

GENERAL MOCK TEST 2

LISTENING

PART-1

Questions 1-10

Complete the notes below. Write **NO MORE THAN ONE WORD OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Events during Kenton Festival

Start date: 16th May

Opening ceremony (first day)

- In town centre, starting at **(1)**
- The mayor will make a speech
- A **(2)** will perform
- Performance of a **(3)** about Hele Tungate a **(4)**
- Evening fireworks display situated across the **(5)**

Other events

- Videos about relationships that children have with their **(6)**
- Venue: **(7)** House
- Performance of **(8)** dances
- Venue: the **(9)** market in the town centre
- Time: 2 and 5 pm every day except 1st day of festival
- Several professional concerts and one by children
- Venue: library
- Time: 6.30 pm on the 18th

- Tickets available online from festival box office and from shops which have the festival

(10) in their windows

PART-2

Questions 11-13

Complete the sentences below. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE

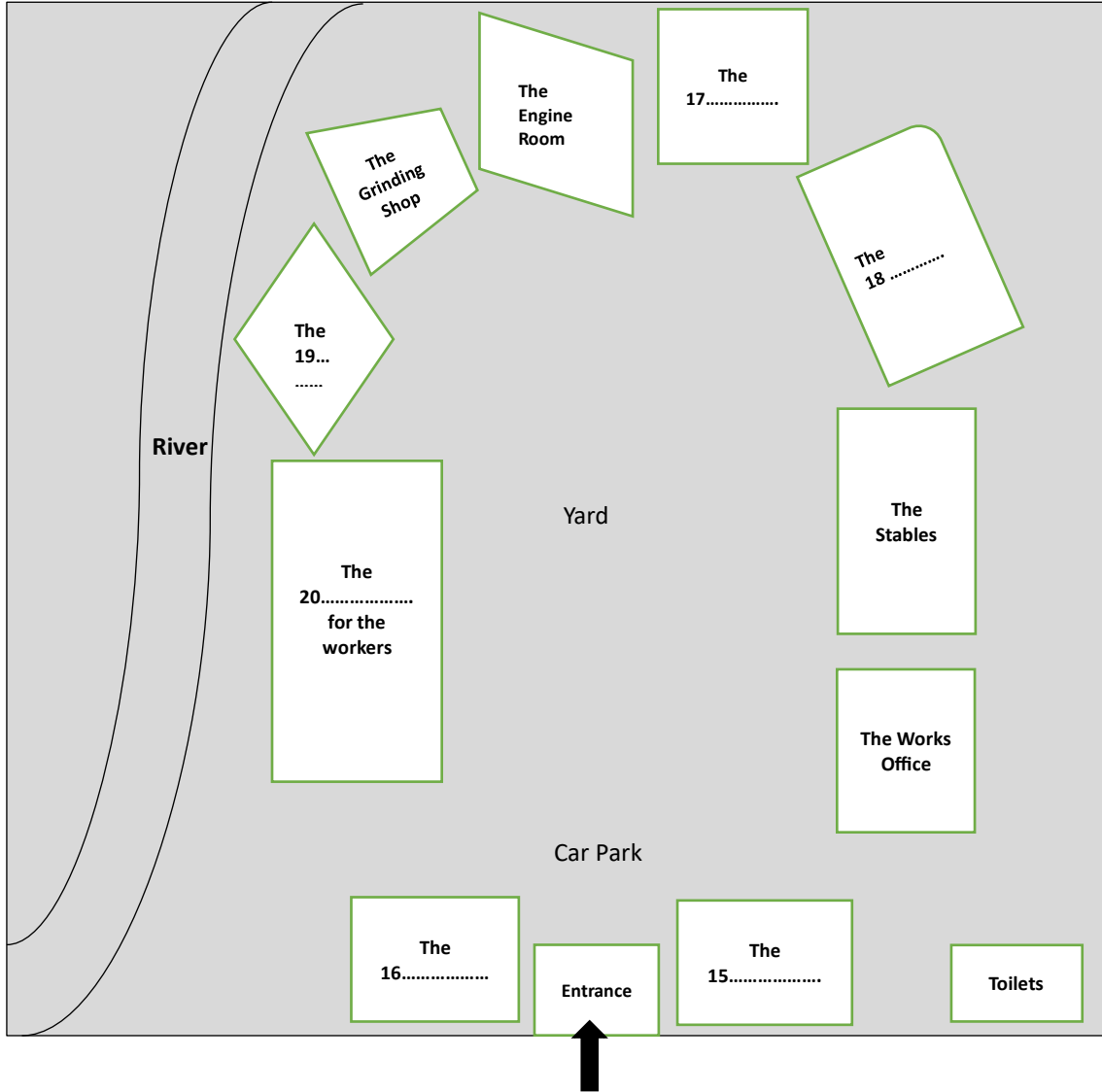
11. Riverside Village was a good place to start an industry because it had water, raw materials and fuels such as and

12. The metal industry was established at Riverside Village by who lived in the area.

13. There were over water-powered mills in the area in the eighteenth century.

Questions 14-20

Complete the plan below using **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.



