

Cambridge

# English Skills Test

Schools

## Listening

### SAMPLE TEST

#### SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED

Time: Approximately 30 minutes plus your extra time allowance.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer all the questions in Parts 1 – 5.

Write your answers on the answer sheet together with the number of each question.

You may write your answers on the question paper while you are listening. You will have time at the end of the test to copy your answers onto your answer sheet.

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 and you will hear each text three times.

The first time the Supervisor will read through the text without stopping.

The second time the Supervisor will stop at various points to give you time to look at the questions and make notes.

The third time the Supervisor will read through the text without stopping.

There are 18 questions and each question carries one mark.

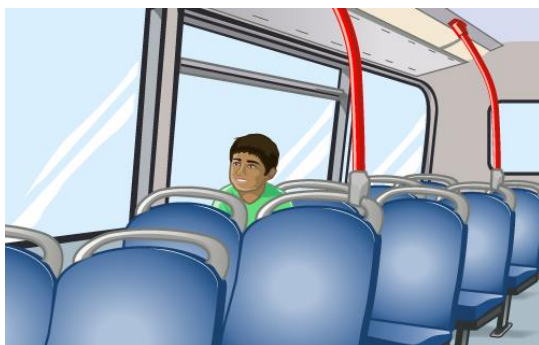
**During the second reading, you do not necessarily need to answer a question each time the Supervisor pauses.**

## Part 1

For questions 1 – 3, listen and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 How does Jim get to school?

A



B



C



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 a young sportswoman talking about a competition. In which sport is she a champion?

A sailing

B surfing

C swimming

## Part 2

Listen to a cultural adviser talking about giving and receiving gifts in different cultures.

For questions 4 and 5, choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

- 4** What does the cultural adviser 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 cultural adviser 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

Listen to Sam Roper, a TV presenter, talking to students about his new series about wildlife.

For questions 6 – 10, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 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

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

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 sky diving.

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.