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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.

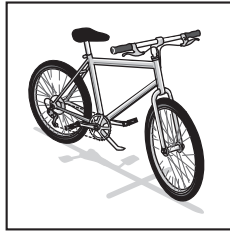
You will hear each recording twice.

## Question 1

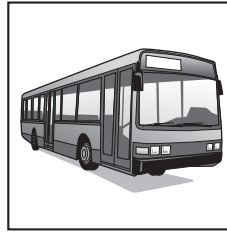
How are the friends going to get to the concert?



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**B**

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**C**

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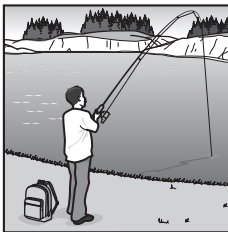

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## Question 2

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



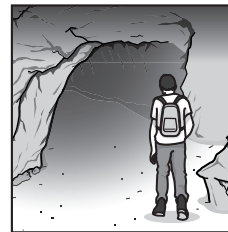
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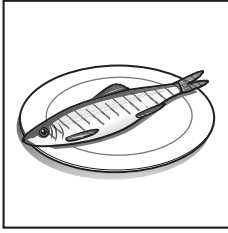
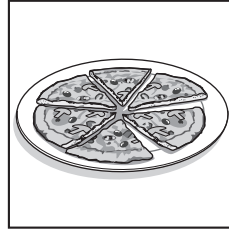
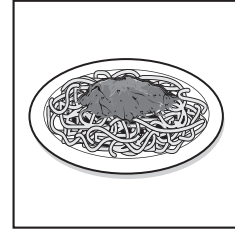
**D**

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**Question 3**

What does the man decide to order at the restaurant?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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**Question 4**

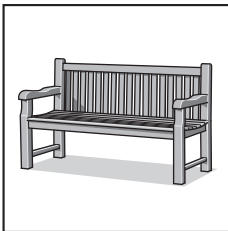
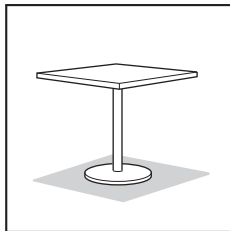
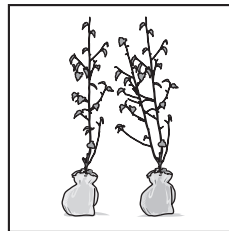
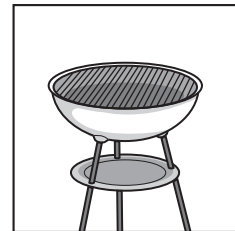
What does the woman offer to help her friend with?

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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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**Question 5**

What do the couple agree to buy for their garden?

**A**
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**B**
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**C**
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**D**
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### Question 6

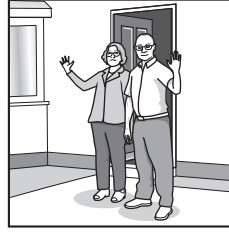
Where is the boy planning to go on Sunday?



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**B**

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**C**

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**D**

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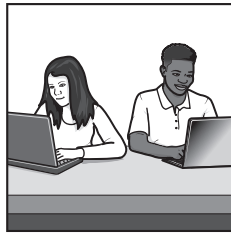
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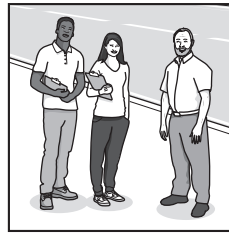
Which part of the school project would both students rather avoid?



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**B**

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**C**

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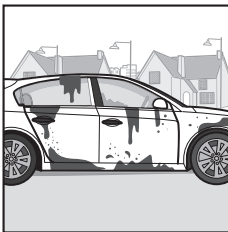

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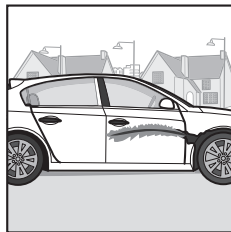
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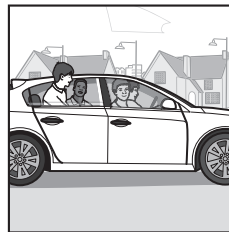
Why is the boy's mother annoyed with him?



**A**

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**B**

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**C**

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**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 student speaking to a student accommodation officer.**

**Question 9**

What is the reason for the student's call?

**A** to make a complaint

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**B** to enquire about something

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**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

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**B** coming in person

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**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

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**B** the space to be creative

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**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

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**B** at lunchtime

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**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

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**B** the safety

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**C** the availability

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**Question 14**

The woman wants to hire the bikes to be able to

**A** stay more active.

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**B** enjoy a new experience.

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**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.

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**B** the dress code.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**B** quiet study areas.

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**C** study resources.

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**Question 18**

What advice does the tutor offer to the student?

**A** to focus more in class

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**B** to speak to other students

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**C** to change his approach to studying

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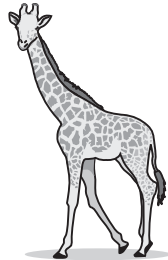
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**Exercise 3**

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

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**B** 25

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**C** 30

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**Question 20**

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

**A** water

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**B** food

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**C** nutrients

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**Question 21**

A group of giraffes, known as a 'tower', typically consists of ...

**A** several males.

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**B** females and their young.

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**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

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**B** confused

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**C** amused

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**Question 23**

Giraffes prefer ... as a way of protecting themselves.

**A** kicking

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**B** biting

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**C** running

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**Question 24**

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

**A** location.

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**B** health.

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**C** age.

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**Question 25**

Karl finds the ... of giraffes particularly fascinating.

**A** necks

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**B** tongues

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**C** feet

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**Question 26**

Karl encourages the listeners to ...

**A** see some giraffes live.

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**B** go and see some photos.

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**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.

<b>Question 27</b>	Speaker 1	.....	[1]
<b>Question 28</b>	Speaker 2	.....	[1]
<b>Question 29</b>	Speaker 3	.....	[1]
<b>Question 30</b>	Speaker 4	.....	[1]
<b>Question 31</b>	Speaker 5	.....	[1]
<b>Question 32</b>	Speaker 6	.....	[1]

**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.

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**B** She studied it at school.

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**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.

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**B** having an imaginative approach.

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**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.

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

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**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

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**B** by going to conferences

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**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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