

Exam Practice - Keys

PRACTICE TEST 1

PAPER 1 Reading and Use of English

Part 1

1 C, 2 B, 3 C, 4 A, 5 D, 6 B, 7 C, 8 D

Part 2

9 as, 10 where, 11 so, 12 in, 13 get, 14 fact, 15 far, 16 much

Part 3

17 nutritious, 18 surprising, 19 ability, 20 information, 21 happiness, 22 originally, 23 beneficial, 24 reduce

Part 4

25 if he knew what, 26 had better take an umbrella, 27 are thought to be, 28 wish we knew, 29 making up stories, 30 is unlikely to

Part 5

31 C, 32 A, 33 B, 34 D, 35 C, 36 C

Part 6

37 B, 38 F, 39 A, 40 C, 41 D, 42 G

Part 7

43 D, 44 A, 45 B, 46 D, 47 B, 48 C, 49 D, 50 B, 51 D, 52 A

PAPER 3 Listening

Part 1

1 C, 2 A, 3 C, 4 B, 5 C, 6 B, 7 C, 8 A

Tapescript

Question 1

Hi Carla, it's me Suzie. I've been trying to call you all morning but you're switched off. I just wanted to remind you about Isabel's surprise birthday dinner tonight. By the way, a few of us are going shopping later to pick up a gift. If you want to join us, we're meeting at about 4 o'clock at the Mall. Anyway the dinner will be at 8 o'clock. I've booked a table at Frank's and remember if you see Isabel, don't breathe a word!

Question 2

Girl Wow, that was fantastic. I'm so glad we came.

Boy Yeah, we were lucky to have got tickets for such an important match.

Girl I can't get over how exciting it was.

Boy The atmosphere was amazing. The crowd were really into it.

Girl Were you surprised by the result?

Boy Yeah, I couldn't believe it! Had there not been that interruption in the game because of rain, I think Murray would have won.

Girl I know. I think he lost some of his nerve when they came back on court.

Question 3

When I first started I did European flights and I couldn't wait to do long haul. It's really physically exhausting of course, until you get used to it. But it was great to see all those exotic places. You see the thing is, once you arrive you get about 36 hours before you have to leave again. The airline puts you up in a five-star hotel and of course you get paid for those 36 hours, and you get expenses. But after a few years it really gets you down. I mean after all, you hardly get to see the places properly and the constant jet lag really gets to you. But the thing that gets to me most is

that I spend hardly any time at home. It's difficult to be in a relationship with someone and I'm always missing out on family events.

Question 4

Girl We'll have to go there again.

Boy Definitely. The food was good, wasn't it? I liked the variety, and the fact that there were loads of vegetarian dishes.

Girl It wasn't bad. But some of the things were a bit weird. My dessert was delicious. I'd definitely order that again.

Boy I liked the fact that you could just sit there for ages and read any of the books and nobody minded.

Girl Yeah it was a good place to just hang out on a cold afternoon. Which book did you buy in the end?

Question 5

Woman Well I didn't enjoy it as much as I expected I would.

Man The special effects were really something.

Woman Mmm. I thought Jake Gyllenhaal played the leading role quite well. I mean he was totally believable.

Man I just couldn't take my eyes off the screen. It was a fantastic plot and some of the scenes were just riveting.

Woman If you want my opinion it was horrible. Some of those scenes were totally gratuitous. I just couldn't watch. I've never seen so much blood. It wasn't so graphic in the book.

Man Well, you chose the film.

Woman Well, it'll be a romantic comedy next time, then.

Question 6

The daytime temperature today in Reykjavik is seven degrees Celsius, but night time temperatures will probably be as low as zero. There are strong winds which might reach gale force but apparently this is fairly average for October. Daylight hours are similar to those in Europe. But the autumn still has plenty to offer those hardier visitors. For one thing it's obviously cheaper than a peak-time trip. Not only are there the attractions of spas and nightlife in the capital, you can also indulge in some glacier skiing and snowmobiling.

Question 7

Girl 1 So did you go to the trial lesson then?

Girl 2 Yes, and I can't say I didn't enjoy it.

Girl 1 So what's the problem then?

Girl 2 Well, it's quite expensive, but I suppose it's worth it for two lessons a week.

Girl 1 When are the lessons?

Girl 2 Mondays and Wednesdays, but the thing is I've got after-school activities every other day of the week and I really wanted to have at least one day off.

Girl 1 Can't you give up swimming?

Girl 2 No, I'm on the team. Oh well, maybe next year.

Question 8

Boy Are you going to come out of there?

Girl Just a second. I'm having a little of trouble zipping it up. There we are, da-da! What do you think?

Boy Wow! It's certainly figure-hugging. That colour looks great on you.

Girl Really? You don't think it makes me look fat?

Boy No, don't you think it's a bit short, though? And tight?

Girl It's trendy, Joe. This is the new look!

Boy I know but this is supposed to be a formal dinner.

Girl Mmm. So you think I should go for something more traditional, then? Maybe you're right.

Part 2

9 doctors and nurses, 10 15 countries, 11 train, 12 hands, 13 best, 14 infection, 15 30%, 16 unhealthier, 17 satisfaction, 18 creative

Tapescript

Hello, thank you for coming to this talk today. My name is Meredith Glynn. As you know, I'm a doctor, I work in the emergency department in a busy London hospital and I've come here to talk to you about a voluntary organization called Medics Abroad. This organization has about 1,800 doctors and nurses from western countries volunteering to bring their skills to the developing world. They are unpaid and they usually give a minimum of 6 weeks up to three months of their time. The organization's main aim is to prevent pandemics and to fight disease. It works in Asia, in isolated places like far western Nepal, and in easier places like Cambodia, Vietnam and Latin America and all over Africa of course. In total it has volunteers in 15 countries on 4 continents.

