

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

Listening

Sample Test 2**Time** Approximately 35 minutes (including 6 minutes' transfer time)**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

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

Answer all the questions.

While you are listening, write your answers on the question paper.

You will have 6 minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the separate answer sheet. Use a pencil.

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

There are four parts to the test.

Each question carries one mark.

You will hear each piece twice.

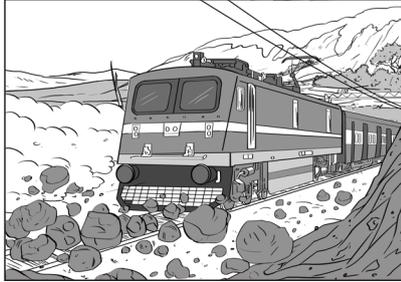
For each part of the test there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.

Part 1

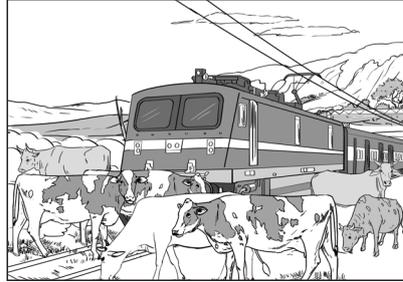
Questions 1 – 7

For each question, choose the correct answer.

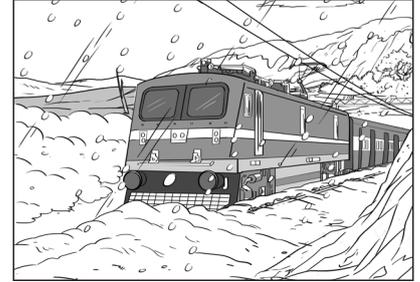
1 Why was the woman's train late?



A



B

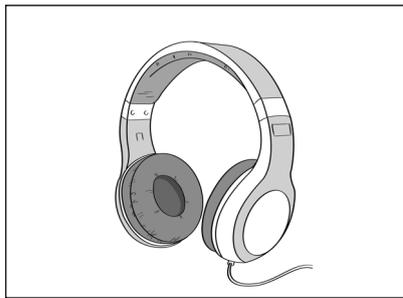


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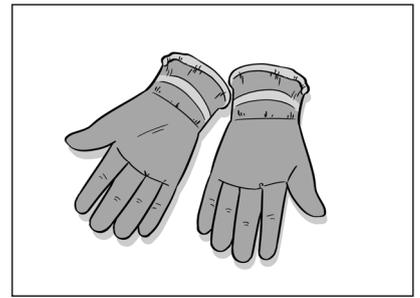
2 What does the woman want her friend to take to college tomorrow?



A

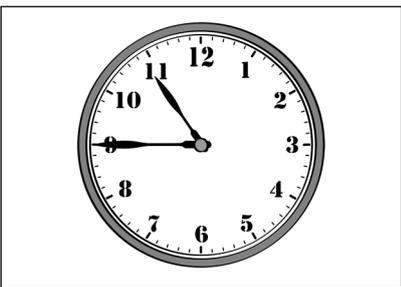


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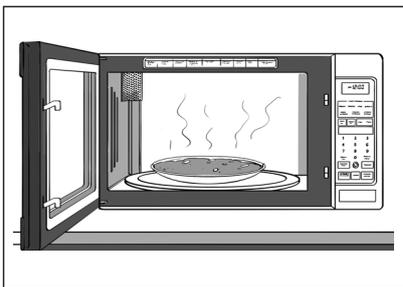


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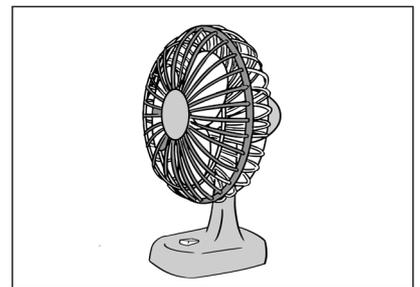
3 What has the man just bought?



