Track 46

Technology brings people closer together, for example by allowing friends on opposite sides of the world to chat to each other online. But then again, it can isolate people, for example if someone spends hours in front of their computer alone.

Track 47

What do you think of online shopping?

Track 48

My friend Kate and her mum went to see a movie in 3D for the first time the other night. She really enjoyed it.

Track 49

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Track 50

What do people in your country think of new technology?

Track 51

What are your hobbies?
What is your favourite musical instrument?
Do you prefer action films or comedies? Why?
Do you think it is important to read novels and poetry? Why?

Sample answers:

Examiner:	What are your hobbies?
Candidate:	There is no one thing I'm fanatical about. I have various interests. I'm a keen cook and love to create new dishes and then invite my friends over to taste them. I love playing cards, especially Uno. Most of my friends are crazy about karaoke and I go with them from time to time but it's not really my kind of thing.
Examiner:	What is your favourite musical instrument?
Candidate:	What is my favourite instrument? I would have to say the piano. I'm not a big classical music fan on the whole but I do love a bit of piano. It's the emotion it can express that fascinates me, the way man and instrument become one and the pianist gets lost in the music.
Examiner:	Do you prefer action films or comedies?
Candidate:	Neither really. If I had to choose between them I'd pick comedies, but what I really like is horror films, especially those involving ghosts. I enjoy getting a good fright.