To give you an example of how it works, the organization takes skills into an area. For example, the organization Médecins sans Frontières goes into a country to give emergency medical care by performing operations or treating patients, and when they eventually pull out of the country, Medics Abroad goes in and

trains local experts to set up a health system that is there to last. They teach local people medical skills, for example how to make a diagnosis and how to operate a clinic efficiently so that 60 people don't turn up at 9 o'clock wanting to be treated that day, after perhaps having walked two days to get there when in reality only 15 or 20 of them will be seen and the rest of them will be sent home again.

A lot of the doctors have to teach very basic hygiene, from the importance of washing hands to keeping a clinic clean. I spend two months in Congo and found myself scrubbing the floor of a clinic at 2 am to show the local nurses how important infection control is. The organization knows that lectures and lessons don't really work. The most effective way to teach skills is through coaching, which means being on hand in the clinic and facing the day-to-day problems that local medical staff have.

The organization began working in areas dealing with infectious diseases and eight volunteers were in Vietnam at the start of the SARS outbreak. A lot of the people near the border with China are very poor. Their homes are made of wood, straw, corrugated iron and mud. They live in very small spaces and there is a high population density which of course is the perfect condition for infection to spread.

Most of the funding for the organization comes in the form of the volunteers themselves. Medics abroad also requires that the country interested in receiving help, provides 30% of the funding for a programme. This is often by supplying basic accommodation and food for the volunteers. This is important because it shows that the country is serious about making an investment in its health system and does in fact want to learn.

Nowadays our organization is mostly moving away from dealing with infectious diseases and the growing problems are chronic diseases like diabetes, heart and lung disease. People in developing countries are getting richer and so

they have more disposable income and they want a more western lifestyle. This means that they have an unhealthier lifestyle. The result is they are suffering from similar health problems to those in the West. So our medical staff is now trying to set up clinics where local doctors are trained to recognise and treat these 'newer' diseases and they have permanent employment, a decent salary and where patients can come and find affordable healthcare.

We volunteers get a lot of satisfaction from the programmes because it reminds us of the reasons we want to be doctors or nurses in the first place. When we go to these poorer countries the work is more challenging. We have to use their brains again, our hands and be very creative. So why not give up a couple of months of your time? Medics Abroad needs you.

Part 3

19 F, 20 C, 21 A, 22 G, 23 E

Tapescript

Speaker 1

I'm not really into museums, I prefer doing other things. But it was raining and we didn't really know where to go so my wife suggested we took the kids. I was surprised because the kids enjoyed it. I thought they'd get bored straightaway, but they didn't. We managed to see most of the exhibition. And the best thing for me was the price. It only cost £15 for the whole family. Apparently, there are other offers too. If you go in the last hour when they're open, it's free. So we might go back one day when the children are a little older and see the rest of the exhibition.

Speaker 2

It was my first visit, but it certainly won't be my last. I got there at about 2 pm and left just after 6. I thought four hours would be plenty to see everything. But I was only able to see a fraction

of the exhibitions. There's absolutely loads to see. There are five floors and I only managed to see a couple of the exhibitions. You'd probably need a few days to see everything properly. I really didn't expect it to be so big.

Speaker 3

I don't really know much about history, and to be honest, I find all those plaques with information to read quite daunting. I usually read the first few but then I get lazy. But in this museum the guides who stand were fantastic. They'd see me looking at something and would then give me loads of background information about it. I asked them a lot of questions and they didn't seem to mind. In fact, they seem to be quite pleased. They really made it really interesting for me.

Speaker 4

I'm disabled so I sometimes find getting around in my wheelchair quite difficult. This museum was really well-organized. Of course there were lifts to all floors, but there were also toilets for the disabled on every floor, as well as ramps up to exhibitions on split levels. The cafeteria on the ground floor was also well-equipped for wheelchair users with a wide queueing area for easy access. I'd definitely recommend it to other wheelchair users.

Speaker 5

Walking around a museum from one exhibition to the next can get a bit tedious, but I'd definitely recommend this museum to anyone. There were lots of things to do to help you understand aspects that they were trying to exhibit. For example in the section about prehistoric homes there was this activity where you had to try and use a prehistoric key to open a door. I didn't even know they used keys in those days! It really brought the exhibition to life. The kids were fascinated too.

Part 4

24 B, 25 C, 26 A, 27 C, 28 B, 29 C, 30 A

Tapescript

Interviewer And today I'd like to welcome to the studio Amelia Hempleman-Adams from Wiltshire. Amelia is the youngest person to ski to the South Pole. And she did this when she was just 16 years old. Amelia, well done! How did it feel to get there?

Amelia Well, it felt amazing, but we were pretty tired so I was just relieved really.

Interviewer And you didn't do this expedition alone, did you?

Amelia No, I was in a team with nine other people including my dad who's skied to the South Pole many times before.

Interviewer So what made you want to go on such a difficult expedition?

Amelia Well, my dad's always done lots of expeditions like this and both my older sisters have skied to the South Pole, so I guess I felt it was my turn.

Interviewer So how did you prepare for it? You must be very fit.

Amelia Yes, I do a lot of sports at school and I also ski a lot. I've also done a few of the Duke of Edinburgh awards. Before we left I went to our local supermarket and stood in the freezer for a few hours with all my kit on to see how the cold felt.

Interviewer Really? Tell me about your itinerary.

