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Preface

As far as you know, IELTS candidates will have only 60 minutes for this IELTS Listening part with a total of 40 questions. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you invest time in practicing the real IELTS Listening tests for this module.

Besides Cambridge IELTS Practice Tests series published by Oxford University Press, IELTS Listening Recent Actual Tests with Answers aims to develop both test-taking skills and language proficiency to help you achieve a high IELTS Listening score. It contains IELTS Listening Tests in the chronological order starting from the recent tests and an Answer Key. Each test contains three Listening passages which cover a rich variety of topics and give a lot of practice for a wide range of question types used in the IELTS Exam such as multiple-choice questions, short- answer questions, sentence completion, summary completion, classification, matching lists / phrases, matching paragraph headings, identification of information – True/False/Not Given, etc. When studying IELTS with this e-book, you can evaluate at the nearest possibility how difficult the IELTS Listening Section is in the real exam, and what the top most common traps are. Moreover, these tests are extracted from authentic IELTS bank source; therefore, you are in all probability to take these tests in your real examinations.

The authors are convinced that you will find IELTS Listening Recent Actual Tests extremely helpful on your path to success with the International English Language Testing System.

Don't just trust luck in your IELTS exam – the key is practice!

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IELTS Listening Test

Tips and Tricks for different question types

Types of questions in IELTS Listening:

- Multiple choice questions
- Map Labelling questions
- Sentence Completion/Note completion/ Table completion/Diagram completion questions
- Match questions

Let's look at the tips and tricks required to answer each question type:

Multiple Choice Questions

While listening to the audio recording there will be a section for multiple-choice questions. The multiple-choice questions are of two types –

- Multiple choice questions with one answer.
- Multiple choice question with two or more answers

There are questions that have one or more answers, for those type of questions, you would have to listen keenly to identify all the answers from the options given.

There are a few things you would have to keep in mind while you're answering multiple-choice questions:

- You will hear all the options that are given to you in the question. You would have to listen to the audio and interpret the answer from what is asked in the question.
- Sometimes, the answer options might be of the same kind to confuse you. For instance, it might all be in the form of dates (15 November, 17 November or 18 November). You would have to read the question and choose the correct answer.
- The words used in the question might not be the exact words that you hear in the audio recording. So, you'd have to pay attention to synonyms and how the words are paraphrased.



- The information provided in the audio recording might not be in the same order as the questions asked, so in order to answer the questions correctly, you should have read the questions beforehand to be aware of what is being asked.
- There would be a lot of distractors in the audio recording. There would be a lot of the same kind of information. Sometimes, the speaker might give us any information and then change it which might be the correct answer. So, do not rush and write down the answer as soon as you hear it.

Map Labeling questions

For these types of questions, you would be provided with a map and you would have to label the places on the map.

There are two types of questions:

1. A list of words might be given to you and you'd have to listen to the recording and choose the correct word that fits the blank on the map.
2. There won't be a list, you would just listen to the audio and identify the place on the map.

There are a few things you would have to keep in mind while you're answering Map Labeling questions:

- There would be directions to a place or some kind of tour.
- Read the instructions before you begin, so that you'll know the word limit of the blanks.
- Description of the location – listen to words that best describe the location given. For example, below the park, next to the supermarket, etc.
- Look at the question numbers – Look at the question numbers and identify the flow of the map. That would help you listen to what's coming next.
- The audio recording would provide you with an understanding of where you are or where you have to begin at. Pay attention to it at the beginning of the recording. Also, listen to nearby places and clues to help find the answers.



Sentence Completion/Note completion/ Table completion/Diagram completion questions

In some of the questions, there will be a gap left in between and the examiner asks you to fill that gap. In order to guess the word correctly, you must have solid grammar skills.

There are a few things you would have to keep in mind while you're answering sentence (and other completion) questions:

- Read the question before you start in order to understand what you should be listening for.
- Try to guess what would come in the blank. It could be a place, a number, year, name or even a specific range of information (such as seasons, climatic conditions)
- The words in the question need not necessarily be the same words you hear in the audio recordings, learn to tune yourself to synonyms of the words in the question.
- Though the questions might be phrased differently from the recordings, the answers should be the exact words you hear in the audio.
- Remember to check the word count, spelling and grammar before you transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Match questions

These questions are not as common as the other question types but they do occur in the Listening section. These questions have a list of statements that you'd have to match with the options provided. Mostly it would be names, places or dates.

