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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE **0510/23**

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

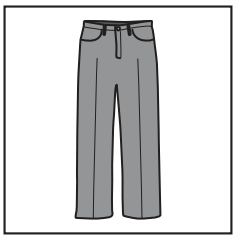
You will hear eight short recordings. For each question, choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**, and put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

You will hear each recording twice.

Question 1

What has the man bought at the department store?

A ☐



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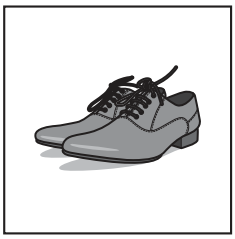

C ☐

D ☐

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Question 2

Where is the girl's brother at the moment?

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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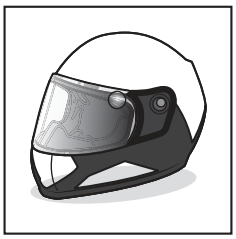
Question 3

What did the man forget to take on his motorbike trip?

A ☐



B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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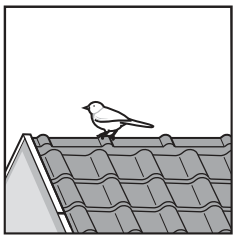
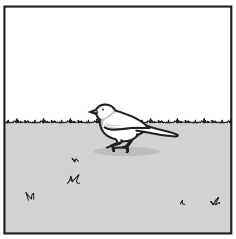
Question 4

Where was the bird when the woman saw it?



A ☐



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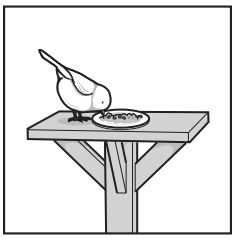

C ☐

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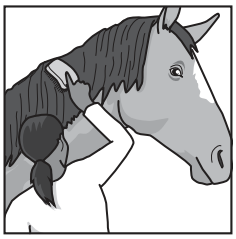
Question 5

What was the woman concerned about doing in her recent horse riding lesson?

A ☐



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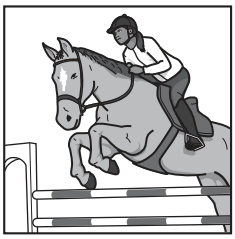

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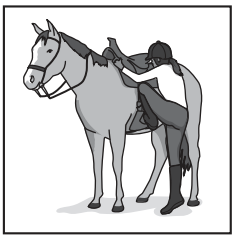

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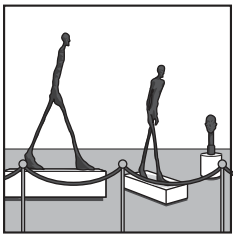
Question 6

What do the friends agree to look at first in the arts centre?

A ☐

B ☐



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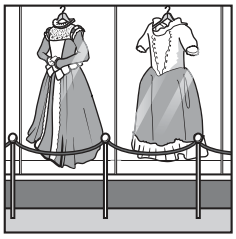

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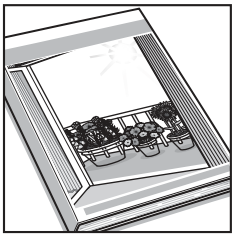
Question 7

Which book does the woman decide to borrow from the library?

A ☐



B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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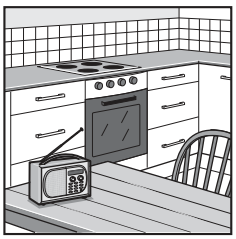
Question 8

Where does the man prefer to write his diary?

A ☐



B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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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 two friends talking about a carnival parade.

Question 9

Why was the woman late for the parade?

A She had problems with her car. ☐

B She got stuck in traffic. ☐

C She lost her way. ☐

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Question 10

How does the man react to the woman arriving late?

A He's annoyed that she failed to call him. ☐

B He's sympathetic that she missed everything. ☐

C He's surprised that she managed to get there. ☐

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You will hear a man talking about a poem on trees that he's recently read.

Question 11

What did the man particularly like about the poem?

A the type of words the poet used ☐

B the images it created in his mind ☐

C the descriptions of the trees' appearance ☐

[1]

Question 12

After reading the poem, the man

A attempted some writing of his own. ☐

B began reading other poets of the same era. ☐

C became more aware of the trees in his neighbourhood. ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about their recent trips to the coast.

Question 13

What did the woman like about the coast?

A the light on the water ☐

B the colours of the sky ☐

C the golden sand ☐

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Question 14

The man says that on his last trip to the coast,

A he was upset about the weather. ☐

B he began to feel bored in the afternoon. ☐

C he enjoyed visiting the shops there. ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about friendships.

