ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Paper 3 Listening (Core)

SPECIMEN PAPER

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

● Answer all questions.
● Use a black or dark blue pen.
● Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
● Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
● Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
● Do not write on any bar codes.
● Dictionaries are not allowed.

INFORMATION

● The total mark for this paper is 30.
● The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
Exercise 1

You will hear four short recordings. Answer each question on the line provided. Write no more than three words for each answer.

You will hear each recording twice.

1 (a) Why will the train have to stop?

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(b) How will the passengers complete their journey?

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2 (a) Why will everyone have a day off next week?

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(b) On what date might there be an extra day off next year?

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3 (a) What are the friends looking forward to in the film?

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(b) Where in the cinema will they sit to watch the film?

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4 (a) What kind of shoes does the boy want?

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(b) What two colours are available?

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[Total: 8]
Exercise 2

You will hear a talk about a tree called the baobab tree. Listen to the talk and complete the notes below. Write one or two words or a number in each gap.

You will hear the talk twice.

The Baobab Tree

Other names for the baobab tree:

the bottle tree or the ........................................ tree

or

the ........................................ tree, because of the big seed pods hanging from skinny stems.

Some facts:

The baobab grows well where weather is hot and dry.

Trunks can hold about ........................................ litres of water.

Measurements around the trunk can be up to ........................................ .

People really like to use it as a ........................................ .

The baobab fruit:

resembles a ........................................

weighs about 1.5 kilos

tastes like a mixture of grapefruit, pear and vanilla.

The baobab bark:

used in the making of ........................................

Why it is known as the tree of life:

many animals use different parts of the tree:

birds nest in branches

bush babies drink nectar

bark provides food for ........................................

supplies many things for humans, possibly even medicines.
Exercise 3

You will hear six people talking about living in the city and in the countryside. For each of Speakers 1 to 6, choose from the list, A to G, which opinion each speaker expresses. Write the letter in the box. Use each letter only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

Speaker 1 ..........  A  I needed to live in the city because of my career, but I have moved to the countryside.
Speaker 2 ..........  B  I’m glad we moved to the city mainly because of the better transport facilities.
Speaker 3 ..........  C  I really want to live in the countryside, so I can have a healthier life.
Speaker 4 ..........  D  I would like to move into the city one day, but I know that can never happen.
Speaker 5 ..........  E  I enjoyed city life, but I moved into the countryside for a new job, and I love it.
Speaker 6 ..........  F  I intend to go to the city for my higher education and then live there.

G  I’ve always lived in the countryside, and I don’t intend to move. [6]

[Total: 6]
Please turn over for Question 7.
Exercise 4

You will hear a TV presenter talking to Ivana, from the Czech Republic, who earns her living making puppets. Listen to their conversation and look at the questions.

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.

(a) People first started making puppets

A in the nineteenth century.  
B two hundred years ago.  
C more than two thousand years ago.  

(b) In the present day, who watches puppets for entertainment?

A only children at the beach  
B just a few serious theatre goers  
C different people worldwide  

(c) What kind of puppet does Ivana show the television audience?

A a shadow puppet  
B a string puppet  
C a glove puppet  

(d) Which part of the puppets does Ivana find most difficult to make?

A the head  
B the feet  
C the hands  

(e) Ivana says she first learned to make puppets

A in a workshop.  
B in a film studio.  
C at senior school.
(f) Who does Ivana sell her puppets to?
   A  theatre directors
   B  art gallery owners
   C  private individuals

(g) Why does Ivana like her work so much?
   A  She finds it relaxing.
   B  She finds it rewarding.
   C  She finds it sociable.

(h) Where does Ivana get her ideas from?
   A  television
   B  real life
   C  novels