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امتحان اللغة الإنجليزية

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 **13** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

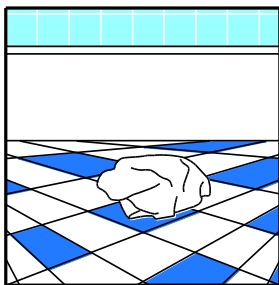
You will hear five short recordings.

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

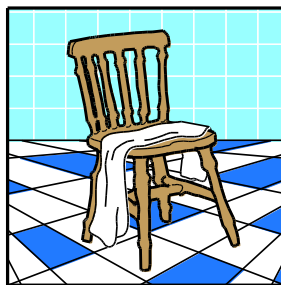
Circle the correct letter.

Example

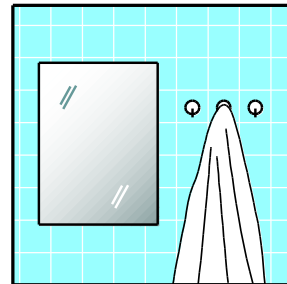
0 Where can the boys leave their towels?



A



B



C

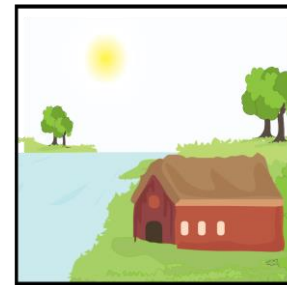
1 Where is the family going to spend their break?



A



B



C

2 What does Jane's mum want her to do?



A

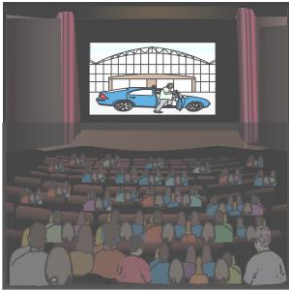


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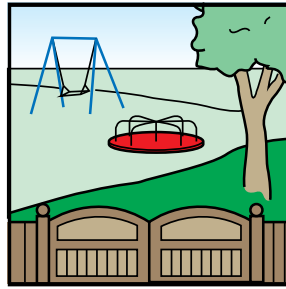


C

3 Where is Sam going?



A

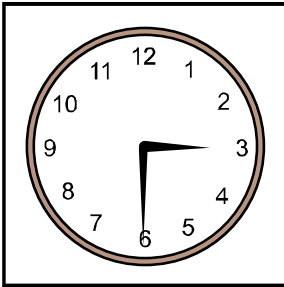


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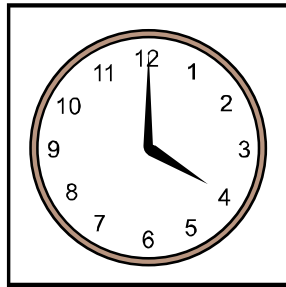


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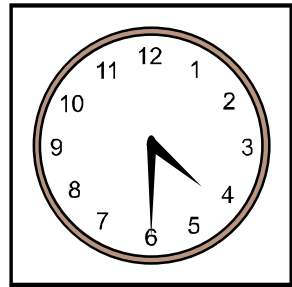
4 What time is David's appointment?



A



B



C

5 What is Rachel doing?



A



B



C

[5 marks]

Part 2**Questions 6 – 10**

You will hear a speaker talking to a group of parents and teachers in a school.

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

Example

0 What is the speaker's job?

A a doctor

B a chef

C a journalist

6 What is the main reason why we get less exercise now?

A mobile phones

B modern TVs

C fast food

7 According to the speaker, who controls what people eat?

A farms

B supermarkets

C restaurants

8 The speaker advises reading food labels to

A save money.

B get the healthiest food.

C check the amount of sugar.

9 The speaker recommends cooking at home because

- A it's cheaper.
- B it's healthier.
- C it's tastier.

10 What gives students more energy during the school day?

- A taking rest
- B having a snack
- C playing games

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

Reading

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text about horse riding.

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

Horse riding is a hobby enjoyed _____ **(0)** _____ people of all ages. While many begin horse riding when young, some people are _____ **(11)** _____ horse riding late in life.

The horse has been with man through history and has served different purposes.

Horses have been used as _____ **(12)** _____ of transport as well as in farming and in battles.

Today horses are mostly used _____ **(13)** _____ pleasure and in competitions. Although you can't really understand what it is to ride a horse before trying it, however, you can prepare for your first lesson by reading about horse riding and learning as _____ **(14)** _____ as possible about this sport before you ride your first horse. Horse riding is completely a new experience exactly the _____ **(15)** _____ as riding a bicycle for the first time.

Example

- | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | (A) by | B in | C at | D with |
| 11 | A doing | B starting | C getting | D finding |
| 12 | A ways | B systems | C means | D techniques |
| 13 | A of | B to | C off | D for |
| 14 | A much | B many | C most | D more |
| 15 | A like | B similar | C same | D alike |

[5 marks]

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

The students below need to do online research for a school project about British Columbia.

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







On the opposite page there is information on different websites (A – G).

Decide which website would be the most suitable for each student's research.