Amelia Well we flew from Punta Arenas in Chile to Union Glacier in Antarctica, and we spent three days there acclimatising and doing a bit of skiing. After that we flew in a little plane to the point 97 nautical miles from the South Pole

where Ernest Shackleton was forced to turn back. Our trek began there and was 156 kilometres.

Interviewer It's such a great distance. How did you manage it?

Amelia It took us two weeks to get there. Well the first day we skied for four hours and we built up the time we skied every day. By the end of the expedition we were skiing 14 hours a day. We would stop every 50 minutes for a snack because you have to take a lot of calories to keep energy levels high and you have to drink five litres of water a day.

Interviewer So what was the most difficult part of the expedition?

Amelia Well, the cold obviously. It was minus 40 some days. We had to be covered at all times and at night I would wake up in my tent because of the cold. Also it was exhausting. Not just the skiing, but pulling the sledge. We had to carry everything we needed with us, all the water, food, equipment – my shoulders and legs were so sore from pulling the sledge. I had blisters on my feet and thumbs. I had taken some homework with me to do in the evenings but my dad threw most of the books off the sledge because of the weight.

Interviewer What was it like going with your dad?

Amelia OK, he kept nagging me to keep my gloves on. He worried about me all the time. There were other people there too, so it wasn't so bad. But at night his snoring drove me mad.

Interviewer And what did you miss most during the expedition?

Amelia I couldn't wait to get back and have a hot shower. And the dried food was disgusting, I kept dreaming of chocolate brownies, ... and my schoolmates of course. I missed them. And all their messages really helped me to keep going when I was feeling low.

Interviewer Well, thank you for coming to talk to us, and congratulations again!

Tapescript

PRACTICE TEST 2

PAPER 1 Reading and Use of English

Part 1

1 B, 2 C, 3 A, 4 D, 5 B, 6 D, 7 C, 8 B

Part 2

9 do, 10 when, 11 myself, 12 as, 13 working, 14 into/at, 15 much, 16 would

Part 3

17 workers, 18 rotate, 19 occupations, 20 flight, 21 difficulties, 22 regularly, 23 addition, 24 likely

Part 4

25 was not as cool as, 26 if you bought, 27 has not been arranged, 28 did not expect to win, 29 have called off, 30 am/'m looking forward to

Part 5

31 A, 32 D, 33 C, 34 B, 35 C, 36 A

Part 6

37 D, 38 F, 39 E, 40 C, 41 G, 42 B

Part 7

43 B, 44 A, 45 D, 46 A, 47 D, 48 C, 49 B, 50 C, 51 A, 52 C

PAPER 3 Listening

Part 1

1 C, 2 B, 3 B, 4 A, 5 C, 6 A, 7 C, 8 B

Question ONE

MAN So have you decided what we're going to do tomorrow. Have you phoned Barbara yet?

WOMAN No, I haven't. To be honest I haven't had time. Why don't you phone Fred?

MAN OK. They will probably want to go on a day trip somewhere. They always do on a Saturday.

WOMAN I don't mind visiting somewhere, but I'd rather stay closer to home. I want to be home by five thirty because I need to start preparing dinner. We've got Natalie, Rob and your parents coming for dinner tonight, remember.

MAN Don't worry about that. I'll give you a hand.

Question TWO

Hello. Er, this is a message for Georgia Malley. I'm calling from the florist, Rosie's Posies. We tried to deliver a bouquet this afternoon but there was no one at home. Just to say, as the sender instructed us, we left them with your neighbour, a Mr Cross, on the third floor. If there are any problems please call us on 01232 676972. Thank you, bye.

Question THREE

Well writing isn't like other professions, of course. I have to say, there are days when I feel very uncreative and I sit for a long time in front of blank computer screen. I usually work for about four hours in the morning and then I might do another hour or so in the afternoon. I always give myself a target of 500 words, but some days I do less. I try not to worry about it though. The important thing is that I am writing something every day. And I always go back and rewrite and improve what I have written.

Question FOUR

WOMAN We go there every time we go into the centre, don't we?

MAN Yes. It's good to find everything under one roof.

WOMAN That's right. Menswear is on the second floor so I usually leave you there, and we meet up later.

MAN Yes, much later! It takes me about ten minutes to look around and see if there's anything I need. But it takes you ages! Thank goodness for the café on the top floor! And the food's not bad either.

WOMAN And it's got great views of the city.

Question FIVE

MAN There you are, madam. And have a nice day.

WOMAN Excuse me, but you've made a mistake.

MAN Sorry?

WOMAN I gave you a fifty-pound note. But you haven't given me enough.

MAN Oh, I do apologise. Twenty and fifty, there that's right.

WOMAN Thank you.

Question SIX

WOMAN This is not quite what I was expecting, but it's nice. What's yours like?

MAN Er, it's really hot! I don't remember it being like this last time.

WOMAN Well you did order a vindaloo. It's supposed to have a lot of chili in it!

MAN I don't think I can eat it. Just try a bit!

MAN Wow, I see what you mean. Perhaps if you put some yoghurt on it ...

Question SEVEN

MAN God how awful!

WOMAN Yes, it was frightening.

MAN The ambulance arrived quite quickly though.

WOMAN Do you think so? It seemed like ages to me. I kept looking at the time on my phone. It's a good job that man who happened to be walking past was a trained nurse and could do first aid.

MAN Yes, it was. Well, come on. Let's go and find our car.

Question EIGHT

Two men have been arrested in connection with the disappearance of two paintings from the British Museum. The theft is thought to have taken place during opening hours last Saturday. The two suspects were working at the museum at the time as security guards. The climate summit has ended in Copenhagen. Today saw the last day of the meeting of world leaders to discuss ways to reduce pollution and introduce greener policies. Our correspondent James Baker was there to speak to the British Prime Minister on whether or not sufficient progress has been made ...

