

Pearson Test of English General

Practice Test 1: Written Test

Level A1
Foundation



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Sections	Skills	Score points	Level A1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	Listening	10	1 hour 15 mins	1 hour 35 mins	1 hour 35 mins	2 hours	2 hours 30 mins	2 hours 55 mins
2	Listening and Writing	10						
3	Listening	10						
4	Reading	5						
5	Reading	5						
6	Reading	8						
7	Reading	7						
8	Writing	10						
9	Writing	10						

The written test is scored out of **75 points** in total at all levels. Please see the *Guide to PTE General* at this level for further information.

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SECTION 1

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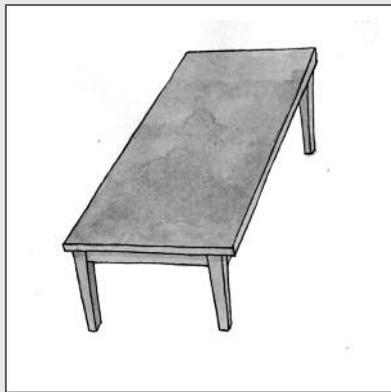


You have 10 seconds to read each question. Listen and put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example. You have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

Example: Which table does she want?



A



B



C

1. What is the man's job?



A



B



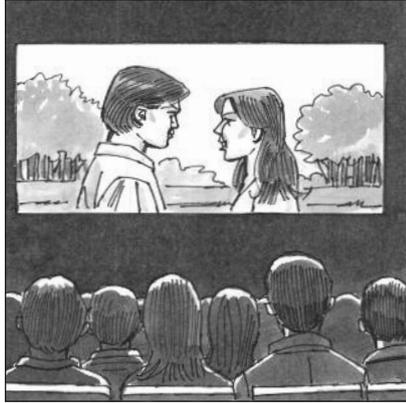
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2. Where is the woman?



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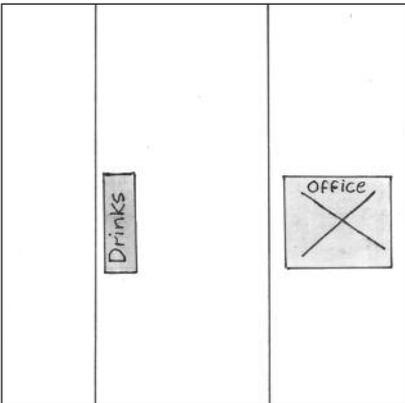


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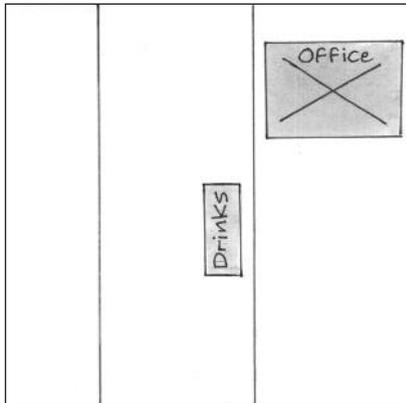


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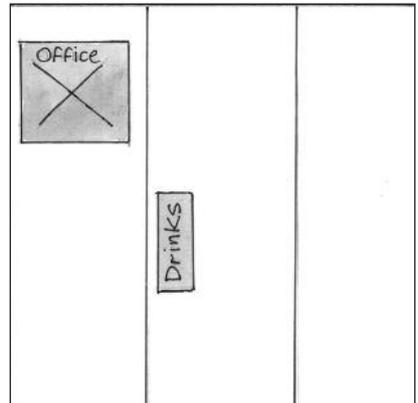
3. Where is the office?



