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# INTERNATIONAL GCSE

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

### Listening Paper Transcript

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Tuesday 03 November 2020      07:00 GMT      Time allowed: 45 minutes  
(including 5 minutes' reading time before the test)

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**The pauses are pre-recorded for this test.**

#### Instructions

This is what you should do for each item.

- After the question number is announced, there will be a pause to allow you to read the instructions and questions.
- Listen carefully to the recording and read the questions again.
- Listen to the recording again and then answer the questions.
- When the next question is about to start you will hear a bleep.
- You may write at any time during the test.
- Answer the questions in **English**.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Write neatly and put down all the information you are asked to give.
- **You must not ask questions or interrupt during the test.**
- You now have 5 minutes to read through the question paper. You may make notes during this time. You may open your answer book now.
- The test starts now.

Once the recording has started, the Invigilator must not pause it at any time as all pauses, including the 5 minutes' reading time, are pre-recorded.

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Questions and answers in **English**.

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**Task 1**

- 1     **F1**     If I won the lottery, I would love to visit all of the wonders of the world, starting with the pyramids in Egypt and ending in the Grand Canyon in America. So far, I have only travelled once in Europe and would love to see more of the world.
- 2     **M1**     When you are sitting for your job ID photo, you may not smile, nor wear any glasses that hide your eyes. You should wear a suit to look professional. You must make sure that you are in front of a bright and a clear background.
- 3     **F2**     Please may I order the chicken noodle dish but without any sesame as I am allergic to it. I would also like to have a large glass of water and a cup of green tea with my order.
- 4     **M2**     I would like to post some items. The parcel is going to France and it needs to be first-class delivery. The letter is being posted to a local address, but I need tracked delivery. Could I buy some second-class stamps for the office?

**Task 2**

- 5     **F2**     A lot of the media's recent focus has been on single-use plastic and the effect it is having on our oceans and sea life. It has been a real wake up call to many people about how much plastic is in our lives, with our food and drink especially and sometimes with buying clothes and beauty products.
- 6     **F1**     I agree. I have tried to cut down on how much plastic I have been using. I used to drink a lot of bottled water in between classes and lectures. I now carry a metal water bottle around with me and find taps to fill it up. I bring in my own packed lunches too.
- 7     **F2**     I prefer drinking coffee; I have swapped to carrying a reusable mug. Cafes will pour my coffee into my mug instead of a plastic cup. Some cafes will give you a discount if you bring your own cup. They have also set up a recycling system and got rid of plastic spoons.
- 8     **F1**     It's positive to see that more and more restaurants are getting rid of plastic straws and plastic cutlery, but a lot of takeaways and street food stalls still use plastic boxes and bowls. I have luckily found a local shop that doesn't use any plastic for its food packaging.

**Task 3**

- 9 M1** I have been a photographer for over twenty years and my enthusiasm for it has never left me. To begin with, I used to photograph other people but now I focus on animals in the wild. Humans are brilliant at telling a story with their facial expressions, but animals are much more surprising.
- 10 M1** I also get to travel a lot now so that I can see all the different animals across the planet. I used to be stuck in a studio all day but now I get to be in the jungle, the desert, the Arctic. I have even tried some underwater photography – it's fantastic! My favourite places are those that remain untouched by humans as there are so many exotic animals there.
- 11 M1** At times taking photos can be tiring. I have to lie in the same spot and be very still for a long time so that I don't disturb the animals. The weather can ruin a shot and I get bitten a tremendous amount by all the insects. However, when you do finally get that perfect moment – when the animals suddenly move or the sunlight is just right, it is the best feeling in the world.
- 12 M1** A lot of photographers nowadays complain about cameras on mobile phones ruining our career, but I think they are a great addition. I carry my usual cameras and a camera phone with me for all of my shoots. Sometimes, I can even get a better shot with my phone as they are smaller and lighter – I even won a photography award last year with a photo I took from my phone!

**Task 4**

- 13 F1** To celebrate everyone completing the course, we want to put on a festival. We would like it to be on both a Saturday and Sunday and hopefully take place at the start of July. We have a few locations in mind, either the local school's playing fields, Fairview park in the village centre, or Mr Johnson's farm just outside the village.
- 14 M2** That sounds like a good reason for your festival. I think you would struggle getting permission to use the park for a full weekend but the school or the farm might be a good idea. You will need to write to them asking for permission. Before you do, you will need to plan what activities will be going on during the weekend as either location will need to know in case it doesn't suit their facilities.
- 15 F1** Thank you, yes, we will do that. We have planned some ideas already including having some carnival stalls for people to play on and a stage for some local bands to perform on with a DJ in the evening. We have already asked some local restaurants if they would like to run some food stalls. We did think we could play a film on a big open-air screen as well, but it was too difficult to get the equipment.
- 16 M2** The school might have the equipment you need. When asking for permission at the farm, you would need to consider if your event could become too noisy and disturb any of the animals if you are having live music. Also, if people are going to drive, will they be able to park? Are you going to charge people for attending?

**Turn over ►**

**Task 5**

- 17 F2** Good evening everybody, and thank you for joining our session. My team and I work at the local council office where we manage the town's maintenance and public facilities. Our work can include tasks such as fixing streetlights, keeping our parks looking lovely or filling in potholes in the roads. Though we have people employed to carry out this work we are always in need of volunteers to help us keep our town looking beautiful. We are here today to see if any of you would like to register.
- 18 F2** I know many of you lead very busy lives, but you can still make a difference by just volunteering two hours a week. People who do already volunteer with us claim that they enjoy feeling part of our community and looking after their neighbourhood by giving something back. Many others say that they enjoy the social aspect of some of the work and it encourages them to get outdoors into the fresh air.
- 19 F2** There are many different ways to volunteer including our weekly litter picking walking group, our gardening society, the events committee or work at our residential care homes for the elderly. There is something to suit everybody with sessions scheduled throughout the week to fit people's different work schedules and lifestyles. There are, of course, many more ideas so please visit our website or pick up a leaflet after the session to see what is available.
- 20 F2** I can see that some of you in the audience are of school and college age and please know that we accept and already have many volunteers from the age of fourteen upwards. We definitely appreciate the addition of youth in our groups especially in the events committee so that we can put on events that appeal to the younger generation!
- 21 F2** We do need people who are happy to work in a team and are organised to turn up on time. The best volunteers have an enthusiastic attitude and can recognise the impact this can have on our town. We do always appreciate having people who have specialist skills. However, just turning up with a smile on your face and ready to learn is just as helpful and important. If you are interested in volunteering, please pick up a form from the desk at the front or register on our website which is on the screen in front of you.

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