Part 2

9 story/stories, 10 chest and face, 11 the colour orange, 12 winter, 13 berries and fruit, 14 day/daytime, 15 holes, 16 are not afraid, 17 aggressive, 18 12 years

Tapescript

I've always loved watching birds since I was a child. My mother was a keen bird-watcher and we always used to put food out in the garden for the birds, especially during the winter months.

The robin redbreast in particular, has always fascinated me from a young age. Of course it is associated with Christmas in Britain and appears on a lot of Christmas cards. There are often robins in a lot of British children's stories, for example *Babes in the Wood*. I remember one of my most treasured stories as a child was one about a pair of robins and so since then it has been my absolute favourite British bird and was probably one of the reasons I decided to work for the Bird Protection Society. The robin is in fact the symbol of the Bird Protection Society.

The robin redbreast is very easy to identify. Male and female robins are similar in colour, with an orange chest and face which is lined with grey and brown. They also have a whitish stomach. Their size averages about twelve to fourteen centimetres.

It's interesting that these birds are called 'redbreast' when actually their chest is orange. This is because orange was not known as a colour in Britain until the sixteenth century, when the fruit was first introduced.

Robins have always been an important part of British culture. An old folk tale tried to explain the reason for the colour of the bird's chest saying that when Jesus was dying on the cross, the then brown robin flew down and tried to comfort Jesus by singing a song in his ear. The blood from Jesus's wounds stained the bird's breast red and it remained so forever.

They live in Britain and other parts of Europe, east to Western Siberia and parts of Africa. A small minority of robins (usually the females) migrate during the winter to southern Europe.

Robins mostly eat insects but supplement their diet with berries and fruit. They will also eat seed mixtures from bird tables. They are mostly seen during the daytime, but some robins do hunt for insects at night in the moonlight or near artificial light. They are also known to sing at night during the breeding season so they are often confused with nightingales.

The breeding season in Britain starts in March. Robins build their nests in all sorts of places from holes in the ground to flower pots and even pieces of machinery. The nest is made of moss, leaves and grass; and they line it with hair and feathers.

In Britain, robins are actually known as the gardener's friend because they are not afraid of people. They will come very close when you are digging in the garden because as you turn the soil over the robins want to catch worms. In Britain, some robins are in fact very tame and have been known to eat from people's hands. In parts of Europe however, robins are shyer because there is a history there of hunting for small birds.

Male robins are very territorial and can be very aggressive to other birds and robins. In fact this aggressiveness is partly responsible for the fact that in the first year of their lives many robins die. Another contributing factor is very cold winters. However, if robins manage to survive their first year, they can live as long as twelve years!

Part 3

19 H, 20 A, 21 C, 22 E, 23 D

Tapescript

Speaker 1

I really like books by this writer because she is so inventive. I mean every novel is a complete

surprise and so different from the last one. Some writers just seem to write the same books over and over. You know the themes are all the same; even the characters remind you of other characters from previous books. But Hall always tells a different story, and in a different way – she’s definitely one of the greatest authors of our times.

Speaker 2

Well I got this for my birthday because I’m really into cooking. The recipes are all really good, I haven’t tried them all of course, but the ones I’ve tried were good. They’re also really well-explained along with some of the more difficult techniques that are required. The thing that I was most struck by was the photos though. Each recipe is accompanied by a beautiful shot of the dish in a rustic kitchen setting. They really inspired me to start cooking.

Speaker 3

I just couldn’t put this book down. I was reading it everywhere, on the bus, at the table and I stayed up late to finish it. It’s a really exciting read - the plot is fantastic, I just couldn’t wait to get to the end to see what happened. Wow I can’t wait for the next book in the series.

Speaker 4

I could really identified with Mary and felt so sorry for her. I liked the way they all seemed so human. The good ones, like Mary and Will still had weaknesses too, which made them so very credible. And even Mr Brook who is not a very likeable person in the beginning, seems to gain the respect and understanding of the reader in the end. In fact all the characters in the novel were really realistic.

Speaker 5

I had never read anything like this before. A friend recommended it to me. When I first started reading it I found it really difficult. I just couldn’t follow what was going on. To be honest,

I was ready to give up. But my friend told me to persist. And once I got used to her style, I really enjoyed it. It’s the kind of book you have to work at to appreciate, but it’s really worth it.

Part 4

24 B, 25 C, 26 A, 27 B, 28 B, 29 C, 30 A

Tapescript

Female presenter Thank you for joining us on ‘Green Times’. Today we have with us in the studio Brian Garner who is here to talk to us about how we can save energy and of course money, in our homes. Welcome Brian.

Brian Thank you for inviting me.

Presenter You’re welcome. So how did you get interested in saving energy?

Brian Well actually it was the kids who started making me more aware of the environment. They’re very knowledgeable these days when it comes to being a greener citizen.

Presenter Oh really. What do you mean?

Brian Well of course their studies at school now cover environmental problems, climate change and of course recycling. So they’re always telling me off when I don’t throw my newspaper away in the recycle bin.

Presenter Oh yes, and you put it in the normal rubbish bin. So was it their suggestion then to save energy in the home?

Brian Well not exactly, but one thing led to another and I realised it made sense, not just for the environment but also for my pocket.

Presenter Tell me more. I need to save money on my household bills.

Brian OK, well for example we all like to have nice warm houses in winter, but if you turn your thermostat down on your central heating control by just one degree, you can probably save about £70 a year.

Presenter Really? That sounds worth putting on another jumper for!

Brian It wasn't really difficult. We had the heating set to come on at 22°, which is really quite hot! So even 21° is a nice comfortable temperature. Next year the kids are threatening to turn it down to 20° - we'll see ...

