



# Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

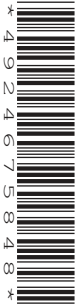
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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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 activity would the man prefer to do with his friend on holiday?



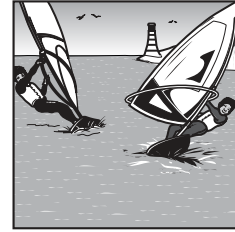
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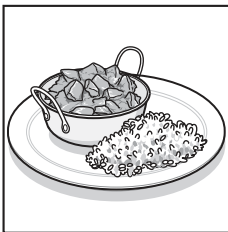
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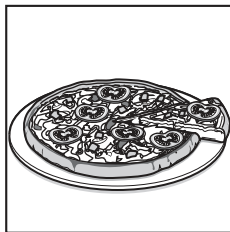
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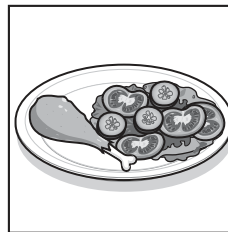
Which dish is the boy helping to make?



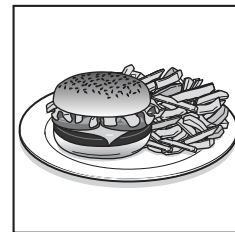
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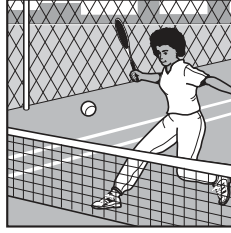
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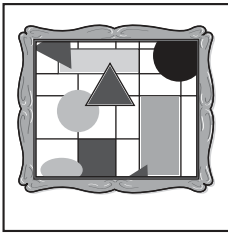
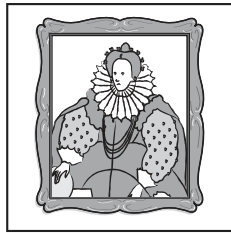
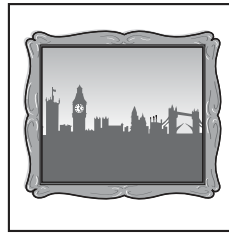
What has the woman just been doing?

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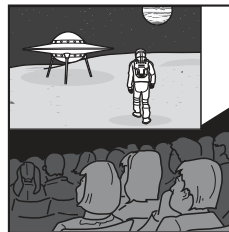
Which painting did the girl like most?

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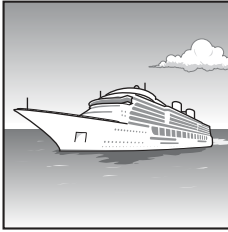
Which film do the friends decide to watch?

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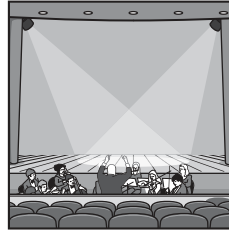
Where will the woman work in her new job?



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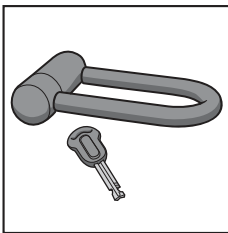

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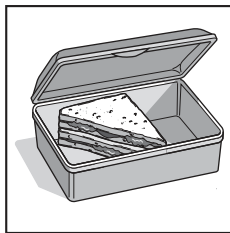
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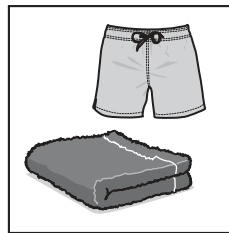
What has the boy forgotten to bring on the bike ride?



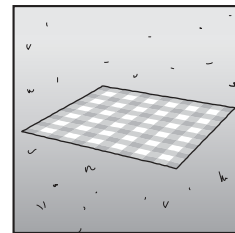
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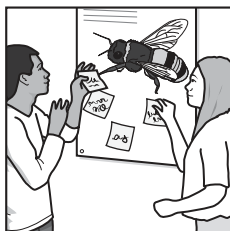
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### Question 8

What will the students do in the lesson?



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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 girl called Viola giving a class presentation about a tree-planting charity she volunteers for.**

**Question 9**

What first inspired Viola to want to plant trees?

- A** watching a video about trees
- B** a lack of trees in her local area
- C** the enthusiasm of a tree expert

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**Question 10**

What does Viola say she disliked about the last time she planted trees?

- A** The session was too long.
- B** The site was unpleasant.
- C** The weather was bad.

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You will hear two school students discussing a geography project they are working on together.

**Question 11**

The girl has done less on the project than she expected because

**A** she has been feeling unwell recently.

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**B** she had too much other schoolwork.

