



## Listening

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**FCE 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 people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1 – 8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

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- 1** You hear two colleagues talking about their work.  
What was the problem with the delivery?  
**A** It was not what the customer had ordered.  
**B** It was impossible to deliver.  
**C** The delivery details had been recorded wrongly.
- 2** You hear a man reporting an incident on the phone.  
What has happened to his car?  
**A** It has broken down.  
**B** It has run out of petrol.  
**C** It is stuck in mud.
- 3** You hear a woman telling her friend about her cat.  
How did the vet know that the cat was ill?  
**A** She wasn't eating.  
**B** She was losing her fur.  
**C** She had a high temperature.
- 4** You hear a tour guide speaking in a museum.  
What happened to the owner of the armour?  
**A** He died of an illness.  
**B** He was forced to leave his kingdom.  
**C** He was imprisoned by an enemy leader.

- 5** You hear two friends talking on a train.
- What happened the suitcase?
- A** It was badly damaged.
- B** It was handed into the police.
- C** It has never been found.
- 6** You hear two colleagues talking about the weekend.
- What did Jackie dislike about the wedding reception?
- A** The behaviour of the guests.
- B** The entertainment.
- C** The choice of location.
- 7** You are on a train and hear a announcement from the driver.
- What has caused the delay?
- A** Repair work.
- B** The bad weather
- C** A police incident at the next station.
- 8** You are listening to a podcast about famous works of art.
- What do the two presenters agree on?
- A** How impressive the painting is.
- B** The exceptional skill of the artist.
- C** The powerful reputation of the painting.

## Part 2

You will hear a woman called Dina Murray, talking about a trip she took to Northern Spain. For questions 9 – 18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

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### A Trip to Northern Spain

Dina says that parts of Northern Spain resemble (9) \_\_\_\_\_ .

She says that at first she was surprised to see so many (10) \_\_\_\_\_ being grown.

Dina and her companion needed the help of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in order to find their hotel.

The hotel recommended (12) \_\_\_\_\_ as its speciality for dinner.

Visitors to the Roman fort at Taramundi are provided information on (13) \_\_\_\_\_, which bring the exhibit to life.

Dina was disappointed not to see a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ during her hike, although she had been worried about coming across a wild boar due to their (15) \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

That afternoon, they visited the Church of Santa María del Naranco, which made Dina feel (16) \_\_\_\_\_ due to its militaristic and austere appearance.

The lower floor of the church has a (17) \_\_\_\_\_ in the shape of an arch.

During their walk along the Via Verde, they saw a couple on a (18) \_\_\_\_\_ who greeted them as they passed.

### Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about a journey they took. For questions 19 – 23, choose from the list (A – H) the reason each speaker gives for taking the journey. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

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A A business opportunity

Speaker 1

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B Caring for a family member

C University studies

Speaker 2

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D A celebration

E An emergency

Speaker 3

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F A favour for a friend

Speaker 4

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G A holiday

H Receiving an award

Speaker 5

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#### Part 4

You will hear part of a radio interview with a woman called Kate Morgan, who runs "Reduced Shakespeare", a street theatre company. For questions 24 – 30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

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- 24 What does Kate say about the word "busker"?
- A It only describes one type of performer.
  - B It is generally associated with male performers.
  - C It is no longer used in modern conversation.
- 25 What is so interesting about the street performing artist she mentions?
- A The speed at which he works.
  - B The time which people spend watching him.
  - C The temporary nature of what he produces.
- 26 What does Kate say about her act "Reduced Shakespeare"?
- A It's not meant to be taken seriously.
  - B It's all improvised.
  - C It's a good way to learn about theatre.
- 27 What does Kate say about audience requests?
- A Audiences always request the same plays.
  - B Audiences can be surprisingly knowledgeable about Shakespeare's plays.
  - C She needs to refresh her memory in order to perform some plays.
- 28 Why did Kate start her own company?
- A To promote herself as an actor.
  - B To get experience after drama school.
  - C To get the chance to play roles she was interested in.

29 What was Kate's initial reason for performing street theatre?

A To make extra money.

B To promote her company.

C To practice her acting skills.

30 What is Kate's ambition for the future?

A She plans to move into more established theatre.

B She hopes to establish an annual event.

C She wants to grow her company's profits.