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Tapescript of Paper 2

نص الاستماع الخاص بالورقة ٢

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[Grade 12

English Language Listening Test.

You have two papers, the question paper and the answer sheet.

Do not open the question paper until you are told to do so.

Now you will hear the instructions for the listening test.

There are two parts to the test.

You will hear each part twice.

At the beginning of each recording you will hear this sound (beep).

For each part of the test there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.

Remember while you are listening, write your answers on the question paper.

When you have completed all parts of the listening test, you will have 5 minutes to copy your answers onto the separate answer sheet.

You must not speak during the test.

Open your question paper now.

The test is about to begin.]

Grade 12 Listening Test 2025

(5 second pause)

Part 1

Questions 1 – 8

You will hear a series of four short extracts.

For each extract there are two questions.

Circle the correct letter A, B or C.

Pause 2''

Before we start, here is an example.

Pause 2''

I won 'Country's Best Musician'. It's like a dream. It takes me back to when I was a boy. I never had brothers or sisters so I was always with other kids playing musical instruments. I wanted to be like the other kids easily performing in front of everyone and join them. But because I was a kid who never wanted anyone to laugh at me, I could only watch. When I was 9, my father bought me a keyboard for my birthday. I played it daily. My music teacher was my guide, I really looked up to him, and he showed me how to be creative with my music. And I must thank my best friend for making me enter the show. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here.

Pause 2''

The speaker was a shy child, so there is a circle around the letter C.

Pause 2''

The speaker's teacher inspired him to develop his talent, so there is a circle around the letter B.

Pause 2''

You now have one minute to look at Questions 1 – 8.

Pause 60''

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.

Pause 2''

Extract 1

Pause 5''

(beep)

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V1 Now that the dentist has finished, I have some advice for you. After removing your tooth today, don't worry if the side of your face is swollen. Using an ice pack for 20 minutes on and 10 minutes off will help. Now, please keep this ball of cotton between your teeth for 3-4 hours to reduce bleeding. Also take these pills to relieve any pain. The gum around the removed tooth area might continue to bleed for a while. In this case, keep it covered for the first 30 minutes and check it regularly. The bleeding should not be a problem after 24 hours. To speed up your recovery, try to drink plenty of warm liquids for 3 days. It's advisable to eat soft meals. One more thing, do not brush your teeth or use toothpaste for.. *fading*.

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Pause 5''
Now listen again.
*Repeat from * to * **
Pause 10''

Extract 2

Pause 5''

(beep)

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V2 Look, it's really important that you come home on time. I just want you to know that I am not mad at you. I know it's human to forget the time, especially when you're having fun. Mistakes happen but part of growing up is keeping to your agreements. I need to know that if we agree on something, you're going to stick to it. This agreement is only there to keep you safe and healthy, not to control your personal life. So, I expect you to arrive at home by seven o'clock from Sundays to Thursdays. This means you'll get up early enough for school the next day. And of course, you'll have time to do your homework. And, from now on, if there is a specific event that you want to stay out later for, we can discuss it the day before.

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Pause 5''

Now listen again.

*Repeat from * to * **

Pause 10''

Extract 3

Pause 5''

(beep)

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V3 So, many of you should have already completed your required hours of community service, right? This is a crucial step not only for your personality growth, but also to boost your profile when you later decide which university to attend. It can also help to get financial support for your education after finishing school. Not only that, but when you eventually apply for a job, the experience will be vital. In your university application, it is a good idea to mention those organisations where you have volunteered several times. It is very important to have references, so universities know you have been active and had a positive impact on society. Individuals who have worked with you can be a source to obtain useful letters of recommendation as well. So keep up .. *fading*.

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Pause 5''

Now listen again.

*Repeat from * to * **

Pause 10''

Extract 4

Pause 5''

(beep)

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V4 It's quite easy to get to The London Eye ride by the underground station, but when you get there watch out for the queues. The walk from the station to The London Eye is 20 minutes. However, at this time of year it's very busy, so you may have to wait to get on the ride for about 40 minutes. Then, your spectacular 30-minute experience begins. Well, visitors can also use other means of transport to get there: such as bus, rail or boat. If you

are arriving by car, you must book and pay online in advance for your parking spot. To get a reduced parking rate you will need to call the London Eye office. And by the way, there are car parks at Westminster, which are a short distance from the site.

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Pause 5''

Now listen again.

