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WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM (approx)



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 study the questions.** You will hear each recording twice, with an interval of ten seconds between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next recording.

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.

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Recording 1

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

Question 1–5: Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

1. Jason says sales of greener cars were high in March even though there was a/an _____ . 1
2. People delay buying a car to maintain the _____ . 1
3. Alice says the extraction of minerals for the car battery has a high _____ . 1
4. Mining nickel can spread _____ across the ground. 1
5. Another issue is the eventual _____ of batteries. 1

Question 6: Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **two** boxes.

6. Which **two** of these things does Jason say about the early days of petrol engines? 2

A When cars first appeared, petrol wasn't readily available.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B People had to buy fuel from petrol stations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C Drivers stopped at shops when travelling long distances.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D Petrol stations began to open up before the First World War.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E Petrol stations increased then as charge points are increasing now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Recording 1 questions (continued)

Question 7: Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **one** box.

7. What are Alice's and Jason's attitudes to electric cars?

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A Alice is in favour of them but Jason is against.

☐

B Both are in favour of them.

☐

C Jason thinks hybrids are the way forward.

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D Both are sceptical about them.

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Recording 2

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

Questions 8–10: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

8. How does John feel about changing career?

1

A regretful

☐

B enthusiastic

☐

C apprehensive

☐

D confident

☐

9. What does Sally say about her decision to change career?

1

A She should have done it earlier.

☐

B It was a difficult transition.

☐

C Her employer was unsupportive.

☐

D It was a daunting experience.

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10. What did Sally find most difficult about changing career?

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A Leaving a job that she enjoyed.

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B Starting from the beginning again.

☐

C Feeling inferior to the other candidates.

☐

D Not having the appropriate expertise.

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Recording 2 questions (continued)

Questions 11–13: Complete the sentences below with **ONE OR TWO WORDS**.

11. Sally advises John to _____ ideas to create
a spider diagram. 1

12. According to Sally, skills gained through paid employment and voluntary work are
equally _____. 1

13. Before committing to a/an _____ plan, John
intends to get some additional experience. 1

Question 14: Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **three** boxes.

14. What **three** things did Sally do when rewriting her CV? 3

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| A | Researched the companies she applied to. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B | Looked at specimen CVs on the Internet. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C | Changed the layout. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D | Asked her husband to proofread it. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E | Sought advice from an expert. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F | Removed reference to her former job. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Recording 3

Listen to the recording and answer the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You will have one minute to read the questions in Recording 3 before the recording begins.

Questions 15–17: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

15. Which **one** of these statements is true, according to the speaker:

A thousand years ago

1

A Gaelic was the main language spoken in Scotland.

☐

B English was spoken in the far north east of Scotland.

☐

C the Vikings communicated in Gaelic.

☐

D Gaelic was a minority language in Scotland.

☐

16. Which **one** of these statements is true, according to the speaker:

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A Recently the number of Gaelic speakers has increased.

☐

B Gaelic was encouraged in the 18th century.

☐

C 19th century parents wanted their children to learn Gaelic.

☐

D In the 19th century Gaelic speakers left the Highlands.

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17. Which **one** of these statements is true, according to the speaker:

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A The Gaelic secondary school in Glasgow started in 1985.

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B There are three Gaelic primary schools in Edinburgh.

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C There is a dedicated Gaelic secondary school in Edinburgh.

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D A new Gaelic secondary school will open in Edinburgh.

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Recording 3 questions (continued)

Question 18: Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **two** boxes.

18. Which **two** of the following things does the speaker say?

2

- A Many Highlanders moved to Glasgow in the 19th and early 20th centuries. ☐
- B Many people in Edinburgh have ancestors who spoke Gaelic. ☐
- C Most local councils in Scotland offer Gaelic-medium education. ☐
- D Most children in Gaelic-medium education have parents who speak Gaelic. ☐
- E In some families, speaking Gaelic has skipped a generation or two. ☐

Questions 19–20: Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

19. Some Glasgow families have a/an _____
Gaelic due to their Highland origins.

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20. Gaelic-medium schools offer the only opportunity for _____
learning in state schools.

1

Question 21: Choose the correct answer and tick (✓) **one** box.

21. As regards Gaelic, what trends does the speaker highlight?

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- A Fewer native speakers but more learners. ☐
- B More native speakers but fewer learners. ☐
- C More native speakers and more learners. ☐
- D Fewer native speakers and fewer learners. ☐

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