

## General Tips for Listening Exam

### Part 1 and Part 2

1. Make sure you read the instructions carefully so that you know what to do.
2. Before the recording starts, read through the questions and answers quickly. Usually, they will tell you a lot about what the speaker is going to talk about.
3. Underline the key words in the question.
4. Think of the type of information that you will hear. The questions may need you to:
  - understand main and specific information.
  - identify attitudes and opinions of how someone feels about a situation or a person.
  - understand simple to more complex narratives that cover a variety of topics.
  - guess the meaning of words from the clues provided.
5. While listening, listen for key words that might be said by the speaker or any paraphrased words. The speakers may not use the same words as those in the answer options. Sometimes you might have to look for synonyms or words of similar meaning.
6. Be careful of the distractors where they may use the words that might appear in the recordings but they are not the answer.
7. Don't guess your answer too quickly. It is better to listen carefully to the whole recording.
8. Look at the answer options and choose the best option.
9. When the recording is played again, check your answer.

## PART 1

### Questions 1 to 7

You will hear people talking in seven different situations. For questions **1 to 7**, choose the correct answer (**A, B, or C**).

You will hear each recording **twice**. Answer all the questions.

1. The man trained for the long run
  - A** after he was fully prepared.
  - B** after he trained for 15 weeks
  - C** after he finished running short distances.
2. What did the man feel about his job?
  - A** Fear
  - B** Proud
  - C** Worthwhile

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3. The man loves travelling because
  - ☒ A he can experience varieties of cultures and beliefs.
  - ☐ B he has learnt many things from her travels.
  - ☐ C he can have different views of the world.
4. Why does the woman use flower pots and planter boxes to plant the vegetables?
  - ☒ A She only has a small piece of land.
  - ☐ B The vegetable seeds cost a lot of money.
  - ☐ C She wanted to plant many types of vegetables.
5. According to the girl, she should
  - ☐ A study online more with the smartphone.
  - ☒ B take a break from using the smartphone for a while.
  - ☐ C spend less time on social media and online games.
6. What does the man say about his young self?
  - ☐ A He always made his parents worry.
  - ☐ B He did not care about the people around him.
  - ☒ C He was a stubborn and problematic child.
7. Why did the woman's family run out of the house?
  - ☒ A The roof was ripped off.
  - ☐ B A tree fell onto the house.
  - ☐ C Heavy rain poured into the house.

### Comments and Answer

1. The answer is A. The speaker said she started to train for the long run when she was ready. Moreover, the word that has a similar meaning to ready is 'prepared'.
2. The answer is C. You have to listen to the whole recording. The speaker said towards the end the job is meaningful which can have a similar meaning to 'worthwhile'.
3. The answer is A. You need to listen carefully to the recording. Some of the words in the answer options are being said by the speaker in the recording. So, it can be confusing. But the main reason for the speaker to love travelling is that she could see people of different cultures, beliefs and their way of life. The answer option is A only paraphrase the sentence.
4. The answer is A. The speaker said she created the garden in her backyard and that she has limited space. Hence, answer options B and C are incorrect as she did not talk about vegetable seeds and she already planted various types of vegetables. 'Small piece of land' is similar to 'limited space'.
5. The answer is B. The words in the answer option are said by the speaker. However, answer options A and C are not correct as they are not what the speaker means. In option B, the phrase 'need some time away' has a similar meaning to 'take a break'.
6. The answer is C. You have to listen to the whole recording and interpret the answer from the whole information. The answer could be A and B, but option C provides a more precise answer. He was stubborn because he didn't listen to his parents and he was problematic because he got into a lot of trouble.
7. The answer is A. The speaker said the family was watching television and ran outside when the roof was ripped off.

**PART 2****Questions 8 to 15**

You will hear John talking about how to take photos with smartphones. For questions **8 to 15**, circle the correct answer (**A**, **B**, or **C**).

You will hear the recording **twice**. Answer all the questions.

