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This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 blank page.






## Listening Paper Tapescript (1)

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## Pause 5 seconds

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There are seven questions in this part. For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Choose the correct picture and put a tick in the box below it.

Rubric Before we start, here is an example. Where did the man leave his camera?

Man Oh no! I haven't got my camera!

Woman But you used it just now to take a photograph of the fountain.

Man Oh I remember, I put it down on the steps while I put my coat on.

Woman Well, let's drive back quickly - it might still be there.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric The first picture is correct so there is a tick in box A.

Look at the three pictures for question 1 now.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear each recording twice.

Rubric 1: What does the man receive in the post?

Woman Here we are John, lots of post for you today. These letters are all for you, and there's a postcard, too.

Man Oh, is that all? I'm waiting for a parcel from Canada.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 2: What did the man buy?
Man I got most of the shopping. I got the last loaf of bread and some milk, but I'm afraid there weren't any newspapers left.

Woman But what about the stamps?

Man Ah... I forgot. I'll go back for them.
Woman Oh don't worry, l'll go.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again.
Repeat

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 3: How can people travel today?

Man (forecaster) ... and last night's heavy snow storm has made all main roads in the area too dangerous to use. However, the trains are still working normally. But, the airport is closed until tomorrow morning and all ferries are cancelled.

Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again

Repeat

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 4: What is the date of the wedding anniversary?

Woman It's Tom and Paula's 25th wedding anniversary this weekend. The actual day is the 26th, but they're having the party on the Saturday, which is the 24th, but what's a couple of days after all those years?

Man Paula looks so young but I suppose she was quite young when she married?

Woman Paula? She was 24.

Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again

## Repeat

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 5: What musical instruments does the family have now?

Woman Does Marianne still play the piano?
Man Yes, she's got it in her room. It's Bob I'm worried about, he really wants to play the drums. If he wants to be a pop star the guitar would be OK, but we've said drums are just too noisy. And to think we spent all that money on a flute and he's hardly used it.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 6: What's the weather like in the mountains?
[Radio race commentator]
Man ... and I can see the leading cyclists coming towards me now. They look extremely hot and tired. Even without snow to make things dangerous, it's hard work cycling in these mountains. But the cloudy sky means weather conditions here today are perfect for racing.

Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 7: How did the woman learn about the fire?
[Couple at home]
Woman Have you heard? There's been a fire in the old paper factory.

Man Are you sure? There's nothing in the newspaper about it.

Woman I just saw it on the 6 o'clock news. Turn on the $^{\prime}$ radio and you might hear something about it there.

Man I'll phone Bob. He always knows what's going on.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now listen again.
Rubric That is the end of part one.
Pause 10 seconds
Rubric Now turn to part two, questions 8 to 13.

You will hear someone reviewing tonight's television programmes.
For each question, put a tick in the correct box.
You now have 45 seconds to look at the questions for part 2.

Pause 45 seconds
Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Woman ... and finally on TV Diary a word about some of the programmes on your screens tonight.

At eight p.m. you can see An insect's life, an hourlong film full of wonderful close-up photography. It seems the main problem with being an insect is that everyone else wants to eat you - including other insects! This programme is great fun, but if you're the sort of person who runs out of the room the moment you see an insect, it's definitely not for you.

After the news at nine-thirty on BBC1 there's Miller and Edwards. The two comedians have saved a lot of their best jokes for this special programme which is the last of the present series. Tonight's show lasts an hour instead of the usual half hour. Miller and Edwards are joined by famous actor, Giles Welby, who plays an angry motorist in one scene.

Now, fans of ITV's Policewatch drama series will have to wait a little longer to find out what happens to Andy McKay, the Scottish detective who always seems to have a cold. The programme will not be shown tonight because the European Cup football match is on instead. But Policewatch will be back next Thursday as usual.

Beginning tonight is Stardate 3000, an American science fiction series. It's been on television in the USA for the last two months and comments on the show have been mixed. It certainly has some fine actors, but there is a limit to how much a director can do with stories as weak as these. I'm sure I've seen most of the scenery before in other shows from the same studio. Perhaps some of the money they saved on the scenery should be spent on getting some better writers!

Also starting a new series tonight is Doctors in Town, the medical drama series filmed in the heart of London. The big question is: will this show still be popular now that the two main actors have left to do other work? John Tweed, who played Doctor Walker, is now directing films, while Annie Thomas, who played Nurse Jane Evans, has returned home to the Australian stage. But I am sure the new actors
are excellent, making this an enjoyable start to the series.

