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Paper 2 Listening and Reading

الورقة ٢ الاستماع والقراءة

Duration: 75 minutes

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 your answer sheet.

This document consists of **12** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

## Listening

### Part 1

#### Questions 1 – 5

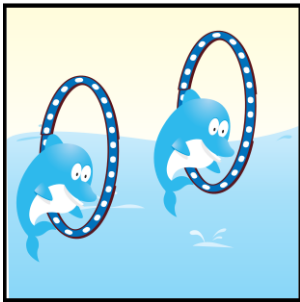
You will hear five short recordings.

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

Choose the correct letter.

#### Example

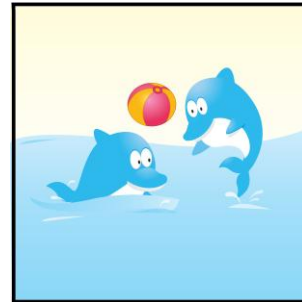
0 Which activity will the dolphins do in the show?



**A**



**B**

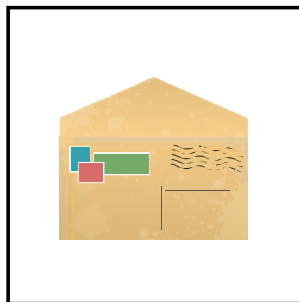


**C**

1 How did the man reserve his room?



**A**



**B**



**C**

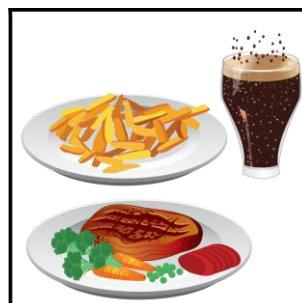
2 What did the woman order for lunch?



**A**



**B**



**C**

3

3 What is Alex doing now?



A



B



C

4 What did the woman have in her purse?



A

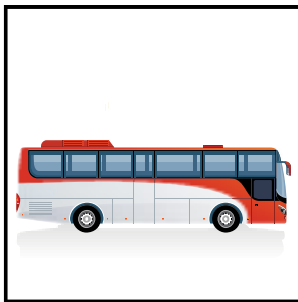


B



C

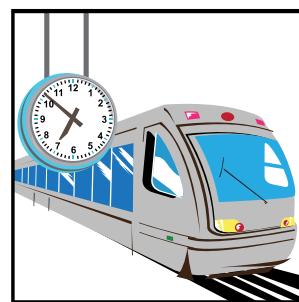
5 How will the woman get to the airport?



A



B



C

[5 marks]

**Part 2****Questions 6 – 10**

You will hear an explorer talking to some high school students about the importance of following your dream.

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

**Example**

**0** Elham was brought up in the

**A** UK.

**B** USA.

**C** UAE.

**6** Where did many people watch Elham training?

**A** in a park

**B** in a lake

**C** in a gym

**7** How far did she travel on skis?

**A** 40 miles

**B** 80 miles

**C** 100 miles

**8** Elham felt pain in her

**A** feet.

**B** fingers.

**C** bones.

- 9** One night, Elham woke up her guide because
- A** she saw a polar bear.
  - B** she heard the sound of a flag.
  - C** she needed help with her tent.
- 10** What was the best thing about reaching the North Pole?
- A** She had achieved her goals.
  - B** She could finally have a rest.
  - C** She placed a souvenir of the UAE.

**[5 marks]**

**Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.**



## Reading

### Part 3

#### Questions 11 – 15

Read the text about coffee.

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

Coffee is one of the           **(0)**           popular drinks in the world. Many people enjoy           **(11)**           effects and rich flavour. The history of coffee goes back to the 9th century           **(12)**           it was discovered in Ethiopia. Coffee is made from coffee beans. These days, coffee plants           **(13)**           in hot and humid regions such as Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The coffee beans           **(14)**           picked by hand or machine, and then processed using wet or dry methods, which affect the smell and colour of the coffee.           **(15)**          , the coffee beans are sorted into types. The last step is roasting, which gives coffee its special flavour and taste. The roasted coffee beans are crushed and boiled to make the drink we know and love.

#### Example

- |           |                  |                     |                  |                      |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>0</b>  | <b>A</b> much    | <b>(B)</b> most     | <b>C</b> best    | <b>D</b> better      |
| <b>11</b> | <b>A</b> they    | <b>B</b> it         | <b>C</b> their   | <b>D</b> its         |
| <b>12</b> | <b>A</b> where   | <b>B</b> what       | <b>C</b> when    | <b>D</b> which       |
| <b>13</b> | <b>A</b> grow    | <b>B</b> grows      | <b>C</b> grown   | <b>D</b> grew        |
| <b>14</b> | <b>A</b> were    | <b>B</b> have       | <b>C</b> are     | <b>D</b> had         |
| <b>15</b> | <b>A</b> Finally | <b>B</b> After that | <b>C</b> However | <b>D</b> As a result |

**[5 marks]**

## Part 4

## Questions 16 – 20

The people below all want to go to a restaurant tonight.

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

On the opposite page there are descriptions of restaurants **(A – G)**.

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

For Questions **(16 – 20)**, write the correct letter **(A – G)** in each box.

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

## Example

0



Sarah and Amber have both had a heavy lunch in celebration of Amber's birthday. They want to go somewhere nice for a coffee and a chat, and perhaps a pastry or two!

