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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.

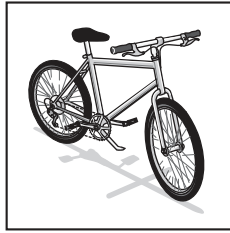
You will hear each recording twice.

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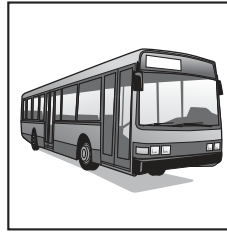
How are the friends going to get to the concert?



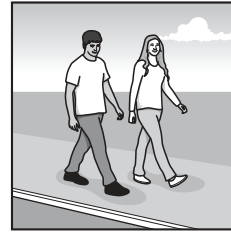
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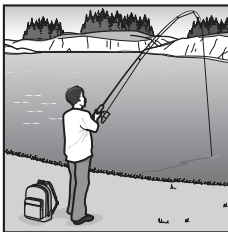
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Question 2

Which activity did the man enjoy the most during the trip?



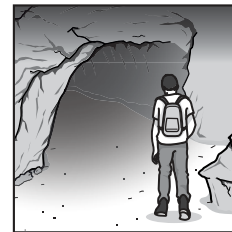
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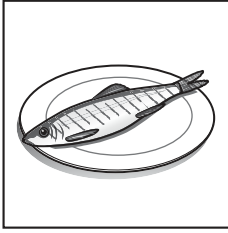
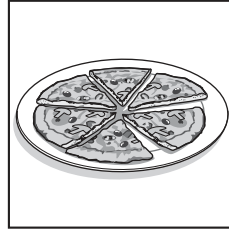
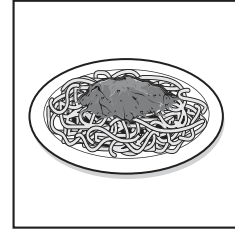
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Question 3

What does the man decide to order at the restaurant?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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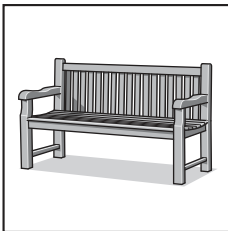
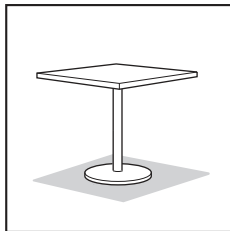
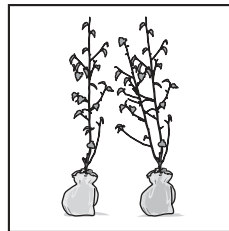
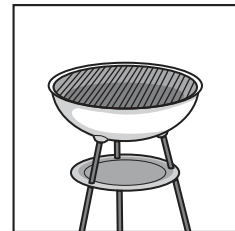
What does the woman offer to help her friend with?

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

What do the couple agree to buy for their garden?

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

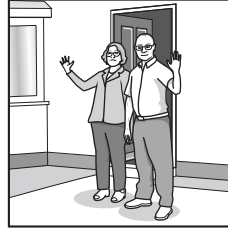
Where is the boy planning to go on Sunday?



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B

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C

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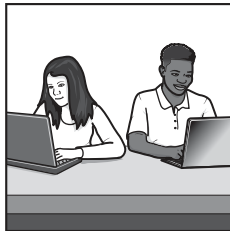
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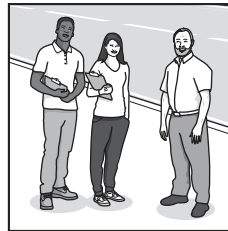
Which part of the school project would both students rather avoid?



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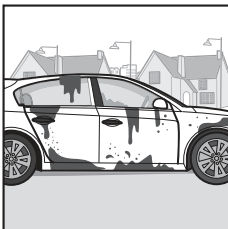

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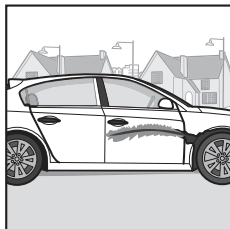
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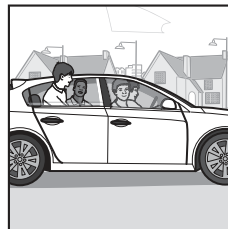
Why is the boy's mother annoyed with him?



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B

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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 student speaking to a student accommodation officer.

