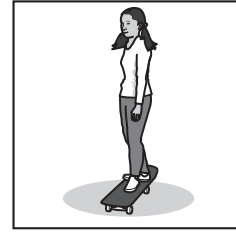
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Question 7

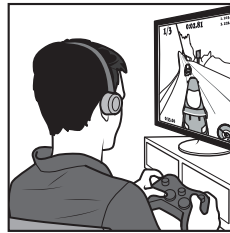
What did the boy do yesterday morning?



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Question 8

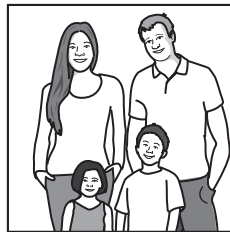
Who will the girl stay with during the holidays?



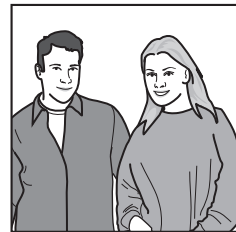
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Exercise 2

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 students talking about a class trip to an art gallery.

Question 9

How did the girl feel about the trip?

- A** disappointed by the activities
- B** confused by some of the artwork
- C** surprised by what the guide said

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Question 10

What does the boy suggest for the next trip?

- A** Students should select the destination.
- B** The trip should be fun rather than educational.
- C** An overnight stay should be included.

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You will hear a woman leaving a message for a friend about a concert.

Question 11

Why was the woman unable to get tickets for the concert?

A She had to stay late at her workplace.

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B The queue to buy them was very long.

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C There was a technical problem online.

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Question 12

What does the woman suggest doing instead of going to the concert?

A having a meal together

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B seeing a film at the cinema

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C watching some sport

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You will hear a boy telling a friend about his new guitar.

Question 13

How much did the boy's guitar cost?

A £116

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B £125

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C £149

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Question 14

What problem has the boy discovered with the guitar?

A The sound isn't as good as he thought.

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B It's quite difficult for him to play.

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C Part of the guitar is damaged.

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You will hear the introduction to a TV programme.

Question 15

Where is the programme being broadcast from?

A a café

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B a shop

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C a railway station

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Question 16

The first guest on the programme is

A a celebrity.

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B a researcher.

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C a businesswoman.

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You will hear a girl telling a friend about some homework.

Question 17

What is the girl's homework about?

- A** encouraging people to recycle more
- B** removing rubbish from the oceans
- C** creating environmentally friendly materials

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Question 18

The friend advises the girl to

- A** ask for help from her teacher.
- B** use a particular website he knows.
- C** contact classmates for guidance.

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Exercise 3

You will hear a biologist called Katy Grantham giving a talk about penguins. 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**.

Penguins

Question 19

Katy says there are currently ... known species of penguins.

A 17

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B 18

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C 25

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Question 20

Katy thinks the name 'penguin' most probably means ...

A fat bird.

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B white head.

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C cannot fly.

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Question 21

... can be used to identify the Adélie penguins that Katy studies.

A A dark stripe over the chest

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B A black line across the chin

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C A white ring around the eye

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Question 22

Katy says that adult Adélie penguins put on lots of weight just before ...

A the colder weather returns in winter.

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B they lose most of their feathers.

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C their baby emerges from the egg.

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Question 23

Katy says penguins which ... are generally the most successful at raising their young.

A swim the fastest

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B have the most experience

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C dive the deepest

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Question 24

Katy uses technology similar to ... to recognise individual penguins.

A traffic cameras

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B supermarket checkouts

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C aircraft control systems

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Question 25

Katy says the average length of a trip to catch food is ... hours during the summer.

A 48

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B 60

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C 72

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Question 26

The main aim of Katy's research project is to discover ...

A how climate change affects penguins.

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B how varied the penguins' diet is.

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C how numbers of penguins are changing.

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about the reasons why they chose their university degree courses.

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 Someone I knew was already doing the course.

B I knew I'd be guaranteed a job at the end of it.

C It was a subject I'd loved for a long time.

D I wanted to maintain a family tradition.

E I knew it would give me opportunities to travel.

F I was sure it would lead to a financially rewarding career.

G It provided lots of work experience opportunities.

H I really wasn't sure what else to do.

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 professional cake maker called Theo Horsfield. 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

Theo became interested in making cakes as a result of

- A** making one at a local business.
- B** seeing one being made on TV.
- C** helping a family member make one.

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Question 34

Theo says that his first boss was

- A** unfamiliar with products from other countries.
- B** uninterested in generating greater profits.
- C** unwilling to introduce new products.

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Question 35

Theo decided to open his own cake-making business after

- A** seeing the perfect location for it.
- B** chatting with a financial advisor.
- C** having a bad experience at work.

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Question 36

Theo says the most difficult aspect of running a business is

- A** keeping up to date with paperwork.
- B** dealing with difficult customers.
- C** finding suitably skilled workers.

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Question 37

How did Theo feel during the Cake of the Year competition?

- A** anxious about whether he'd finish in time ☐
- B** concerned about the quality of the ingredients ☐
- C** nervous about how many people were watching ☐

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Question 38

What did the judges particularly like about Theo's prize-winning cake?

- A** how well it was decorated ☐
- B** how original the recipe was ☐
- C** how perfectly it had been baked ☐

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Question 39

What plan has Theo already started working on?

- A** selling products in supermarkets ☐
- B** creating things other than cakes ☐
- C** going into partnership with someone ☐

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Question 40

What advice does Theo give to beginner cakemakers?

- A** Use your own ideas from the beginning. ☐
- B** Attend courses to develop your skills. ☐
- C** Learn to create a range of foods first. ☐

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