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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 or tape.
- 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.

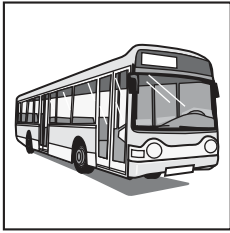
Exercise 1

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.

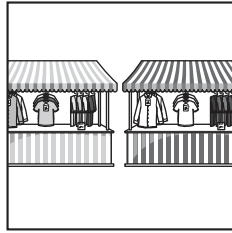
You will hear each recording twice.

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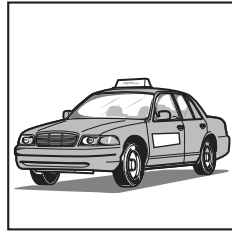
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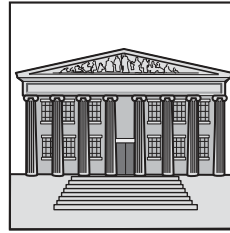
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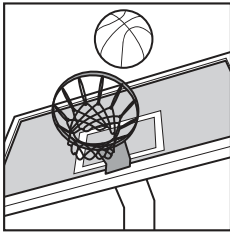
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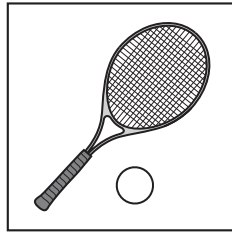
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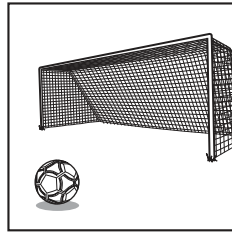
Which sport does the girl enjoy most at college?



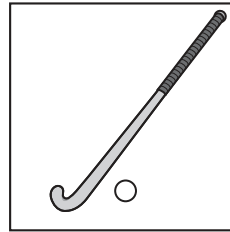
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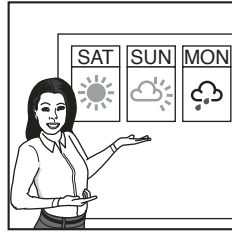
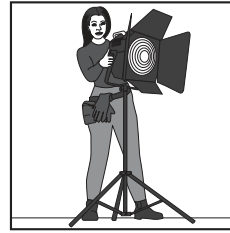
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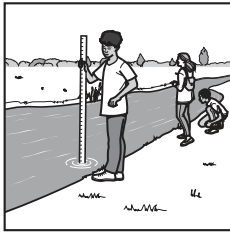
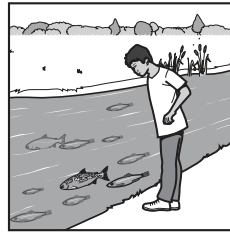
Which TV job would the woman like to do?

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**D**
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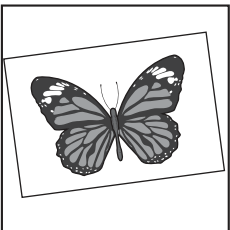
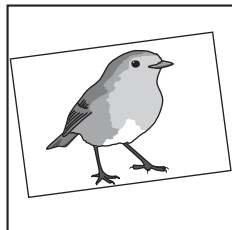
What is the boy going to do at the weekend?

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**D**
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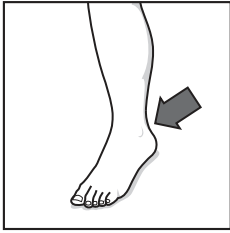
Which of her photos is the woman most pleased with?

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**C**
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**D**
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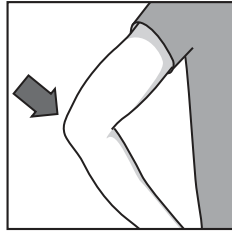
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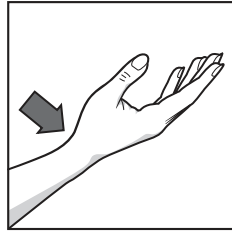
What did the boy injure while he was skiing?



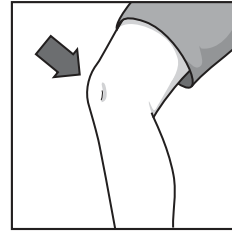
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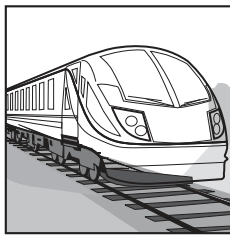
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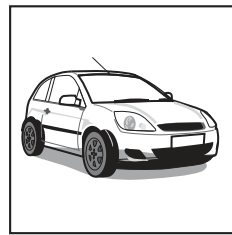
How did the man get home last night?



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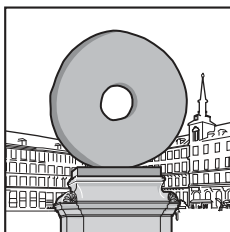

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Question 8

Which sculpture do the friends both like?