Question 9

What is the reason for the student's call?

A to make a complaint

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B to enquire about something

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C to update her bank details

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Question 10

How does the student accommodation officer suggest contacting the office in future?

A sending an email

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B coming in person

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C calling the office

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You will hear a woman talking about her recent visit to an art gallery.

Question 11

What impressed the woman the most about the art gallery?

A the interactive exhibitions

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B the space to be creative

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C the helpfulness of the staff

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Question 12

When does the woman recommend visiting the art gallery?

A in the morning

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B at lunchtime

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C in the late afternoon

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You will hear two friends talking about hiring bikes during a weekend trip.

Question 13

What aspect of the bike hire is the man concerned about?

A the cost

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B the safety

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C the availability

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Question 14

The woman wants to hire the bikes to be able to

A stay more active.

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B enjoy a new experience.

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C visit a wider range of places.

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You will hear a restaurant manager talking to a group of new employees.

Question 15

The manager is explaining the importance of

A being punctual.

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B the dress code.

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C clear communication.

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Question 16

The manager says that the first task everyone needs to complete is to

A arrange their breaks.

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B check the tables in their section.

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C make sure their devices are working.

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You will hear a student discussing a problem with his course tutor.

Question 17

The student says he is currently struggling with the course due to a lack of

A time to study.

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B quiet study areas.

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C study resources.

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Question 18

What advice does the tutor offer to the student?

A to focus more in class

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B to speak to other students

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C to change his approach to studying

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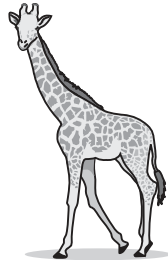
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Exercise 3

You will hear a zoologist called Karl Smith giving a talk about giraffes. 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**.

**Question 19**

Karl says that in the wild, giraffes typically live up to ... years.

A 20

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B 25

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C 30

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Question 20

Karl points out that giraffes need a surprisingly small amount of ... to survive.

A water

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B food

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C nutrients

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Question 21

A group of giraffes, known as a 'tower', typically consists of ...

A several males.

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B females and their young.

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C females and one male.

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Question 22

When Karl started learning about giraffes' communication, he felt ... by the range of sounds they produce.

A impressed

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B confused

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C amused

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Question 23

Giraffes prefer ... as a way of protecting themselves.

A kicking

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B biting

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C running

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Question 24

Karl explains that giraffes' sleeping habits change depending on their ...

A location.

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B health.

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C age.

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Question 25

Karl finds the ... of giraffes particularly fascinating.

A necks

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B tongues

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C feet

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Question 26

Karl encourages the listeners to ...

A see some giraffes live.

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B go and see some photos.

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C check out a website.

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about driving.

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 Being able to drive gives you freedom.

B I'm determined to learn to drive despite my fear.

C It's unfair that I'm not allowed to drive.

D Certain types of driving make me feel nervous.

E My parents encouraged me to start driving.

F I have found trying to get a driving licence challenging.

G Owning a car has both good and bad points.

H The cost of owning a car is stopping me from driving.

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 Eve Robson, a professional dressmaker. 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 Eve's first experience of dressmaking?

A She taught herself.

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B She studied it at school.

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C She learned from her family.

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Question 34

Eve says that in her area of work, the most important thing is

A paying attention to details.

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B having an imaginative approach.

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C building good relationships.

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Question 35

Eve ensures that her clients are happy with her service by

A matching the clothes to the client's figure.

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B taking lots of photos during the initial meeting.

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C asking for a detailed description of their preferences.

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Question 36

How does Eve keep her dressmaking skills up to date?

A by working with other dressmakers

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B by going to conferences

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C by paying for workshops

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Question 37

When making a dress, Eve mostly uses her employees to

- A cut out the elements of the dress.
- B sew the pieces of material together.
- C make final changes to how the dress fits.

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Question 38

Eve's most demanding client was difficult to deal with because

- A she frequently changed her mind.
- B she lacked confidence in herself.
- C she refused to attend appointments.

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Question 39

What is Eve's main advice to people who want a career in dressmaking?

- A get your work seen by the public
- B gain lots of different experience
- C use internet resources

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Question 40

In the near future, Eve is planning to focus on

- A working with local businesses.
- B improving her marketing.
- C hiring more staff.

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