Don't forget that, from tomorrow, TV Diary is going to be at six-thirty p.m. instead of eight-thirty for three weeks because of the tennis competitions. When the competitions finish at the start of July, we'll be back at our usual time. So, thanks for listening ....[fade]

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Rubric That is the end of part 2.

## Pause 10 seconds

Rubric Now turn to part 3, questions 14-19.
You will hear a tour guide talking to some new guests at their hotel. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

You now have 20 seconds to look at part 3.
Pause 20 seconds

Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Man Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Riverside Hotel. My name is Peter Smith and I am your tour guide. You can usually find me in the office which is opposite the reception desk. If you have any problems, please come and see me.

Now, I'd like to tell you about arrangements for meals and other hotel facilities. Breakfast is available in the Green Room from 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. This is on the first floor of the hotel, next to the lifts. Breakfast is the only meal which is selfservice.

For lunch, we can provide sandwiches for you to take on your trips. You need to tell your waitress at dinner each evening what you would like. They will be ready for you to collect at 9 a.m. from the kitchen before you leave on your trip.

Evening meals are served from 7.00 until 9.00 p.m. in the restaurant. It has an excellent view of the river and is well-known for its fish dishes. All your evening meals will be here in the hotel except for Saturday when we have organised a special riverboat trip for you. On that day you will have dinner on board.

Bed, breakfast and evening meal are included in the
cost of your holiday but lunch is an extra charge. There's no charge for anything else - the trips are all included.

Finally, the hotel swimming pool. All guests are free to use it from when it opens at 6.30, until it closes at 10 at night. But before 8.30 in the morning and after 7.30 in the evening you need to collect a key from reception. The rest of the time a member of the staff is there.

Well, that's all I have to say for now. I'll see you at dinner later.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Rubric That is the end of part 3.

## Pause 10 seconds

Rubric Now turn to part four, questions 20-25.
Look at the six sentences for this part. You will hear a conversation between a girl, Lucy and a boy, Edward about pocket money. Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put a tick in the box under A for YES. If it is not correct, put a tick in the box under B for NO.

You now have 20 seconds to look at the questions for part 4.

## Pause 20 seconds

Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Boy Are you OK, Lucy? You don't look very happy.
Girl Oh Edward. I've argued with my Mum again. I'm always complaining about not getting enough pocket money.

Boy How much do you get?
Girl Five pounds a week.

Boy That sounds reasonable to me.
Girl Well, I am fourteen and if you're going into town shopping, you can never have enough money because everything's so expensive.

Boy But is it a fair amount of money compared to what your friends get?

Girl Well, we all get the same but you can't compare
my five pounds with my friends' five pounds. You see, I play a guitar and I have to buy all my music myself, as well as things I need for school. I think that's a bit unfair, I have hardly anything left to spend on clothes and make up.

Boy Right. Do you have to help around the house?
Girl Not really.
Boy So, you don't have to do anything for this pocket money?

Girl I keep asking my mum to pay me to do things for her round the house. Then I could buy clothes with the extra money and spend my pocket money on things for school.

Boy Well, that would be good for both of you but I can see why your Mum's not keen because you'd never have time to do your school work. But, has your Mum said to you, you can have more next year when you're 15?

Girl Well, Mum just says she'll decide when I'm ready to have more and I've just got to wait.

Boy Well, perhaps your Mum thinks it's a question of being grown up. Maybe you should sit down with her and say, 'What signs are you looking for, how can I prove that I'm old enough to get more?'

Girl So I should talk to her again?

Boy Yes, but don't complain and get angry - just discuss it calmly as you have with me.

Girl OK, thanks.
Boy That's all right. Let me know how you get on.
Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Rubric That is the end of part 4.

## Pause 10 seconds

You now have six minutes to check and copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

Pause 5 minutes
[Ping]
You have one more minute.
Pause 1 minute
[Ping]
Rubric That is the end of the test.

## Listening Paper Tapescript (2)

Rubric This is the Cambridge Preliminary English Test, sample paper 2.
There are four parts to the test. You will hear each part 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.
Write your answers on the question paper. You will have six minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.
The recording will now be stopped.
Please ask any questions now, because you must not speak during the test.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now open your question paper and look at part 1.

## Pause 2 seconds

Rubric There are seven questions in this part. For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Choose the correct picture and put a tick in the box below it.
Before we start, here is an example.