A



B



C

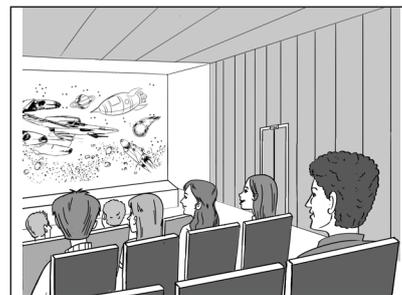
4 Where is the man going to be on Saturday?



A



B



C

5 What is the woman learning to do?



A



B



C

6 Who did the man see at the concert?



A

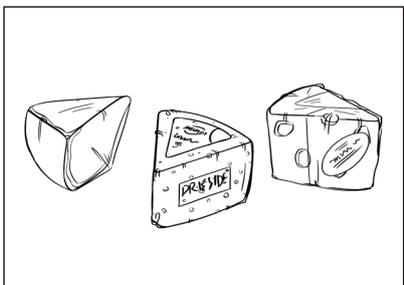


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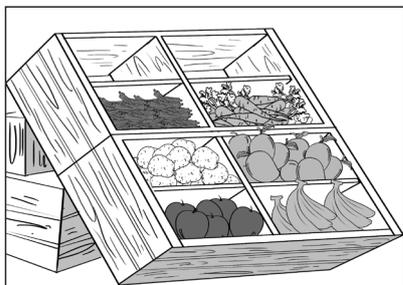


C

7 Which items are cheaper than usual at the supermarket today?



A



B



C

Turn over ►

Part 2

Questions 8 – 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8** You will hear two friends talking about a TV programme.
They agree that
- A** the presenter was professional.
 - B** the subject was interesting.
 - C** the photography was spectacular.
- 9** You will hear a woman telling her friend about a long flight she went on.
How did she feel about the flight?
- A** annoyed with the people sitting near her
 - B** surprised that the time went so quickly
 - C** delighted with the entertainment on the plane
- 10** You will hear two friends talking about a magazine article on a famous actor.
The man thinks that
- A** some of the information in the article is incorrect.
 - B** the article focuses only on negative details.
 - C** the wrong people are interviewed for the article.
- 11** You will hear a man telling a friend about a music festival he went to.
The man was disappointed with the festival because
- A** the bands were not very good.
 - B** there were few places to eat.
 - C** it was much too crowded.

- 12** You will hear two friends talking about a hotel they have both stayed at.
What do they agree about?
- A** the variety of food on offer
 - B** the attitude of the staff
 - C** the quality of the rooms available
- 13** You will hear two friends talking about a film they both want to see.
Why does the man want to see the film?
- A** It stars his favourite actor.
 - B** He likes the director's other work.
 - C** The reviews of it are good.

Part 3

Questions 14 – 19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write **one** or **two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

You will hear a radio presenter called Hayley talking about going to an indoor snowboarding centre near London.

Indoor snowboarding centre

The hill at the snowboarding centre near London is **(14)** metres long.

The snowboarding centre building used to be a **(15)**

Hayley tried **(16)** as well as snowboarding.

Hayley had trouble with the **(17)** at the centre.

Hayley recommends taking a **(18)** to the centre.

The snowboarding centre's website is **(19)** www.com

Part 4**Questions 20 – 25**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear an interview with an author called Paula, who writes children's books and also creates the pictures for them.

- 20** Paula wrote her first story when she was
- A** at school.
 - B** on holiday.
 - C** in hospital.
- 21** Paula prefers writing stories to creating pictures for them because
- A** it's much quicker.
 - B** it's more creative.
 - C** it's less tiring.
- 22** How did Paula feel when her first book was published?
- A** worried about whether people would like it
 - B** unsure whether she'd done a good job
 - C** disappointed with the quality of the printing
- 23** Paula's favourite stories are those which
- A** include plenty of action.
 - B** are set in interesting places.
 - C** have strong main characters.
- 24** What is Paula's latest book about?
- A** making difficult decisions
 - B** developing close friendships
 - C** learning from experience
- 25** What advice does Paula give anyone who wants to become a writer?
- A** read as much as possible
 - B** do a writing course at university
 - C** get other people to read your work