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PART-3

Questions 21 and 22

Choose **TWO** letters, A-E.

Which **TWO** benefits of city bike-sharing schemes do the students agree are the most important?

- A** reducing noise pollution
- B** reducing traffic congestion
- C** improving air quality
- D** encouraging health and fitness
- E** making cycling affordable

Questions 23 and 24

Choose **TWO** letters, A-E.

Which **TWO** things do the students think are necessary for successful bike-sharing schemes?

- A** Bikes should have a GPS system.
- B** The app should be easy to use.
- C** Public awareness should be raised.
- D** Only one scheme should be available.
- E** There should be a large network of cycle lanes.

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Questions 25-30

What is the speakers' opinion of the bike-sharing schemes in each of the following cities?
Choose **SIX** answers from the box and write the correct letter, A-G, next to Questions 25-30.

Opinion of bike-sharing scheme

- A They agree it has been disappointing.
- B They think it should be cheaper.
- C They are surprised it has been so successful.
- D They agree that more investment is required.
- E They think the system has been well designed.
- F They disagree about the reasons for its success.
- G They think it has expanded too quickly.

Cities

- 25. Amsterdam
- 26. Dublin
- 27. London
- 28. Buenos Aires
- 29. New York
- 30. Sydney

PART-4

Questions 31-36

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

Wildlife in city gardens

31. What led the group to choose their topic?
- A They were concerned about the decline of one species
 - B They were interested in the effects of city growth
 - C They wanted to investigate a recent phenomenon

32. The exact proportion of land devoted to private gardens was confirmed by

- A** consulting some official documents
- B** taking large-scale photos
- C** discussions with town surveyors

33. The group asked garden owners to

- A** take part in formal interviews
- B** keep a record of animals they saw
- C** get in contact when they saw a rare species

34. The group made their observations in gardens

- A** which had a large number of animal species
- B** which they considered to be representative
- C** which had stable populations of rare animals

35. The group did extensive reading on

- A** wildlife problems in rural areas
- B** urban animal populations
- C** current gardening practices

36. The speaker focuses on three animal species because

- A** a lot of data has been obtained about them
- B** the group were most interested in them
- C** they best indicated general trends

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Questions 37-40

Complete the table below. Write **ONE WORD ONLY**.

Animal	Reason for population increase in gardens	Comments
(37)	suitable stretches of water	massive increase in urban population
Hedgehogs	safe from (38) when in cities	easy to (39) them accurately
Song Thrushes	- a variety of (40)..... to eat - more nesting places available	large survey starting soon

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READING

Section-1

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-7

CALL ANYWHERE IN THE STATE FOR ONE LOW SHORT-DISTANCE RATE!

You have a choice of three Supafone Mobile Digital access plans: Leisure time, Executive and Highflier. They are designed to meet the needs of light, moderate and high-volume users. Calls in each plan are charged at only two rates – short-distance and long-distance. You enjoy big savings with off-peak calls.

LEISURE TIME

Your mobile phone is mainly for personal use. You use your phone to keep family and friends in touch. You don't want to strain your budget. With this plan you enjoy the lowest monthly access fee and extremely competitive costs for calls. However, a monthly minimum call charge applies.

EXECUTIVE

You're in business and need to be able to call your office and your clients whenever the need arises. You value the convenience of a mobile phone but need to keep a close eye on overheads. For frequent users: the monthly access fee is slightly higher, but you enjoy the savings of a discounted call rate.

HIGHFLIER

You are always on the move and communications are critical. You need to be able to call and be called wherever you are world-wide. As a high-volume user you pay an access fee of just \$60/month but even lower call rates.

