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Test 1

Speaking

Part 1 Interview

1.01 You are going to answer eight questions. You have 10 seconds per question for questions 1 and 2, and 20 seconds per question for questions 3–8. Start speaking when you hear the tone. Try to speak for the full amount of time.

Part 2 Voice message 1

1.02 You are going to leave a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going on holiday tomorrow. You have a toothache and need to see a dentist before you go. Leave a voice message for your dentist. In your message, you should:

- say who you are
- explain the problem you have
- say what you want the dentist to do.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 2 Voice message 2

1.03 You are going to reply to a voice message. First read and listen to the task, then decide what you want to say. You have 40 seconds to leave your voice message. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Your friend is starting a new course. Listen to the message from your friend about their new course. Then, leave a voice message for your friend. In your message, you should:

- congratulate them on their new course
- ask some questions about the course
- give your friend some advice about what to do.

Now listen to the message.

You now have 20 seconds to think about what you want to say.

Part 3 Talk

1.04 You are going to give a talk. Read and listen to the task. You have 60 seconds to give your talk. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

You are going to give a talk to your English class about different places to buy things.

Choose **two** photographs. Tell your class about the advantages and disadvantages of these different places to buy things.

You now have 30 seconds to think about what you want to say.



A street market



A supermarket



Online shopping



Local shops

Part 4 Follow-up questions

1.05 You are going to answer six questions about your talk. You have 30 seconds to answer each question. Start speaking when you hear the tone.

Listening

Part 1

12.01 Listen and choose the correct picture (A, B, or C).

1 A woman is discussing computers with her son. What does she want to buy?



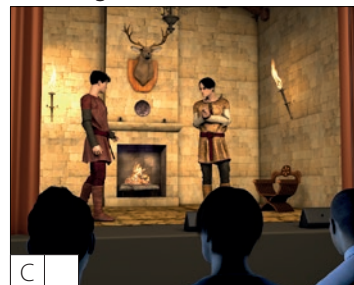
2 Two colleagues are talking about the news. How does the woman prefer to learn the news?



3 A boy is leaving a voice message for his friend. When will they meet?



4 Two friends are discussing where to go at the weekend. Where do they decide to go?



5 A young woman is talking to her friend. What job does she want to do in the future?



Part 2

2.02 Listen to an extreme sports instructor give a talk to customers. Choose the correct answers to complete the notes. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

Oxford Extreme Sports

General information

- 0 Students must take part in **A**

A warm-up exercises.

B outdoor sports.

C group activities.

Mountain biking

- 1 The is for beginners.

A yellow track

B red track

C green track

Break time

- 2 You can get a drink at

A 10.00.

B 10.30.

C 11.00.

Climbing walls

- 3 All students can try to climb to a height of

A 3 metres.

B 5 metres.

C 10 metres.

Lunch

- 4 You can eat your own lunch in the

A Free Climb Zone.

B Skate Bar.

C Surf Cafe.

Cost

- 5 The price of extra training is

A £10.

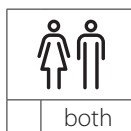
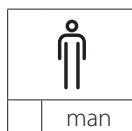
B £15.

C £45.

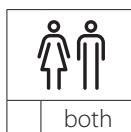
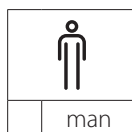
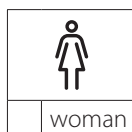
Part 3

2.03 Listen to a man and a woman discussing a charity day. Match the people (the woman, the man, or both) to the opinions below. The first one has been done for you. You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

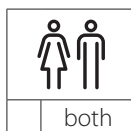
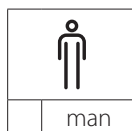
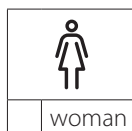
- 0 There were too many people.



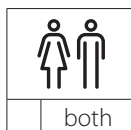
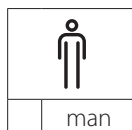
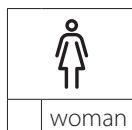
- 1 The day was a success.



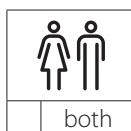
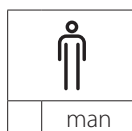
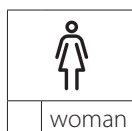
- 2 The man from the charity was helpful.



