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

Paper 2 Listening **October/November 2025**

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.

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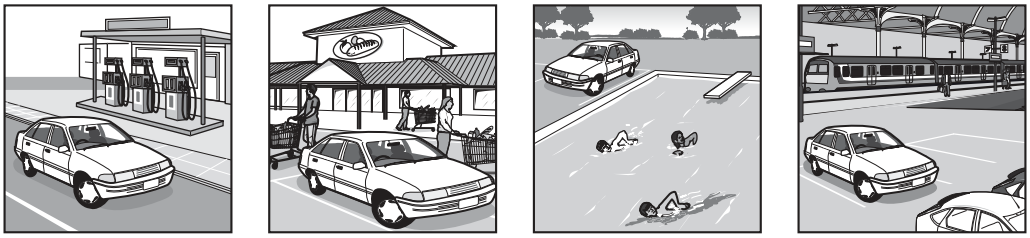
Exercise 1

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 did the girl's dad park their car?



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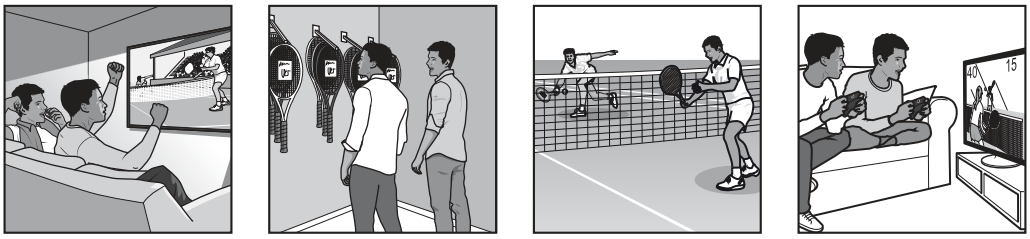
Question 2

What does the boy suggest doing with his friend today?



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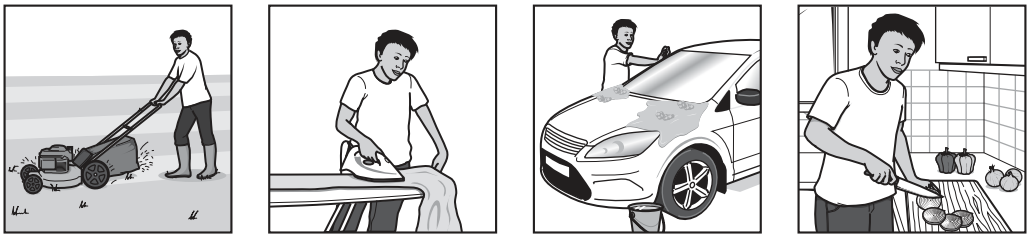
Question 3

How is the boy going to help his mum?



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Question 4

Who has the girl just been to visit?

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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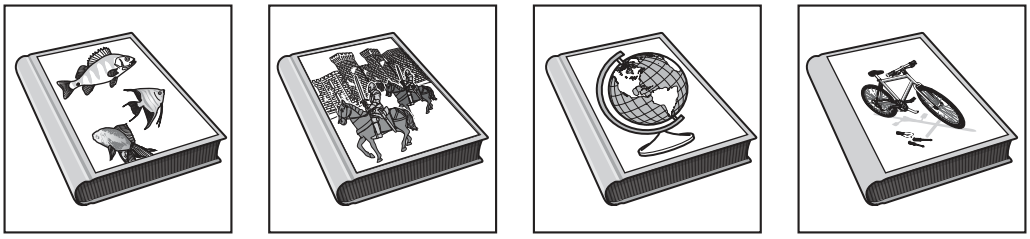
Question 5

Which book is ready for the boy to collect today?



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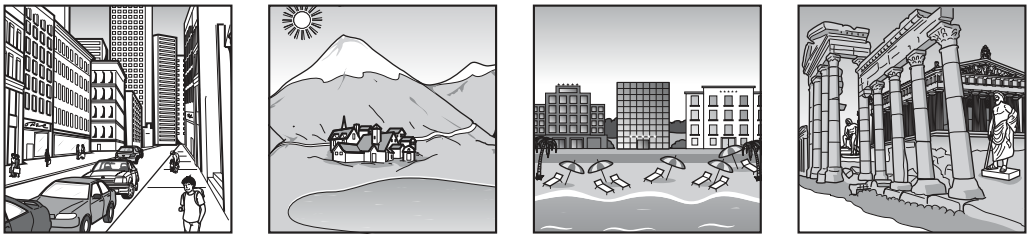
Question 6

Where does the girl hope to go on holiday with her family?



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Question 7

What does the boy miss about his previous home?

A ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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Question 8

Which work experience would the girl like to try?

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 a boy giving a class presentation about environmental videos that he makes.

Question 9

How did the boy learn to make and upload videos?

A He used lots of online resources. ☐

B He was taught by someone he knew. ☐

C He went on a short course. ☐

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Question 10

What made the boy choose the environment as the topic for his videos?