Presenter OK, so what other things can we do to save energy?

Brian Well there are other obvious things like turning off the hot water when you don't need it. There's no point in heating water all day when you're not even at home.

Presenter Of course.

Brian You should replace all your halogen light bulbs with LED bulbs to save electricity. They cost more than normal bulbs but they last longer and you get your money back through the savings you make on the electricity bills.

Presenter: Yes, I've done that. And what about buying energy-saving electrical appliances?

Brian: Yes, that's another obvious one. But one thing a lot of people don't realise is that when you switch off your TV or computer and leave it on standby, it's still using electricity.

Presenter Mmm. You're supposed to remove the plug from the socket, aren't you? But leaving things plugged in doesn't use up that much electricity, does it?

Brian You'd be surprised! Savings have been estimated at about £80 a year.

Presenter: Good grief! Really?

Brian: And of course there are other little things you can do.

Presenter Go on, tell us more.

Brian Well, when you boil water in a pan, you don't need to have the gas really high, it's a waste. And to make it boil quicker, you should put a lid on the pan.

Presenter: Yes, I do that. Anything else?

Brian: Well there are lots of things. Try to use your electrical appliances at night for example, when they cost less to use.

Presenter: Yes, that's not always possible though, is it? And if you have any more ideas of ways to save energy and money please send us an email at Green times at bbc dot co dot.

PRACTICE TEST 3

PAPER 1 Reading and Use of English

Part 1

1 B, 2 A, 3 C, 4 C, 5 D, 6 B, 7 A, 8 C

Part 2

9 who, 10 However/But, 11 where, 12 favour, 13 it, 14 has, 15 less, 16 getting/becoming

Part 3

17 usual, 18 discovery, 19 building, 20 arrested, 21 ideal, 22 professional, 23 injuries, 24 incorrectly

Part 4

25 managed to pass, 26 was brought up on, 27 told the children not to, 28 would rather read than watch, 29 Would you mind if, 30 will put us up

Part 5

31 A, 32 A, 33 C, 34 C, 35 B, 37 B

Part 6

37 C, 38 B, 39 F, 40 A, 41 G, 42 E

Part 7

43 D, 44 B, 45 A, 46 A, 47 B, 48 C, 49 D, 50 C, 51 A, 52 B

PAPER 3 Listening

Part 1

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Tapescript

Question ONE

MAN Excuse me, but I think you're sitting in my seat?

WOMAN Sorry?

MAN It says on my ticket that I've got 6B.

WOMAN Hang on a minute. I thought this was 6D. Look.

MAN Oh yes, you're right. 6B's over there. Sorry!

Question TWO

I started hiking when I was living and working in Central Asia. I did it because there was a hiking group at the university and there wasn't anything else to do, and it was a good way to make friends. I found out I was good at it. I mean I had good stamina and could walk long distances and uphill without feeling too tired. It was great to be in the open air all day and I would come back from a day hike feeling really refreshed. From then on I was hooked. Even now living in the city, I have to get away every weekend and spend time hiking in the countryside. It really relaxes me.

Question THREE

WAITER Would you like to order a dessert?

MAN Yes, please. You go first Sarah.

WOMAN I'd like the warm chocolate soufflé, please.

WAITER Right. And for you sir?

MAN I quite fancy the homemade fruit pie and cream, as long as there aren't any apricots in it. I'm allergic to them.

WAITER I'll check with the chef, but I think it's a blackberry and apple pie, sir.

Question FOUR

Well I was only supposed to be in Tashkent for a year, and in fact I nearly didn't accept the job. I was working as an English teacher at a university. When I arrived it was such a shock. Everything was so different. But I loved it, it was fascinating. When my contract expired at the end of the first year, I ended up staying on for another three years. I really miss it sometimes, but I suppose that's normal after spending so long there.

Question FIVE

WOMAN 1 I'm sorry but the stain on this dress didn't come off.

WOMAN 2 Oh no. Is there anything else you can do? It's one of my favourites. And it was expensive.

WOMAN 1 Well we can try washing it again at a warmer temperature, but there's a risk it might shrink a little.

WOMAN 2 Well it's worth a try. It was a little big for me anyway.

Question SIX

MAN Hello, how can I help you?

WOMAN I went to get some money out of my account and I realized I didn't have my card with me.

MAN Do you want to report it stolen, then. Did you have your pin number with the card?

WOMAN No, I never write my pin number anywhere. I've had the same one for years, I don't need to keep a note of it. I don't think the card has been stolen. Actually yesterday I withdrew money from the cash machine here outside this bank, and I think I might not have taken the card away with me at the end of the transaction.

MAN Oh, I see. And what's your account number?

Question SEVEN

Hello Louise, this is Caroline. Look I'm having problems getting to Manchester for our meeting this morning. There seems to have been a problem on one of the lines and the result is that my connecting train has been cancelled. Listen I don't think I am going to be able to make the meeting today. Do you think we can put it off until next week? Give me a ring on my mobile so we can decide a new date. Bye.

Question EIGHT

Doctor Yes, that's looking much better than it was last week.

Patient I'm feeling better, too. I didn't have a fever this morning.

Doctor That's good. Well listen, just to be safe, continue with the antibiotics for another two days.

Patient Twice a day.

Doctor That's right, one in the morning and one at night. And if you get a temperature again, phone and make another appointment.

Patient Thanks doctor.

