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International GCSE

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Paper 3 Listening Test Transcript

Wednesday 6 June 2018 07:00 GMT Time allowed: 45 minutes
(including 5 minutes' reading time before the test)

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The pauses are pre-recorded for this test.

Instructions

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 all the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- 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.**

Once the recording has started, the Invigilator must not pause it at any time as all pauses, including the 5 minutes' reading time, are pre-recorded.

Questions and answers in **English**

Task 1

1 **M1** When I am revising, I prefer going to the public library. I usually revise for three hours before I need a break. Then I go for a walk in the park next to the library to relax or get lunch at the café inside the library.

2 **F1** I went to my aunt's birthday party yesterday but we had the time written down incorrectly and so we arrived one hour late! We apologised and everything was fine. Luckily, we remembered to bring her birthday cake with us.

3 **F2** The shop will be closing in ten minutes time at 5.00. Please proceed to the nearest cash register to purchase your items. All cash registers on the third floor are closed. Please use the lift or the staircase to pay on the floors below. Thank you for shopping with us today.

4 **M2** The Ancient Egyptian exhibition will be held at the British Museum throughout September. The exhibition is opposite the museum's café. School trips and walking tours are available daily at 9.30 am only. Please meet at the museum's front steps for this tour.

Task 2

5 **F1** Good morning, Abdullah, what seems to be the matter?

M1 Hi, Iqra. Well, my parents have decided that we are moving to a new house and I am worried about losing my friends and changing schools. I'm not sure what to do.

6 **F1** You can keep in touch with your friends through social media, by having weekly video chats and messaging one another. If you keep working hard, changing schools won't be a problem.

M1 Thanks, you're right. Have you any advice about making new friends?

7 **F1** Sure! Joining new clubs or playing for sports teams is a great place to start. Are there any hobbies you could continue with?

8 **M1** Yes, I write for the school newspaper, which I will carry on doing and I am interested in starting to play cricket and there's a local club near my new house.

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Task 3

9 **M2** Williamson Gym will be opening this weekend in Manchester. Membership is just £30 per month and there will be no joining fee for the first 100 customers.

10 **M2** We have top-of-the-range facilities including a running track, exercise machines and a dedicated weights room. And that's not all – we also have a swimming pool, jacuzzi and sauna to help you relax after your gym session.

11 **M2** For those of you that prefer classes, we have aerobics every Monday, swimming lessons for children on Saturday mornings or you could book a private session with one of our trainers for maximum impact. For those of you that prefer quiet, start your Sundays with yoga in our rooftop garden.

12 **M2** At Williamson Gym, we believe that having a healthy and active lifestyle is important. We can provide information on eating the right food and doing the best exercises. You can speak to our expert, Matthew, for any advice you may need. Getting children involved in health and fitness from a young age is important for their future, so we are offering family membership deals at a reduced rate until Sunday.

Task 4

13 **F2** Good afternoon students. We are lucky today to be joined by a guest speaker, Mr Khan, who works at the college admissions office. He is here to give you advice on your college application forms and answer any of your questions. According to Mr Khan, they receive on average 3000 applications every year so we need to ensure that our school's are the best.

14 **M1** Thank you, that's right. We receive many applications and we need a strict process for accepting new students. Make sure that you meet the April deadline with yours.

15 **F2** What would you say are the basic errors that people make when completing the applications?

M1 There are many simple mistakes that lots of people make. Proofread and check your spelling and grammar at least twice. Check that the dates are correct for your qualifications and that you have the correct title for the courses that you will be studying. Remember to use black ink or the correct font size.

F2 They all sound very important yet simple tasks. What about some tips on making your application stand out?

16 **M1** Make sure that you have researched your chosen courses so that you can explain why you are interested in studying them and at our college. Having more than just good grades helps you stand out – students who do extra-curricular activities, are part of sports teams or volunteer for charities show that they have a lot to offer.

F2 It certainly does and those are some excellent tips. Thank you, Mr Khan.

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Task 5

17 **M2** During my seven month world trip, I spent the month of February in Beijing. I was lucky enough to be there for Chinese New Year, which was my favourite part of the trip. The family who I was staying with showed me the many traditions to celebrate over the fifteen days of the festival.

18 **M2** The whole of Beijing became a sea of red – everywhere was decorated with red paper and red lanterns, as this is the colour of good luck.

19 **M2** On New Year's Eve, we went shopping for new clothes to prepare for the new year after we had cleaned the house to sweep away any bad luck. We then prepared for the reunion dinner, which was hard work.

20 **M2** The main food eaten is dumplings and I struggled with folding the pastry. I was very slow compared to my hosts and felt a bit embarrassed as I didn't get any better. However, by the evening we could celebrate and the rest of the food was delicious. We played with firecrackers and had a big party, which lots of the neighbours attended.

21 **M2** It was interesting seeing the different traditions on New Year's Day. We did not clean so that the good luck stayed in the house and we went to my hosts' grandparents to honour the senior members of the family. They gave me a red envelope with money, which was very generous of them.

M2 In the afternoon, we watched the Lion Dance in the town square. Two dancers are inside a giant and colourful lion costume. First, they visit the temple and the shops before performing for us. The dance moves were perfectly in time and beautiful to watch. As the sun set, we burned more firecrackers and watched a firework display in a local park. It was the perfect way to bring in the new year.

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