



# 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.

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

**Exercise 1**

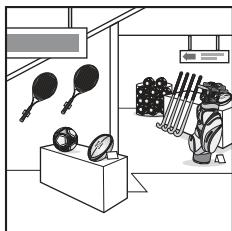
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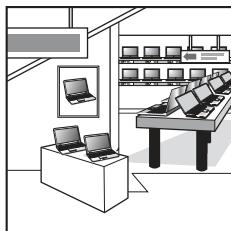
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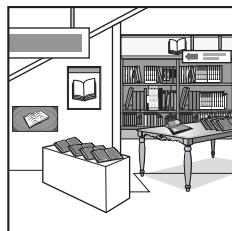
**Question 1**

What did the couple both like in the department store?

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**B**

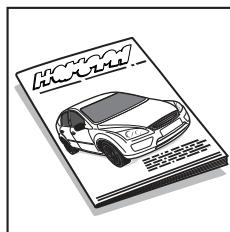
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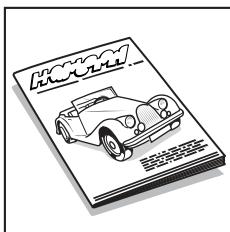

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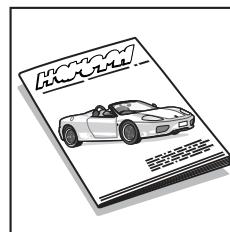
**Question 2**

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

**A**

**B**

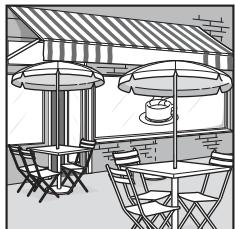
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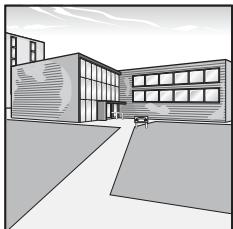
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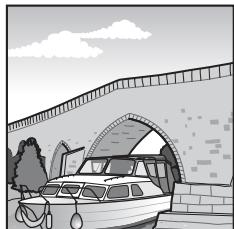

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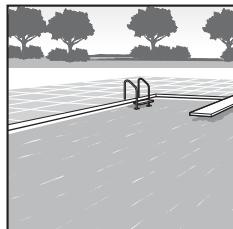
**Question 3**

Where does the girl suggest meeting her sister today?

**A**

**B**

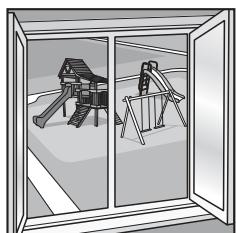
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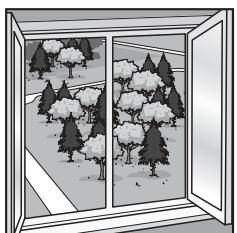
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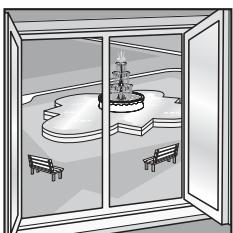
**Question 4**

Which view from her apartment does the woman like best?

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**


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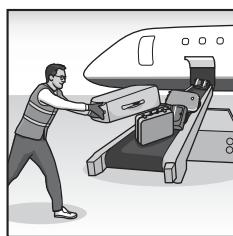
**Question 5**

Which job would the man like to do?

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**B**

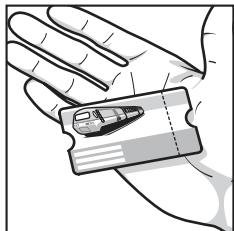
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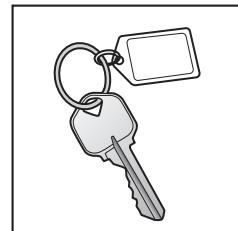
**Question 6**

What did the man forget to take with him?

**A**

**B**

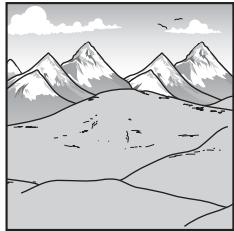
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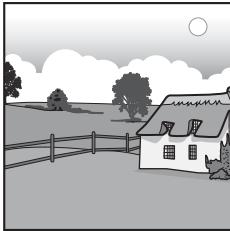
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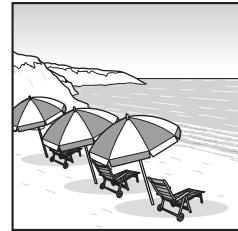
**Question 7**

Where do the couple decide to go for their holiday?

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**B**

**C**

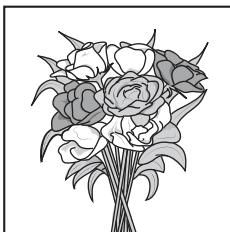
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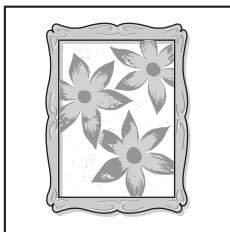

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**Question 8**

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

**A**

**B**

**C**

**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.

**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.


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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

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.

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