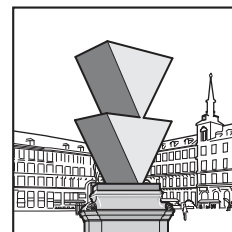
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Exercise 2

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 couple talking about their plans for a day out.

Question 9

The man suggests going hiking because he thinks it will be

A good for their health.

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B cheaper than the seaside.

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C a new experience for both of them.

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Question 10

How does the woman react to the man's suggestion?

A She's concerned about possible bad weather.

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B She's unwilling to give up her favourite activity.

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C She's unsure if she has suitable clothing.

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You will hear a girl talking to her father about her college history project.

Question 11

What worried the girl about the project?

- A** the approaching deadline
- B** the level of research required
- C** the amount she needed to write

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Question 12

What did the girl's tutor help her with?

- A** her text organisation
- B** her confidence
- C** her topic selection

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You will hear a woman telling a friend about a TV documentary about three poets.

Question 13

What did the woman learn about the poets from the documentary?

A where they lived

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B how they created their poetry

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C what their sources of inspiration were

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Question 14

The woman enjoyed the documentary because

A it was on a familiar topic.

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B it included academic experts' opinions.

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C it had an entertaining presenter.

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You will hear a man talking to a friend about his plans for the evening.

Question 15

Why has the man decided **not** to go and see a play at the theatre?

A He's seen it before.

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B He's read poor reviews of it.

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C He's failed to persuade friends to go with him.

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Question 16

What does the woman say about the theatre?

A She tends to avoid going.

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B It's often difficult to get tickets.

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C Plays can be quite boring to watch.

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You will hear a man talking about arranging a holiday.

Question 17

The man says that because he always visited well-known holiday destinations, he

A missed out on seeing more interesting places.

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B got an inaccurate impression of the places.

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C ended up in very crowded places.

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Question 18

The man explains that when planning a recent holiday, he

A considered what had made previous holidays enjoyable.

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B headed for somewhere recommended to him.

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C chose his travelling companions very carefully.

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Exercise 3

You will hear a man called Mark giving a talk about a building conservation project he recently took part in. 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**.

Conserving an old building**Question 19**

Mark says that the building is located ...

A near a forest.

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B on a farm.

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C by a busy road.

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Question 20

Mark particularly likes the ... of the building.

A walls

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B windows

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C roof

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Question 21

Mark helped out on the conservation project by doing some ...

A research.

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B cleaning.

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C repairs.

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Question 22

Mark watched the experts restore the ... in the building.

A stone floors

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B wooden stairs

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C metal lamps

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Question 23

Mark says that the building now gets its power from ...

A sunshine.

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B water.

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C wind.

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Question 24

During the project, Mark was especially pleased with his ... of the building.

A photos

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B paintings

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C drawings

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Question 25

The restored building was opened to the public in ...

A 2019.

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B 2023.

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C 2024.

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Question 26

During a recent visit to the building, Mark bought some ... made from the flour now produced there.

A bread

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B biscuits

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C cake

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about their favourite park.

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'm particularly keen on the beautiful plants.

B I find the sea views amazing.

C It's quieter than other parks.

D I like the range of food on offer.

E It's appealing to artists like me.

F I love its unusual natural features.

G I never miss the events there.

H I find it a very sociable place to be.

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 woman called Jane Evans, who recently bought a boat and started sailing unaccompanied. 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 was Jane's initial impression of the boat she decided to buy?

- A** It would need a lot of repairs.
- B** It was perfect for her requirements.
- C** It cost more than she could pay.

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Question 34

Why did Jane choose to sail through a busy area of water on her first trip?

- A** to challenge her sailing skills
- B** to show off the boat to lots of people
- C** to test the condition of the boat

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Question 35

How did Jane feel when she returned home after her first trip?

- A** determined to go back to her usual routine
- B** uncertain about accepting a new job offer
- C** aware it was no longer where she wanted to be

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Question 36

Jane says that during her trip along the coast of France, she

- A** began to look forward to seeing the country.
- B** discovered she could trust her own decisions.
- C** wondered if she had made a mistake.

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Question 37

What does Jane say about her friends joining her on board?

- A** They made a lot of demands about where to meet.
- B** They weren't very impressed by the scenery.
- C** They brought too many belongings.

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Question 38

What problem did Jane have during her trip along the French coast?

- A** She had to become very organised.
- B** She needed to keep working to afford it.
- C** She sometimes felt lonely.

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Question 39

The most memorable wildlife sight Jane saw was groups of

- A** dolphins.
- B** seals.
- C** seabirds.

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Question 40

What does Jane want to do next?

- A** buy a different boat
- B** go on a much longer journey
- C** hire a crew member

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