There are a few things you would have to keep in mind while you're answering Match questions:

- Look at the statements and listen keenly to the kind of information that has been provided as options. (i.e) if the options are dates, listen keenly to all the dates in the audio.
- By the side, write down all the information linked to that particular option, it would make it easier for you to find the answer.



Signposting Language

What is a signposting language?

Signposting means using phrases and words to guide the reader through the content of a passage or a recording. In this case, it's an audio recording. With the help of these phrases and words, the listener can anticipate what's next and find the answer.

Signposting examples:

Purpose	Signposting language
Introduction to the lesson/lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The purpose of today's lecture is... ● The subject/topic of my talk is ... ● The lecture will outline ... ● The talk will focus on ... ● Today I'll be talking about /discussing....
Describing the structure of the lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Today we are going to talk about... ● The topic of today's lecture is... ● I'm going to divide this talk into a few parts. ● First, we'll look at..... Then we'll go on to ... And finally I'll...



<p>Introducing the topic/ first point / first section</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Let's start by talking about... ● To begin ● Firstly
<p>Starting an idea or linking to another idea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Let's move on to... Now, ● let's turn to... ● And I'd now like to talk about... ● Building on from the idea that ..., ● Another line of thought on ... demonstrates that ... ● Having established ...,
<p>To reach the end of the talk / Summing up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In conclusion, ... ● From the above, it is clear that ● Several conclusions emerge from this analysis ... ● To summarise, ... ● I would now like to recap



Practice Test 01

(IELTS Nov 2020)

Section 1

Questions 1 – 10

Instructions to follow

- Listen to Audio 1 and answer the questions below.
- Write **NO MORE THAN A WORD OR NUMBER** in each gap.

Bank Account Opening Form

Type of account:	deposit account
Name of account decided on:	1
Customer's name:	2 Fox
Date of Birth:	31970
Current address:	10, 4 House South Quay
Duration of time living there:	About 5 month(s)
Address(before):	Flat 3, Canada House 6 Street, Edinburgh



Office number:	02072356735
Home number:	7
Occupation:	8
Identity (security):	Name of his 9 Monica
The account opening sum:	£ 10



Section 2

Questions 11 – 20

Questions 11 – 14

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letter A, B or C.

The Elizabeth House

- 11** Jonathan Owen bought the house in 1965 as it was built in the way of
- A** The standard European building style
 - B** The Asian style of middle ages in the UK
 - C** The traditional middle ages of the Britain
- 12** Jonathan Owen has been employed in the university of Canterbury as
- A** A head master of ceramic
 - B** A head carpenter
 - C** A supervisor of accounting
- 13** Jonathan Owen succeeded in his business so much, but he suffered from
- A** Private household affairs
 - B** Personal diseases
 - C** Public relations
- 14** Where did he gather his building material from?
- A** The local area
 - B** The garden
 - C** The backyard



Questions 15- 20

Instructions to follow

- Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** in each gap.

- Sun Rainbow was designed by Owen's brother who had studied **15**.....in Paris
- There is a **16**.....tree with 200 years old near the entrance
- You can find the shop between the path and **17**.....
- In the snack bar, you will be able to take rest and get **18**.....
- Through **19**..... there is a beautiful walk
- Both **20**..... and grapes are the local products that are promoted and marketed every year with a variety of events and festivals.



Section 3

Questions 21 -30

Questions 21 – 24

Instructions to follow

- Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** in each gap.

Gallery Marketing

The place to get information about museums and galleries in England	at 21.....
Research methods	22....., questionnaires or emails
Total respondents	23.....
The compared objects of 24..... fair	Male and Female

Questions 25 – 30

Instructions to follow

- Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** in each gap.

Ceramics

Of the countries chosen ceramic of 25.....is a unique kind that the researchers are interested in. On 26..... Of ceramic, the decoration is compared with artwork of the present time.



The natives made the ceramic from **27**....., like mountain, basement, and the bottom of the lake.

From **28**..... plants, the natives made various colours through the process of

29..... The tones of ceramic were used by **30**.....



