

Cambridge English Skills Test: Schools

Listening

Sample Test

Access Arrangements Version

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number, and candidate number on your answer sheet.

Listen to the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions in Parts 1 – 5.

Write your answers on the SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET together with the number of each question.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

There are five parts to the test.

There are 18 questions, and each question carries one mark.

The recording will be paused from time to time to give you time to read the questions, and to write and check your answers.

You have approximately 30 minutes plus your extra time allowance.

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LISTENING

PART 1

QUESTIONS 1 – 3

You will hear three short recordings.

For questions 1 – 3, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Write the correct letter ON YOUR SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET together with the number of the question.

1 How does Jim get to school?

- A by bus**
- B on foot**
- C by bike**

2 Why is the woman going to be late for work?

- A The first train was full.**
- B She took the wrong train.**
- C Her train has been cancelled.**

3 You hear part of an interview with a young sportswoman. In which sport is she a champion?

- A sailing**
- B surfing**
- C swimming**

PART 2

QUESTIONS 4 and 5

For questions 4 and 5, listen to two cultural advisers talking about giving and receiving gifts in different cultures.

Choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Write the correct letter ON YOUR SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET, together with the number of the question.

- 4 What does the woman say about giving gifts to people from other cultures?**
- A The wrong gift can cause embarrassment to both parties.**
 - B Asking people to help you choose a gift is a good decision.**
 - C The kinds of gift people give are similar in many parts of the world.**
- 5 What does the man say about giving and receiving gifts in the UK?**
- A It is necessary to accept a gift in a certain way.**
 - B It may be important to return a gift of a similar value.**
 - C It might be wise to open a gift when the giver is not around.**

PART 3

QUESTIONS 6 – 10

For questions 6 – 10, listen to Sam Roper, a TV presenter, talking to students about his new series about wildlife.

Choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Write the correct letter ON YOUR SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET, together with the number of the question.

- 6 What does Sam say about the animals he filmed in some of his programmes?**
- A They are most dangerous when looking for food.**
 - B They will only hurt you if they feel stressed.**
 - C They look more frightening on TV than in real life.**
- 7 Which animal in the first programme did Sam enjoy filming the least?**
- A a snake**
 - B an elephant**
 - C sharks**

- 8 What is Sam's favourite place in the world to see animals?**
- A in Antarctica**
 - B in rainforests**
 - C in the Himalayas**
- 9 What advice does Sam have for people who want a job like his?**
- A Spend all your free time learning about animals.**
 - B Work hard at school, especially in science.**
 - C Try to get some work during the school holidays.**
- 10 Which animals is Sam hoping to film next?**
- A whales**
 - B tigers**
 - C insects**

PART 4

QUESTIONS 11 – 13

You will hear three short extracts in which people are talking about starting a hobby. For questions 11 – 13, choose from the list of options (A – E) what reason each person gives for starting their hobby. Use the letters only once. There are two extra letters which you do not need to use.

Write the correct letter ON YOUR SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET, together with the number of the question.

11 Speaker 1

12 Speaker 2

13 Speaker 3

OPTIONS

A to explore local surroundings

B to make new friends

C to earn some money

D to get fit

E to enter competitions

PART 5

QUESTIONS 14 – 18

Listen to a woman called Lucy Townsend talking about an extreme sport called BASE Jumping.

For questions 14 – 18, complete the sentences by writing no more than three words in each gap.

Write the missing words ON YOUR SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET, together with the number of the question.

THE SPORT OF BASE JUMPING

Lucy prefers launching from (14) _____ when she does BASE jumping.

BASE jumping is like being on a (15) _____, in Lucy's opinion, making it different from skydiving.

Lucy explains why a BASE jumper who wears a wingsuit needs to modify their (16) _____ during a jump.

Lucy uses the term (17) _____ to refer to the tricks which are best left to the very experienced BASE jumpers.

The equipment used by BASE jumpers has become more (18) _____ over time, as Lucy explains.

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