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TUESDAY, 23 MAY

9:00 AM – 9:35 AM (approx)



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Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

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**Total marks — 25**

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear three different recordings. **Before you hear each recording, you will have one minute to read the questions.** You will hear each recording twice, with a gap between each playing. After you hear the second playing of each recording you will have one minute to finish answering the questions.

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

You must NOT use a dictionary.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

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**Recording 1**

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 1 before the recording begins.

**Questions 1–3:** Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

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| <p>1. The young woman:</p> <p>A tends to only shop online.</p> <p>B shops online and in stores.</p> <p>C has a problem with money.</p> <p>D is cutting back on shopping.</p>   | <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>2. Which of the following does George Smith believe?</p> <p>A Online shopping is more popular nowadays.</p> <p>B He buys a lot of stuff he does not need.</p> <p>C Advertisers focus on how we think.</p> <p>D We should use our imaginations more.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>3. According to George, buying a lot of stuff:</p> <p>A expresses different parts of our identity.</p> <p>B helps us understand ourselves better.</p> <p>C makes us feel satisfied with ourselves.</p> <p>D will always lead to depression.</p>         | <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>1</p> |



**Recording 1 questions (continued)**

4. Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

(i) Consumers are starting to get \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ stuff. 1

(ii) The grandmother generation took much more care of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) The generation of daughters tended to try \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ cooking. 1

(iv) Today we spend a lot of time working out how we'll \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the stuff we've got. 1

5. What is this conversation mainly about? Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **one** box. 1

- A Young people who spend too much.
- B The reasons why people have so much.
- C The results of having too much stuff.
- D The causes and effects of too much stuff.

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**Recording 2**

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 2 before the recording begins.

6. Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

- (i) The journalist talking to Melinda Gates was wearing a pair of \_\_\_\_\_ . 1
- (ii) When Teresa started her business she felt it \_\_\_\_\_ to wear high heels. 1
- (iii) Trainers at work are now more \_\_\_\_\_ than they used to be. 1
- (iv) In 2016 a woman working as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ was sent home for wearing the wrong kind of footwear. 1

Questions 7–8: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

7. Nicola Thorp refused to wear high heels because: 1

- A she always wore flat shoes.
- B she was laughed at by her bosses.
- C it was her first day in the job.
- D she didn't feel they were suitable.



Recording 2 questions (continued)

8. How does Teresa feel about the clothes her employees wear?

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- A Everybody can wear what they like.
- B The creative people should be reasonably smart.
- C Those who meet clients can't wear ripped jeans.
- D Everybody has to wear a full formal outfit.

9. Which **TWO** of the following things does June say about dress-down Fridays? Tick (✓) **TWO** boxes.

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- A They don't cost the company anything.
- B They always make the staff feel happier.
- C Employees could wear unsuitable clothes.
- D All reports agree that they are a good idea.
- E Employees often feel too relaxed.

10. Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **one** box.

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At the BBC in the 1920s:

- A female newsreaders had to wear a suit.
- B newsreaders had to dress formally.
- C newsreaders could wear casual clothes.
- D musicians could wear casual clothes.

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