Section 4

Questions 31 – 40

Questions 31 -36

Waste issues in the UK

- 31 The waste collection in the UK compared to other European nations
- A is lower than 15%
 - B will be lower in the next coming years
 - C is lower
- 32 What did the local government do to reduce waste?
- A Support green campaign and flea markets
 - B Enact a severe regulation
 - C Investing in flea markets
- 33 What kinds of flea markets is in the UK?
- A Indoors and outdoors
 - B Warehouse and school gymnasium
 - C An open field with many small tents
- 34 What did the UK flea market vendors sell?
- A Second hand tables and food
 - B Unwanted household products
 - C Fast food and beverages



35 What hindrance in opening more flea markets is in the UK?

- A Customers cannot access the internet
- B There is not enough space and money
- C The information and marketing are deficient

36 How much waste (electronic and furniture goods) is recycled annually in the UK flea markets?

- A 20%
- B 15%
- C 10%

Questions 37 – 38

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letter A,B, C.or E

37 Which two solutions in handling the recycling problems of office papers in the UK?

- A manufacture high-quality paper to reuse
- B classify paper before selling.
- C sell paper to farmers as fertilizer.
- D put paper through a sorting process
- E Use high tech machine to produce paper

Questions 39 – 40

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letter A,B, C.or E



39 Which TWO reasons are encouraging UK people to reuse waste?

- A For later use
- B saving resources
- C using for other purposes
- D environmental protection
- E can be used by others.



Practice Test 02

(IELTS Jan 2021)

Section 1

Instructions to follow

- Listen to [Audio 2](#) and answer the questions below.
- Write **NO MORE THAN A WORD OR NUMBER** in each gap.

Hostel accommodation

Top End Backpackers Price per person:	\$19
Comments and reviews:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parking available, staff are 1 nice pool
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> air-conditioning is too 2
Gum tree lodge Price per person:	\$ 3
Comments and reviews:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> good quiet location pools and gardens 4 In the dormitories



<p>Kangaroo lodge Price per person:</p>	<p>\$22</p>
<p>Comments and reviews:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • downtown location • reception at the lodge is always open • no lockers in the rooms • the 5..... are very clean • seems to be a 6..... every night
<p>Address:</p>	<p>on 7..... lane</p>
<p>Hostel information:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sheets are provided • can hire a/an 8..... • 9..... is included • a shared 10..... is available



Section 2

Questions 11 – 20

Questions 11 – 16

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letters A,B or C

Anglia Sculpture Park

11 The land where the sculpture is located was previously completely covered by forest is

- A completely covered by forest
- B the site of a private house
- C occupied by a factory

12 What is unusual about the Anglia Sculpture Park?

- A Artists have made sculptures especially for it
- B Some of its sculptures were donated by the artists
- C It only shows contemporary sculptures

13 What is the theme of Joe Tremain's sculptures?

- A The contract between nature and urban life
- B The effect of man on the environment
- C The violence of nature

14 The path by the lower lake

- A is rather wet in some places
- B has recently been repaired
- C is difficult to walk on



15 What does the speaker say about the visitor centre?

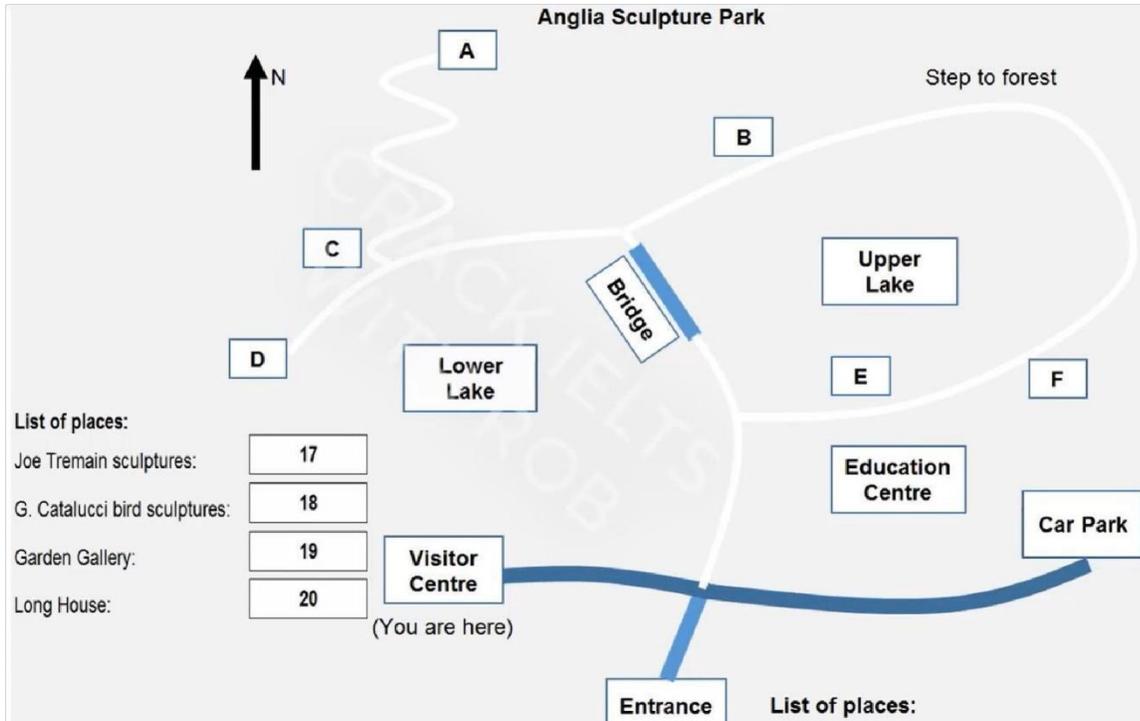
- A It is being enlarged at present
- B It has received an international award
- C It was designed by a Canadian architect

