

Test 3

LISTENING PART 1



Questions 1–7

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Girl: I watched three really different films this weekend. The first, called 'Heart', was a romantic film set in New York. It was pretty entertaining, but I couldn't help thinking I'd seen it all before. The next one I watched was called 'Run!' and it was an adventure film. I started watching it again as soon as it had finished, even though I knew what was going to happen the second time around. Finally, I watched 'The Dark', a horror film that I found about as scary as a kids' cartoon.

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Girl: How was your trip to the transport museum?

Boy: It was good, thanks, although the special exhibition we'd gone there to see about aeroplanes was closed – there was a problem with the lights, I think.

Girl: There are so many other things to see there, though.

Boy: That's true. I'd never noticed how old some of the cars were before.

Girl: And some of the trains, too. I spent ages looking at them when I went.

Boy: Yes, I like them, too, although we didn't get to that part of the museum this time.

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Boy: Are you going away with your family this summer?

Girl: Yes, but we still haven't decided where yet. My brother's suggested going to the ocean rather than the mountains this year, and I'd prefer to do that, too. I love where we usually go – there's a beautiful lake and things – but we've been there quite a few times now. My parents keep talking about going to a big city somewhere. There'd be lots to do there, but I'm not sure it'd be very relaxing.

Boy: No, probably not.

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Boy: Did you go to the show last night?

Girl: I did. It was great, and they played all their best songs. There were so many people there, and we were all dancing together. I was sure my hat was going to fall off and I wouldn't be able to get it back. I ended up putting it in my bag. I had to hold on to that, too, but it still didn't stop my hairbrush falling out. I had a look for it afterwards, but couldn't find it anywhere.

Boy: Oh, no!

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Woman: Hi, how did your appointment go?

Boy: Yeah, fine. They didn't need to do anything.

Woman: Great! So your eyes are all OK then?

Boy: The sight test is next week, actually, Mum – I was having my teeth checked today.

Woman: Oh yes, of course. Your dad made the appointments this time, so I couldn't remember who you were seeing first. He should be back from the doctor's any minute.

Boy: So are you making the dinner tonight then?

Woman: I am, and it's your favourite – spaghetti.

Boy: Great!

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Man: This is a message for Annabelle. It's Barker's Bookshop calling – you ordered some books from us last week. One of them's come in, but the other two won't be in until Thursday, I'm afraid. The one called 'Make your own Fashion' is taking longer than we expected, and I think we told you that 'Saving Tigers' is quite an old book, so is harder to find. It's up to you whether you want to get The History of Sandham Castle now or wait until the others come in. OK, bye.

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Girl: Do you still play basketball?

Boy: I do, but I'm ready for a change. I've always fancied trying golf, but there isn't really anywhere near here where you can play. So that's why I've decided on ice hockey instead.

Girl: They're looking for players at my rugby club – why don't you come for a practice there one day. I mean, you love watching it.

Boy: I do, but it always seems pretty dangerous to me and you don't really wear anything to protect you, do you?

Girl: Not really, no. That's why it's so good!

PART 2



Questions 8–13

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Boy: Hey, what happened to you? You just disappeared from the theatre yesterday.

Girl: Erm, well, I did tell the teacher I wanted to leave.

Boy: What was wrong? I didn't think the play was that terrible?

Girl: It was nothing to do with that. You know what it's like when you get toothache, though – you can't concentrate on anything. The teacher phoned my mum who contacted the dentist, but they couldn't see me yesterday, even though it was a bit of an emergency. So I had to go this morning.

Boy: It seems you'll do anything to avoid going to the theatre!

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Girl: The party was fun, wasn't it?

Boy: It was. It was a bit of a shame that everyone was told to bring anything they wanted, rather than making a list of who should bring what.

Girl: Yes, it certainly meant that lots of people brought the same thing.

Boy: Not having lots of stuff to choose from doesn't bother me as long as you like what's there, which I did.

