Listening

Part 1

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

Part 2

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

Part 3

14 lake 15 holiday 16 burgers / a burger 17 2.30 / two thirty / half past two

18 north 19 cheppsat / Cheppsat

Part 4

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

Audioscript

Test Four. There are four parts to the test. You will hear each part twice. We will now stop for a moment. Please ask any questions now because you must not speak during the test.

PART 1 Now look at the instructions for Part One.

For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at question one.

Question 1 One. What has the man lost?

Man: Excuse me, could you help me? I left something on the train yesterday.

Woman: Certainly, I'll take some details. Let me guess – you lost your gloves, didn't you?

Oh, we find some almost every day left on the seats.

Man: [laughs] Yes, I've done that before, and never got them back! This time, though, it's

Answer key with extra

explanations in

Resource bank

my glasses, I'm afraid.

Woman: Oh dear.

Man: I took them off when I was using my headphones on the train, and didn't notice

that I'd left them on the seat when I got off.

Woman: OK, I'll need some more information ... [fade]

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 2 Two. What is the woman going to do tomorrow?

Man: Are you ready for your trip to the coast in Scotland then?

Woman: I am. I was going to drive up there tomorrow, but I've decided to go this evening

instead. It takes several hours to get there.

Man: It's a long drive, isn't it?

Woman: Yes, but at least I'll be able to have some time on the beach tomorrow, instead of

wasting the first day of my holiday driving.

Man: And when are you seeing your cousin and his family?

Woman: The day after tomorrow – I'm going for a meal at their house.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 3 Three. Which items cost less than usual at the moment?

Man:

Welcome to Brown's Department Store. If you were lucky enough to get a bargain in last week's phone sale in our electronics department, you'll know just how much money you can save in our store. If you're a fitness fan, it's your turn to save money this week as everything's reduced in our sports department on the second floor. There's also a special offer in the ladies' clothes department today - get twenty per cent off any coat when you buy a handbag. So what are you waiting for?

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 4 Four. Which place will the people visit first on the tour?

Woman: Good morning, and welcome to this walking tour of the city. We'll see many interesting places in the city this morning. As it's a beautiful day, the aim is to stop at an outdoor café by the river for a snack about eleven thirty. Before that, though, we'll spend an hour or so at the castle, which we'll start walking towards in a minute or two. The walk will end at the museum and we'll look round an interesting exhibition that's on there at the moment. Any questions?

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 5 Five. Which tickets did the man buy?

Man:

Andy - great news! I got the tickets for the concert. Um, the ones we wanted - the 20 euro ones - weren't available. I'm afraid, so I had to pay a bit more. Not too much though - 30 euros each isn't too bad, is it? At least we didn't end up having to get the top-priced ones - I mean, 50 euros! They're a great band and I'm sure they're worth it – but that's still a lot to pay. We're lucky though: some concerts charge more than that just for the cheapest seats!

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 6 Six. What does the man want to buy?

Woman: Good afternoon, sir. I see you're looking at our electric guitars. Beautiful, aren't

they? Would you like to have a go on one - see how it sounds?

Man: Thank you. Yes, they look great, and I'm sure they sound great, too. It's your

drums I'm interested in, though. Particularly that set there, near the window.

Woman: Good choice. Do you play?

Man: Actually, I only play one instrument. I've played the piano since I was a child, and I

think it's time to learn something new.

Woman: Well, let's go and have a look.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 7 Seven. Which type of exercise does the doctor recommend?

Man: So, doctor. As my shoulder's getting better, can I start exercising it?

Woman: Well, what type of exercise did you do before the operation? Man: I used to go to the gym, to lift weights. And I went running, too.

Woman: Mm, lifting weights is something you'll have to give up. You need exercise that makes you move your shoulder, but in a gentle way. Such as swimming. Going running isn't as bad as lifting weights, but it might be painful at the moment.

OK, doctor. Thanks for the advice.

Now listen again. [repeat] That is the end of Part One.

Test 4 answer key

PART 2 Now look at Part Two. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Question 8 Eight. You will hear two friends talking about a hotel.

Man: How was your stay at the Grand Hotel?

Woman: Great - I could see the mountains from my bedroom window - they looked so

beautiful!

Man: You definitely got a better room than I did when I stayed there last year – all I could

see was a brick wall! The hotel restaurant could be better too.

Woman: It could, but I found a wonderful place to eat nearby so it didn't matter.

Man: The people who work there are very cheerful, though.

Woman: They certainly made me feel welcome and room service were really helpful too.

Not like some hotels, where the employees hardly smile at all.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 9 Nine. You will hear two friends talking about an art exhibition.

Man: I enjoyed that exhibition – I think that style of painting's really original.

Woman: I agree, although I prefer exhibitions with fewer works of art to see so you can

spend more time looking at each one. I felt like I was hurrying from one painting to the next in order to see them all. It's a shame there weren't a few more windows in

there – <u>I actually found it quite hard to see some of the paintings</u>.

Man: Yes, me too, but we certainly got value for money!

Woman: That's true. I'm surprised they weren't charging more, actually.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 10 Ten. You will hear two friends talking about a book they've read.

Man: I've finished that book you lent me.

Woman: Did you enjoy it?

Man: Not as much as I thought I would, actually. I'm into books where you learn a bit

about the main characters, but <u>there's also plenty going on</u>. I wasn't so keen on reading whole chapters about their thoughts, however interesting the people are!

Woman: Yes, those sections were pretty long, I guess, and not much happened in them,

which is a bit of a shame. I must admit that the ending came as a complete

surprise, though.

