

FCE Sample Test



Listening – Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You overhear a woman talking to her husband on a mobile phone. What is the background to the conversation?
 - A The family's holiday may have to be cancelled.
 - B The woman wants to buy their son a computer.
 - C Their son has schoolwork to complete before the start of term.

- 2 You hear a phone-in programme on the radio. Why has the man phoned?
 - A to complain about the traffic scheme
 - B to express his support for the traffic scheme
 - C to question the aims of the traffic scheme

- 3 On the radio, you hear a woman talking about her house. What has she recently done?
 - A decided to move to another area
 - B solved a problem that she had
 - C made improvements to her house

- 4 You overhear two people discussing a friend. What language does their friend usually speak at home?
 - A French
 - B English
 - C Italian

- 5 You hear a man talking about an activity holiday he went on as a child with his family. How did he feel during the holiday?
 - A bored by the climbing
 - B upset with his father
 - C disappointed with the rowing boat

- 6 You hear the beginning of a radio programme. What is the programme going to be about?
 - A child development
 - B the environment
 - C a form of entertainment

- 7 You hear a man being interviewed about a new project he has set up. What is the purpose of the project?
 - A to help people find accommodation in Scotland
 - B to tell people where to stay in Australia
 - C to advise people how to set up a flat agency

- 8 You switch on the radio in the middle of a programme. What kind of programme is it?
 - A an arts review
 - B an interview
 - C a quiz show

Listening – Part 2

You will hear an announcement about an evening's programme on Radio Pearl. For questions **9-18**, complete the sentences.

7:30 pm 'Art Review': Student Art Exhibition

This evening's programme is taking place at the **(9)** in London.

The exhibition is of work by students in the **(10)** year of their art course.

At the exhibition, you can see things as different as curtains and **(11)**

Some of the works of art have been made using **(12)** technology.

8:00 pm Play: 'The Vanishing Lady'

In the play, a young couple on a train think they hear the sound of someone using a **(13)**

..... A **(14)** tells the couple about an old lady whom he has seen.

After writing this play, the author, Porten, became a writer for **(15)**

9:30 pm 'Business Scenes': Interview with Peter Field

Peter used to work for a **(16)** Peter says the material he uses for

his boats is a particular kind of **(17)** Peter collects **(18)**

..... as a hobby.

Listening – Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about the way they study. For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (**A-F**) which of the opinions each speaker expresses. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

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| A | Music helps me concentrate when I'm studying. | SPEAKER 1 _____ (19) |
| B | I study best in the morning when I can think clearly. | SPEAKER 2 _____ (20) |
| C | I realise I study better when I'm outside in the open air. | SPEAKER 3 _____ (21) |
| D | I find I can concentrate better when I study with a friend. | SPEAKER 4 _____ (22) |
| E | It is much easier for me to study late at night. | SPEAKER 5 _____ (23) |
| F | I prefer to study when I'm lying down. | |

Listening – Part 4

You will hear a girl called Tricia Simpkins talking at a public meeting about a plan to create a nature reserve in the centre of a large city. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A, B** or **C**).

- 24** How did Tricia once feel about the countryside?
A She preferred it to the city.
B She paid no attention to it.
C She wanted others to experience it.
- 25** Why did Tricia take part in a wildlife survey?
A She was required to do it.
B She preferred it to being in school.
C She was asked to do it by her neighbours.
- 26** What does Tricia say about the results of the survey?
A They were unsatisfactory.
B They were confusing.
C They were unexpected.
- 27** What does Tricia say about the problems created by trees?
A People exaggerate them.
B People ignore them.
C People accept them.
- 28** According to Tricia, what is wrong with the trees the council is planting?
A They are expensive to replace.
B They fail to attract wildlife.
C They are too small for the area.
- 29** What used to happen in the wasteland at the end of Tricia's street?
A Dog owners used to go there.
B People used to leave rubbish there.
C Children used to play there.
- 30** What is Tricia's suggestion for the new nature reserve?
A to allow the planting of trees
B to protect it from visitors
C to let it go wild

Solutions:**Part 1:** 1C, 2B, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6C, 7A, 8C**Part 2:** 9 National Museum, 10 final / last, 11 glass work / glass, 12 industrial, 13 gun, 14 waiter, 15 film(s) / movies, 16 computer company, 17 metal, 18 (old) maps**Part 3:** 19B, 20A, 21F, 22D, 23E,**Part 4:** 24B, 25A, 26C, 27A, 28B, 29C, 30C

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Speaking

You take the Speaking test with another candidate, referred to here as your partner. There are two examiners. One will speak to you and your partner and the other will be listening. Both examiners will award marks.

Part 1 (3 minutes)

The examiner asks you and your partner questions about yourselves. You may be asked about things like ‘your home town’, ‘your interests’, ‘your career plans’, etc.

Part 2 (a one-minute ‘long turn’ for each candidate, plus 20-second response from the second candidate)

The examiner gives you two photographs and asks you to talk about them for one minute. The examiner then asks your partner a question about your photographs and your partner responds briefly.

Then the examiner gives your partner two different photographs. Your partner talks about these photographs for one minute. This time the examiner asks you a question about your partner’s photographs and you respond briefly.

Part 3 (approximately 3 minutes)

The examiner asks you and your partner to talk together. You may be asked to solve a problem or try to come to a decision about something. For example, you might be asked to decide the best way to use some rooms in a language school. The examiner gives you a picture to help you but does not join in the conversation.

Part 4 (approximately 4 minutes)

The examiner asks some further questions, which leads to a more general discussion of what you have talked about in Part 3. You may comment on your partner’s answers if you wish.