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 |  | Fatima is designing a brochure for her science project. She is particularly interested in finding pictures for various animals and birds living in the mountains. | H |
| 16 |  | Hamad's history project is about how life used to be like hundreds of years ago for the people who lived by the seaside. He also needs to find information about the ancient ways of fishing. | |
| 17 |  | Sara wants to write about one of the most important cities and its several famous sites which can be quickly reached. She's interested in art and wants to include pictures and maps in her project. | |
| 18 |  | Mousa is writing about bridges for his social studies. Not just bridges in towns and cities but mainly about those built in the forests and mountains which allow people to walk above ground level. | |
| 19 |  | Noor's project is on nature and wildlife. She wants to do some research into the kind of sea life that lives in the ocean around the shores of the islands. | |
| 20 |  | Saif is fond of reading about vehicles. He is looking for photos and some details about the means of transport that tourists can use for sightseeing around the main city and for the sea tours. | |

Websites

- A** If you're visiting the biggest city, our website has everything you need about where to stay and what to do. We book hotels, cruises on small boats or ships and even organise your shopping trips. Private cars or taxis are available with drivers who'll take you wherever you want.
- B** Did you know that whales are wild animals? British Columbia has some of the world's most exciting creatures like bears and rare parrots too, but it's the whales that are the most attractive. Watch clips of sea lions, and listen to the sounds of the killer whales!
- C** Learn about the water plane that flies in the air and lands on water. Visitors use it to explore the islands. Another great way to travel around is to use the Sky Train which stops by the bridge or take the Sky Bus. Click on the photos for more details.
- D** Vancouver is a fantastic city, but best of all is the fact that there is a variety of places to see. Download the details of where to visit including pictures and drawings for the directions of how to get there in only a couple of minutes from the city center.
- E** Our museum was the first of its kind to display the art and culture of British Columbia. Each gallery has its own exhibition of things such as drums, paintings and wooden objects from the past when the people of the west coast used to catch and sell sea creatures.
- F** Check our website for pictures of great buildings in and around Vancouver, one of the famous cities. We also have details of bridges high up on the mountain which provide links between trees. These wooden links are like paths so you can actually enjoy discovering the birds and the wildlife!
- G** This new website has an amazing art gallery of work produced by local people. Some of the pictures present historical interest, but the most of them were taken during the past 30 years. The main topics are British Columbian nature with its wonderful geographical structures like the sea and mountains.
- H** Visit our website to see British Columbian forests. The highest point is the most famous area where you can watch birds and other animals from hidden points and tree bridges. Download our photos for the brown bears which live in the forests on the mountain.

[5 marks]

Part 5**Questions 21 – 25**

Read the text about the common pigeons.

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

**The Common Pigeons**

Pigeons live in most areas of the world and are known as ‘common’ pigeons as they have the ability to adapt to various conditions and places. In the UK, common pigeons are the most popular birds, and are frequently found in gardens.

Before, people kept pigeons for their animals to eat. People also taught them to fly long distances so they could carry messages. Some people even kept them in cages because they can be beautiful in homes. Nowadays, however, pigeons are trained to compete against each other to fly back to their home from faraway places.

Pigeons’ main type of food is seeds with small amounts of insects. While they may pick up pieces of meat from wasted meals during their search for food, this is not a natural part of their diet. Amazingly, baby pigeons feed on pigeon’s milk.

Pigeons can cause a lot of problems in cities. Groups of pigeons can make places dirty and messy, leading to diseases. Pigeons’ waste and nests can harm monuments. Near airports, they can be dangerous for planes. Additionally, they demand food from people during picnics.

In some cities, it is no longer allowed to feed pigeons in public places. In other cities, people have put wire fences around buildings so that there is no place for the birds to rest or use devices that make loud sounds that pigeons don't like. Recently, people have introduced larger birds to attack the pigeons and encourage them to leave. This has been the most successful in reducing the number of pigeons in the city.

Pigeons are highly intelligent birds. Pigeons are good at finding their way home by looking at things they see to guide them to their nests. They are trained to touch buttons to show their choices and get food as a reward. Pigeons can also make decisions by looking at things and remembering patterns. It is important to remember that pigeons think differently from humans.

- 0 Why is this bird called a 'common pigeon'?
- A It can be found in most parts of the world.
 - B It can adjust to various environments.
 - C It is the most famous bird in the UK.
 - D It is seen very often in gardens.
- 21 Which of the following was NOT a use of pigeons in the past?
- A People used them to communicate with others far away.
 - B People used them to make their houses look nice.
 - C People used them to race in competitions.
 - D People used them to feed their animals.
- 22 Pigeons mainly feed on
- A insects.
 - B milk.
 - C seeds.
 - D meat.
- 23 Pigeons can cause health problems by
- A annoying the public.
 - B damaging the buildings.
 - C making flying unsafe.
 - D leaving places unclean.

24 What is the best action to decrease the number of pigeons?

- A Put wire fences around buildings.
- B Introduce larger birds to attack them.
- C Stop people from feeding them.
- D Use loud sounds.

25 Pigeons can successfully decide by

- A looking and remembering patterns.
- B thinking differently than people.
- C finding their way back home.
- D making the right choices.

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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