	LEISURETIME		EXECUTIVE		HIGHFLIER	
Monthly Access Fee Access Fee	\$35		\$46		\$60	
	PEAK 30 sec. unit	OFF PEAK Save 50%	PEAK 30 sec. unit	OFF PEAK Save 50%	PEAK 30 sec. unit	OFF PEAK Save 50%
Short-distance	21.0 cents	10.5 cents	16.8 cents	8.4 cents	15.1 cents	7.6 cents
Long-distance	31.5 cents	16.8 cents	25.2 cents	12.6 cents	21.0 cents	11.4 cents
Best if you spend this amount a month on calls	up to \$95		\$95-\$180		more than \$180	
<i>Peak time:</i> 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday						
<i>Off peak:</i> all other times, including all day Sunday. Billing increments are in 30-second units. Call charges are rounded up to the nearest cent. In off-peak periods, calls are subject to a minimum charge of two 30-second units.						
<i>Once-only Connection Fee:</i> \$30 plus additional \$35 for your SmartCard.						

Question 1-7

Classify the following statements.

A the LEISURE TIME plan

B the EXECUTIVE plan

C the HIGHFLIER plan

D ALL three of the plans

1. The monthly access fee is the highest but the call rates are the lowest.
2. Calls are charged at short-distance or long-distance rates.
3. This plan is NOT primarily intended for people who need a mobile phone for their work.
4. This plan is a cost-effective choice if you spend just over \$100 a month on calls.
5. It costs 21 cents for a 30-second long-distance call at 2 p.m.
6. The connection fee is \$30.
7. You will have to pay a minimum amount for calls each month.

Read the text below and answer Questions 8-14

WESTWINDS FARM CAMPSITE

Open April – September

(Booking is advised for holidays in July and August to guarantee a place.)

Jim and Meg Oaks welcome you to the campsite. We hope you will enjoy your stay here.

We ask all campers to show due care and consideration whilst staying here and to observe the following camp rules.

- Keep the campsite clean and tidy:
 - dispose of litter in the bins provided;
 - leave the showers, toilets and washing area in the same state as you found them;
 - ensure your site is clear of all litter when you leave it.

- Don't obstruct rights of way. Keep cars, bikes, etc. off the road.

- Let sleeping campers have some peace. Don't make any noise after 10 o'clock at night or before 7.30 in the morning.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash. Owners of dogs that disturb other campers by barking through the night will be asked to leave.
- Disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated.
- The lighting of fires is strictly prohibited.
- Ball games are not allowed on the campsite. There is plenty of room for ball games in the park opposite the campsite.
- Radios, portable music equipment, etc. must not be played at high volume.

The management reserves the right to refuse admittance.

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

8. The campsite is open all year round.

9. You should book ahead for the busier times of the year.

10. The minimum stay at the campsite is two nights.

11. The entrance to the campsite is locked after 10 p.m.

12. No dogs are allowed on the campsite.

13. You are not allowed to cook food on open fires.

14. The owners of the campsite may not allow you to camp there.

SECTION 2

Read the text below and answer Questions 15-22.

Employees' health and safety responsibilities

As an employee you have rights and you have responsibilities for your own wellbeing and that of your colleagues. This article explains what these responsibilities are, and how you can meet them.

Your rights

Your rights as an employee to work in a safe and healthy environment are set down in law and generally can't be changed or removed by your employer. The most important of these rights are:

- as far as possible, to have any hazards to your health and safety properly controlled
- to be given any personal protective and safety equipment without being charged for it
- to stop work and leave your work area, without being disciplined, if you have reasonable concerns about your safety
- to tell your employer about any health and safety concerns you have
- not to be disciplined if you contact the Health and Safety Executive, or your local authority, if your employer won't listen to you
- to have breaks during the time you are at work
- to have time off from work during the working week
- to have annual paid holiday.

Your responsibilities

Your most important responsibilities as an employee are:

- to take reasonable care of your own health and safety.
- to remove jewellery and avoid loose clothing when operating machinery
- if you have long hair, or wear a headscarf, make sure it's tucked out of the way as it could get caught in machinery
- to take reasonable care not to expose fellow employees and members of the public to risk by what you do or don't do in the course of your work
- to co-operate with your employer, making sure you complete the training that is provided and that you understand and follow the company's health and safety policies
- not to interfere with or misuse anything that's been provided for your health, safety or welfare
- to report any injuries you suffer as a result of doing your job – your employer may then need to change the way you work.
- if you drive or operate machinery, you have a responsibility to tell your employer if you take

medication that makes you feel sleepy. If you do, they should temporarily move you to another job if they have one for you to do.

Questions 15-22

Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 15-22 on your answer sheet.

Health and Safety at Work

Employees' rights are established by (15)..... and include the following:

- employers should manage any potential dangers to their staff's health and safety
- any (16)..... needed for employees to work safely should be free
- employees may inform management of any (17)..... they have relating to health and safety
- employees are entitled to some (18)..... while they are working

Employees' responsibilities

- to take off jewellery and dress appropriately for their particular work
- to avoid putting colleagues and others at (19).....
- to do any (20)..... that the employer offers
- to inform the employer of any (21)..... received while working
- to make sure the employer knows of any (22)..... you are taking that might affect performance

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Read the text below and answer Questions 23-27.