A



B



C

4. Who is the man?



A



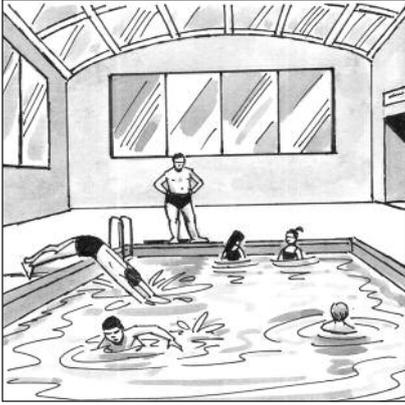
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C



5. Where is the woman?



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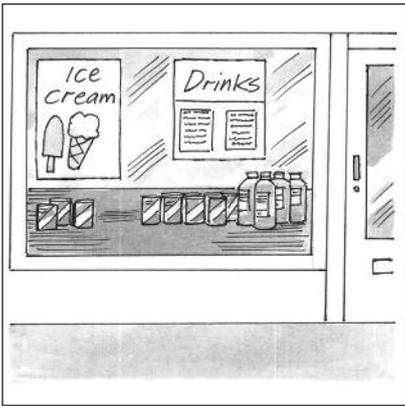


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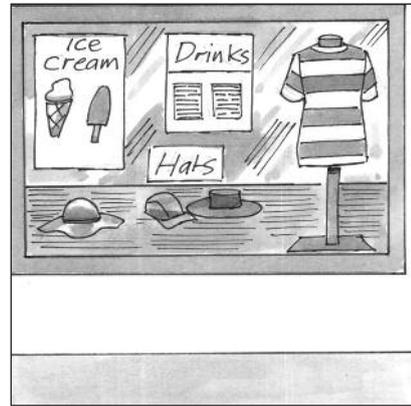
6. Which shop is the woman describing?



A



B



C

7. Where does the man go in winter?



A



B



C

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blank



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8. What is the woman doing?



A



B



C

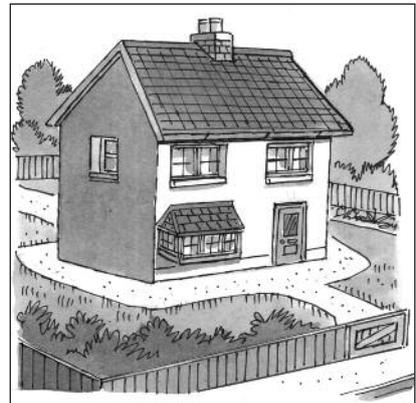
9. What is the man describing?



A

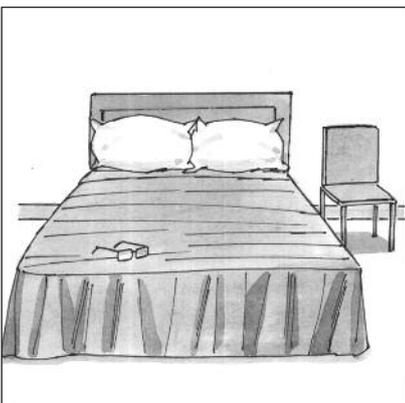


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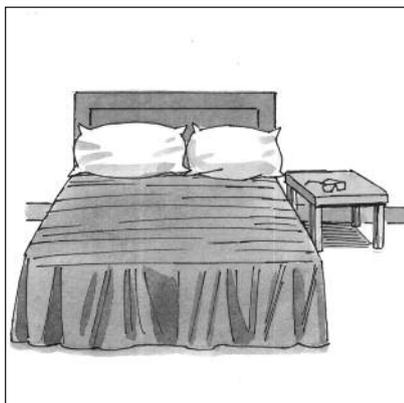


C

10. Where are the man's glasses?



A



B



C

(10 marks)



SECTION 3

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You will hear a phone message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

Example. Message for: *Mr Taylor*

12 Full Name:.....

13 Wants:.....

14 Bedrooms:.....

15 Cost per week:.....

16 Will phone again:.....



SECTION 3 CONTINUED

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You will hear a recorded message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

Example. Restaurant Name: *Dino's*

17 Job:.....

18 Weekly pay:.....

19 Start date:.....

20 Call:.....

21 Telephone number:.....

(10 marks)

That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.



SECTION 4

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Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example.

Passenger announcement: all flights leaving the airport this morning are due to fog.

- A delayed
- B flying
- C seen

22.

Forget the cold weather. Have a winter holiday in the Call John for details on 01322 446517.

- A snow
- B sun
- C spring

23.

..... Ice on roads. Do not drive fast and put your lights on.

- A Danger
- B Cars
- C Help



24.

