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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.

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.

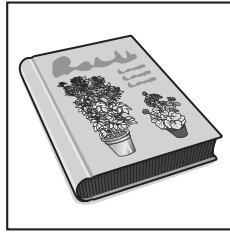
You will hear each recording twice.

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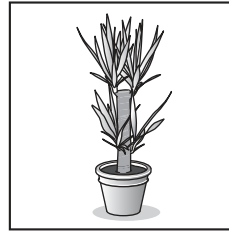
What do the teenagers decide to buy for their mother?



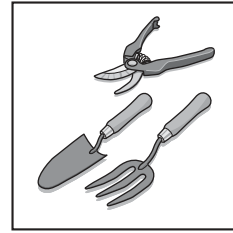
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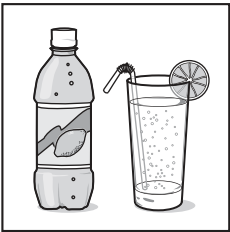
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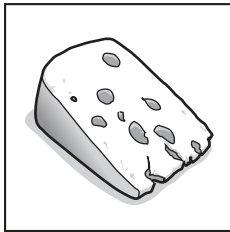
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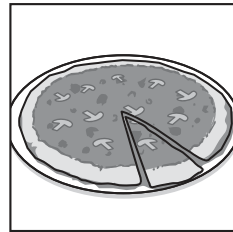
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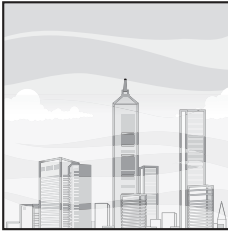
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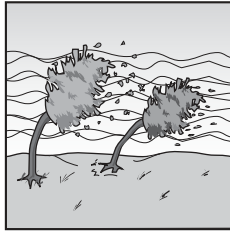
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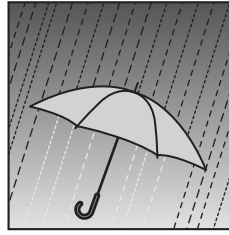
What will the weather be like tomorrow afternoon?



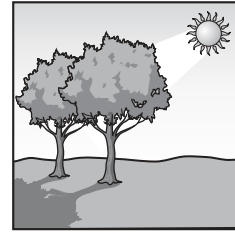
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Question 4

What event is the boy inviting the girl to?



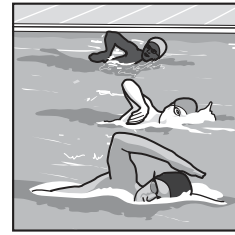
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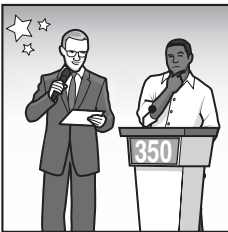
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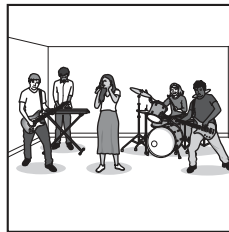
Which TV programme do the friends decide to watch?



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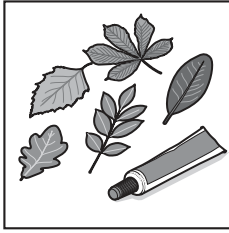

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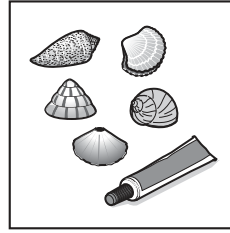
What will the girl use to make her picture?



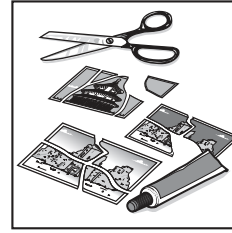
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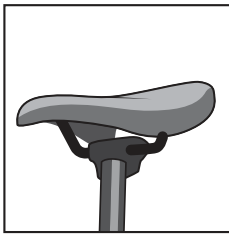
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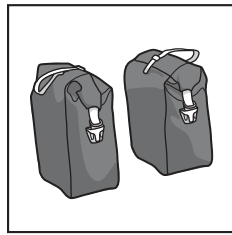
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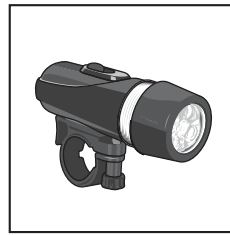
What has the boy recently bought for his bicycle?



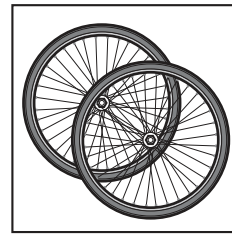
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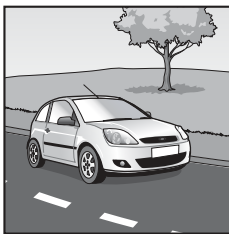
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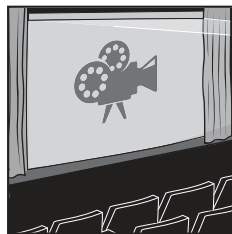
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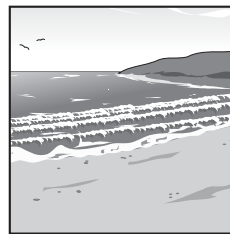
Where is the girl's brother now?