16 Today, visitors can buy snacks and sandwiches

- A at the kiosk
- B in the terrace room
- C at the Lower Lake café



Questions 17 – 20



- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20



Section 3

Questions 21 – 30

Questions 21 - 26

Instructions to follow

- Choose the correct letters A,B or C

21 Why did Leo choose instant coffee as the topic for his marketing report?

- A He found plenty of material on the topic
- B He has some practical experience in the area
- C He had an idea of a brand he wanted to target

22 Leo discovered that in Australia, recent technological developments

- A are producing less healthy types of instant coffee
- B are reducing the demand for instant coffee
- C are improving the quality of instant coffee

23 What do the speakers agree about the Leo's table of coffee products?

- A It needs more explanation in the text
- B It is factually inaccurate in some places
- C It would be best to put this in the appendix

24 What do they decide about Shaffer's coffee as a market follower?

- A Leo needs to define his terms
- B Leo needs to provide more evidence
- C Leo needs to put it in a different section



- 25 What does Anna say about originality in someone's first marketing report?
- A Clear analysis of data can be considered original
 - B Graphs and diagrams should be original, not copied
 - C Reports should contain some original data collected by the student
- 26 What difference between school assignments and this report has surprised Leo?
- A Not knowing the criteria for getting a good mark
 - B Being required to produce work without evidence
 - C Having to do a great deal of research

Questions 27 – 30

Instructions to follow

- Write **ONLY ONE WORD** in each gap.

Notes on specific section of marketing report

Executive summary: give a brief overview including the 27.....

Problems: Link each problem to a/an 28..... which explains it.

Implementation: practical solutions to problems

Includes details such as participants, 29..... and sequence section is often poorly done because of lack of 30.....

Conclusion: Don't use raw material here



Section 4

Questions 31 – 40

Instructions to follow

- Complete the notes below
- Write **ONLY ONE WORD** in each gap.

History of fireworks in Europe

13th - 16th centuries

- fireworks were introduced from china

- Their use was mainly to do with:

+ war

+ 31 (in plays as festivals)

17th century:

Various features of 32 were shown in fireworks

Scientists were interested in using from fireworks displays

To make human 33 possible

To show the formation of 34

London:

Scientists were distrustful at first

Later they investigated 35uses of fireworks (Eg: for sailors) St.

Petersburg:

Fireworks were seen as method of 36 for people

Paris: Displays emphasised the power of 37

Scientists aimed to provide 38 18th century:



Italian fireworks specialists became influential Servandoni's firework display followed the same pattern as a/an ³⁹..... The appeal of fireworks extended to the middle classes

Some displays demonstrated new scientific discoveries such as ⁴⁰.....



Answer Key

Listening Test 1

Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4	
Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	Classic	11	C	21	London museum	31	C
2	Jonathan	12	B	22	Telephone interviews	32	A
3	January 21st	13	A	23	90 people	33	A
4	Island	14	A	24	Ceramic	34	B
5	1	15	Gardening art	25	Peru	35	C
6	Queen	16	Pear	26	Surface	36	A
7	0204675122	17	Watermill	27	Local clay	37	A
8	Tutor	18	Refreshments	28	Dried	38	B
9	Mother	19	River cotton	29	Sorting	39	B
10	1000	20	Strawberries	30	The rich people	40	D



Listening Test 2

Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4	
Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	Unfriendly	11	B	21	A	31	Religion
2	Noisy	12	A	22	B	32	Nature
3	23.50	13	C	23	A	33	Flight
4	insects	14	B	24	B	34	Stars
5	Bathrooms	15	A	25	A	35	Practical
6	Party	16	A	26	A	36	Education
7	Shadforth	17	E	27	Background	37	King
8	Towel	18	C	28	Theory	38	Entertainment
9	Breakfast	19	F	29	Cost	39	Opera
10	Kitchen	20	A	30	Time	40	Electricity