..... for John.

- 12 eggs
- 1kg flour
- orange juice
- apples
- shampoo
- kitchen paper

- A Food and drink
- B Recipe
- C Shopping list

25.

Please do not in front of our garage. There is a public car park in the next street next to the children's playground.

- A drive
- B play
- C park

26.

Bill Spark's Retirement

It is Bill's day at work next Friday. Let's join him in his office at 5pm to help him celebrate and wish him well for the future.

- A last
- B first
- C difficult

Leave
blank

(5 marks)



SECTION 5

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For each question, put a cross (X) in the box below the correct picture, as in the example.

Example: Which is a picture of the holiday?

correspondence this side only

The weather is very hot.
We go out in the morning
but in the afternoon
we sit under the trees
and sleep.

POSTCARD

address only this side

place
correct
postage
here

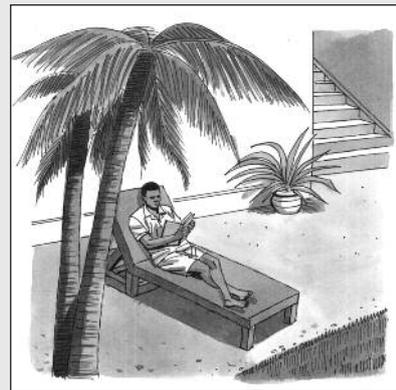
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A



B



C



27. What is the correct picture for the sale?

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Winter Clothing Sale

25% off all coats, scarves and skiwear

Hurry! Ends Saturday



A



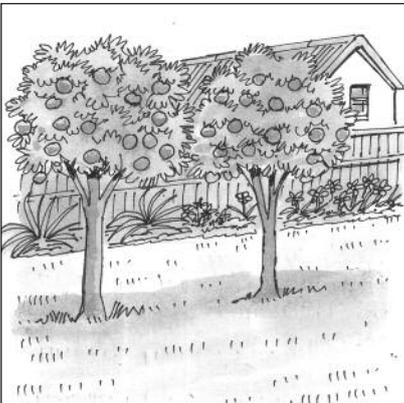
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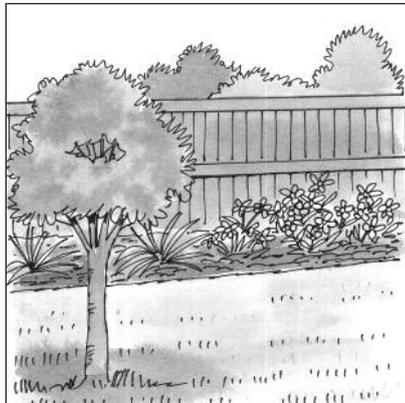
C

28. Which is the correct picture?

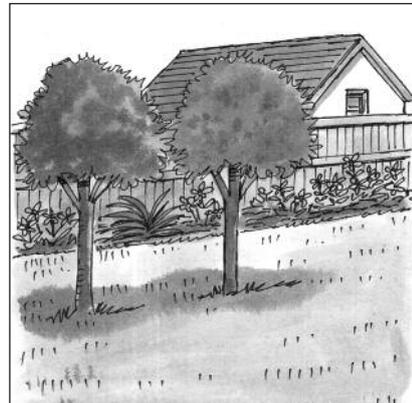
This is a photo of my garden in spring. The trees and flowers look beautiful. In Autumn the trees have apples on them.



A



B

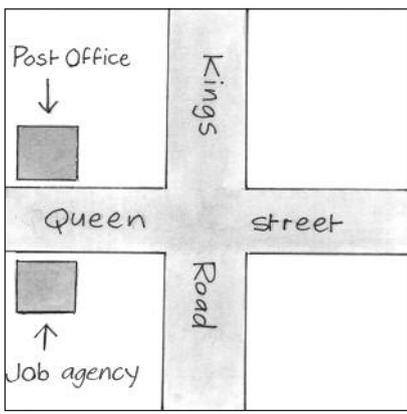


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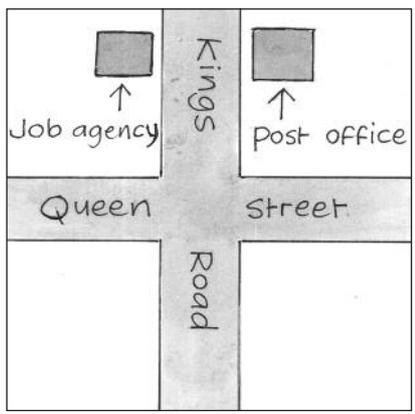