Our company notices

A. Advance warning

Refurbishment of offices in the Perkins Building will start on Monday 22 May, and is expected to be completed by the end of June. Staff based in that building will be individually notified of where they'll work for that time. On the previous Friday, facilities staff will move everything

that needs to go to your new office. Before then, please make a list of what should be moved, and another list of what can be stored.

B. Information about financial systems

The review of the company's financial systems is now complete, and modifications will shortly be introduced. Jane Phillips from Finance will explain the changes and how they affect you, and answer any queries about them, between 12 and 1 pm on 15 March in Room 5.

C. Purchasing Manager

As you probably know, Sadia Ahmed is leaving the company on 31 March, after ten years as Purchasing Manager. Her replacement, Jeff Bridges, will join us on the previous Monday. Jeff will be in Room 70 between 12 and 2 pm on 3 April: feel free to drop in and say hello to him during your lunch break.

D. We're doing well!

We've received a large and urgent order from one of our major customers. As a result, we'll need to run the production line for an additional three hours each evening throughout the week beginning 13 March. Any production workers willing to do this shift in addition to their normal work should speak to the Production Manager asap.

E Quality control

Because of recent concerns about product quality, we're setting up a team to consider ways of raising quality and making recommendations for changes. As staff from any department might have useful ideas, anyone is welcome to join the team – ring Rodrigo Perez on 1012. It will involve fortnightly meetings and some research, over a six-month period.

F New opportunity

Dev Patel will cease to be part-time content editor of the company intranet at the end of April, as his new role in Marketing leaves him no time for it. We're looking for two people to take over. If you're interested, and can work an extra three or four hours a week (for extra pay, of course!), contact Maggie Campbell on 2146.

G And finally...

We hope to re-start the company tennis championship, which hasn't taken place for the last three years. If this is something for you, talk to Bill Sinclair on extension 2371. You don't need to be a star player!

For which company notice are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter, A-G, in boxes 23-27 on your answer sheet

23. Staff are needed to work on internal communications.
24. People are needed to help improve an internal system.
25. Staff are asked if they want to take part in an internal competition.
26. Volunteers are asked to work overtime for a limited period.
27. Staff will be told where to work temporarily.

Section 3

Read the text below and answer Questions 28-40.

The Birdmen

Will people finally be able to fly long distances without a plane?

John Andres investigates

People have dreamt of flying since written history began. In the 1400s, Leonardo da Vinci drew detailed plans for human flying machines. You might have thought the invention of mechanised flight would have put an end to such ideas. Far from it. For many enthusiasts, the ultimate flight fantasy is the jet pack, a small piece of equipment on your back which enables you to climb vertically into the air and fly forwards, backwards and turn. Eric Scott was a stuntman in Hollywood for about a decade and has strapped jet packs to his back more than 600 times and propelled himself hundreds of metres into the air. Now he works for an energy-drink company that pays him to travel around the world with his jet pack. As Scott says: 'I get to do what I love and wherever I go I advertise Go Fast drinks. Existing packs work for little more than 30 seconds, but people are working on designs which let you fly around for 20 minutes. That would be amazing,' says Scott.

Paramotoring is another way of getting into the air. It combines the sort of parachute used in paragliding with a small engine and propeller and is now becoming popular. Chris Clarke has been flying a paramotor for five years. 'Getting about is roughly comparable with driving a petrol-powered car in terms of expense. The trouble is that paramotoring is ill-suited to commuting because of the impossibility of taking off in strong winds,' says Clarke.

Another keen paramotorist recently experienced a close call when in the air. 'I started to get a warm feeling in my back,' says Patrick Vandenbulcke. 'I thought I was just sweating. But then I

started to feel burning and I realized I had to get to the ground fast. After an inspection of the engine later, I noticed that the exhaust pipe had moved during the flight and the harness had started melting.’ This hasn’t put Vandembulcke off, however, and he is enthusiastic about persuading others to take up paramotoring. However he warns: ‘Although it seems cheaper to try to teach yourself, you will regret it later as you won’t have a good technique.’ A training course will cost over £1,000, while the equipment costs a few thousand pounds. You may pick up cheaper equipment secondhand, however. There was one pre-used kit advertised on a website, with a bit of damage to the cage and tips of the propellers due to a rough landing. ‘Scared myself to death,’ the seller reported, ‘hence the reason for this sale.’