Where did the man leave his camera?

Man Oh no! I haven't got my camera!

Woman But you used it just now to take a photograph of the fountain.

Man Oh I remember, I put it down on the steps while I put my coat on.

Woman Well, let's drive back quickly - it might still be there.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric The first picture is correct so there is a tick in box $A$.
Look at the three pictures for question 1 now.

## Pause 5 seconds

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear each recording twice.

Rubric 1: What do they order?
[In a café]
Man I'd like a coffee, what about you?

Woman Mmm, me too. And the twins'll drink Coke, but just ask for one bottle, they never finish a bottle each.

Man Orange juice is much better for them.

Woman Yes, but they refuse to drink it. Ask for two glasses then they can share the Coke.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 2: When will Pete come to pick Dave up?

## [answerphone]

Man Hi Dave, it's me, Pete. Sorry you're not in. I thought I ought to tell you that I'Il be a bit late tonight. You know I said I'd pick you up at seven? Well, it's going to be about a quarter to eight now as there's been a problem here at work. I won't be able to leave here until at least six thirty and it'll take me about an hour to get changed and have something to eat before I come. Let me know if that's all right, will you.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 3: How did the woman get home yesterday?

Man Did you have a good day yesterday?

Woman Terrible! My car broke down on the way home. I called the garage and they took it away on a truck.

Man Were you able to catch a train home?

Woman I'd just missed the last one. Fortunately a friend was passing, and he gave me a lift - taxis are terribly expensive.

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 4: What does the woman decide to buy Tanya?

Woman We need to get a present for Tanya. She is our only granddaughter and she's moving into her new flat soon. Now, she said that she needs some cushions, but I don't know what colour her sofa is.

Man I know that her mother has bought her a set of
knives and forks, so why don't we get her a set of glasses?

Woman Actually, she's got glasses already. No, let's get her what she's asked for. I think I'll give her a ring about the colour.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 5: What will James do on his birthday?
Woman So James, what are you going to do for your birthday?

Man Well, I was hoping to have a party but most of my friends are busy so I've accepted my sister's offer to take me to a film - at least it's better than going out for a meal with my parents.

Woman Have you finished all this term's work?

Man Last week I thought I would have to spend my birthday sitting at the computer, but I've finished all my work now.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 6: Where did the woman leave her notebook?

Woman I can't believe it. I wrote down my friend's address in my notebook... I had it right here... right next to the phone and now I can't find it anywhere.

Man What did you do when you'd finished the phone call? Did you put it in a bag or something?

Woman I went upstairs to my bedroom but I've looked... oh of course, my jacket. I took it off in the lounge before I went upstairs. It'll be in the pocket.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric 7: What will the man return to the library?

Man I'm going to the video library. Shall I take this video of the pop concert back?

Woman I borrowed that one from a friend at school. And I haven't watched the one from the library about football.

Man OK. What about these two Keep-fit videos?
Woman Take the first one because I've finished with it, but I'll keep the second one for another week.

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric That is the end of Part 1.

## Pause 10 seconds

Rubric Now turn to Part 2, questions 8 to 13.
You will hear a woman called Lucy talking on the radio about a new magazine.
For each question, put a tick in the correct box.

You now have 45 seconds to look at the questions for part 2.

Pause 45 seconds
Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Woman I'm Lucy Holmes and I'm here today to tell you about my work. People ask me why I decided to start a new magazine. Well, I've been a journalist for many years working for newspapers and magazines in this country and abroad. I've always dreamt of starting my own magazine, not because I want to be rich but because I want to do something different. And now I've done it! It is different from other magazines and I'm sure it's going to be successful.

So what's the magazine like? I should explain that it's a local magazine that will come out each Thursday - it's the same size as the local weekly newspaper and in fact looks very similar, but it doesn't carry news and it doesn't report on events as they happen. I think this is the important difference. You can buy it in all the usual places you would buy your local newspaper.

The magazine itself is divided into two main parts; the first half is a 'what's on' guide which contains information about everything that's happening in
the city over a seven-day period. There are music and film reviews, and information about special events, so you can decide what's worth spending your time on. And it's also got local bus timetables and useful phone numbers.

There are also reports on restaurants. But we're not going to write only good things about the restaurants we choose, because these are not advertisements. They are the honest opinions of our journalists. That's a strength of this magazine, the writers are all independent journalists who say what they think.