Girl: Me too. I didn't see anyone eating what I brought – apart from us of course.

Boy: No, but that meant there was more for us.

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Girl: Did you see the soccer match last night?

Boy: Sure did, and although I can't say I was unhappy at the result, it wasn't the most interesting game I've ever seen.

Girl: They've played better, I agree, but I didn't think they did that badly, especially that guy you really like.

Boy: He did well, but he was the only one who did. Imagine if he got injured and couldn't play for a few weeks – they'd lose every game.

Girl: Let's hope that never happens. Anyway, I thought it was a pretty entertaining game.

Boy: I've seen our school team play more interesting soccer.

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Boy: Have you been in the new science building yet?

Girl: I had a class in there this morning. It's a shame they've used all the stuff for experiments from the old building.

Boy: Yes, it'd be nice to have new things like that as well as a new building. What do you think of it inside?

Girl: The colours are nice and those paintings make it look really modern.

Boy: I don't think we share the same taste in colours and paintings, but I'm really impressed with the design of the outside.

Girl: I can't think of a building I like the look of more.

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Boy: Have you started your blog yet?

Girl: I've already written five entries and have had nice comments from some readers. That really makes it seem like it was worth doing, despite all the issues I had when I was getting it ready. The website I used said it was easy to create a blog – and maybe it is for someone who's a bit more familiar with IT than I am.

Boy: Have you put pictures in, too?

Girl: A few. I think I need more, though, to get it looking as good as some of the other blogs I've seen.

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Boy: Are you still enjoying your Chinese lessons?

Girl: I am, but we always focus on reading and writing. I know they're important, but I want to learn other skills, too.

Boy: There's loads of stuff online for improving reading and writing, but less for speaking, I guess. It's the same problem with coursebooks – they're good for exercises on grammar and things, but you obviously can't talk to a book!

Girl: No ...

Boy: But lots of people learn Chinese these days, so there must be groups that meet just to practise talking to each other. Why not search for one of those?

Girl: Hmm, maybe.

PART 3



Questions 14–19

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Hello, everyone! I'd like to tell you about this wonderful acting club I joined recently. The best thing about it is the teacher. We're really lucky to have someone who's actually quite famous. Her name's Alice Fisher, and she's appearing in a play at the big theatre in town at the moment. She plays a policewoman in that, but you'll probably know her better as the farmer in the series 'Green Valley' that was on last year.

She's worked as a professional theatre actor for about 10 years. As well as having three years' experience of appearing in serious drama, she's also spent seven years working in comedy productions, so has lots of different talents.

The sessions are always fun and are split into two sections. In the first part, rather than practising anything to do with movement of the body, we focus instead on improving how to control the voice as an actor. In the second part, we practise our performance skills.

If you're interested in coming to the drama club, you'll need to know where to come, of course. The club actually hires a room from the university to run the classes. It's much cheaper to do it there than at the college or the acting school. The sessions are on Wednesday evenings.

At the moment, we're practising for a play, which will be on at the Town Theatre soon. Its name is 'The Passenger' and we're hoping that this latest one will be as popular as the last production the club did, which was called 'Reality'. It was a big success, apparently.

We've got our last practice for the new play on the thirteenth of July, with audiences able to come and see it from twentieth of July for one week.

Thanks for listening.

PART 4



Questions 20–25

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Interviewer: Jasmine, you recently went on a flying experience day, and actually flew a plane with the help of a qualified instructor. What made you decide to do this?

Jasmine: A friend of mine tried it a while ago. Even though she wasn't especially positive about it, as she'd been quite frightened, she told me she'd noticed her house while she was up there. That made me want to look for mine, too, and also enjoy a different view of the local countryside. It wasn't like I wanted to fly planes professionally or anything.

Interviewer: How did you feel at the beginning of the day?