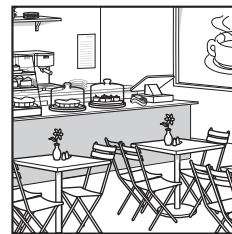
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Exercise 2

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 people talking about cooking for friends.

Question 9

How does the woman feel about the meal she's going to cook?

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| A excited about using different ingredients | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B keen to try out a new dish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C relaxed about the time needed to prepare it | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Question 10

What does the man say about the last meal he cooked for guests?

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| A He wished he'd chosen a different cooking method. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B His friends' reaction was a complete surprise. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C It's become his favourite thing to make. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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You will hear a young man talking about travelling.

Question 11

What does the man say about the journey home from his holiday?

A It taught him a number of things.

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B It was very uncomfortable.

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C It was full of delays.

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Question 12

How does the man feel about his next trip?

A He's been completely discouraged from going.

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B He's determined it will be better than his last one.

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C He's more cautious about one aspect of it.

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You will hear two friends talking about shopping for clothes.

Question 13

Why is the man telling his friend about a clothes shop he's been to?

A to persuade her to see the shop for herself

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B to advise her about when it is best to go

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C to change her opinion about it

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Question 14

What does the woman say about clothes shopping?

A She tries to avoid it whenever possible.

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B She usually buys the first thing she sees.

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C She doesn't understand why people like it.

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You will hear a young woman talking about an exhibition she went to.

Question 15

What did the woman think of the exhibition?

A It attracted more people than she'd expected.

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B It reminded her of her childhood.

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C It was a bit of a disappointment.

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Question 16

The woman says that the photo she bought as a souvenir

A was the best out of a limited choice.

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B was of somewhere she'd never been to.

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C was one that she'd wanted for a long time.

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You will hear a woman leaving a message for her friend Josh about a cinema trip.

Question 17

How does the woman feel about having to change the arrangements?

A embarrassed about her reason for doing it

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B sure that Josh will understand

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C regretful about having to miss the film

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Question 18

The woman is offering to take Josh to a restaurant that

A she knows is his favourite.

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B has an attractive seating area.

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C was recommended by relatives.

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Exercise 3

You will hear a young woman called Sylvia Trent giving a talk about improving a city park called Cuckoo Park. 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**.

Cuckoo Park

Question 19

Sylvia says she was interested in ... as a child.

A writing poems

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B drawing wild flowers

☐

C reading about science

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Question 20

When Sylvia was younger, Cuckoo Park ...

A was the only place to go and play.

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B was far from where she lived.

☐

C was full of natural features.

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Question 21

When Sylvia revisited Cuckoo Park two years ago, she felt ...

A shocked at the amount of rubbish there.

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B excited by the number of creatures living there.

☐

C attracted to it as a quiet place to go.

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Question 22

Sylvia says there are now ... organised for local people in Cuckoo Park.

A educational events

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B social events

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C sports events

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Question 23

Sylvia is currently working on ... at Cuckoo Park.

A monitoring bird populations

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B reducing pollution

☐

C maintaining areas of water

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Question 24

Sylvia opposed a plan for more parking spaces because it would ...

A increase noise levels.

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B be unnecessary.

☐

C cost too much.

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Question 25

Sylvia is now especially pleased about the increase in ... at Cuckoo Park.

A art activities

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B visitor numbers

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C fresh food production

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Question 26

Sylvia admits she hasn't paid proper attention to her ... because of her projects.

A work

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B studies

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C friends

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about their first experience of attending a major classical music concert.

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 wasn't sure how to behave while the orchestra was playing.

B I was shocked by the audience's reaction at the end.

C I was disappointed with the seats we got.

D I was thrilled to be close to a famous musician.

E I chose the wrong thing to wear.

F I was fascinated by certain members of the audience.

G I didn't recognise any of the music.

H I became very keen to attend another concert.

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 young man called Harry Soames, who recently went on a group trip, in small boats, along a river. 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 does Harry describe the boats that the group travelled in?

A They are very popular.

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B They are fast on the water.

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C They are easy to transport.

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Question 34

How far was the group planning to go along the river?

A the entire length of it

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B as far as possible in the time available

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C to the point where conditions got rougher

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Question 35

Harry admits that his guides

A were far more skilled at packing than he was.

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B knew far more about his area than he did.

☐

C had far more experience of water sports than he had.

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Question 36

Before they set off, Harry and his group

A climbed to the highest point above the river.

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B went to look for the source of the river.

☐

C took a lot of photos of the river.

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Question 37

Once on the river, Harry was surprised by

- A how remote some parts of it were. ☐
- B how beautiful the surrounding landscape was. ☐
- C how many people they came across along the way. ☐

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Question 38

When the group was forced to leave the river and walk through a town, Harry

- A found the contrast with the river difficult to handle. ☐
- B realised he already understood the river much better. ☐
- C was disappointed he wouldn't see the river's wildlife. ☐

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Question 39

What was Harry particularly pleased about on the trip?

- A the comfort of his accommodation ☐
- B the nice weather they had ☐
- C the people he was with ☐

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Question 40

What did Harry regret forgetting to take with him?

- A something nice to eat ☐
- B good reading material ☐
- C warm clothes ☐

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