LRN International GCSE: English Language (2031)

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Paper 2: Listening Assessment **Sample Paper**

(50 minutes)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do not write on any bar codes.
- Dictionaries are not allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ]

Exercise 1

You are going to listen to four short recordings. Answer each question on the line provided. Write no more than **three words and/or a number** for each answer.

Each recording will be played twice.

1. (a) How long are passengers expected to wait for take-off?

……[1]

(b) What personal electronic devices apart from mobile phones are mentioned?

……[1]

2. (a) How many meteors per minute are expected to be seen next week?

……[1]

(b) What is the weather forecast for next week?

……[1]

3 (a) How many tickets is Alice going to get after the conversation?

……[1]

(b) How are they travelling to the concert?

……[1]

4. (a) What colour boots does the girl buy?

……[1]

(b) How much is the price reduced by?

……[1]

[Total: 8 Marks]

Exercise two

Questions 5-12

Listen to a short lecture by a teacher about the writer George Orwell.

Choose the correct answer, **A, B** or **C.** Write **A, B** or **C** in the space provided.

5. The speaker says Orwell's work opposed

   A. social injustice.
   B. totalitarianism.
   C. democratic socialism.

   …….[1]

6. Orwell's book *Homage to Catalonia* was published in

   A. 1938.
   B. 1945.
   C. 1949.

   …….[1]

7. In *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Britain is called

   A. Eurasia.
   B. Ingsoc.
   C. Airstrip One.

   …….[1]

8. Winston Smith's job is to

   A. teach mathematics.
   B. rewrite old newspapers.
   C. compile the Newspeak dictionary.

   …….[1]

9. Winston Smith is described as a _____ employee.

   A. hard-working and talented
   B. lazy and careless
   C. cautious and slow

   …….[1]

10. Who says "It's a beautiful thing, the destruction of words"?

A. Smith
B. O'Brien
C. Symes

…….[1]

11. Winston is caught and questioned by the Ministry of

A. Truth.
B. Thoughtcrime.
C. Love.

…….[1]

12. What was the name of the constructed language Orwell promoted between 1942 and 1944?

A. Basic English
B. Newspeak
C. Doublethink

…….[1]

[Total: 8 Marks]

Exercise 3

Questions 13 to 18

You will hear six people, **Speakers 1 - 6**, talking about **books and reading**. For each of Speakers 1- 6, choose from the list, **A to G**, which opinion each speaker expresses. Write the letter in the space. Use each letter **only once**. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A	Books are boring. I'd rather get my entertainment from another source.
B	I love reading because I can imagine being in different places.
C	I prefer reading real books rather than e-readers.
D	I prefer books with realistic settings and stories.
E	Science fiction gives you new insights into the real world.
F	I prefer reading on e-readers because my books take up much less space.
G	I wish I had done more reading when I was a child.

13. Speaker 1 ……. [1]

14. Speaker 2 ……. [1]

15. Speaker 3 ……. [1]

16. Speaker 4 ……. [1]

17. Speaker 5 ……. [1]

18. Speaker 6 ……. [1]

[8 marks]

Exercise 4

Questions 19 to 26

You will hear a podcast presenter talking to **Alicia, from Italy, who plays football**. Listen to their conversation and answer the questions **19 to 26**.

For each question choose the correct answer, **A, B** or **C**. Write the letter, **A, B** or **C** in the space in your answer sheet.

19. Alicia …

    A. has left school.
    B. only plays football at weekends.
    C. remains a student.

…….[1]

20. Alicia suggests women footballers have a maximum playing career of …

    A. 3 years.
    B. 6 years.
    C. 8 years.

…….[1]

21. When she retires from football, Alicia wants to be

    A. a psychologist.
    B. a business woman.
    C. an architect.

…….[1]

22. When considering young boys and girls, Alicia thinks ….

    A. boys are stronger than girls.
    B. there is no real difference.
    C. girls are stronger than boys.

…….[1]

23. When playing football with young boys, Alicia felt …

    A. immediately accepted by them.
    B. accepted after she had proven herself.
    C. never accepted by them.

…….[1]

24. When she went for her team trial, Alicia felt her strongest emotions when she was …

A. in the locker room.
B. on the pitch.
C. at the gates to the ground.

…….[1]

25. Alicia's first international match was against …

A. Andorra.
B. Mauritius.
C. Spain.

…….[1]

26. At the start of every match, Alicia …

A. touches her hair.
B. shares a moment with a friend.
C. tells herself why she is there.

…….[1]

Exercise 5 (Part A)

Questions 27-36

You will hear a man giving a talk about a special event for old cars. Listen to the talk and complete the notes using **words or phrases that you hear**. Write **one or two words and/or a number** only in each gap. **Spelling and grammar matter**! You will hear the talk twice.

London to Brighton Run

This year will be the (27) _____ of the London to Brighton veteran car run. The run celebrates changes to the law in 1896, the most important of which was that cars no longer needed someone to walk in front with (28)_____ . It is hoped the run will attract (29)_____.

The run is (30) _____ long. There is an official stop after 51 kilometres for coffee "fettling" (giving the cars a (31)_____). The route goes across the (32) _____ and along the A23 to Brighton's Preston Park. (the official finish).

The run is for veteran cars only. That means participating cars must have been (33)_____. Many drivers welcome passengers, especially those willing to wear (34)_____. It is a great chance to make new friends.

This is not a race. Cars are not permitted to drive at more than an (35)_____ of 32 km/h and must show consideration for other road users.

Drivers who finish before (36)_____ PM will be given a medal.

Each correct answer gets 1 mark

[10 marks]

Exercise 5 (Part B)

Questions 37 to 40

You will hear a conversation between students Lily, and her friend, Anwar, about the car run. Listen, and complete the gaps **37 to 40** in Lily's diary with **words or phrases that you hear**. You must write **no more than two words and/or a number**. You will hear the conversation twice.

Each correct answer gets 1 mark

Lily's diary

Wednesday

Well, I managed to convince Anwar to come with me on the London to Brighton Run, but it wasn't easy. At first Anwar told me that he much preferred speedy and up-to-date **(37)**_____ to old cars. When I showed him the photo of my Uncle Frank's 1904 Peugeot Bebe, all he could do was think about how cold it would be. So I accused him of being **(38)**_____ and pointed out that dealing with the cold was part of the experience. However, I think Anwar was more persuaded when I told him why my uncle wants us to drive the car. We're going to look really smart. I'm wearing a Victorian gown that I'm borrowing. Anwar is going to wear his thobe and ghutra which are his **(39)**_____. I think he and I driving together with his ghutra blowing in the wind will look really **(40)**_____.

[4 marks]