

Exam Practice Test 2 Listening Part 1

Read the Action plan on page 52. Then follow the exam instructions, using the advice below to help you.



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You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1 – 6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear Nathalie and her brother David talking about thriller movies.

- 1 What is Nathalie surprised to read about thriller movies?
 - A that very logical people tend to prefer them
 - B that families who enjoy watching them together are happiest
 - C that when we watch them, our bodies produce a chemical
- 2 David thinks watching horror movies is similar to going on a short holiday because both activities
 - A allow people to escape everyday problems.
 - B make people feel emotionally stronger.
 - C stimulate people's creativity.

Extract Two

You hear two architecture students discussing covered overhead walkways called 'city skyways'.

- 3 What do they agree about trends in shopping?
 - A Skyways have led to a decline in the number of city-centre shops.
 - B Out-of-town shopping malls are less popular nowadays.
 - C Increased deliveries from online shopping will cause problems.
- 4 What does the man think is the greatest advantage of skyways?
 - A They are climate-controlled.
 - B They are safe areas for pedestrians.
 - C They are a solution to overcrowded streets.

Extract Three

You hear a radio discussion in which two educationalists, Sophie Lee and Gary Cole, are talking about sport.

- 5 Gary would like to raise public awareness of how sport contributes to
 - A a child's social development.
 - B a child's physical health and growth.
 - C a child's understanding of the need for rules.
- 6 Sophie says that children who do sport are more likely to
 - A go on to further education.
 - B have a good school attendance record.
 - C be motivated to succeed academically.

Advice

- 1 The speaker's expression of surprise might follow the idea she is talking about, so listen attentively.
- 2 Listen out for another way of saying 'short holiday' – then you'll know you should focus on question 2.
- 3 Listen carefully to what the woman says about shops in her first turn and then listen to what the man agrees about.
- 4 This question asks about 'the greatest advantage'. That means the man will talk about all three advantages in options A, B and C, but will indicate that one of them is 'the greatest'.
- 5 You will hear similar words to those in all three options in the recording, so make sure you answer the question here.
- 6 Listen right until the end of the recording because that will help you answer this question.

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11 You will hear a history student, called Kylie, giving a presentation to her class about an archaeological site in Egypt called Beni Hassan. For questions **7 – 14**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

BENI HASSAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

The tombs that fascinate Kylie are the ones where **(7)**
who worked for the government were buried.

The paintings on the walls of many tombs show a good understanding of
the **(8)** of animals.

Kylie explains that the paint was made by grinding up various
(9) before it was applied to the walls.

The annual harvest, where **(10)** was gathered, is
found in some of the paintings that Kylie has seen.

Kylie agrees that the wrestling scenes show that **(11)**
underwent rigorous training.

Kylie has found out that birds that are flying are thought to represent
(12) in the paintings.

Animals such as **(13)** were used to help hunters catch
other animals.

Kylie explains that creatures made up of two different animals show the
(14) of the ancient people's religious beliefs.

TIP

You might hear synonyms or paraphrases of the words in the sentences, so before you start listening, think about how words in the sentences could be rephrased.

Advice

- 7** Don't worry if you are not sure about the meaning of a word, e.g. 'tomb', because there will usually be a clue to help you understand its meaning elsewhere in the sentence. Here, 'buried' helps you understand 'tomb'.
- 8** Both British and American spelling are acceptable, so don't waste time thinking about which one is correct for the sentence.
- 9** If you think about the past tense of 'grind', that will help you answer this question.
- 10** Listen carefully to find out what is shown in paintings that Kylie has seen, not ones she has heard about.
- 11** Who might do wrestling as a form of training?
- 12** What are some paraphrases of 'find out'?
- 13** 'Such as' always means that the answer will be an example of something.
- 14** Check your spelling of this answer carefully.

Exam Practice Test 2 Listening Part 3

Read the Action plan on page 57. Then follow the exam instructions, using the advice below to help you.



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You will hear a radio interview in which two ecologists, called Jack Benson and Trisha Roberts, are talking about sand. For questions 15 – 20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

15 Jack thinks the main reason people are attracted to beaches is because

- A we enjoy a feeling of timelessness there.
- B we find breathing the fresh salty air invigorating.
- C the sound of the waves is hypnotic.
- D the quality of the light is special.

16 What was Trisha's reaction when she read an article about 'pop-up' beaches?

- A She was surprised the topic hadn't been explored before.
- B She wanted to research the phenomenon more.
- C She was ashamed at having visited one.
- D She questioned the advice in the article.

17 Jack and Trisha agree that the practice of adding fresh sand to beaches

- A is less effective against coastal erosion than building a seawall.
- B can only be a short-term solution to coastal erosion.
- C interferes with the normal movement of the sea.
- D must be harmful to the wildlife there.

18 Why does Jack mention the fact that more people live in cities nowadays?

- A to criticise people's lack of awareness of environmental issues
- B to illustrate that natural resources are becoming scarce
- C to suggest society's major concern is making money
- D to explain why the demand for sand is so high

19 Trisha is particularly concerned that removing sand from beaches may result in

- A a change in the lifestyles of coastal communities.
- B the creation of new micro climates.
- C fewer visitors going to those areas.
- D the need for considerable financial investment.

20 What does Jack hope will solve the problem of taking sand from beaches?

- A Scientists will develop a new form of sand.
- B Architects will rethink the design of buildings.
- C Governments will impose stricter regulations.
- D The public will become better informed.

Advice

15 Listen carefully for what Jack thinks, not other people or a friend of his.

16 Listen to everything Trisha says about pop-up beaches and don't be distracted if you hear a word on the recording that is in one of the options. That doesn't mean that this option is the answer.

17 Don't forget that you won't always hear a simple phrase to show agreement. Speakers can show they agree by using a wide range of language.

18 Think carefully about the meaning of the verb used at the beginning of each option.

19 The options are sometimes a generalisation of an example given in the recording.

20 Can you think of some specific examples of types of scientist?

Read the Action plan on page 60. Then follow the exam instructions.

You will hear five short extracts in which business people are talking about the future of work.



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TASK ONE

For questions 21 – 25, choose from the list (A – H) the focus of each person's research into the future of work.

TASK TWO

For questions 26 – 30, choose from the list (A – H) the prediction each person makes about work.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

- A the social aspect of work
- B the customers' perspective
- C the standard of living
- D communications
- E job satisfaction
- F globalisation
- G business and ecology
- H a historical comparison

- A More jobs will be done by machines.
- B The cost of manufacturing will fall.
- C Cities will continue to attract workers.
- D People will retire later than at present.
- E More people will work for themselves.
- F Trust in large companies will decrease.
- G Leadership will be a more democratic process.
- H Ongoing learning will become more common.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

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Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5