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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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Paper 2 Listening

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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.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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.

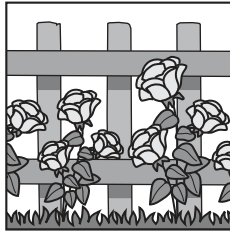
You will hear each recording twice.

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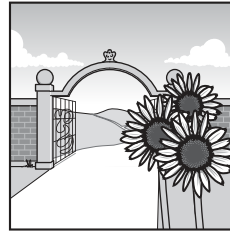
What did the girl like most in the park?



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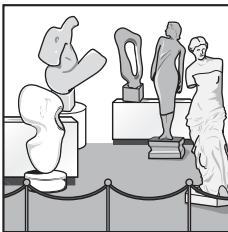

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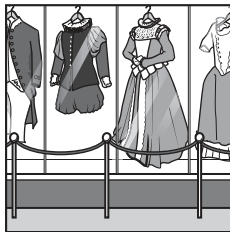
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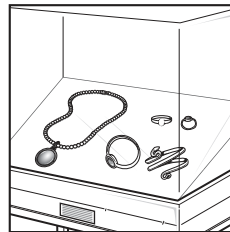
What did the boy spend most time looking at during his museum trip yesterday?



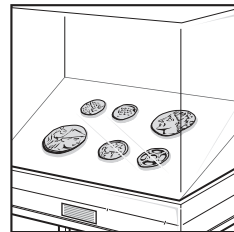
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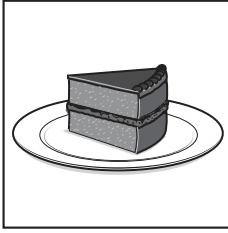
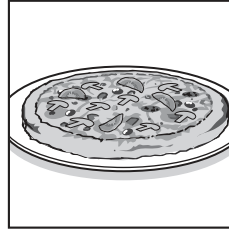
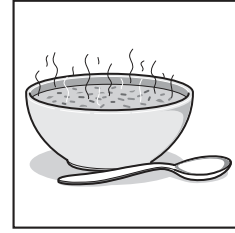
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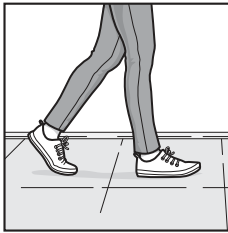
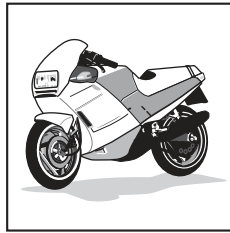
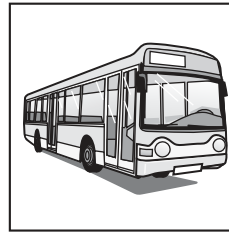
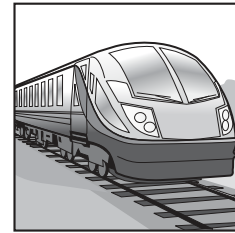
What did both friends particularly enjoy at the restaurant?

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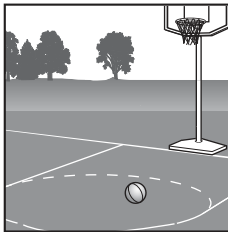
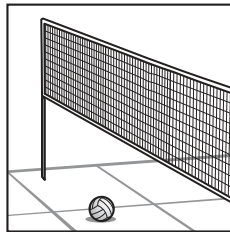
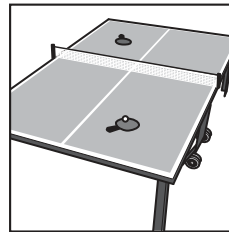
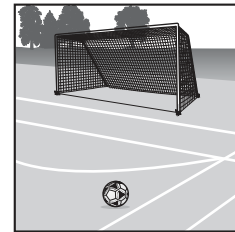
How did the boy get to college this morning?

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Question 5

Which new sport would the girl like to do?

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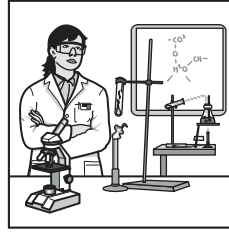
What job is the girl considering doing in the future?



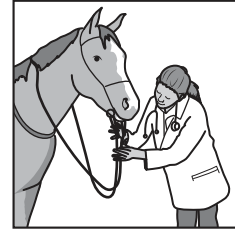
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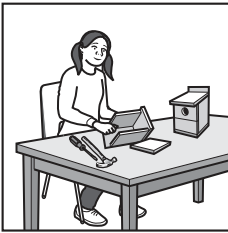
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Question 7

Which activity will the girl help with in the park?



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Question 8

Where is the boy moving to?



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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 the photos they've taken in the countryside.