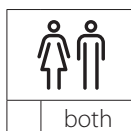
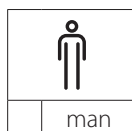
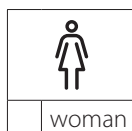
- 3 The cakes were delicious.



- 4 The books were terrible.



- 5 The children had a good time.



Part 4

12.04 Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

- 1** A woman is talking to her colleagues about a conference. What do they still need to prepare?
A food and drinks
B the schedule
C their speeches

- 2** A woman is showing her holiday photos to a friend. Which building is in the photo?
A a railway station
B a library
C a castle

- 3** A man is telling a friend about moving house. What must his new home have?
A more cupboards
B two floors
C a big garden

- 4** A man is leaving a voice message for his neighbours. What do his neighbours have to do?
A pick the tomatoes
B feed the rabbit
C water the plants

- 5** A woman is phoning a friend. Why did she call him?
A to complain about something
B to give her opinion
C to offer advice

Reading

Part 1

1 Read the text message and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

You have used all your data. You can buy 2GB of data by texting 'YES' to this message. You can use your data immediately. Text 'STOP' to not see this message again.

The text tells customers ...

- A they have available minutes.
- B they can get more credit.
- C they must reply quickly.

2 Read the advert and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

We are open!

To celebrate 15 years in the fashion business we have a special offer! Come to our store and see our fantastic new clothes. Buy a swimsuit and we'll give you a backpack to put it in!

Customers will be able to ...

- A receive a free gift.
- B enjoy creative styles.
- C get cheap products.

3 Read the blog and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).



www.aisha1992.oup.uk

The journey to the hotel by train took a long time, but just take a look at these photos! It's got a beautiful pool and a great restaurant.

Aisha wrote this blog post to describe ...

- A the hotel.
- B the photos.
- C the journey.

4 Read the email and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

TO: Kate
FROM: Sue
SUBJECT: Great news

Hi Kate! I found a new club yesterday. It's perfect for you, too. It's a swimming club – I know you were looking for one. It's in the sports centre, the one near your house.

Why is Sue emailing Kate?

- A** to tell her she joined a club
- B** to give her directions to the club
- C** to recommend the club

5 Read the notice and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

There are no services between Preston and Carstone. Large stones have fallen down and it is not safe for trains to travel along the line. Workers cannot fix the problem today because of heavy rain.

What caused the problem with the trains?

- A** bad weather
- B** some rocks
- C** railway employees

6 Read the notice and choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).**Notice!**

Please note that the swimming pool is for hotel guests. All children must be with an adult. The pool is open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The notice says ...

- A** anyone in the building can use the pool.
- B** the pool is closed in the afternoon.
- C** kids may use the pool with a parent.

Part 2

Working from home

Three people talk about working from home



Priya

I started working from home a couple of years ago. In the beginning, I really enjoyed it. I love getting up later than I did when I worked in an office. Sometimes I don't like chatting to people in the morning, so it was nice to avoid that! I like taking a break when I need it and even going to the gym with my sister, if I have enough time. But the strange thing is that after a while, I began to miss talking to my colleagues, even just saying 'Good morning' to them!



Henry

I stopped teaching four years ago to start my own business and work from home. I wasn't sure about leaving school at first because I enjoyed teaching my students important skills. During school time, working from home was great, but over the long summer break my children didn't understand that I was working. They kept asking me to play with them, and they sometimes got angry when I couldn't. Now they're older, I can work as I please. I find it very quiet in the house now, so I turn on the radio instead!



Ajay

The first time I worked at home, I didn't really manage to do anything the first day. I got up late and found it hard to start work. Now, I write down all my tasks for the day and the time I need to do them. I make sure there's nothing to take my attention from my work and that it's nice and quiet. Actually, I would prefer to work in a busy office with people to chat to, so I hope that I soon find something else to do.

Read the questions (1–6) and match them to the correct text about working from home (A–C).

1 Who changed their mind about one part of working from home?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

2 Who was happy to have a new daily routine?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

3 Who found it difficult to work because of family?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

4 Who is looking for a new job?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

5 Who changed their career?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

6 Who says in the beginning they found working at home difficult?

- A Priya B Henry C Ajay

Part 3

Six sentences are missing from this text. Choose the correct sentence (A–G) for each gap (1–6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Let's talk about the weather

The subject of weather is one that we talk about a lot in my home country. It's a great way to start or continue a conversation.