29. Which place is the job agency?

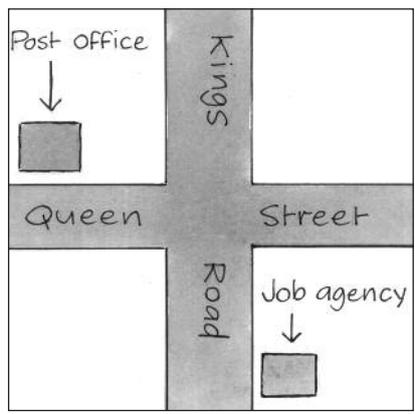
The job agency is opposite the post office in Queen Street. Be careful. There's another post office in Kings Road. It's not there.



A



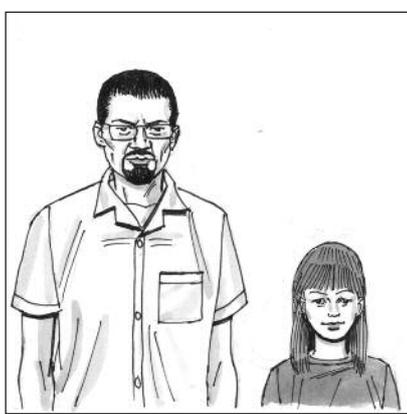
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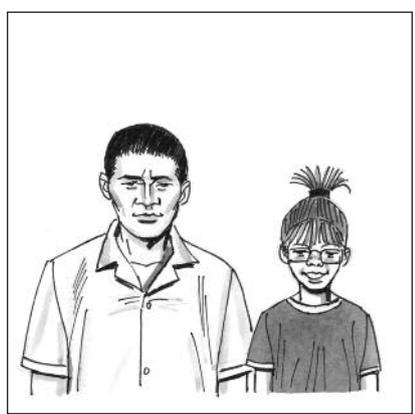
C

30. Which is the correct picture?

Please meet Colin Young at the airport at ten tomorrow. He's got short, dark hair and wears glasses. He'll be with his daughter.



A



B



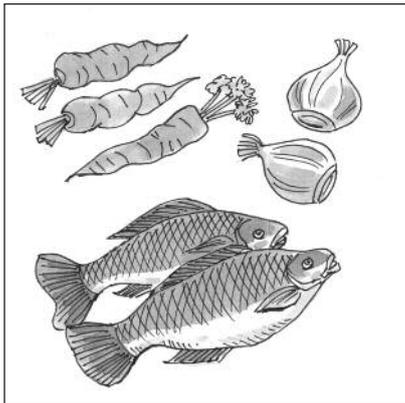
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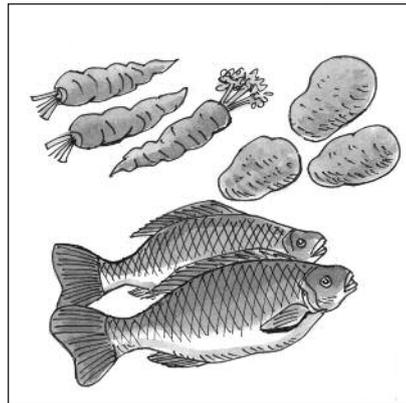
31. What does John buy?

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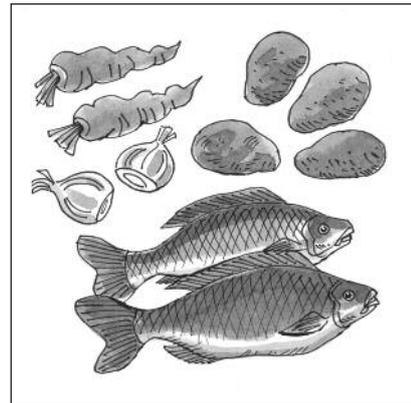
John. For dinner tonight get some carrots, onions and fish from the supermarket. Oh and wash some potatoes. They're in the cupboard.