Jasmine: When I saw the aeroplane we'd be using, I couldn't believe that something that size could actually take off with two people in it. The organisation of everything was so efficient, though, that I'd soon forgotten about any doubts I'd had. I'd watched some online videos and flying looked quite easy, so I was confident I could do that well.

Interviewer: What training did you do before you got in the plane?

Jasmine: We had a session on safety, which needed to be a bit shorter in my opinion, and one on what the different controls do, which I enjoyed. While what we were told was all essential, I don't think the people running the sessions were actually trained teachers, so they didn't really communicate the information very clearly.

Interviewer: And how was your flying instructor?

Jasmine: She was brilliant. I'd always imagined that flying instructors would be really cool and quiet people. Jana was like that before we took off but quite different in the air. She never stopped chatting and making me laugh by saying funny things – she said afterwards she does it to help people to relax.

Interviewer: And what about the flight?

Jasmine: It was amazing – one of the most exciting things I've ever done, although I was kind of expecting that. When we landed, it felt like we'd been up there for hours, although it was only about 30 minutes in reality. In some of the reviews on the website, people said they were exhausted afterwards, but I was just the opposite.

Interviewer: So has this made you want to try other experience days?

Jasmine: Definitely, yes. I had a look at the company's brochure and there are loads I'd like to try. I've never been horse riding, so that's something I wouldn't mind doing. First on my list, though, would have to be driving a sports car, and after that would come deep-sea fishing.

Interviewer: Thanks, Jasmine.

Practice Test Key

Test 3

Reading

Part 1

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Part 2

6 F 7 C 8 H 9 B 10 E

Part 3

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Part 4

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Part 5

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Part 6

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Writing

Part 1

Question 1

Sample answer

Hi Teri

Nice to hear from you. I'd love to meet you so I can tell you about how I learn English.

Unfortunately I can't see you on Thursday because I have a doctor's appointment – but how about Wednesday? Why don't you come to my house and we can have a snack, too?

If I were you, I wouldn't buy anything yet. I'd ask the teacher first. Perhaps he or she will recommend some books to buy.

I think you are going to learn my language very quickly. It will be fun to speak to you in Portuguese! I'll teach you a Portuguese song!

Hope to see you next week?

Ines

Comment

Ines answers the email clearly, in an appropriately friendly tone (including contracted forms). She covers all the four content points as required. She shows good control of functional language and verb tenses, and her answer is the correct length (112 words).

Part 2

Question 2

Sample answer

Being healthy is important for teenagers and kids because they need lots of energy for studying and for having fun. Before I joined the

school football team, I hardly ever did any exercise apart from walking to school. Now I go to football practice twice a week and I really enjoy training hard on the pitch.

In my opinion, eating healthy food is also a great way to make sure I stay healthy. For example, I eat fresh fruit when I want a snack. To be honest, I feel much healthier now that I've reduced the amount of junk food I eat.

Comment

The article writing task is testing the writer's ability to produce an article in the correct word range (102 words). This is a good example of this task because it answers the two questions in a manner that would engage the target reader.

Question 3

Sample answer

It was my turn to go on stage to perform in the talent competition. As I smiled at the three judges, I secretly felt like running off the stage! Instead, I got out my guitar and began singing the song I'd practised hundreds of times and soon I forgot that anyone was listening to me. Once I'd finished singing, then the longest ten seconds of my life took place while the judges quietly discussed something. Finally, one of the judges asked me who wrote the song. When I told them that it was me who wrote it, they all smiled and began clapping!

Comment

The story narrates a sequence of events that are all related to a performance in a talent competition. The style is engaging and there is a good coverage of past narrative tenses, as well as a wide vocabulary, suited to the topic. This is a great attempt within the required word length (104 words).

Listening

Part 1

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Part 2

8 A 9 B 10 C 11 A 12 A 13 B

Part 3

14 farmer

15 comedy

16 voice

17 university

18 (The) Passenger

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Part 4

20 C 21 B 22 A 23 C 24 B 25 C