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INTERNATIONAL GCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Listening Paper

Wednesday 1 November 2023

07:00 GMT

Time allowed: 45 minutes

(including 5 minutes' reading time before the test)

Materials

You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.

This is what you should do for each item.

- After the question number is announced, there will be a pause to allow you to read the instructions and questions.
- Listen carefully to the recording and read the questions again.
- Listen to the recording again and then answer the questions.
- When the next question is about to start you will hear a bleep.
- You may write at any time during the test.
- Answer the questions in **English**.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Write neatly and put down all the information you are asked to give.
- **You must not ask questions or interrupt during the test.**
- You now have 5 minutes to read through the question paper. You may make notes during this time. You may open your answer book now.
- The test starts now.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

For Examiner's Use	
Task	Mark
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Task 1

Listen carefully to the following statements. You will hear each statement twice.

Write the correct letter in the box for questions **01** to **04**.

0 1 . 1 What will the temperature be on Wednesday afternoon?

[1 mark]

A	15°C
B	25°C
C	30°C

0 1 . 2 When will there be showers?

[1 mark]

A	Wednesday
B	Thursday
C	Friday

0 2 . 1 What job do the speaker's parents do?

[1 mark]

A	Doctor
B	Computer programmer
C	Teacher



0 2 . 2 Where will the speaker go to university?

[1 mark]

A	Alexandria
B	Cairo
C	London

0 3 . 1 Where did the speaker celebrate his birthday with his family?

[1 mark]

A	At his home
B	At the cinema
C	At a restaurant

0 3 . 2 When is the speaker going on holiday with his friends?

[1 mark]

A	The next day
B	This year
C	Next year

Turn over ►



0 4 . 1 What is the speaker **not** good at?

[1 mark]

A	Diving
B	Surfing
C	Swimming

0 4 . 2 Who makes her own clothes?

[1 mark]

A	Dania
B	Fatima
C	Maryam



Task 2

Jacques and Amani are giving a presentation on what they do to protect the earth and help save the environment.

You will hear each statement twice.

Listen carefully to the presentation and answer the following questions.

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How does each speaker like to travel to places?

[2 marks]

Amani _____

Jacques _____

0	6
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Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of travelling by bike that Amani mentions.

[2 marks]

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____

0	7
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Jacques gives up his time at weekends to work with environmental groups.

List **two** of his reasons for doing this.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

0	8
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Amani gives examples of things people could do to help protect the environment.

List **two** examples she mentions.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

8

Turn over ►



Task 3

Jan is talking about her experiences of going to university.

You will hear each statement twice.

Listen carefully to the talk and fill in the gaps in the notes below.

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A new experience:

According to Jan, university provides students with many opportunities to show off their skills and _____ to other people.

[1 mark]

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Making friends:

Compared to school or _____ life, the time spent at university can be the happiest period of student life.

At university, students mature and make decisions about friendships that were not _____ when they were at school.

[2 marks]



1 1

The burden of studies:

Jan explains that there is a huge amount of _____ and

also competition between students. They must keep up with their research and

_____ of assignments. Late-night working to complete

assignments and projects may lead to frustration and _____.

[3 marks]

1 2

Other benefits:

While at university, students learn to work as a _____.

Jan also says that going to university gives students the motivation to complete

_____ challenges in life.

[2 marks]

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Turn over for the next question**Turn over ►**

Task 4

In a podcast, Sarah is talking to Charlie about his work within social media.

You will hear each statement twice.

Listen carefully to their conversation and then answer the questions that follow.

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When did Charlie set up his social media company?

[1 mark]

1	4
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Why was studying computer programming interesting for Charlie? Give **one** reason.

[1 mark]

1	5
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Charlie talks about what companies should do to promote their products.

List **three** things they need to do.

[3 marks]

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Charlie talks about the future of social media.

List **three** things he predicts.

[3 marks]

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Task 5

Listen to the following talk. It is part of a podcast by travel expert Lana Dean about living in her home city of London and why it is a place many people choose to move to.

You will hear each statement twice.

Listen carefully to the talk and then answer the questions that follow.

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According to Lana, what is the **main** reason people choose to move to London?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	The choice of things to do
B	The cost of living there
C	The excitement of the city

1	8
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Lana states that noise is 'an unavoidable by-product' of living in London.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]



1 9

Lana gives some of the reasons people choose to live within the London area.

What reasons does she give for the following places?

Complete the table below. The final column has been completed as an example.

[2 marks]

Bexley	Croydon	Barking
		Cheap property prices

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Lana states that ultimately it will be your budget that influences your options.

Explain in your own words what the phrase 'influences your options' means.

[2 marks]

2 1

What is the overall message Lana gives in her closing statement?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	Most properties are bought online nowadays
B	Pay a fee before going to see a property
C	Familiarise yourself with the area you are choosing

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