Part 2

9 London, 10 oldest theatres, 11 13th century, 12 the royal family, 13 water, 14 produced / put on plays, 15 the Palace, 16 that had provided, 17 military heroes, 18 Queen Victoria

Tapescript

Welcome to Hampton Court Palace here on the outskirts of London. It is visited by thousands of visitors each year. Once the home of Henry VIII and many other British monarchs, the main attractions at this huge palace include the Great Hall which is a medieval hall and one of Britain's oldest theatres, Charles I's artworks, Henry VIII's kitchens, where food was once prepared for around 600 people twice a day, the baroque style gardens and of course the maze which is the most famous maze in history and one of the oldest in the UK.

But what is the history of this glorious palace? In the 13th century there was a private manor house on this site known as the Hampton estate. It then became a rented property in the 14th century. It was first rented out in 1494 to Henry VII's Lord Chamberlain and King Henry VII and his wife visited and stayed on the property.

In 1514 Wolsey who held important posts in Tudor England and was a close friend of Henry VIII took over the manor house and built a big palace transforming the private house. He also included rooms for the royal family when they came to stay with him. But Wolsey was criticized for his extravagant lifestyle. At that time the palace at Hampton Court was described as being more luxurious than that of the king himself.

So in 1528 King Henry VIII took over the palace and it was his favourite house. At that time he had about 60 homes. The king spent a lot of

money having the palace decorated very extravagantly and it was also expanded. By 1540 it was very modern and sophisticated and even had pipes bringing water to the palace. The grounds included tennis courts, bowling alleys, beautiful gardens and a hunting park. Henry VIII used Hampton Court Palace to entertain when he wanted to impress foreign visitors.

It was during James I reign that the palace was used particularly for leisure and a lot of plays were shown there. William Shakespeare was invited to produce plays at Hampton Court. Charles I also loved spending time at the palace and he modernized part of it and collected fine sculptures and paintings, including a Mantegna painting which he bought from the Gonzaga family in Mantua. During the Civil War in 1647 Charles was held prisoner in the palace and later executed.

Following the Restoration, in the 17th century King William I had parts of the Palace rebuilt in a baroque style. In 1737 the royal family left Hampton Court and it was then divided into 'grace and favour' apartments. These apartments were given to residents who could live there for free because in their lives they had provided a great service either to the royal family or to the country. Among those residents were aristocrats, military heroes, Antarctic explorers and scientists.

Finally in 1838, Queen Victoria opened the palace to the general public, and money was then spent every year to restore the palace to its former glory. So it really is two palaces: a Tudor palace and a baroque palace together. Now let's go this way and I'll show you something really amazing...

Part 3

19 C, 20 D, 21 G, 22 A, 23 B

Tapescript

Speaker 1

I was busy with my career and didn't even think of having children until I was in my late 30s. My husband and I worked hard during the week and made sure we always had fun at the weekends and nice summer holidays in exotic places. Then I had Joe when I was 38. When I became a mother, I really felt like a different person. I mean it made me realise what is really important in life. Family has become the most important thing to me now. Of course work is still important, and I enjoy my work mostly, but work after all is just a means to an end.

Speaker 2

I've taught at primary school for ten years now. I love my job. I always wanted to teach youngsters. I wanted to have a direct impact on their lives and make a difference. You don't just have to teach them the different subjects, you have to help them develop emotionally and socially too. So you are a really important part of their lives. It's fascinating. And of course the long summer holidays are fantastic to recharge your batteries for the next school year.

Speaker 3

I've got two children but I'm separated from my wife. I see my kids about two days a week. I pick them up from my wife's home on Sunday morning and then take them back again on Monday evening. So they stay Sunday night with me. It's great having them on Sunday when we are doing fun things like going to theme parks or the cinema. But by Sunday night when I'm trying to get them to do as I say and get their things ready for school the next day, it can be quite difficult. I have to ask them to do things over and over again. I try not to shout because I only see them twice a week, but sometimes it's infuriating.

Speaker 4

I get up really early every day to prepare their breakfasts and get them ready for school. They're still only little, so they need help getting washed and dressed. I work from home when the children are at school. And before they get home I tidy up their toys and am always busy with household chores. There's always so much laundry to do now that we have children. After I've picked them up from school I take them to after-school activities, and then I play with them and after that I prepare dinner. I never have a moment to myself really. I'm exhausted by bed time and I sometimes fall asleep while I'm reading them a story.

Speaker 5

Since having our daughter, Evie we don't really do the things we used to do. I've stopped going to the gym for example, I just don't have the time. But also as a couple, we used to go out a lot in the evenings either to eat or to the theatre, and occasionally we'd go to rock concerts. My husband is really into watching live bands. Now when we go out it's always with other couples who have children around the same age as our Evie. The children play together and we parents have the opportunity to relax and socialize. If the children are happy, we're all happy too.

Part 4

24 C, 25 A, 26 B, 27 B, 28 A, 29 C, 30 B

Tapescript

Interviewer And here with us here today on our programme dedicated to careers, we have Neil Jones, who works as a firefighter in Bristol. Neil, how long have you been a firefighter?

Neil I've worked as a firefighter for 10 years now.

Interviewer We all know that to become a firefighter can take months or even years. You have to do various physical and psychological examinations and pass a fitness test. It's a lengthy process. But what other things should people wishing to apply take into consideration? What personal characteristics is it important to have, for example?

Neil Well, you have to be able to stay calm and composed while being in really dangerous situations. If you don't handle stress very well and tend to overreact, then you probably wouldn't be a very good firefighter.

Interviewer Yes, of course, firefighters are exposed to extreme mental, physical and psychological stress all the time.

Neil Well, not really all the time, but when you are in a building trying to put a fire out and you can't see anything because of the smoke, you don't know who is trapped in the building or whether the roof is about to collapse, yes it can be terrifying!

