
ENGLISH 2026

Paper 2 Listening and Reading

Duration: 75 minutes

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مدة الامتحان: ٧٥ دقيقة

Read the following instructions:

Answer **all** the questions on the answer sheet.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Use **pencil** only.

The use of dictionaries is NOT permitted during the exam.

You must complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

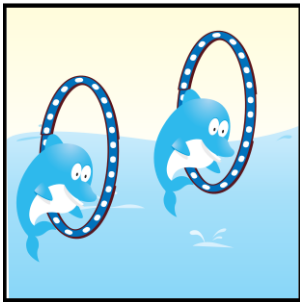
You will hear five short recordings.

For each recording there is a question and three pictures **A**, **B** and **C**.

Choose the correct letter.

Example

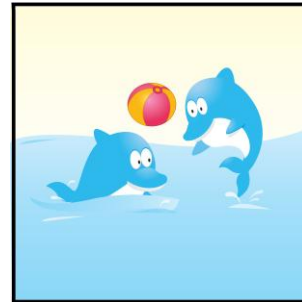
0 Which activity will the dolphins do in the show?



A



B

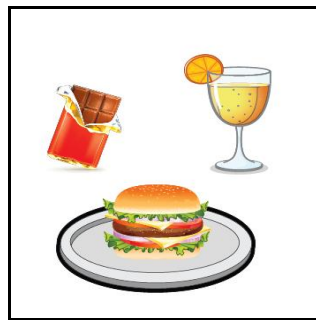


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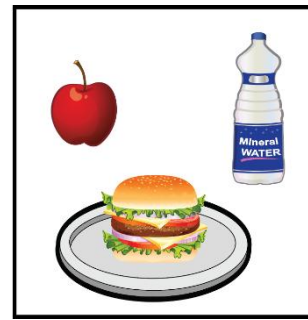
1 What will the woman have for lunch?



A

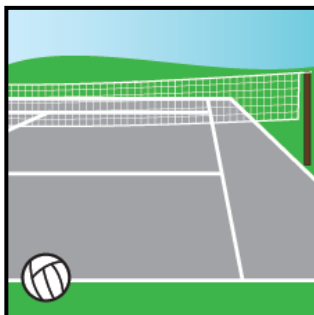


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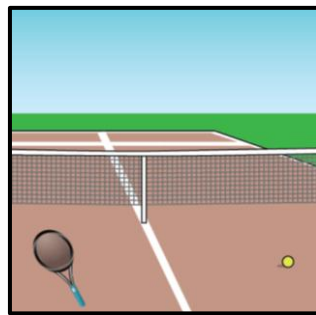


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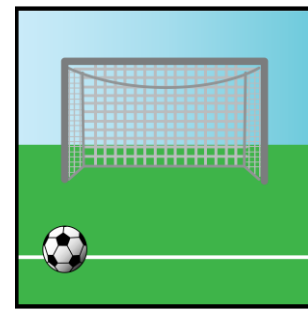
2 What sport will Joe play?



A

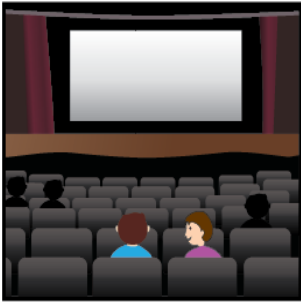


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C

3 Where are the students going to go?



A



B

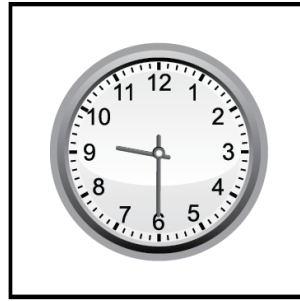


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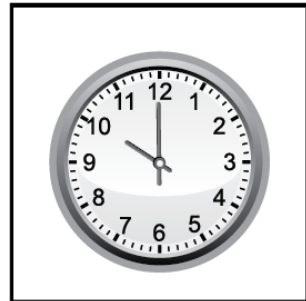
4 When will Alan pick up his sister on Saturday?



