

LISTENING SECTION

Instructions to Candidates

- You have 30 minutes to complete this section of the test
- There are 3 listening passages and 30 questions to answer
- You will first hear a 30 second test-track. If you can't hear it clearly, tell the examiner and they will adjust the volume.
- You will have ten minutes to listen to each listening passage and to answer the ten questions that relate to it.
- You will hear each listening track twice. You then have some time to answer the questions. The examiner will tell you when this time is over and it's time to move to the next track.
- Put your answers on the answer sheet provided. Write only the letter (e.g. 'a') in the space provided, not the whole answer. Make sure that you fill in the correct column on the answer sheet.

LISTENING PASSAGE 1

'Tokyo: the Megacity that works'

Listen to the listening passage and answer the following questions:

1. What does the number '37 million' refer to?
 - a. The number of people living in Japan
 - b. The number of people who travel every day in Tokyo
 - c. The number of people who live in Tokyo
 - d. The number of vehicles in Tokyo.
2. According to the listening passage, which of the following is true?
 - a. People have difficulty getting to work
 - b. Generally getting to work is easy
 - c. The average journey time is one and a half hours
 - d. Everybody takes trains
3. According to the first person interviewed, what are the advantages of Tokyo's trains – CHOSE TWO ANSWERS
 - a. Short journey times
 - b. Punctuality
 - c. Frequency
 - d. Reliable signs in stations
 - e. Comfortable seats
 - f. Nice views
4. What is the meaning of 'vast' in this passage?
 - a. Heavy
 - b. Complicated
 - c. Wide
 - d. Large
5. How do passengers pay for their travel?
 - a. Chargeable travel cards
 - b. Credit cards
 - c. A type of card called a 'Quick-card'
 - d. In cash
6. According to the listening passage, which rules must passengers obey on Tokyo's trains? CHOSE TWO ANSWERS

- a. Not speaking on mobile phones
 - b. No eating
 - c. No talking
 - d. No litter
 - e. No sitting
 - f. No smoking
7. According to the listening passage, which of the following is true?
- a. Most people prefer to travel by car, but can't afford to
 - b. There are always traffic jams every day
 - c. Most people don't have cars in Tokyo
 - d. Car exhaust fumes choke many people
8. What is meant by 'prohibitive cost of parking'?
- a. Parking is prohibited in some areas, which costs people money as they have to look for a space
 - b. Parking spaces must be bought, but are expensive to buy
 - c. People can pay to stop cars parking outside their houses or businesses
 - d. Parking is not allowed anywhere in central Tokyo.
9. Tokyo is developing its public transport system due to
- a. Environmental concerns about greenhouse gasses
 - b. Financial concerns
 - c. Competition with other cities
 - d. International commitments to cut greenhouse gasses
10. What is this listening passage about?
- a. Trains in Tokyo
 - b. Commuting in Tokyo
 - c. Cycling in Tokyo
 - d. Environmental aspects of Tokyo's public transport system

LISTENING PASSAGE 2

'Gibraltar's Artificial Reef Causes Tension'

Listen to the listening passage and answer the following questions:

11. Which of the following best describes the Spanish attitude to Gibraltar?
- a. Gibraltar is a British colony
 - b. Gibraltar is 300 years old
 - c. Gibraltar should be ruled by Spain
 - d. Britain and Spain should share sovereignty

12. Before the artificial reef was built.....
- a. There were no tensions between Britain and Spain
 - b. There were tensions between Britain and Spain
 - c. Britain and Spain cooperated in its construction
 - d. Gibraltar had no wildlife
13. According to the reading passage, which of these events happened first?
- a. Long queues at the border
 - b. The British announce a blockade of Spanish fishing boats
 - c. The installation of the reef
 - d. The Spanish offered to apologize
14. What is the meaning of 'spat' in the listening passage?
- a. Queue
 - b. Problem
 - c. Fight
 - d. Conversation
15. The situation deteriorated when the Spanish Foreign minister
- a. Imposed a toll and closed Spanish airspace to British flights
 - b. Imposed a toll and closed Spanish airspace to certain British flights
 - c. Threatened to impose a toll and close Spanish airspace to some flights
 - d. Decided not to impose a toll or close Spanish airspace to some flights
16. Which word best describes the reaction of Gibraltar's government to the Spanish Foreign Minister's actions?
- a. Dismissive
 - b. Frightened
 - c. Aggressive
 - d. Unkind
17. How did the British reaction differ from that of Gibraltar?
- a. It was stronger
 - b. It emphasized the importance of Anglo-Spanish relations
 - c. It threatened legal action against Spain
 - d. It targeted the Gibraltar government
18. Why do so many people from Gibraltar live in Spain?
- a. Rent and other costs are lower than in Gibraltar
 - b. The weather is better than in Gibraltar
 - c. Crossing the border is complex

- d. For work

19. Who is inconvenienced by these events?

- a. Spanish citizens
- b. British citizens
- c. Both equally
- d. Neither of them

20. What is this listening passage about?

- a. Fishing rights in Gibraltar
- b. An artificial reef
- c. The long history of Anglo-Spanish relations
- d. A recent diplomatic incident which has escalated

LISTENING PASSAGE 3

'500 Year-Old Skeleton Is King Richard III'

21. What is the news story being announced?

- a. The death of King Richard III
- b. The successful identification of human bones
- c. A murder in Leicester
- d. The reburial of King Richard II

22. How did the forensics team identify the bones?

- a. From historical records
- b. From their location
- c. By matching their DNA with a living relative
- d. By DNA matching with other bones

23. What does 'controversial' refer to in the listening passage?

- a. The search for the bones has been expensive
- b. There are mixed views of King Richard III in historical accounts
- c. The location of the bones was unexpected
- d. The DNA match is doubted by many

24. What is the meaning of 'usurp' in this listening passage?

- a. To remove and replace a reigning monarch
- b. To kill
- c. To send to prison
- d. To torture

25. Why does the female speaker doubt some historical views of Richard III?

- a. Because they were written a long time after he died

- b. Because the full texts are not available
 - c. Because the texts were written by his enemies
 - d. Because it's not certain when Richard III was King of England
26. According to the listening passage, why was the death of Richard III an important historical event?
- a. It led to the transfer of power to a new royal family
 - b. It saved England from a bad ruler
 - c. It helped the Yorkists to gain power
 - d. Richard III was the most important English King
27. According to the listening passage, why is there an argument over where to bury Richard III?
- a. The Queen wants him to be buried in Windsor, but most disagree
 - b. People in both York and Leicester want him to be buried in their city
 - c. The American government disagrees with the British government
 - d. Americans want to pay for Richard's re-burial
28. How many people are in the Richard III Society?
- a. 80
 - b. 800
 - c. 8
 - d. 8000
29. Why does the Richard III Society want him to be buried in York?
- a. To respect his last wishes
 - b. Because they have an office there
 - c. Because a museum is planned there
 - d. Because he was so important
30. Why does the presenter mention the 'a horse'?
- a. Because Richard was found with a horse
 - b. Because Shakespeare called Richard a horse
 - c. Because he is famous for saying 'my kingdom for a horse?!'
 - d. Because he was always seen with a horse

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