Question 15

The woman says that her friend, Maria,

A never criticises her. ☐

B never lets her down. ☐

C never behaves selfishly towards her. ☐

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Question 16

What does the man say about making new friends?

A It's become harder as he's got older. ☐

B He thinks it's difficult to find the time for it. ☐

C The people he meets are always disappointing. ☐

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You will hear a woman talking about her country's football team taking part in an international competition.

Question 17

What does the woman say about her team?

A She's sorry that they have to play in high temperatures. ☐

B She's optimistic about their chances of winning. ☐

C She's shocked by the mistakes they've made. ☐

[1]

Question 18

How does the woman feel about **not** going to the stadium to watch her team play?

A cross that she couldn't take any time off work ☐

B relieved that she didn't have to make the long journey ☐

C sad that she couldn't find anyone else to go with ☐

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Exercise 3

You will hear a woman called Sarah giving a talk about swifts – small birds that migrate to the UK every summer to spend the season there. 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

As a child, Sarah first became interested in swifts when she saw them flying …

A above her house. ☐

B on a nearby farm. ☐

C close to a tower. ☐

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Question 20

When Sarah found a young swift in her garden a few years ago, she put it …

A back in its nest. ☐

B on top of a wall. ☐

C among some long grass. ☐

[1]

Question 21

Sarah later learned that when finding swifts on the ground, the best thing to do is to …

A give them some help to fly away. ☐

B call an expert about them. ☐

C examine them for injuries. ☐

[1]

Question 22

When the swifts failed to arrive at the usual time one year, Sarah …

A tried to get more information online. ☐

B was certain they wouldn't return. ☐

C blamed the weather. ☐

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Question 23

Sarah thinks that … is the most accurate estimate for pairs of swifts in the UK last year.

A 63 000 ☐

B 87 000 ☐

C 111 000 ☐

[1]

Question 24

Sarah says that the lack of … may be the reason for falling swift populations.

A flying insects ☐

B wooded areas ☐

C suitable buildings ☐

[1]

Question 25

When Sarah recently saw a huge group of swifts, she found it hard to …

A guess how high they were flying. ☐

B work out the direction of their flight. ☐

C observe individual birds flying past. ☐

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Question 26

Sarah particularly loves the … of the swifts when they're flying around together.

A obvious happiness ☐

B outstanding skills ☐

C sociable nature ☐

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about the most recent novel they've read.

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 recognised the author from the writing style.
B	I found the plot far too complex.
C	I didn't like one of the main characters.
D	I was thinking about it for a long time afterwards.
E	I felt the story was very unrealistic.
F	I was surprised how much I enjoyed it.
G	I found that finishing it was a huge effort.
H	I was completely absorbed by it.

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 Jamie Frost, a stunt actor who replaces film actors in difficult action scenes. 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

How did Jamie become interested in working in film?

A His father was already well-known in the field. ☐

B He was able to observe for himself what was involved. ☐

C He thought he could be better at acting than other family members. ☐

[1]

Question 34

Why did Jamie think working as a stunt actor might suit him?

A He felt there was very little that he was afraid of. ☐

B He'd experienced doing a few potentially dangerous sports. ☐

C He was encouraged to be adventurous when growing up. ☐

[1]

Question 35

What does Jamie say about working as a dancer, before he started stunt work?

A It made him realise he lacked physical strength. ☐

B It was as demanding as his later work. ☐

C It prepared him for jumping from heights. ☐

[1]

Question 36

Jamie initially found out about his first job in film

A as a result of a chance conversation. ☐

B through people already working on it. ☐

C by checking an online acting site. ☐

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Question 37

What does Jamie say about one scene that he acted in?

A He became concerned about the level of risk. ☐

B He was glad that other people were also taking part. ☐

C He felt reassured by the safety checks that had been done. ☐

[1]

Question 38

How does Jamie compare himself with the actor he's often worked with?

A They have similar personalities. ☐

B They look very similar to each other. ☐

C They have a similar approach to acting. ☐

[1]

Question 39

Jamie explains that during the rehearsals, before filming starts, the director

A will usually make quite a number of changes. ☐

B can check whether the costumes will fit. ☐

C is able to see what the finished scenes will look like. ☐

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Question 40

Jamie says that the organisation established for stunt actors now ensures they

A are suitable for the work they will do. ☐

B feel they belong to a recognised profession. ☐

C get offered regular jobs in films. ☐

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