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

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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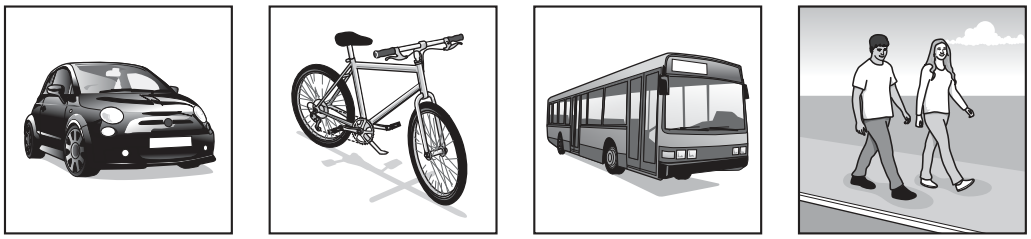
## Exercise 1

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

How are the friends going to get to the concert?



**A** ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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### Question 2

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

**A** ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐

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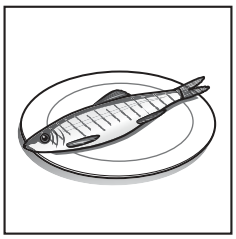
**Question 3**

What does the man decide to order at the restaurant?



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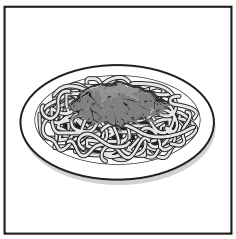
**B** ☐

**C** ☐



**D** ☐

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**Question 4**

What does the woman offer to help her friend with?

**A** ☐

**B** ☐

**C** ☐

**D** ☐

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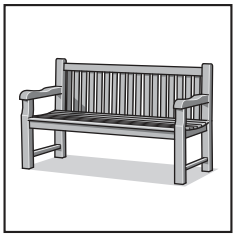
**Question 5**

What do the couple agree to buy for their garden?



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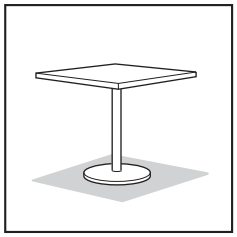

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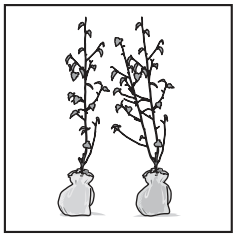

**C** ☐

**D** ☐

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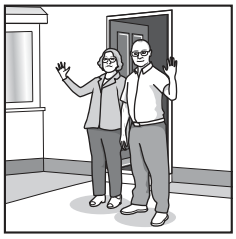
**Question 6**

Where is the boy planning to go on Sunday?

A ☐

B ☐



C ☐

D ☐

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**Question 7**

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

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

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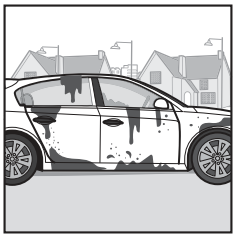
**Question 8**

Why is the boy's mother annoyed with him?



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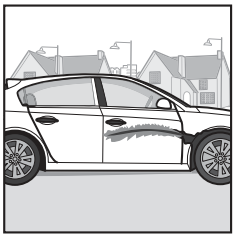

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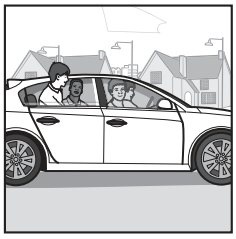

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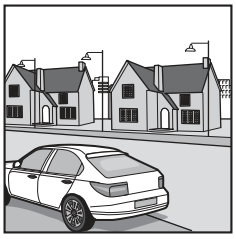

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## Exercise 2

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 student speaking to a student accommodation officer.**

### Question 9

What is the reason for the student's call?

**A** to make a complaint ☐

**B** to enquire about something ☐

**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 ☐

**B** coming in person ☐

**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 ☐

**B** the space to be creative ☐

**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 ☐

**B** at lunchtime ☐

**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 ☐

**B** the safety ☐

**C** the availability ☐

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**Question 14**

The woman wants to hire the bikes to be able to

**A** stay more active. ☐

**B** enjoy a new experience. ☐

**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. ☐

**B** the dress code. ☐

**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. ☐

**B** check the tables in their section. ☐

**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. ☐

**B** quiet study areas. ☐

**C** study resources. ☐

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**Question 18**

What advice does the tutor offer to the student?

**A** to focus more in class ☐

**B** to speak to other students ☐

**C** to change his approach to studying ☐

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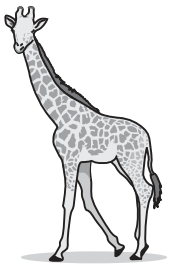
## Exercise 3

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 ☐

**B** 25 ☐

**C** 30 ☐

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**Question 20**

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

**A** water ☐

**B** food ☐

**C** nutrients ☐

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**Question 21**

A group of giraffes, known as a ‘tower’, typically consists of …

**A** several males. ☐

**B** females and their young. ☐

**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 ☐

**B** confused ☐

**C** amused ☐

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**Question 23**

Giraffes prefer … as a way of protecting themselves.

**A** kicking ☐

**B** biting ☐

**C** running ☐

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**Question 24**

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

**A** location. ☐

**B** health. ☐

**C** age. ☐

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**Question 25**

Karl finds the … of giraffes particularly fascinating.

**A** necks ☐

**B** tongues ☐

**C** feet ☐

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**Question 26**

Karl encourages the listeners to …

**A** see some giraffes live. ☐

**B** go and see some photos. ☐

**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]



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## 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. ☐

**B** She studied it at school. ☐

**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. ☐

**B** having an imaginative approach. ☐

**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. ☐

**B** taking lots of photos during the initial meeting. ☐

**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 ☐

**B** by going to conferences ☐

**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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