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ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF
OTHER LANGUAGES
HIGHER

X222/12/01

Section A: Listening

MONDAY, 25 MAY
1.00 PM – 1.30 PM



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Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

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For this examination you must use **blue** or **black** ink.

Section A Listening

25 marks are allocated to this paper.

You will hear 3 different recordings played twice. There will be a gap before each recording is repeated. You will have 1 minute to finish answering the questions after you hear the second playing of each recording.

There will also be 1 minute at the end to check your answers.

You will have 1 minute to read the questions before you hear each recording.

Use of a dictionary is **not** permitted.

As you listen to the recordings, you may take notes on the separate sheet provided.



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Section A Recording 1

Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

1. "Showrooming" means

- A comparing prices of online retailers.
- B using your mobile phone to shop.
- C browsing in stores but buying online.
- D doing business from your front room.

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2. Jennifer

- A is trying to control her shopping habits.
- B tends to buy her clothes online.
- C wishes she'd spent less on the coat.
- D thinks people should pay for quality.

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3. Chris believes

- A his business will become an online success.
- B he can't compete with high street retailers.
- C customers should take more care of his books.
- D people who showroom are intolerable.

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4. Complete the sentences below. Write no more than **three** words for each answer.

(i) One idea to prevent showrooming is to _____

_____ for looking around a shop.

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(ii) Jennifer feels slightly guilty about showrooming when the

_____.

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(iii) Jennifer thinks it's unrealistic to suppose people will _____

_____ in difficult times.

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5. Which of these views are expressed? Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

A A nice shop with friendly staff could prevent showrooming.

B The longer a customer is in a shop, the more likely they are to buy.

C Shop staff should try to persuade customers to pay more.

D Showroomers tend to avoid engaging with shop assistants.

E It is in the interests of online retailers for physical shops to close.

F Online retailers should sell their products on the high street.

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Section A Recording 2

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6. Which of these are true about Janine? *Tick (✓) two boxes.*

- A She has travelled widely.
- B She speaks two languages.
- C At home she only spoke French.
- D Her mother couldn't speak English.
- E She was raised in France.
- F She learnt Arabic gradually.

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Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.

7. According to Janine, people who only speak English

- A are at a huge disadvantage.
- B are favoured in the job market.
- C do better than Chinese speakers.
- D will never be global citizens.

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8. Deepak suggests that for Scots, learning another language

- A is not very hard work.
- B means fewer choices.
- C should be a priority.
- D is a waste of time.

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9. Janine believes that language learning

- A occasionally leads to tunnel vision.
- B makes you more flexible and inventive.
- C helps you discover yourself.
- D should be an explicit goal in schools.

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10. Complete the sentences below. Write no more than **three** words for each answer.

(i) According to Deepak, fewer people want to study languages

at _____ .

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(ii) Janine warns that in the future we'll be unable to _____

_____ the top graduates

worldwide.

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(iii) Janine concludes that we need to take up the challenge of

altering _____ .

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Section A Recording 3

Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

11. According to the speaker, when children turn 13 they suddenly
- A view their parents negatively.
 - B try to embarrass their parents.
 - C start to feel sorry for adults.
 - D see themselves as wise and clever.

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12. According to the speaker, a 13-year old sees you as

- A foolish but friendly.
- B embarrassing but truthful.
- C ridiculous and irritating.
- D embarrassing and bossy.

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13. Complete the sentences below. Write no more than **three** words for each answer.

(i) The speaker's grandparents were not ridiculous because they _____ and didn't try to be someone else.

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(ii) The middle generation was 'ridiculous' because they continually changed things like their _____ .

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14. Tick (✓) *two* boxes. The speaker says that his own generation

A is less ridiculous than the previous one.

B falsely believes they are still young and cool.

C is in touch with all generations.

D refuses to think of the future.

E attempts to indulge their children.

F refuses to accept their kids' way of life.

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Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) *one* box.

15. The speaker

A says it's better to have fewer children.

B thinks all kids will look back fondly on their parents.

C worries his son's view of him will never change.

D imagines his son might change his view of him.

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16. Who is the speaker addressing?

A his child

B other parents

C teenagers

D his parents

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17. Which best describes the speaker's tone?

A concerned

B humorous

C bitter

D formal

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