Interviewer What else can you tell us about the job?

Neil You really have to think about what sort of person you are. Are you a team player? A firefighter has to work closely with other members of a team, sometimes for days at a time. They also have to be able get on with other people. If you prefer to be alone, then firefighting isn't for you.

Interviewer Yes, and I imagine you have to be able to interact well with the general public too.

Neil Exactly, a lot of time is spent talking to members of the public who are upset and confused. We have to be able to communicate well to all different kinds of people. Another aspect is whether you are fit and physically strong enough to do the job. A lot of people underestimate how strong you need to be.

Interviewer And do you have to try and keep fit for the job?

Neil Yes, I spend a lot of time regularly keeping fit and there are regular training courses which I attend to maintain and check my level of fitness.

Interviewer And what about your family? I know that you're married. How does your wife feel about your job?

Neil Well that's another important aspect about the job that shouldn't be overlooked. I work 24 or 48 hour shifts which means I'm away from home a lot. That's exhausting for the firefighter but it can be hard on your family too. And when I get home after a long shift I have to rest when perhaps my family wants to spend time with me. Besides the work schedule, you have to think whether your family could cope with worrying about your safety on the job.

Interviewer Now, a lot of people want to become a firefighter because they think it's a glamorous job. They imagine themselves rushing into a burning building and carrying out someone they have effectively saved.

Neil Well yes, I can't deny that there is that feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment that comes from saving someone's life which is absolutely fantastic, but the time spent putting out fires will only make up a tiny part of your time spent on duty. There are lots of other tasks and assignments that you have to do much more frequently than fighting fires. And even when you are putting out a fire, more often than not, it is not a very glamorous job.

IELTS

Listening

Part 1

1 B, 2 C, 3 A, 4 B, 5 B, 6 A, 7 C, 8 visiting friends, 9 to the Arts Centre, 10 Because he will have the

opportunity/chance to see lots of plays and concerts and he will save money

Tapescript

INTERVIEWER So has your life changed much Tom since you became a full-time undergraduate?

STUDENT Yes, it has changed a lot really.

INTERVIEWER What's the biggest change?

STUDENT Living away from my family is a huge change. I feel much more independent. I feel like my life is my own to decide what I want to do. I mean, I don't have to tell anyone what I'm doing or negotiate anything. I am my own boss.

INTERVIEWER Of course. And how are you coping with living away from home?

STUDENT I'm really enjoying it actually. I don't live alone. I live with lots of other students in a hall of residence on campus. Living on campus is handy – it means I'm about five minutes away from everything: my lectures, the library and the Student's Union. Of course living in hall of residence is good because I don't have to clean my bedroom. The kitchen and bathroom facilities are shared, and we have to tidy up after ourselves, but a cleaning lady comes in every day and does the major stuff.

INTERVIEWER And what about food?

STUDENT I'm enjoying cooking for myself. At lunchtime I sometimes grab a sandwich at one of the cafés, or take a sandwich with me. I only cook in the evening, and then not every evening. Sometimes I get together with a couple of other students on my corridor and we cook together. To be honest, the biggest challenge has been keeping to my budget! I go to the supermarket about once a week and the first few times I was horrified by how much I was spending. Now I try

to be more careful, and that's why I often take a packed lunch with me at lunch time.

INTERVIEWER So first-year students are famous for spending more time enjoying themselves than actually doing any work. Would you say that was true in your case, Tom?

STUDENT Well, I'm in my second term now, and things have calmed down a lot. But certainly in my first term I did do quite a lot of socializing and going out. But I think that's important initially. You need to mix with other people and find out what's going on. And once away from your parents, it's natural to let your hair down a bit. I joined rather a lot of student clubs, but I've made a few friends so I would say I haven't exactly wasted my time. I never missed a lecture though, even though my notes may not have been very good sometimes.

INTERVIEWER So you say that now you're in your second term you are more focused on your studies?

STUDENT Definitely. I mean apart from being really interested in what I study, Politics, I certainly don't want to fail my first year exams.

INTERVIEWER Could you describe for us a typical week at the university?

STUDENT Let's see. I usually try to be on the main campus where all my lectures and seminars are between 9 and 4. Not all that time is spent attending lectures and seminars. I think I have about 20 hours of lectures and seminars. But when I'm not going to something I go to the library and do extra reading, or read around my subject, or I'll make a start on an assignment I might have. I usually get back home about 4.30; have a cup of tea and then work a bit more until dinner time. I'll probably go out about once or twice a week on week nights. And at weekends I allow myself a bit more leisure time, but weekends are also the time when I really focus on longer writing assignments.

INTERVIEWER What kind of things do you do in the evening?

STUDENT Well I made the decision not to bring a TV set with me. And I don't miss TV at all. I'll visit friends in their rooms and we'll just chat or listen to music. I also try to do the kinds of things that I didn't have the chance to do when I was living at home.

INTERVIEWER Like what?

STUDENT I come from a small town so apart from the cinema and the pubs, it doesn't offer very much. But at this university there's one of the biggest Arts Centres outside of London which is fantastic! I try to go about once a week to an event. Last week I went to see a Rachmaninov concert, and this Thursday I'm going to see a play.

INTERVIEWER Wow! So do you spend a lot of money on entertainment?

STUDENT Well luckily the Arts Centre offers student concessions, and to be honest I see watching a play or listening to classical music as part of my education – so definitely worth every penny. If I'm careful with my visits to the supermarket, I find I can afford the odd luxury.

INTERVIEWER And what about health? Are you looking after yourself properly?

STUDENT I try to eat fruit and vegetables every day, and I go to the student sports centre and do fifty lengths in the pool twice a week. I usually go on Wednesday afternoons for an hour, and then once over the weekend. Luckily it's open seven days a week.