Man: It was the only part of the book that I really enjoyed reading.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 11 Eleven. You will hear a woman telling a friend about a visit to the hairdresser's.

Man: You don't look happy – what's up?

Woman: I've just been to the hairdresser's – I'm really disappointed.

Man: Oh? Your hair doesn't look that different actually!

Woman: Exactly! I explained clearly what I wanted, but the guy who did it just smiled and

started cutting! He only worked on it for a few minutes. It's usually good in there – very organised, you know, not lots of hair left all over the floor like in some places.

Man: Why didn't you complain?

Woman: I know. Now I'll have to get it done again soon. So it was hardly worth what I had

to pay!

Man: Oh dear.

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 12 Twelve. You will hear a woman telling a friend about her singing class.

Man: Hi Ellie, how are your singing classes going?

Woman: Great, thanks! We're doing a concert next month - I hope we'll be ready! I couldn't

sing at all before I started, and I never thought I'd be able to perform in public!

Man: Good for you!

Woman: It helps that the group isn't very big - that's actually why I chose the class,

because the teacher can spend so much time with each person. It's amazing that I've improved so much – and I don't worry at all anymore about singing with

people who are much better than me.

Man: I must come to your concert!

Woman: Great!

Now listen again. [repeat]

Question 13 Thirteen. You will hear two friends talking about a new sports centre.

Man: Hi! What did you think of the new sports centre?

Woman: Well, you were right about the price - I swam for an hour and it cost less than a

session in the old place! But they should do something about how cold it is in the

pool. I needed a hot shower afterwards!

Man: <u>I felt the same</u>. Pity – they've spent so much on the building and the new classes.

I'm going to try some of them - there's lots going on.

Woman: I'd love to do one of their classes in the evening. It depends how much they cost.

Man: Me too.

Now listen again. [repeat]

That is the end of Part Two.

PART 3 Now look at Part Three.

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time. Look at questions 14 to 19 now. You have 20 seconds.

You will hear a guide giving information to people who are going to watch a car race involving old cars.

Man:

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to this fantastic country park, where we're pleased to hold our fifth annual classic car race.

These classic cars are old and very beautiful, so we're giving you the chance to have a look at them before the race begins. Come down to the lake – they're parked beside it. If you're not sure where that is, go to the fountain and follow the signs. You can chat to the drivers as they sit in their cars, and take photos. And why not enter our competition? Just answer the questions on the form you received when you entered the park, and put it in the box. You never know, you might be the <u>lucky person who gets the holiday!</u> Last year's winner loved the computer that she won.

If you're hungry before the race, there's a café which serves sandwiches, ice-creams, and some hot food. <u>There's a special discount on burgers today!</u> All food is freshly prepared.

So, now to the race itself. It's one o'clock now, which means there's still another hour and a half until the cars set off – that's at half past two. The fastest cars will

take about one hour to complete the course, finishing at around half past three. After the race has finished, if you need the train station, please avoid the south exit, as that's the one nearest to the car park, and we don't want too many people using each exit. Those travelling by train need the north exit. One last thing - we're sure you'll take some fantastic photos today, and we'd love to see them. So please upload them to our website. The website has the name of the village near to this park: www.cheppsat dot org. I'll spell Cheppsat for you. It's C-H-E-double P-S-A-T. Thank you, and enjoy the race.

Now listen again. [repeat]

That is the end of Part Three.

PART 4 Now look at Part Four.

For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at questions 20 to 25 now. You have 45 seconds.

You will hear an interview with a young writer called Jenny Taylor, who has just had her first novel published.

Interviewer: Today I'm talking to Jenny Taylor. Jenny's a young writer who's just had her first novel published.

Jenny:

Interviewer: So Jenny, did you enjoy studying literature at school?

Jenny: When I was at school, I always loved reading, though I preferred stories to

poems. Then we got a new English Literature teacher who wrote things herself and encouraged us to do the same. I really wanted to write like her. That made me work hard even though I never felt what I did was much good.

Interviewer: How did you get your ideas for this first novel?

Jenny: Well, I always notice how people behave. I'd often go out with friends and family

and they'd all go online using their phones, and I'd just sit back and think about the other people around me. I'd start imagining what their lives were like, and it all grew from that.

Interviewer: Can you tell us something about your novel?

Jenny:

Yes, it's about a girl and her parents. It starts when they spend a day somewhere their relatives lived in the past. It includes some interesting facts about the place, but the story focuses on the different challenges they have to deal with as they learn more about what happened long ago. Anyway, I won't tell you more than that!

Interviewer: How do you feel about your novel?

Jenny: Well, it took quite a while to write. I showed it to a friend when I thought it was

ready to be published, and he agreed. He also helped me find a company to do that. I'm sure people will want to keep turning the pages to find out how it ends.

Anyway, I really hope it'll sell well.

Interviewer: You're now working on a new book. Do you have a routine for writing each day?

Jenny: Well, I get up early in the morning and start writing for a couple of hours without changing out of my pyjamas. I'll even have lunch in them, and then write for a couple more hours. When things are going well, I can write for up to sixteen hours. On those days I rarely leave the house – I find I write better as the day

goes on.

Interviewer: And what do you read for pleasure?

Jenny: I read a variety of things as research for my writing – books about science,

biographies, that sort of thing. But <u>what I choose when I relax is things that are amusing</u>, rather than anything too serious. It's like an escape from real life. I

hardly ever choose thrillers, though. I don't know why.

Interviewer: Well, Jenny it was great to ...

Now listen again. [repeat]
That is the end of Part Four.

You now have six minutes to write your answers on the answer sheet.

You have one more minute.

That is the end of the test.