Fun though it is, paramotoring is not in the same league as the acrobatics demonstrated by Yves Rossy. He has always enjoyed being a daredevil showman. He once parachuted from a plane above Lake Geneva and, intentionally skimming the top of a fountain as he landed, he descended to the lake where he grabbed some water ski equipment and started waterskiing while the crowd watched open-mouthed.

Rossy, who has been labelled ‘the Birdman, was born in 1959 in Switzerland. After flying planes for the air force from the ages of 20 to 28, he went on to do a job as a pilot with a commercial airline from 1988 to 2000. ‘The cockpit of a plane is the most beautiful office in the world,’ he says, ‘but I didn’t have any contact with the air around me. It was a bit like being in a box or a submarine under water.’ From then on, he therefore concentrated on becoming the first jet-powered flying man.

In May 2008, he stepped out of an aircraft at about 3000 metres. Within seconds he was soaring and diving at over 290 kph, at one point reaching 300 kph, about 104 kph faster than the typical falling skydiver. His speed was monitored by a plane flying alongside. Rossy started his flight with a free fall, then he powered four jet turbines to keep him in the air before releasing a parachute which enabled him to float to the ground. The jet turbines are attached to special wings which he can unfold. The wings were manufactured by a German firm called JCT Composites. Initially he had approached a company called Jet-Ki: which specialised in miniature planes, but the wings they made for him weren’t rigid enough to support the weight of the engines. Rossy says he has become ‘the first person to maintain a stable horizontal flight, thanks to aerodynamic carbon foldable wings.’ Without these special wings, it is doubtful he would have managed to do this.

Rossy’s ambitions include flying down the Grand Canyon. To do this, he will have to fit his wings with bigger, more powerful jets. The engines he currently uses already provide enough thrust to allow him to climb through the air, but then he needs the power to stay there. In terms of the physical strength involved, Rossy insists it’s no more difficult than riding a motorbike. ‘But even the slightest change in position can cause problems. I have to focus hard on relaxing in the air, because if you put tension in your body, you start to swing round.’ If he makes it, other fliers will want to know whether they too will some day be able to soar. The answer is yes, possibly, but it is unlikely to be more than an expensive hobby.

Questions 28-30

Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D. Write the correct letter in boxes 28-30 on your answer sheet.

28 What information is given about Vandenbulcke in paragraph 3?

- A He narrowly avoided a dangerous situation.
- B He did not understand the equipment he was using.
- C He did not react fast enough to the situation.
- D He was fortunate to get the help he needed.

29 When the writer refers to some second-hand paramotoring equipment which was for sale, he is emphasising that

- A paramotoring equipment is in short supply
- B paramotoring equipment needs to be carefully tested.
- C paramotoring is a very expensive hobby.
- D paramotoring can be a dangerous pastime.

30 The description of what happened at Lake Geneva is given to suggest that Rossy

- A frequently changes his plans.
- B likes to do what appears impossible.
- C is an excellent overall sportsman.
- D knows the area very thoroughly.

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Questions 31-35

Complete the summary below. Choose **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 31-35 on your answer sheet.

Yves Rossy

Yves Rossy was born in 1959. He worked as both a military and 31 pilot before focusing on his ambition of becoming a jet-powered flying man. First he asked a firm which made 32 planes to construct some 33 for him, but these proved

unsuitable. The second company he approached was able to help him, however. On a flight in May 2008, he managed to achieve a top speed of 34 easily exceeding the speed achieved by the average 35 He had engines to keep him in the air and then used a parachute when it was time to come down.

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Questions 36-40

Look at the following statements (Questions 36-40) and the list of people below.

Match each statement with the correct person, A, B, C or D.

Write the correct letter, A, B, C or D, in boxes 36-40 on your answer sheet.

36 He acknowledges the role of his equipment in enabling him to set a flying record.

37 He explains how he uses his flying expertise to promote a product.

38 He explains what led him to experiment with different ways of flying.

39 He describes a mistake some beginners might make.

40 He mentions circumstances which prevent you from leaving the ground.

People

A Eric Scott

B Chris Clarke

C Patrick Vandenbulcke

D Yves Rossy

WRITING

Task 1

You should spend 20 minutes on this task

You are going to another country to study. You would like to do a part-time job while you are studying, so you want to ask a friend who lives there for some help.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *give details of your study plans*
- *explain why you want to get a part-time job*
- *suggest how your friend could help you find a job*

Write at least 150 words.

You do **NOT** need to write any addresses.

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear,

Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

It is important for people to take risks, both in their professional lives and their personal lives.

Do you think the advantages of taking risks outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.