A



B

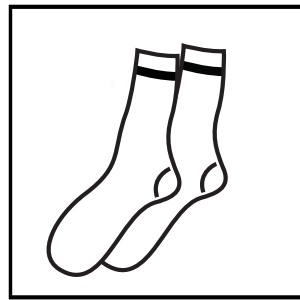


C

5 What colour socks are permitted at the school?



A



B



C

[5 marks]

Part 2**Questions 6 – 10**

You will hear someone talking to a group of parents about a new toy library.

Choose the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

0 The old library is on

A High Street.

B Park Street.

☒ **C** Long Street.

6 The planning for the building of the toy library took

A 3 years.

B 10 years.

C 50 years.

7 To become a member, you need to

A bring a photo.

B bring your child.

C bring an application form.

8 A child coming to the toy library must bring

A the cute brochure.

B the special bag.

C the membership card.

9 What can NOT be borrowed from the library?

- A** drawing books
- B** computer games
- C** sports equipment

10 Old unwanted toys can be left

- A** by the entrance.
- B** at the reception desk.
- C** near the coffee shop.

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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Reading

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text about pandas.

Choose the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.



Pandas are large, black-and-white bears that live in the mountains of China. They are one of the most endangered animals, with only **(0)** 1,800 left in the wild. Pandas have a special diet: a type of grass with woody stems called bamboo. They have to eat a lot of it to get enough energy. They can **(11)** up to 14 hours a day eating bamboo, which weighs up to 15 kilograms. Pandas have a thumb-like bone on **(12)** hands that helps to hold the bamboo. Pandas are **(13)** animals, meaning they live alone most of the time. They communicate by smells and sounds and have thick fur and fat to **(14)** warm in cold climates. Pandas are playful and friendly animals **(15)** enjoy climbing trees, rolling on the ground, and sliding on snow.

Example

0	A of	(B) about	C from	D at
11	A save	B spend	C gain	D pass
12	A their	B them	C there	D they
13	A reliable	B sociable	C bossy	D individual
14	A keeps	B kept	C keep	D keeping
15	A whose	B whom	C who	D how

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

The people below all want to check in to hotels.

Read about the people and their interests **(16 – 20)**.

On the opposite page there are hotel advertisements **(A – G)**.

Decide which hotel would be the most suitable for each person/s.

For Questions **(16 – 20)**, choose the correct letter **(A – G)**.

There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

Example

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Ahmed and Hanan are getting married. They need experts in organising such a celebration. They want to celebrate in a place where they can spend at least a couple of days for the happy occasion.

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John's holiday lasts for two weeks. He likes swimming and wants to spend his holiday in a quiet place near the sea, so that he can take a break from the noise of the city.

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Mohammed doesn't like going sightseeing alone. He doesn't mind staying at a cheaper hotel with limited services, if it is good at organising safe sightseeing journeys to the local attractions.

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Kamel, his wife and two kids like art galleries and films. They will arrive by car, but don't want to drive during their stay.

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Dalal takes care of her health very much through exercise and rest. Even when she travels abroad, she likes to play sports. She does not want to spend a lot of money.

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Caroline Hunter is a businesswoman. She rarely travels for pleasure. She is visiting the city for three days to have a meeting with customers. She is used to a very high standard of accommodation.

