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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE **0510/21**

Paper 2 Listening **May/June 2026**

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.

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Exercise 1

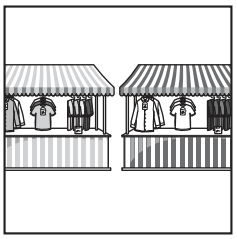
You will hear eight short recordings. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

Where is the man now?

A ☐



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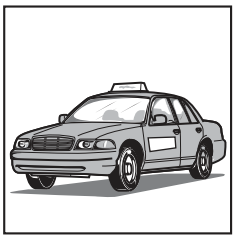

C ☐

D ☐

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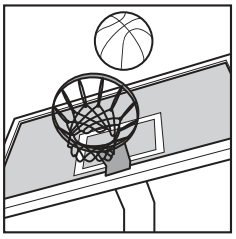
Question 2

Which sport does the girl enjoy most at college?



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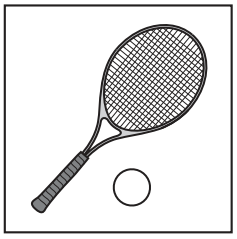

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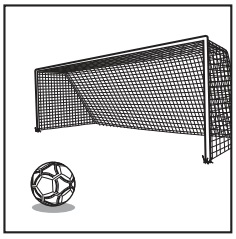

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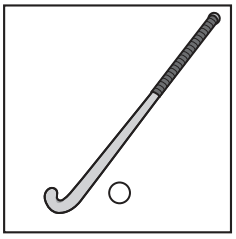

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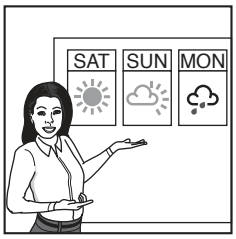
Question 3

Which TV job would the woman like to do?

A ☐



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C ☐

D ☐

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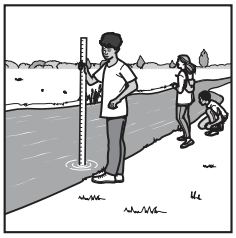
Question 4

What is the boy going to do at the weekend?



A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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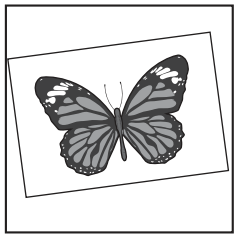
Question 5

Which of her photos is the woman most pleased with?



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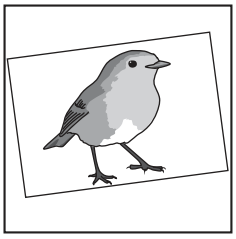

B ☐

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D ☐

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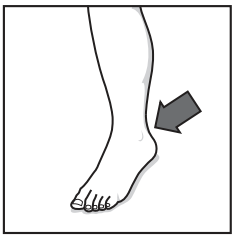
Question 6

What did the boy injure while he was skiing?



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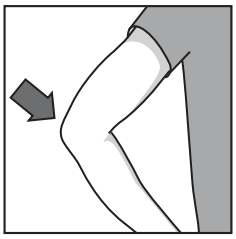

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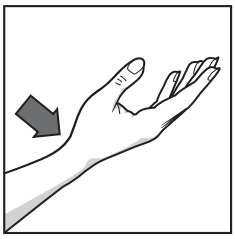

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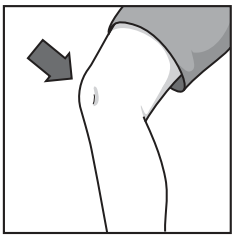

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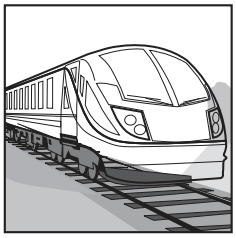
Question 7

How did the man get home last night?



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B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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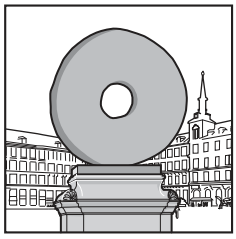
Question 8

Which sculpture do the friends both like?



A ☐

B ☐

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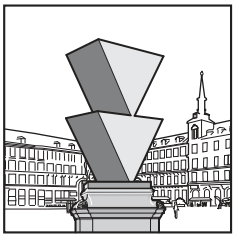

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Exercise 2

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. ☐

B cheaper than the seaside. ☐

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. ☐

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

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 ☐

B how they created their poetry ☐

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. ☐

B it included academic experts' opinions. ☐

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. ☐

B He's read poor reviews of it. ☐

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

[1]

Question 16

What does the woman say about the theatre?

A She tends to avoid going. ☐

B It's often difficult to get tickets. ☐

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. ☐

B got an inaccurate impression of the places. ☐

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. ☐

B headed for somewhere recommended to him. ☐

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. ☐

B on a farm. ☐

C by a busy road. ☐

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Question 20

Mark particularly likes the … of the building.

A walls ☐

B windows ☐

C roof ☐

[1]

Question 21

Mark helped out on the conservation project by doing some …

A research. ☐

B cleaning. ☐

C repairs. ☐

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Question 22

Mark watched the experts restore the … in the building.

A stone floors ☐

B wooden stairs ☐

C metal lamps ☐

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Question 23

Mark says that the building now gets its power from …

A sunshine. ☐

B water. ☐

C wind. ☐

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Question 24

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

A photos ☐

B paintings ☐

C drawings ☐

[1]

Question 25

The restored building was opened to the public in …

A 2019. ☐

B 2023. ☐

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 ☐

B biscuits ☐

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]

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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. ☐

[1]

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 ☐

[1]

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. ☐

[1]

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. ☐

[1]

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 ☐ [1]

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