In the UK, it's quite normal to hear someone say 'What a nice day we're having', or 'What a horrible day'.¹ I didn't realize this until I moved to a different country.

In Tenerife, where I live now, people think that talking about the weather is boring.² This means that there isn't a huge difference between summer and winter so there isn't very much to say about the subject.

In the UK, you can have a lot of different types of weather on the same day.³ It can be warm

and sunny when you get up, but cold and rainy in the afternoon.

In some countries, people have different clothes for summer and winter.⁴ I just have the same clothes in my bedroom and wear what I think I'm going to be comfortable in.

I enjoy being out in all kinds of weather.⁵ It makes you feel cold and wet and drivers can't see where they are going.

My favourite weather is snow, but of course we don't get a lot.⁶ One year the National Park was closed because cars couldn't drive along the roads!

- A** Because of this, it's sometimes difficult to choose what to wear in the morning.
- B** They put them in a suitcase at the end of each season.
- C** However, we do sometimes get very cold winter weather.
- D** The only thing that I really don't like is fog.
- E** People talk about the weather a lot because it's always different.
- F** The temperature stays between 20°C and 25°C all year round.
- G** Some people think that it rains all the time here.

Part 4

Read the article about baking. For each question (1–4), choose the correct answer (A, B, or C).

Me and my cakes

My hobby is baking. I started off by watching Mum make cakes at home. In the holidays, I used to visit our neighbour and she showed me all the basic recipes. Now, I'm even teaching my sister to bake!

You need butter, sugar, eggs and flour and these don't cost much money – most people have them in their kitchen. It's helpful to have a big kitchen, but a small one is OK, too. You have to organize your space well and be tidy, or else things will get messy very fast!

My teacher printed photos of my cakes in the school magazine. That gave me the idea to set up a social media account. I wanted my classmates to have fun baking, too. One day, a woman asked me to bake a cake for a birthday party and she paid me for it!

What was my hobby is now a successful small business. The only thing I need is a name. Maybe I'll ask my online customers for some suggestions. The best one will get a free cake!

At university, I'll have lots of classes and essays, but I'm not going to stop baking! I'll use the money for books and equipment, but that's not why I want to carry on with it. Leaving home can be hard, and focusing on my baking will help me through the first months of my new life.

- 1 Who taught Emily how to bake?
 - A her sister
 - B her mother
 - C her neighbour
- 2 The most important thing for baking is ...
 - A being clean and careful.
 - B having a large space to work in.
 - C finding cheap products.
- 3 Why did Emily post pictures of her cakes online?
 - A to share her hobby with her friends
 - B to earn money from her hobby
 - C to please her tutor
- 4 Emily will continue baking at university because ...
 - A she has to pay for her studies.
 - B she thinks her lessons will be boring.
 - C it will help her manage a difficult time.

Writing

Part 1

You have 20 minutes to write an email. Write 80–130 words.

You are going on a nature walk next weekend with your friend Charlie. First, read the email below from Charlie. Then write an email to Charlie, including the three notes you have made.

FROM: Charlie
SUBJECT: Nature walk

Hi!

I'm writing about our nature walk next weekend. I'm excited to visit the national park! What's the best way for us to get there?

Give details

I'm not sure what to take with me. What do you think the weather will be like?

Explain

Finally, my cousin Danny would like to come with us. Danny's very friendly and loves nature, too.

No problem

Bye for now,

Charlie

Part 2

For Writing Part 2, choose one question, the essay OR the article.

Part 2 Essay

You have 25 minutes to write an essay. Write 100–160 words.

You have had a class discussion on pollution. Your teacher now wants you to write an essay.

The title of the essay is:

Should cars be allowed in city centres?

Write your essay.

Part 2 Article

You have 25 minutes to write an article. Write 100–160 words.

You have seen the following advert in an online magazine for English language students.

Write an article for the magazine.

Someone special

We all know someone special that we would like to thank. Who is this person?

What did they do? Why would you like to thank them?

The best articles will be published in next month's issue of *EZ English Magazine*.

Write your article.

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