- A Crown Hotel:** Situated in the lively downtown district, this five-star luxury hotel offers 24-hour room service and internet access (charges apply). The hotel is famous for its conference hall and beautiful 25th floor international restaurant. Other facilities include a gym and a swimming pool with a wave machine (reservation needed).
- B Umbrella Hotel:** Would you like to have a vacation by your own?! Our hotel gives you a great 14-day opportunity to get rid of work stress. Our private sandy beach which is a 3-minute drive away is perfect for you to experience the great natural wonders of the Eastern Coast.
- C Red Garden Hotel:** Very close to all the important hot spots of the city, the hotel club includes a fitness centre, where guests can train using quality equipment. Afterwards, for a very reasonable price, a steam room is waiting for them to relax both body and mind.
- D Traveller's Inn:** Great rooms at discount prices! Free parking. All hotel rooms have a bathroom and TV. Our hotel is 10 kilometers away from the capital near the motorway. The local area has a supermarket, some small shops and services.
- E The Guests' Palace:** A three-star hotel with a five-star atmosphere! Although it is a three-star hotel, we have the ability to arrange groups. Our guided tours have gained the trust of our guests over the years. Just make reservations for our specialist guides at reception.
- F Central Village Hotel:** Our beautiful first-class hotel is situated in the centre of the cultural village, where the streets are made for walking only. All rooms are large and furnished. Our information desk can help you buy discount tickets for concerts, plays, cinemas and many more!
- G V Hotel:** The hotel is close to Earnest Museum, the perfect place for international exhibitions. We offer large double rooms with free extra beds. It is the only hotel in town that offers free parking for all guests (no need for reservation).
- H Dreams Inn Hotel:** For 27 years, we have left couples with the happiest wedding memories. We do our best to arrange the perfect venue for your special day. Your two-day stay will be full of the amazing luxury you deserve!

[5 marks]

Part 5**Questions 21 – 25**

Read the text about a long-distance race runner.

For each question, choose the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

My Journey as a Marathon Runner

Many people run to stay healthy. You can run alone or with friends. Also, it doesn't cost anything! For me, running outside each evening is a good way to clear my mind and forget my daily troubles.

In the beginning, my body wasn't used to hard exercise. I'd get exhausted quickly and was afraid I'd give up after a few minutes, but I kept going. I was bothered because I wasn't able to go as far as I wanted. But surprisingly, after a while, I got better and kept going longer without feeling exhausted.

I joined a club and entered 5km races, which pleased my club. I began coming first in most races. This should have given me a sense of achievement, but it wasn't enough. The more races I entered, the more I wanted to challenge myself and increase the distance. Therefore, I started preparing for marathons (42 km races).

Marathons meant more training. It wasn't about running more, and I wasn't worried about eating enough to have the energy to complete a race. I tried not to damage my knees and gave myself time to recover. Training was hard, and sometimes I wasn't sure I could do it. For me, my running club was essential because they told me to keep going and encouraged me when I needed it.

My first marathon was incredible. In the beginning, I kept telling myself not to give up. Completing the race was worth the effort because I'd achieved my goal. During the race, I felt exhausted. I ran slower than expected because of the pain in my knees, but finishing the race made the other feelings disappear!

Now, every marathon is a new lesson. It has taught me to continue when it gets difficult. Running marathons isn't just about getting ready for the race. I no longer need to look for harder races. Nowadays, running with my family makes me just as happy as winning a race.

Example

0 The writer runs every day because

- A** it's free.
- B** it reduces his stress.
- C** it's good for his body.
- D** it can be done with other people.

21 When the writer started running, he felt annoyed because he

- A** couldn't run further.
- B** took a long time to improve.
- C** hadn't done difficult training before.
- D** got tired quickly and wanted to stop.

22 What did the writer think after winning many races?

- A** He wanted to make his club happy.
- B** He wanted to do something more difficult.
- C** He was ready to run a marathon.
- D** He was satisfied with his success.

23 When training for a marathon, it was important for the writer to

- A** run as much as possible.
- B** stop if he got hurt.
- C** have people supporting him.
- D** eat well before a race.

24 How did the writer feel when the marathon ended?

- A** proud
- B** tired
- C** hurt
- D** confident

25 What has the writer learnt from marathon running?

- A** Coming first is the most important thing.
- B** Spend as much time as possible training.
- C** You should always find bigger challenges.
- D** It's important not to give up when life is hard.

[5 marks]

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