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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE **0510/22**

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.

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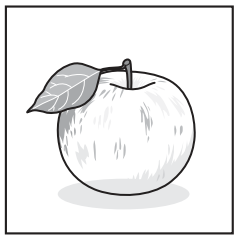
Exercise 1

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

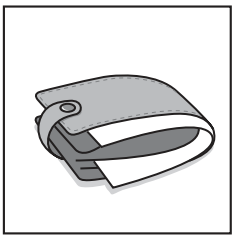
What has the boy forgotten to bring?



A ☐

B ☐

C ☐



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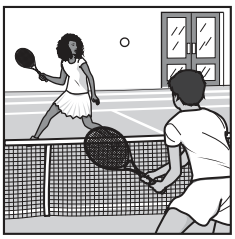
Question 2

What do the friends agree to do together on Saturday?

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐



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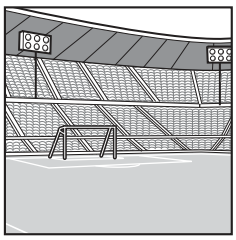
Question 3

Where does the woman want to go instead of the theatre?



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B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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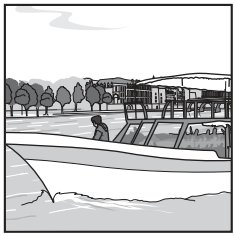
Question 4

What did the boy enjoy doing most in Paris?



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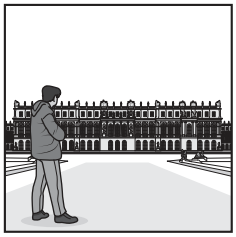

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Question 5

Who told the girl about the music festival?

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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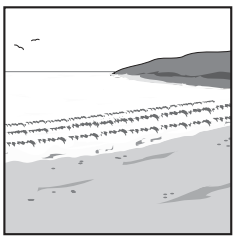
Question 6

Where is the boy going with his class?



A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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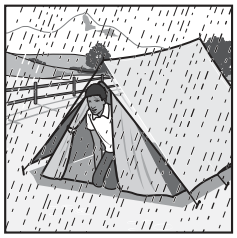
Question 7

What problem did the man have while he was camping?

A ☐



B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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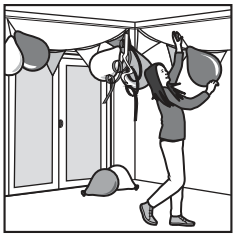
Question 8

How does the girl offer to help with the party preparations?

A ☐

B ☐



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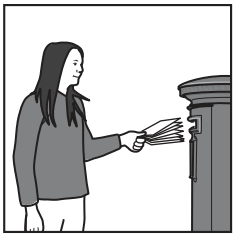

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Exercise 2

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 girl telling a friend about performing in a play.

Question 9

How did the girl feel during her performance?

A confused by another actor's behaviour ☐

B frightened of forgetting what to say ☐

C surprised how noisy the audience were ☐

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Question 10

What would the girl like to perform in next?

A a crime drama ☐

B a musical ☐

C a comedy ☐

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You will hear a boy leaving a message for a friend about a new sports centre.

Question 11

What does the boy like most about the sports centre?

A the range of activities ☐

B the low cost of admission ☐

C the helpfulness of the staff ☐

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Question 12

What would the boy like his friend to do?

A book a tennis court for them ☐

B provide some tennis coaching ☐

C advise him on tennis equipment ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about a new science documentary series.

Question 13

The friends agree that the documentary

A has got a great presenter. ☐

B covers some interesting topics. ☐

C will be useful for some schoolwork. ☐

[1]

Question 14

What does the girl say about the music in the documentary?

A It goes well with the action. ☐

B It is similar to other programmes. ☐

C It can sometimes be annoying. ☐

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You will hear a man telling a friend about a song he's writing.

Question 15

What is the song about?

A a film he saw ☐

B a place he visited ☐

C someone he met ☐

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Question 16

Why is it taking so long for the man to write the song?

A He feels very tired at the moment. ☐

B He has too many other things to do. ☐

C He keeps being interrupted. ☐

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You will hear a girl leaving a message about her new part-time job.

Question 17

What does the girl say is the biggest benefit of the job?

A being given a staff discount ☐

B receiving a free meal during each shift ☐

C getting a bonus for each sale she makes ☐

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Question 18

What does the girl say about her manager?

A He tells some funny stories. ☐

B He's good at understanding customers. ☐

C He is more stylish than he thinks. ☐

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Exercise 3

You will hear a geography student called Emma giving a class presentation about the city of Ushuaia, in southern Argentina. 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**.

The city of Ushuaia

Question 19

The name Ushuaia roughly translates as …

A between two oceans. ☐

B city at the end of the world. ☐

C deep bay. ☐

[1]

Question 20

Emma says that the climate in Ushuaia is surprisingly …

A windy. ☐

B mild. ☐

C wet. ☐

[1]

Question 21

The first people settled in Ushuaia around … years ago.

A 6 000 ☐

B 10 000 ☐

C 15 000 ☐

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Question 22

In the late nineteenth century, a … was established in the middle of Ushuaia.

A prison ☐

B gold mine ☐

C port ☐

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Question 23

Fishing, oil and … are the three main industries in Ushuaia.

A electronics ☐

B farming ☐

C tourism ☐

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Question 24

A small railway into Ushuaia was originally used to transport …

A wood. ☐

B people. ☐

C stone. ☐

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Question 25

When visiting Ushuaia, Emma was surprised by …

A how many stars were visible. ☐

B how dark it was at night. ☐

C how long the daytime was. ☐

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Question 26

Emma was most impressed by how … on her visit to Ushuaia.

A varied the wildlife was ☐

B friendly the people were ☐

C unusual the architecture was ☐

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about the book they're currently reading.

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 as action-packed as I was expecting.
B	The main characters are all easy to like.
C	It's inspiring me to read the author's other work.
D	I find the plot quite hard to follow.
E	What happens in it is predictable.
F	It's extremely easy to read.
G	One of the characters reminds me of someone I know.
H	It's unlike any other book I've read.

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 Scott, a sound engineer who helps create the perfect sound for musicians. 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 Scott want to become a sound engineer?

A seeing a programme about one ☐

B reading an article about one ☐

C watching one at work ☐

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Question 34

What does Scott say about the sound engineering course he did?

A It provided some useful opportunities to gain experience. ☐

B Some of the information taught on it was out of date. ☐

C The tutors on it had lots of music industry knowledge. ☐

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Question 35

How did Scott feel at the first concert he worked at?

A certain the band would be happy with the sound ☐

B concerned the sound was too loud for the audience ☐

C astonished by how clear the sound was in the venue ☐

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Question 36

What does Scott find most enjoyable about working in recording studios?

A watching the musicians' reactions to the finished songs ☐

B getting the most out of the musicians' equipment ☐

C socialising with the musicians ☐

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Question 37

What does Scott suggest about a singer called Fran?

A She's more talented than she realises. ☐

B She'd be successful if she practised more. ☐

C She should put more of her music on the internet. ☐

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Question 38

Scott says that the most challenging aspect of his job is

A working irregular hours. ☐

B meeting the recording deadlines. ☐

C pleasing artists' record labels. ☐

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Question 39

Scott says he has developed a reputation for

A making each band that he records sound unique. ☐

B using surprising recording methods with bands. ☐

C listening carefully to what bands want. ☐

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Question 40

What would Scott most like to do in the future?

A write and record his own music ☐

B act as manager for a rock band ☐

C organise a large music festival ☐

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