



Proficiency

Listening

Test A

Time Approximately 40 minutes (including 5 minutes' transfer time)

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 5 minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the separate answer sheet. Use a pencil.

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

You will hear three different extracts.

For questions **1 – 6**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.
There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You are listening to a podcast about unexplained phenomena.

- 1** What was found in New Mexico this year?
 - A** Parts of an aircraft.
 - B** A subterranean lake.
 - C** Traces of an unidentified material.

- 2** What is the presenter's prediction for the future?
 - A** The world will come to accept the truth of life on other planets.
 - B** The government will engage in further repression of the truth.
 - C** A large number of amazing discoveries will take place.

Extract Two

You hear a woman talking about a journey she undertook.

- 3** What surprised the woman about the experience?
 - A** The condition of the train.
 - B** That the station was had no facilities.
 - C** That she enjoyed the wait.

4 What does the experience teach us, according to her friend?

- A That we worry too much about planning ahead.
- B That we should manage our stress more effectively.
- C That we should take life slower.

Extract Three

You hear a man making an enquiry at a museum.

5 What is the man hoping to find?

- A A military award.
- B Photographs that originally belonged to his father.
- C A family member's legal document.

6 Why has he visited the museum?

- A A family member suggested he approach the museum staff.
- B It is local to his current work.
- C He read about the museum's collection in a book.

You will hear a man called Frank McCoy talking about his takeaway food business. For questions 7-15, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.



Captain Bacon

The idea came about after Frank and his friends got **7** while playing videogames late one night.

Frank left his job at the **8** to go into business for himself.

One advantage of sharing kitchen space was that he could be sure that he met **9** as the facilities were already in place.

Limiting the range of items on the menus **10** and makes things easier for customers.

Frank was surprised that the **11** had such a positive impact on sales.

Frank says that the catering industry suffers particularly in an

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as it is one of the first costs that families cut back on.

The idea of “meal kits” was to bring

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into the home.

Frank’s girlfriend suggested he call his new business

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Moving into his own facility will give his company an opportunity for

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in the future.

Part 3

You will hear part of a podcast in which two engineering students are discussing their entry into the annual “Robot Battles”, a competitive event in which radio-controlled robots fight each other. For questions 16 – 20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

Clash of Iron



- 16** The original “Robot Battles”
- A** Was designed to test scientific knowledge of participants.
 - B** Was inspired by science fiction.
 - C** Had nothing to do with robots at all.
 - D** Formed part of a science experiment.
- 17** What is the disagreement between Ian and John regarding Hecat 3?
- A** The progress that the Hecat 3 project represents historically.
 - B** The level of innovation involved in the Hecat 3 project.
 - C** The practical use of Hecat 3.
 - D** Whether Hecat 3’s designers succeeded in their stated aim.

- 18** What new trend do they mention?
- A** The ownership of robots is becoming a fashion statement.
 - B** Robot design is now more focused on appearance.
 - C** Other disciplines are influencing robot design.
 - D** The study and application of robotics is becoming fashionable.
- 19** What is the biggest appeal of the competition for spectators?
- A** The ingenuity of on-the-spot repairs.
 - B** The excitement of live conflict.
 - C** The chance to see brand new technology in action.
 - D** The tactical skills of the players.
- 20** Why are Ian and John optimistic about their chances this year?
- A** They have an ability to stay calm under pressure.
 - B** They are very experienced compared to the other competitors.
 - C** They have designed a secret weapon.
 - D** They have been practicing a great deal.

Part 4

You will hear five short extracts in which different people are talking about games they play as a hobby.

While you listen you must complete both tasks

TASK ONE

For questions **21 – 25**, choose from the list (A – H) what first got them interested in the game.

- A a friend's recommendation
- B a surprising coincidence
- C an educational initiative
- D an experience on holiday
- E an online community
- F a novel
- G a birthday present
- H a history lesson

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TASK TWO

For questions **26 – 30**, choose from the list (A – H) the benefit that the game has had on the speaker's life.

- A It has improved their health.
- B It relieves stress.
- C It has taught them to be open to taking risks.
- D It has made them more organized.
- E It has improved their social life.
- F It has helped them find a better job.
- G It has given them a chance to travel.
- H It has helped them learn a language.

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