A He had a long-term interest in the subject. ☐

B Someone suggested it would help his studies. ☐

C It provided many different aspects to focus on. ☐

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You will hear a teacher talking to a student called Maria about her progress in science.

Question 11

The teacher suggests that Maria should

A contribute more during classes. ☐

B give more detail in her written work. ☐

C be more careful when doing experiments. ☐

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Question 12

What does the teacher think is the best subject for Maria to study at university?

A engineering ☐

B medicine ☐

C physics ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about a new café in their town.

Question 13

The friends agree that

A the opening hours are convenient. ☐

B it serves a wide variety of food. ☐

C there's a welcoming atmosphere. ☐

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Question 14

Why would the girl like to work at the café?

A The pay is quite good there. ☐

B It would help her career aims. ☐

C She would meet lots of people. ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about playing the guitar.

Question 15

What helped the girl most when she was learning to play the guitar?

A practising regularly ☐

B having a teacher ☐

C watching people play ☐

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Question 16

Before buying a guitar, the girl advises the boy to

A read lots of reviews. ☐

B visit a musical instrument shop. ☐

C try out hers first. ☐

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You will hear two friends talking about a novel called *Storm Beach*.

Question 17

How did the boy find out about the novel?

A He saw an advertisement for it. ☐

B It was described in an article. ☐

C His teacher told him about it. ☐

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Question 18

The friends think the novel would be even better if

A it was shorter. ☐

B it had more dialogue in it. ☐

C it included some younger characters. ☐

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Exercise 3

You will hear a researcher called Jana Holanova giving a talk about sharks. 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**.

Sharks

Question 19

The oldest of the shark species living today appeared about … million years ago.

A 200 ☐

B 250 ☐

C 400 ☐

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Question 20

The name 'shark' most probably comes from a word meaning …

A bad person. ☐

B sea dog. ☐

C large fish. ☐

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Question 21

There are currently around … species of sharks found worldwide.

A 300 ☐

B 450 ☐

C 500 ☐

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Question 22

Jana says that sharks' noses work in a similar way to human …

A tongues. ☐

B ears. ☐

C eyes. ☐

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Question 23

Jana was surprised to learn that one function of a shark's rough skin is to …

A stop other creatures living on it. ☐

B hurt animals they want to eat. ☐

C help it move more quickly. ☐

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Question 24

Most species of shark would … if they stopped swimming.

A sink to the bottom ☐

B become cooler ☐

C be unable to breathe ☐

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Question 25

Jana says she handles sharks safely by …

A covering up their eyes. ☐

B turning them upside down. ☐

C stroking them on the head. ☐

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Question 26

It is believed that in the last fifty years, about … of the world's sharks have disappeared.

A 30% ☐

B 70% ☐

C 90% ☐

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about taking part in their first talent show.

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 don't think I'll ever enter another one.
B	I was unhappy with my performance.
C	I prepared for it as well as I could.
D	I was sure I was going to come in last place.
E	I changed my mind about what I'd perform at the last minute.
F	I was surprised by the size of the audience.
G	I had never felt so nervous in my life.
H	I was amazed by the audience's reaction to my performance.

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 competitive skateboarder called Mikaela Quayle. 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 does Mikaela say about her earliest experiences of skateboarding?

A She refused to use any transport other than her skateboard. ☐

B She hoped to satisfy her father's dreams for her. ☐

C She has forgotten first getting on a skateboard. ☐

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Question 34

When Mikaela went to the skateboard park as a small child, she felt

A upset not to be able to learn tricks. ☐

B surprised by the challenges involved. ☐

C excited to watch other skateboarders. ☐

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Question 35

At her first competition, Mikaela

A made a silly mistake. ☐

B got a surprising result. ☐

C met some useful contacts. ☐

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Question 36

Mikaela says that she can feel anxious about competitions when she

A is unable to skateboard as well as she would like. ☐

B needs to choose what to include in her routine. ☐

C stands waiting for her event to begin. ☐

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Question 37

Mikaela believes that skateboarding becoming an Olympic sport has led to

A a focus on achieving results. ☐

B a lack of people skateboarding for fun. ☐

C the introduction of unusual new styles. ☐

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Question 38

Mikaela is unwilling to compete in the Olympics because she

A is unsure about whether skateboarding belongs there. ☐

B feels she has only been skateboarding for a short time. ☐

C prefers to take part in other types of competitions. ☐

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Question 39

Mikaela thinks that one benefit of Olympic skateboarding is that

A it encourages the public to take the sport more seriously. ☐

B it persuades people to sponsor skateboarders with potential. ☐

C it provides opportunities for all kinds of people. ☐

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Question 40

What advice does Mikaela give to people who would like to try skateboarding?

A Buy the best equipment that you can. ☐

B Ignore other people's negative opinions. ☐

C Avoid challenging yourself before you're ready. ☐

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