H

16



Ali wants to take Mai somewhere expensive for their wedding anniversary and is looking for a lively environment. Mai is a vegetarian but eats fish. Ali likes plain food.

17



Jude, Zara and Leah like inexpensive Asian food and Jude wants to try the chopsticks again. Leah cannot eat peanuts. Zara loves cooking and wants to open her own restaurant one day.

18



City boys, Troy and Gerome enjoy fast food. Troy doesn't want to drive because he is very tired. Gerome is in a hurry as he's got a lot of emails to write.

19



Adam and Emma would like to eat outdoors with their baby boy Zak. Adam loves grilled Salmon and local dishes. Emma is on a diet so steamed choices are important. The cheaper the better for them.

20



Sam and Faye want to go to a five-star place with their young daughter Belle who needs to be cheerful! Sam is watching his weight and is keen on beef and veal. Faye likes sweet food.



- A** Recognised for their quick service, 'Busy Burgers' have over 15 branches throughout the Kingdom. This is the destination for online delivery. It is known to have the best burgers in town! Spend more than 20 pounds and you receive 50% off your next order.
- B** This high-class restaurant in the heart of town offers the finest seafood. Enjoy our wonderful service while listening to your favourite classical tunes. Not cheap but popular. Smart dress required. No children under 12 allowed. No Fast food items. Visit our website to find out more on our newly opened cookery school.
- C** Our restaurant is amongst the top Indian restaurants in the country. Serving many wonderful types of rich and mild curries, cooked to your individual requirements. A musician with great talent will entertain you throughout the evening in the most perfect experience imaginable. Reservations are required.
- D** The best Chinese restaurant out of town, and the best price! Whether you eat in or out, each meal is personally prepared to order, so inform us if you have any food dislikes. We are using only the freshest and highest quality ingredients. Free internet available.
- E** Famous for their barbecues, this first-class family restaurant has fantastic reviews. Garden area with playground to keep the kids entertained. Most popular for meat eaters and the dessert menu is not to be missed! Private rooms available for business events.
- F** A traditional buffet style display set out under the stars. Eat as much as you can for a fixed fee. A wide variety of tasty items including chicken, fish and lamb. Also, try out our new healthy option corner. Drinks included.
- G** Discover our Italian secrets in this week's special offer. 25% discount on all food and half price for children! Check-out our freshly baked bread, main courses and exciting new ice creams. So come and celebrate your special day with us today.
- H** A modern place serving light refreshments, soups and snacks. Great social place to meet with friends and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with cheerful smiling faces waiting to serve you. Open from 11am – 11pm. Allow time to visit our fantastic art gallery.

**[5 marks]**

**Part 5****Questions 21 – 25**

Read the text about stamps.

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

**Stamps**

Have you ever written a letter? Do you know how your grandparents communicated with their family before email replaced the need to buy a stamp? Read here how postage stamps entered our lives.

So what is a stamp? It is a small piece of paper, usually with a picture of a king or queen. The price of the stamp is displayed on the front. One side of the stamp is sticky. This helps to stick the stamp onto an envelope. It shows that you have paid the postal service to deliver your letter.

Before we had stamps, it wasn't the person sending the letter who paid, but the person receiving. Some people said they couldn't afford to pay, and some people refused to take delivery because they wanted to know who the letter was from. This meant that you didn't know whether your family or friend had received it.

The history of stamps moved quickly. By 1869 almost every country had their own stamps, but it had only started in the UK in 1840 with a stamp which cost one penny. After that Switzerland and Brazil introduced stamps for local use in 1843. Then, in 1847, the USA introduced stamps which could be used for up to 300 miles. An amazing story!

At the beginning stamps were square shaped, but soon countries began to experiment. In the USA they produced a cool stamp in the shape of a circle. It showed an amazing picture of the Earth. Sierra Leone produced a fantastic fruit shaped stamp. The strangest stamp, however, came from America. It was made of plastic.

Some stamps are very expensive. Some people collect stamps for their beautiful designs. Others like them for their historical value. It is, of course, the rare ones which attract extraordinary prices. Interestingly, one stamp, which cost so little to print, was sold for \$2.3 million. Its value came from a mistake in the design!

- 0 The main purpose of this article is to explain
- A how letters were written.
  - B how email replaced stamps.
  - ☒ C how we started using stamps.
  - D how older people used to communicate.
- 21 The reason for using stamps is to
- A show a picture of the king or queen of a country.
  - B pay for the letter to reach its destination.
  - C display the price of the stamp.
  - D stick the envelope together.
- 22 Before stamps were used, people
- A accepted letters only from family and friends.
  - B thought letters were too expensive to send.
  - C paid to receive letters.
  - D refused to deliver letters.
- 23 When did stamps become fully international?
- A 1840
  - B 1843
  - C 1847
  - D 1869

**24** According to the writer, which stamp was the most surprising?

- A** the one made of plastic
- B** the one in the shape of fruit
- C** the one in the shape of a circle
- D** the one with a picture of the Earth

**25** What makes some stamps much more expensive than others?

- A** the attractive design
- B** their historical value
- C** how much it cost to print
- D** how many there are in the world

**[5 marks]**

**Remember to copy your answers onto the separate answer sheet.**



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