A



B



C

(5 marks)



SECTION 6

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Read the email below and answer the questions.



Example. Who is the email to? Tony

32. Where is Peter's new job?

33. How much money does Peter get per week?

34. What time does Peter finish work?

35. When does Peter want to see Tony?

Leave
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(5 marks)



SECTION 6 CONTINUED

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Read the leaflet below and answer the questions.

Harry's Takeaway - "The Restaurant in your House"

In July Harry's Takeaway in Newtown is 25 years old.

Special offers: 1st July to 31st July

3 course meals from £15

2 course meals from £12.50

Free delivery (in 15 minutes for homes in Newtown)

Phone: 0789-654-769

Example. What is the name of the restaurant? Harry's Takeaway

36. Where is the restaurant?

37. When do the special offers start?

38. How much does a person pay for 2 courses?

39. What does the restaurant do for free?

(8 marks)



SECTION 7

Leave blank



Read the text and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the text.

Come to Niederau – a beautiful village in Austria. In summer it's not exciting but in winter it's great. There's snow on the mountains and it's very pretty. It's mostly cold and sunny and sometimes it snows but usually at night. In the mornings and afternoons you can go skiing. You can't ski? Don't worry, there's a great ski-school.

The Alpland hotel is waiting for you. Drivers can park behind the hotel and visitors arriving by plane can use the hotel minibus. Tell us when you book your accommodation.

Example. Niederau is a village in Austria .

40. Summer is.....:

41. Winter weather is.....:

42. Usual weather is.....:

43. In the daytime.....:

44..... for beginners.

45. Accommodation:.....:

46. Travel from the airport by.....:

(7 marks)



SECTION 8

Leave
blank



Use the information in Section 7 to help you write your answer.

**47. Imagine you are now in Niederau for a winter holiday. Write a postcard to a friend.
Write 30-50 words and include the following information:**

- where you are
- who you are with
- what you are doing

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

A large rectangular box containing 15 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

(10 marks)



SECTION 9

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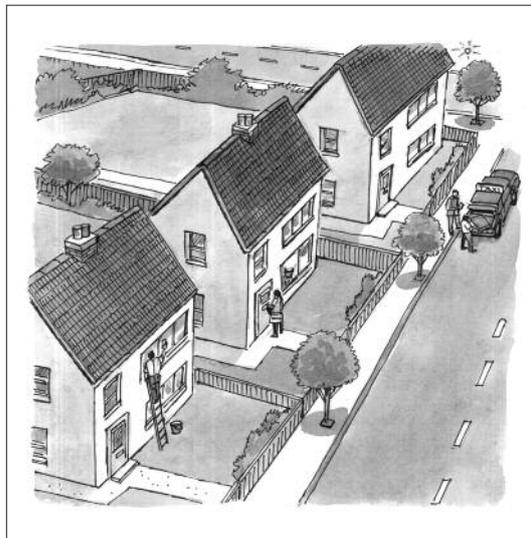
Choose one of the pictures below and write your answer in 50 – 80 words.

48. A) Write a short story about the picture.



Or

48. B) Write a short story about the picture.



Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

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blank

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing an answer.

(10 marks)



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ANSWER KEY

Leave
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Section 1

Example: C

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. C

Section 2

11. Some people / don't like snow / very much. / But children love it. / They play in the snow / and make snowmen.

Section 3

Example: Mr Taylor

12. Angie Green
13. flat
14. 2/two
15. (no/not more than) £100
16. tomorrow



Section 3 Continued

Example: Dino's

17. cook
18. £240
19. 12th July
20. (Mr) Wright
21. 0781 22415

Section 4

Example: A

22. B
23. A
24. C
25. C
26. A

Section 5

Example: A

27. A
28. C
29. A
30. A
31. A

Section 6

Example: Tony

32. (in a) restaurant
33. £300
34. eleven / 11(pm)(at night)
35. soon



Section 6 Continued

Example: Harry's Takeaway

- 36. (in) Newtown
- 37. 1st July
- 38. (from) £12.50
- 39. delivery

Section 7

Example: village in Austria

- 40. not exciting
- 41. great/ there's snow / very pretty
- 42. cold and sunny
- 43. (go) skiing
- 44. Ski-school
- 45. Alpland hotel
- 46. hotel minibus