*Repeat from * to * **

Pause 30''

Now turn to Part 2.

Part 2

Questions 9 – 14

You will hear an interview with Ed Viesturs who is one of the most well-known mountain climbers in the world.

Circle the correct letter A, B or C.

Pause 2''

Before we start, here is an example.

Pause 2''

Interviewer: Good evening and welcome to our show. Tonight, our guest is Ed Viesturs, a leading mountain climber. Hello Ed, please tell us when your passion for climbing started.

Ed: Hello and thank you for having me. When I was in high school, I used to watch documentaries about the adventurous expeditions of climbers to the Himalayan peaks. At that time, I was in swimming competitions, and I knew that by working hard I could achieve great things. But it was when I read the diaries of famous climbers, I thought, "What a perfect path for me!"

Pause 2''

Ed says that he read the diaries of famous climbers and thought of climbing as a perfect path for him, so there is a circle around the letter 'C'.

Pause 2''

You have one minute to look at Questions 9 – 14.

Pause 60''

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.

Pause 2''

(beep)

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Interviewer: Good evening and welcome to our show. Tonight, our guest is Ed Viesturs, a leading mountain climber. Hello Ed, please tell us when your passion for climbing started.

Ed: Hello and thank you for having me. When I was in high school, I used to watch documentaries about the adventurous expeditions of climbers to the Himalayan peaks. At that time, I was in swimming competitions, and I knew that by working hard I could achieve great things. But it was when I read the diaries of famous climbers, I thought, "What a perfect path for me!"

Interviewer: So, which key aspect determines the success of a mountain climber?

Ed: Climbing mountains is not easy. Of course, you'd probably need climbing lessons and a lot of practice, but mountain climbers can't achieve their goal without a set of technical skills. Being able to handle tools such as a hook, a compass, and a thick rope is pretty useful too.

Interviewer: So Ed, tell us about the physical and the psychological difficulties when you're climbing.

Ed: Well, I can tell you. You're suffering. You're struggling to climb. As you go higher your breathing becomes difficult and requires mental determination because of the lack of oxygen. You're pushing yourself to do something your body doesn't want to do. It doesn't matter how fast you can move. In the end, it's about how strong you are because the physical demands are extensive. In some cases, expeditions can last for three months or longer, but as climbers we're used to that.

Interviewer: I've read that breathing is a real challenge at the top of a mountain. Can you tell us about that?

Ed: I remember my first journey to the top of Everest vividly. That final climb from High Camp to the peak took about half a day. And for every step I took, I had to stop and breathe. As I climbed, I had to count the rhythm of my breathing. I realised it had to be more than 10 breaths to enable me to keep walking. If I went this fast, I would have collapsed. I didn't want to take up to 20 breaths because it would take me too long to get to the peak, so I settled on taking 15 breaths before I moved a step and then started the second breathing count. This seemed to work.

Interviewer: Why did you climb these mountains without extra oxygen?

Ed: Carrying the oxygen equipment and wearing a face mask slows me down. I also don't like the feeling of having a mask over my face – it's a weird sensation. I really enjoy the feeling of climbing the mountain without the help of breathing equipment. However, I know that most climbers would find it difficult without oxygen.

Interviewer: When did you decide to climb all the highest peaks worldwide?

Ed: My very first attempt was in 1989 when I made the decision to climb Kanchenjunga. Then in 1990, it had to be Everest, the tallest peak in the world. Later, in 1992, I climbed K2 and thought "Wow, I've already done the three highest peaks on earth" and decided "why not climb the other eleven? That would be an amazing achievement".

Interviewer: What's next for you after climbing the fourteen highest peaks?

Ed: Well, after surviving 30 Himalayan expeditions, it's time to step back a little bit. Right now, I can't see myself achieving more than I already have, and I have to earn a living for my wife and kids. I can't imagine just training beginner climbers for the rest of my life. People also wrongly assume I'm working on my autobiography and recording my adventures.

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Pause 10''

Now listen again.

*Repeat from * to * **

Pause 30''

Narrator **[We have now come to the end of the test.**

You now have 5 minutes to look over your answers and copy them onto the separate answer sheet.

Be sure to follow the numbering of all the questions.

You will be reminded when there is one minute left.

(Pause for 4 minutes)

You now have one minute left.

(Pause for 1 minute)

That is the end of the Listening Test.]