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8. What makes smartphones better than DSLR cameras?
  - A** Their price is cheaper.
  - B** They have similar functions.
  - ☒ **C** They are easily carried around.
9. According to John, what kind of lighting is the best when taking photos?
  - A** Flash
  - ☒ **B** Natural
  - C** Overexpose light
10. Why do you need to take a photo of a subject at different angles?
  - A** To control the lighting in the photo.
  - B** To take a good photo of the subject.
  - ☒ **C** To see how lighting changes a photo.
11. What is the purpose of having layers in a photo?
  - ☒ **A** To create interest.
  - B** To make the subject looks sharp.
  - C** To draw in a good subject for the photo.
12. Which of these is NOT the background in a photo?
  - A** Pattern
  - B** Object
  - ☒ **C** Subject
13. How can you practice aligning your photos with the rule of thirds?
  - A** Divide your photo into 3 sections.
  - ☒ **B** Activate the gridlines in the camera setting.
  - C** Adjust the subject so that it is on the gridlines.
14. To make a photo looks fresh and interesting you can
  - A** take a photo right ahead.
  - B** take a photo at eye level.
  - ☒ **C** take a photo from above.
15. What will NOT happen after you develop your photography skills?
  - A** Upload photos onto social media.
  - B** Take an excellent photo.
  - ☒ **C** Edit the photo.

### Comments and Answer

1. The answer is C. The speaker used the word portable for the smartphone which means easy to carry around.
2. The answer is B. All of the answer options are said by the speaker. You need to listen carefully to the whole idea about lighting to answer this question. Flash and overexpose light are not good lighting suggestions expressed by the speaker.
3. The answer is C. The speaker said to understand how lighting affects the photos, one needs to take photos of the same subject at different angles. So, the answer is C. Option C also replaces the word 'affect' with 'changes'.
4. The answer is A. The speaker said adding layers is to add interest and guide the viewer to your subject. The only close answer to this is option A where they replaced 'add' with 'create'. Options B and C are distractors where the speaker said this in the recording.
5. The answer is C. The speaker stated the background can be patterns, objects and anything behind the subject. The only thing that is not said by him is the subject.
6. The answer is B. The speaker said to turn on the gridlines for the phone camera in settings to practice aligning photos. The word 'turn on' is also replaced with the synonym 'activate'. Answer options A and C are how to use the rule of third.
7. The answer is C. Options A and B are incorrect as they are not the advice for how to mix the angles when taking photos. Option C is one of the ways to mix up the angles stated by the speaker.
8. The answer is C. You have to choose the one that is not related to photography skills. The speaker mentioned editing the photo for social media purposes only.

## PART 3

### Questions 16–20

You will hear five people talking about survival skills. For questions **16–20**, choose from the list (**A–G**), what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There are two extra letters which you do not need to use.

You will hear the recording twice. Answer all the questions.

- A** Survival skills are needed when we want to land on desert.
- B** Share the meaning of survival skills.
- C** Promote outdoor activities which could train survival skills.
- D** Introduce the types of survival skills we should learn.
- E** Acknowledge the importance of nature in survival skills.
- F** Propose that one of the survival skills is to keep the mind serene.
- G** Gives an example of a job that needs survival skills.

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<b>16.</b>	Speaker 1	<b>E</b>
<b>17.</b>	Speaker 2	<b>C</b>
<b>18.</b>	Speaker 3	<b>G</b>
<b>19.</b>	Speaker 4	<b>D</b>
<b>20.</b>	Speaker 5	<b>F</b>

**PART 4**

You will hear, Ms Anne, talking about her life story of being a vlogger. For questions **21 to 30**, fill in the missing information in each numbered space.

Use **NO MORE THAN ONE WORD** for each space.

You will hear the interview twice. Answer all the questions.

**TRACK 28****Life of a vlogger: Ms Anne**

In college, Ms Anne was famous for being a **(21) talkative** person. Not only friendly, but she also really loves to **(22) meet** new people and shares her stories with them.

Ms Anne took the **(23) law** course when she was in college. Even though it was very challenging as the course needed her to memorise a lot of terms, she managed to **(24) deal** with it. After graduating, it took her some time to be posted.

So, she tried looking for a **(25) temporary** job. She advertised herself on Instagram and Facebook. A day later, a message popped out. That was a message from a Crisp and Crunch Instagram that proposed her to make a review on the **(26) product**. She would be paid for about RM 500 upon **(27) advertising** it.

Once the product arrived, she set up a proper place and a good light. She recorded herself using her mobile phone. With the talent she had, the review was done in only four minutes! It didn't take long for her posted video to reach 1 million **(28) viewers** on Instagram and 1.5 million on YouTube.

When the product became a hit, she was proposed by some more sellers who wanted their products to be reviewed. In a week, she had to review at least one **(29) cosmetic** product and one food product. Many people say, doing product reviews is easy as we just need to stay at home and set up our own phone. For her, a great effort should be given when doing a product review because she needs to persuade and **(30) convince** people's trust to buying.

All in all, being a vlogger is a tough yet meaningful job for Ms Anne.