Section 8

47. Sample answer:

Hi Helen. I'm in Niederau with Karen and Veronica for a winter holiday. It's a pretty village in the Austrian mountains. Karen is skiing now. She's having a lesson because she's a beginner. I'm having a coffee with Veronica in a café on a mountain. It's fantastic. (47 words)



Section 9

48 A. Sample answer:

It is a sunny day today and we are in the garden. I am playing ball with our dog, Rover, and my brother is playing basketball. He is a very good player. My dad is at work today but mum is with us in the garden. She is sitting on a chair and reading a book. Our cat, Tibby, is sleeping under the tree. He is always very tired. (69 words)

48 B. Sample answer:

It is a sunny day and I can see some people in our street. One man is up a ladder. He is cleaning Mrs Grey's windows. There is a postwoman too. She is taking letters to Mr Cook's house. Mr Cook's dog is looking at her through the window. There is a taxi in front of our house and my dad is paying the driver. The driver is getting my dad's suitcase out of the taxi. (76 words)



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Section 1

You have 10 seconds to read each question. Listen and put a cross in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example. You have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

Example: Listen to the woman. Which table does she want?

F: Excuse me. I'm looking for a round table. A round table for four persons.
Do you have any?

The correct answer is C

1. Listen to the man speaking. What is his job?

M: OK. That's one fish and chips and one chicken and chips. Anything to drink?

2. Listen to the woman speaking. Where is she?

F: OK everybody. Sit down and be quiet. Now today's lesson is about food and drink.

3. Listen to the woman speaking. Where is the office?

F: Ah Mr Smith. You're here to see Mrs Grey, right? Go along the corridor past the drinks machine. Her office is on your left.

4. Listen to the man speaking. Who is he?

M: The next stop is New Street station. Passengers for the City Hotel, please stay on the bus.

5. Listen to the woman speaking. Where is she?

F: No, we're closed in the winter. It's really cold and nobody wants to go swimming outside.

6. Listen to the woman speaking. Which shop is she describing?

F: Lots of people come here in the summer. We sell cold drinks and ice creams. Sometimes people want hats and T-shirts but we don't sell them.

7. Listen to the man speaking. Where does he go in winter?

M: I live in a flat but in winter I go to my holiday home in the mountains. In the summer I go to my friend's house at the beach.

8. Listen to the woman speaking. What is she doing?

F: Alan, can you come and help me with the dinner? You can watch television later.



Section 1 Continued

9. Listen to the man speaking. What is he describing?

M: This one is new. It's near the station and the supermarkets, and it's only £100 a week. It's got a big garden too.

10. Listen to the man speaking. Where are his glasses?

M: Patty, can you get my glasses for me? They're upstairs on the chair next to my bed.

Section 2

11. You will hear a recording about snow. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.

F: Some people / don't like snow / very much. / But children love it. / They play in the snow / and make snowmen.

Section 3

12. – 16. You will hear a phone message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

F: Hello. This is a message for Mr Taylor. My name is Angie Green. That's A-N-G-I-E and Green like the colour. I'm looking for a flat in this area for me and my friend. We need two bedrooms, but we don't want a big flat because we are students and haven't got much money. One hundred pounds a week is OK but no more. I'll call you again tomorrow. Bye.

Now listen again

17. – 21. You will hear a recorded message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

M: Hi James. Mick here. I've got some information about a summer job at Dino's. They don't need waiters now, but they still want a cook. Are you interested? The pay is £6 an hour so for a week that's £240 – the waiters only get £200 so it's not bad. Interviews start on the 1st July and finish on the 5th. The job is from the 12th July for two months. Can you phone the manager, Mr Wright? His name is spelled W-R-I-G-H-T. He's a nice man. His number is 0781 double 2415. That's 0781 double 2415. Call me later. See you.

Now listen again

That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.