That's one half of the magazine, the other half is the articles. We want to write about the lives of local people. They may be famous or not but they have all done something interesting such as developing a new business. There are several famous artists in the city, like Lisa Goodchild who has talked to us about her life in the first issue. We hope to interview a wide variety of people.
[pause]

I'm really happy because there are some fantastic journalists living in the area, many of them busy writing for national papers, and they're supporting the new magazine by writing for it. The journalists are happy because the magazine has room for longer articles so they have more space to give their opinions.

So, anyone who's interested in $\qquad$

## Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

## Rubric That is the end of Part 2.

## Pause 10 seconds

Rubric Now turn to Part 3, questions 14-19. You will hear a man talking to a group of people about the riding holidays he organises.
For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

You now have 20 seconds to look at part 3.

## Pause 20 seconds

Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Man Well, thank you for inviting me here today to talk to you about the riding and holiday centre I run. I
understand that some of you are keen to visit us. We opened the centre six years ago and organise holidays for people of all levels of experience.

Let me tell you about a normal day's programme. You'll probably be pleased to know we don't make you get up too early! After breakfast at 8.30 we begin at about 10 o'clock by getting the horses ready. You need to make sure you have the right equipment before the ride begins at about 11.30.

For the first few miles we go quite slowly, breaking for about an hour at midday, near a beach or lake where you can swim or sunbathe. We arrive back at the Centre at about 4 o'chock. $^{\prime}$

Everyone has to wear a hard hat and these are available free of charge at the Centre. Trainers are no good for riding, I'm afraid. Strong shoes or boots with a small heel are best. Warm clothes such as jeans and sweater, some swimwear and a small shoulder bag for carrying a packed lunch, are useful.

All our accommodation is in double rooms with bathrooms. We have a television room and a games room and there is a safe area in the garden for children to play in.

In the local area there are lots of things to see and do. Both golf and fishing are available and there is an excellent museum not far away.

And now for the price. Well, a four-day holiday is $£ 292$ per person and that includes the riding, the equipment, the accommodation and all food.

If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them now. Thank you.

Pause 5 seconds
Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Rubric That is the end of Part 3.

## Pause 10 seconds

Rubric Now turn to Part 4, questions 20-25.
Look at the six sentences for this part. You will hear a conversation between a woman, Ellen and her neighbour, Steve, about living in a small town called Littleport.
Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put a tick in the box under A for YES. If it is not correct, put a tick in the box under B for NO.

You now have 20 seconds to look at the questions for part 4.

## Pause 20 seconds

Rubric Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Woman Hi, I'm Ellen Jones. I'm your new neighbour.

Man Hello, Steve Brown. Nice to meet you. Welcome to Littleport. Where did you live before?

Woman I used to work in New York, I came back to this country last month.

Man Oh really. My firm sometimes sends me to the States on business trips but I'm always pleased to get home again - New York's so busy and noisy.

Woman That's true but I loved it. There's always lots going on so it's very exciting. Anyway, tell me about what there is to do here in Littleport.

Man Well, I'm in the drama society. We perform plays or musicals twice a year. [Hopefully] We're always looking for new members.

Woman I'm no good at acting or singing.....

Man That doesn't matter. You could help behind the stage with the lights or something like that.

Woman [Unenthusiastic] Well I'm not sure. When's your next show?

Man Actually it's next weekend, we're doing a musical.

Woman Are you in it?

Man Yes, I certainly am. Would you like to buy a ticket?

Woman Well, thanks for asking but I've already got something planned. Are there any other clubs like sports clubs for example.

Man There's the tennis club..... then there's the football club, but you wouldn't be interested in that....

Woman [Surprised] Why not? Maybe they have a women's team. Women like playing football too you know! Anyway, is there a health club or a gym in the town? I used to go regularly in New York.

Man Yes, and it's got a nice exercise room and swimming pool.

Woman [Excitedly] I must join. Do you know if it's expensive?

Man About $£ 24$ a month. But there's one problem there's a waiting list of about a year. All you have to do is get a form and fill it in.

Woman [Ironically] Great. I don't think Littleport is going to suit me.

Pause 5 seconds

Rubric Now listen again.

## Repeat

Rubric That is the end of Part 4.

## Pause 10 seconds

You now have six minutes to check and copy your answers on to the answer sheet.

Pause 5 minutes
[Ping]
You have one more minute.

Pause 1 minute
[Ping]

Rubric That is the end of the test.