Question 9

The girl is pleased with her photos of birds because

A she wasn't expecting to see many that day.

B she isn't a very experienced photographer.

C she didn't feel familiar with her new camera.

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Question 10

Why is the boy disappointed with his photos?

A They are too similar.

B There's too little light in them.

C They look too ordinary.

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You will hear a man leaving a message for a colleague about his car.

Question 11

What happened to the man's car this morning?

A It wouldn't start.

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B It made a loud noise.

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C It broke down halfway to work.

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Question 12

The man thinks that his car

A might cost a lot to repair.

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B should perhaps be sold.

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C has been useful while he's had it.

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You will hear two people talking about the market in their town.

Question 13

What did the woman buy at the market this morning?

- A** a present for a relative
- B** some clothes for a special occasion
- C** something nice for herself

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Question 14

What does the woman say about shopping in the market?

- A** She's often surprised by what she finds.
- B** Some of the items are poor quality.
- C** The range of things to buy is increasing.

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You will hear a man talking about his experiences of reading novels.

Question 15

What does the man say about his literature class at school?

- A** It put him off reading novels for a few years.
- B** It introduced him to writers he hadn't heard of.
- C** It involved studying books he didn't enjoy.

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Question 16

How does the man feel about novels now?

- A** He's keen to read anything that's new.
- B** He's happy to recommend good ones to others.
- C** He's enjoying expanding his collection of them.

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You will hear two friends talking about holidays.

Question 17

The friends agree that when going away on holiday,

- A** it's essential to include time to rest.
- B** it's important not to have to travel too far.
- C** it's nice to go somewhere they've been before.

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Question 18

The man says he chose his holiday destination last year because

- A** it had been recommended by a friend.
- B** it had been featured on a travel show.
- C** it had been his dream to visit it for ages.

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Exercise 3

You will hear a woman called Marta Harris giving a talk about small creatures called bats. 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**.

Bats

Question 19

Marta first became interested in bats when she was ...

- A** studying at university.
- B** working in an office.
- C** staying with a friend.

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Question 20

Marta says she decided to learn more about bats because ...

- A** their lives seem to be a mystery.
- B** they are attractive to look at.
- C** they clearly need help.

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Question 21

Marta explains that ... is the most useful way that bats help the environment.

- A** eating harmful insects
- B** spreading seeds around
- C** helping flowers to grow

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Question 22

Marta especially likes the fact that bats ...

- A** fly with amazing skill.
- B** manage to live close to people.
- C** only come out in the evening.

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Question 23

Marta says there are about ... different species of bat in her country.

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B 18

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Question 24

Marta says the place where she saw the most bats was ...

A by a river.

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B in a forest.

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C near a sports field.

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Question 25

Marta was surprised by how ... some bat calls that she heard were.

A varied

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B loud

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C frequent

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Question 26

Marta does ... to teach more people about bats.

A exhibitions

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B guided walks

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C presentations

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Exercise 4

You will hear six people talking about long-distance train travel.

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 always exciting when I set off.

B It's less expensive than I thought.

C It's more environmentally friendly.

D It's an excellent way to see the scenery.

E It means that I use my time efficiently.

F It gives me opportunities for interesting conversations.

G It offers comfort and space.

H It's a great way to observe other people.

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 student called Jamie Walsh, whose hobby is exploring his city on foot. 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

Why did Jamie decide to start exploring his city on foot?

- A** He'd recently taken up walking for pleasure.
- B** He thought it would give him a fresh impression of the place.
- C** He found nearby rural areas were becoming too busy.

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Question 34

Jamie says that initially, he made sure he

- A** avoided turning the walks into a personal challenge.
- B** had time to absorb what was around him.
- C** maintained a relaxed walking speed.

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Question 35

How does Jamie find time to walk as well as study?

- A** He deliberately goes to new areas to buy food.
- B** He takes public transport to the outskirts at weekends.
- C** He stops on his journey home from classes to explore places.

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Question 36

What has Jamie found particularly helpful when planning his walks?

- A** including suitable places to rest
- B** using a paper map
- C** having variation on each route

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Question 37

Jamie explains that one advantage of staying within his city is that

- A** he can visit parts connected to his family.
- B** he can go home again if he gets bored.
- C** he can easily encourage others to join him.

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Question 38

What surprises Jamie about the people he meets on his walks?

- A** how much help they give him
- B** how long they've been in the city
- C** how friendly they are

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Question 39

Jamie says he's got the greatest enjoyment from reading about the city's

- A** architecture.
- B** history.
- C** famous people.

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Question 40

Which discovery has personally benefited Jamie the most?

- A** great cafés in unexpected places
- B** interesting galleries on the edge of the city
- C** beautiful parks he'd never heard of

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