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**C** she has had to help out at home.

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**Question 12**

What does the boy suggest the girl should do?

**A** ask their teacher for a later deadline

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**B** allow him to help her with her work

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**C** give up other commitments to finish the project

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You will hear two friends talking about a birthday party they both went to.

**Question 13**

Both friends agree that

**A** the music was good.

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**B** there was a wide variety of food.

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**C** it finished too early.

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**Question 14**

What present did the boy give to the host of the party?

**A** something to wear

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**B** something to read

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**C** something to play

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You will hear a man talking about his fashion blog.

**Question 15**

How does the man feel about the blog?

- A** satisfied with how attractive it looks
- B** surprised how easy it was to set up
- C** delighted by people's responses to it

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**Question 16**

How does the young man choose what to write about?

- A** by looking on fashion websites
- B** by going to different fashion shows
- C** by observing the fashion of local people

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You will hear a girl telling a friend about a snowboarding holiday with her family.

**Question 17**

How did the girl feel at the start of the holiday?

- A** annoyed that her flight was delayed
- B** disappointed by how little snow there was
- C** upset because she left something at home

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**Question 18**

What does the girl find most difficult about snowboarding now?

- A** getting to the top of the slope
- B** avoiding other people on the slope
- C** stopping at the bottom of the slope

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## Exercise 3

You will hear an art teacher called Helen giving a talk about the Sand Life sand sculpture festival. 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**.

## Sand Life sand sculpture festival

## Question 19

The festival is held in ... every year.

**A** the United States

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**B** Thailand

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**C** Spain

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## Question 20

Around ... tonnes of sand are used to create the sculptures for the festival.

**A** 15 000

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**B** 35 000

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**C** 60 000

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## Question 21

To create the sculptures, sand from lakes is mixed with sand from the beach because ...

**A** it helps to keep the statues in good condition.

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**B** it is more environmentally friendly.

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**C** it allows the artists to produce work more easily.

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## Question 22

About ... works of art are on display at the sculpture festival each year.

**A** 40

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**B** 60

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**C** 110

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**Question 23**

Since it started, the majority of the sculptures shown at the festival have been of ...

- A** historical places.  
**B** wild animals.  
**C** popular characters.

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**Question 24**

The first time Helen visited the festival, she was surprised how ... many of the sculptures were.

- A** enormous  
**B** original  
**C** abstract

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**Question 25**

Helen was disappointed last time she went to the festival because ...

- A** the weather was bad that day.  
**B** part of the exhibition was closed.  
**C** there were so many people there.

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**Question 26**

Helen strongly recommends ... at the festival site.

- A** hiring an electric vehicle  
**B** reserving a tour guide  
**C** going to a sculpture workshop

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## Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about a documentary series on the environment called *Green Tide*.

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've never seen a documentary of this type before.

**B** I don't think the sound effects in it seem very realistic.

**C** I've changed some aspects of my routine because of it.

**D** I wish more people watched programmes like this.

**E** The series missed out some important topics.

**F** I think the presenter of the series was well-chosen.

**G** I felt quite angry watching some of the episodes.

**H** A lot of the music in the series is unnecessary.

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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 professional opera singer called Miroslav Antonin. 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**

What made Miroslav decide that he wanted to train as a singer?

- A** realising how good his voice was
- B** watching a competition for young musicians
- C** hearing a relative perform on a recording

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**Question 34**

Miroslav gave up singing in a rock band because

- A** his taste in music changed as he got older.
- B** he disliked the behaviour of other members.
- C** the music didn't suit his tone of voice.

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**Question 35**

How did Miroslav feel the first time he sang in an opera?

- A** astonished how positive the audience's reaction was
- B** dissatisfied with the level of his performance
- C** impatient to hear what critics said about him

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**Question 36**

While working in the USA, Miroslav greatly improved

- A** his acting skills.
- B** the power of his voice.
- C** his breathing techniques.

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**Question 37**

What does Miroslav pay particular attention to in order to stay in good shape?

- A getting plenty of sleep
- B following an exercise routine
- C having a healthy diet

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**Question 38**

Which aspect of his work does Miroslav find most challenging?

- A doing large amounts of practice
- B being away from home for long periods
- C dealing with accounts and contracts

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**Question 39**

What would Miroslav like to do in the future?

- A direct an opera
- B appear in a film
- C write classical music

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**Question 40**

What does Miroslav say anyone wanting to become an opera singer should do first?

- A see as many productions as possible
- B get a teacher you feel comfortable with
- C join a local group that puts on performances

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