INTERVIEWER And what are your plans for next term?

STUDENT Definitely study more. With exams coming up I'll need to spend more time in the evenings studying. But I've also signed up to be a steward at the Arts Centre.

INTERVIEWER What will that involve?

STUDENT I've volunteered four hours a week as a steward. So basically I'll check people's tickets and show them to their seats. I don't get paid much but the good thing about it is that I get to see whatever play or concert I sign my name up for. I'll certainly save money doing that, and hopefully I'll get to see more things.

INTERVIEWER Well, thank you for talking to us today Tom. And good luck with your studies.

STUDENT Thanks!

Part 2

11 halls of residence, 12 proximity (to everything), 13 basin, desk, shelves, 14 no /self-catering, 15 freezers and microwaves, 16 30/39 week, 17 £87 - £153, 18 electricity, water, cleaning, 19 1st year undergraduates, 20 20th July

Tapescript

Good morning and welcome to Warwick University. I'm from the accommodation office and am here to give you some information about accommodation on this campus. We have 12 halls of residence set on campus or very near campus. Lakeside which is the furthest away is only a 15-minute walk from the library and academic departments. Of course the main advantage of living on campus is the proximity to everything. Campus facilities include, as I've already mentioned the library, the academic departments, the Student's Union, a supermarket, a launderette and of course the Arts Centre.

Now of course each hall of residence is slightly different, as the prices reflect, but all bedrooms apart from the obvious fittings include a basin, desk and shelves. None of our halls of residence have catering facilities, they are all self-catering

but our kitchens are quite well equipped. Most of them have also have freezers and microwaves in addition to the standard kitchen fittings.

There are two types of let available, 30 or 39 week. The 39 week let is for those students who wish to remain on campus over the Christmas and Easter holidays.

The cost of each hall of residence varies according to the facilities available and the location and type of building. But just to give you an idea of the weekly cost of renting a room in a hall of residence, prices go from £87 - £153. All rent includes electricity, water, and cleaning of communal areas. Some facilities have private telephones in each room, but this is not included in the rent.

Accommodation on campus is guaranteed to first year undergraduates as long as they have accepted the offer of a place at the university and have applied for accommodation by the deadline. This year the deadline is the 20th of July.

Now anyone interested in viewing some of the halls of residence, there are mini-buses outside that will take you to see Blue Bell, Jack Martins and Westwood.

Part 3

Questions 21-24

21 flexible programmes, 22 4 to 10 years, 23 day and evening, 24 people who work

Questions 25-27

25 European Studies, 26 French Studies, 27 Law

Question 28-30

28 C, 29 C, 30 D

Tapescript

If you haven't got A Levels or Access qualifications, it is still possible to study at the university. You'll be pleased to know that if it is your first degree, you can also receive generous funding support. There are three types of degrees you can apply for.

Part-time degrees have very flexible programmes, which means that you can study at your own pace. You can choose to study over 4 to 10 years and take classes in the day and/or the evening. But modules are limited for those choosing to study only in the evening. This type of degree mainly caters for people who work and therefore do not have much time to dedicate to their studies.

Subjects available to study part-time include Classics, English, History, Humanities, Politics, European Studies, French Studies and Law, though the latter three subjects are for daytime studies only.

Another possibility is Foundation degrees. These are again part-time degrees, but they have an element of work-based learning. They can be completed in 3 years, and if you wish you can progress to an Honours degree. In order to qualify for entry you don't necessarily need traditional qualifications as consideration will also be given for work and life experience.

Another flexible degree which is open to applicants without any formal qualifications is the 2+2 degree. This consists of 2 years taught at a local college which will build your skills and confidence to then spend the final two years at a university. BA Honours degrees are offered in Health and Social Policy and Social Studies. Entry requirements are flexible and applicants need to show that they are motivated to study and that they have had some relevant work experience in the field. All applicants will be interviewed by the course selector before a decision is made to accept them.

Part 4

Questions 31-34

31 9 am-6 pm, 32 9 am – 5 pm, 33 closed, 34 0249 212888

Questions 35-40

35 library, 36 students and staff, 37 students living off campus, 38 vaccination history, 39 international students, 40 disabled patients

Tapescript

Welcome to the Health Centre situated on campus, just a few minutes' walk from the library. We provide health care for students living on campus and for staff. If you live off Campus then you will need to register with a local GP. When completing registration forms, you will need to provide your NHS (national health service) number, along with your vaccination history. Free medical care is also provided to international students as long as their course of study lasts for at least three months.

During term-time the surgery is open from Monday to Friday 9 am to 6 pm, and during vacations from 9 am to 5 pm. The surgery does not close for lunch, but are closed on Bank Holidays.

All the consulting rooms are on the ground floor to enable easy access for disabled patients.

Doctors' working times vary so please contact reception for exact details and to make an appointment on 0249 212888.

Reading

Part 1

Questions 1 - 9

1 G, 2 E, 4 D, 5 A, 6 B, 7 H, 8 C, 9 F; 3 is not used

Questions 10 - 14

10 NOT GIVEN, 11 YES, 12 NO, 13 NO, 14 YES

Part 2

Questions 15 - 21

15 B 16 C 17 A 18 D 19 B 20 B 21 C

Questions 22 - 27

22 censorship, 23 been banned, 24 general public, 25 most famous, 26 worldwide, 27 children's

Part 3

Questions 28 - 33

28 C, 29 F, 30 A, 31 D, 32 B, 33 E

Questions 34 - 40

34 C, 35 A, 36 B, 37 A, 38 C, 39 B, 40 B