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INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL GCSE

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Listening Paper

Thursday 16 May 2024	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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2	
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4	
5	
TOTAL	

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 | Where is the speaker going next year?

[1 mark]

A	Canada
B	Italy
C	Japan

| 0 | 1 |.| 2 | Does the speaker travel with his family?

[1 mark]

A	Yes
B	No
C	He does not say

| 0 | 2 |.| 1 | What musical instrument does the speaker play?

[1 mark]

A	Drums
B	Guitar
C	Piano

| 0 | 2 | . | 2 | When does the speaker have music lessons? |

[1 mark]

A	Mondays and Fridays
B	Mondays and Saturdays
C	Saturdays only

| 0 | 3 | . | 1 | What was this week's radio show about? |

[1 mark]

A	Basketball
B	Cricket
C	Football

| 0 | 3 | . | 2 | When will this week's show be repeated? |

[1 mark]

A	Next year
B	Saturday afternoon
C	Thursday evening

Turn over ▶

0 4 . 1 Which **one** of these is given as the most important reason to read?

[1 mark]

A	It helps with spelling.
B	It is a lot of fun.
C	It teaches students new words.

0 4 . 2 Which type of stories are least popular with students?

[1 mark]

A	Adventure stories
B	Crime stories
C	Fantasy stories

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04

Task 2

Liz and Kim are doing a presentation about different careers.

You will hear each statement twice.

Listen carefully to the presentation and answer the following questions.

0 5	What subject did each speaker study at university?

[2 marks]

Liz _____

Kim _____

0 6	Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of teaching according to Kim.

[2 marks]

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____

0 7	Liz says that being a writer is a great career choice.

List **two** positive things about being a writer.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

0 8	Kim suggests three ways that students could find out about careers.

List **two** ways she mentions.

[2 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

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Turn over ▶

Task 3

Ahmed is giving a talk about how older people can stay healthy.

You will hear each statement twice.

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

0 9 Number of older people who exercise:

According to a survey, _____ % of older people never exercise at all.

[1 mark]

1 0 Benefits of exercise:

One of the benefits of exercise is that it makes you feel _____ .

Ahmed also says that he has made many new _____ since

he started going to the gym.

[2 marks]

1 1 Challenges of starting to exercise again:

Ahmed explains that he didn't feel _____ when he started

going to the gym. He expected people to laugh at him.

Ahmed discovered that younger people at the gym were very _____

and showed him how to use the _____.

[3 marks]

1 2 A healthy diet:

Ahmed explains that he used to eat unhealthily. One unhealthy thing he used to

eat was _____.

Eating healthily has benefited Ahmed. When he goes to the gym, he has a lot more

_____.

[2 marks]

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Turn over for the next question

Turn over ▶

Task 4

Sisi and Jing are talking about watching football.

You will hear each statement twice.

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

| 1 | 3 | How many games have Sisi's team won this season?

[1 mark]

_____

| 1 | 4 | Why did Jing stop going to football matches?

[1 mark]

_____

| 1 | 5 | Sisi explains what she does before a football game.

List **three** things she does.

[3 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

| 1 | 6 | Jing explains why he prefers to watch football on TV.

List **three** reasons why he prefers to do this.

[3 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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Task 5

Listen to the following talk. It is part of a podcast about the use of phones and tablets in schools.

You will hear each statement twice.

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

1 7 According to the speaker, what is the **main** reason young people use phones?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	Entertainment
B	Financial matters
C	Social purposes

1 8 The speaker states that there has been an 'explosion in technology'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

_____

_____

1 9 The speaker explains some of the disadvantages of young people using phones.

What disadvantages does he mention for each aspect of students' lives?

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

[2 marks]

Concentration	Personal	Health
		Becoming less active

2 0 The speaker states that a school in Spain is 'leading the pack' in terms of attitudes towards phones in school.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

_____

_____

2 1 What is the overall message the speaker gives in this podcast?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	Teachers should always allow students to use their phones.
B	There are different views about phone use in schools.
C	Things were much easier for students in the past.

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