# **Listening: Practice Test 1**

All the recordings will be played once only the test is in four parts. At the end of the test. You will be given 10 minutes to transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Now, turn to part 1.

## **Part 1**

You will hear a woman phoning an electrical repair company about a problem with a piece of household equipment. First, You have some time to look at questions 1 to 7. In the exam, you would have 20 seconds to look at the questions. Pause the recording for 20 seconds now. You will see that there is an example that has been done for you on this occasion, only the conversation relating to this will be played first.

Kevin: Hello, Sinclair Electrical Services, Kevin Speaking,

Woman: Oh, good morning. Umm.. I believe you do television repairs.

Kevin: That's right. We do.

The woman is calling about her television. So television has been written in the space. Now, we shall begin. You should answer the questions as you listen, because you will not hear the recording a second time. Listen, carefully and answer questions 1 to 7.

Kevin: Hello, Sinclair Electrical Services, Kevin Speaking,

Woman: Oh, good morning. Umm.. I believe you do television repairs.

Kevin: That's right. We do.

Woman: Well, my television is not working but I don't have a car. Can you come and see it?

Kevin: That should be a problem.

Woman: Good.

Kevin: Can I just take a few details then?

Woman: Certainly,

Kevin: So if I could start with your name?

Woman: Yes, it's Mrs. Douglas.

Kevin: D O U G L A S

Woman: It's double SS at the end actually.

Kevin: Okay, and the address?

Woman: 135 Park Hill Avenue.

Kevin: In summerton?

Woman: That's right and Would you like my phone number?

Kevin: Yes, please

Woman: it's 765428

Kevin: two four two eight

Woman: eight two

Kevin: Okay, right. So, what's the problem with television?

Woman: low volume? Even when you turns up to maximum, it doesn't seem to make much difference. I mean, it's quite an old TV, but it's always worked perfectly well, up to now and the pictures. Okay.

Kevin: hmmmmm.

Woman: I did wonder, we had a power cut a couple of days ago and it's not been right since then. I don't know if that could have affected it.

Kevin: It certainly might have something to do with it. Anyway, I'll come over and have a look. Can you tell me the make and model number by any chance? The number will be on the back of the TV.

Woman: Umm.. Yes. It says uhh Schneider. That's S C H N E I D E R and the model numbers umm.. Let me see. Yes. It's SVV5OO2.

Kevin: Right. Is that a fairly recent model? Woman: Not really. I got it. Seven years ago. I remember the dates because it was the year after I moved into this house and that was eight years ago. I hope you can fix it. I really don't want to buy another one.

Before you hear the rest of the talk, you have some time to look at questions 8 to 10 in the exam, you would have 15 seconds to look at the questions. Pause the recording for 15 seconds now.

Now, listen and answer questions 8 to 10.

Kevin: Well, I'll see what I can do when I come round to the house to look at it. I think I know the road. Is it the one that's right off the high street?

Woman: That's right. The house is on the left. If you're coming from the High Street just before the road, bends to the right. I'm afraid it's getting harder and harder to park on the road. But if you drive around the bend, you can usually find somewhere. Kevin: That's all right. Now, let's see. When would it be convenient for me to come around?

Woman: Well, as soon as possible really? Kevin: Well, what's today, Friday? I'm booked up today and then we've got the weekend, so I'm afraid it looks like Monday morning, the earliest.

Woman: You can't come tomorrow?

Kevin: Well, Saturday morning I'm in the showroom, and I don't work Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Woman: Okay. I'll make sure I'm in.

Kevin: Oh and one last thing. I wonder if you'd mind telling me how you heard about us. We've just opened a new web page and we're interested to see how effective it is.

Woman: No, I actually heard about you from the woman next door. She couldn't remember your number, but I looked up in the phone book.

Kevin: All right, it's always the best advertising word of mouth, right, Okay. Thank you. Mr. Douglass.

Woman: Thank you. Goodbye.

That is the end of part 1.

Now, turns have part 2.

## **Part 2**

You will hear a speech given by a man called George Dyson, about Northfield Sports Complex. First, You have some time to look at questions, 11 to 16.

Now listen, carefully and answer questions, 11 to 16.

On behalf of Northfield Sports Complex. I'd like to extend our warmest welcome to you all here. This evening. I'm George Dyson. Founder of North Wales Sports Complex. I'm giving a speech today to celebrate a special occasion. We started the business exactly a decade ago. And today we have developed into a large firm with a sizable group of members. We've also been nominated, the most valuable company by Greentown at the Yearly Business Awards, which will be held next week. As experienced and qualified reporters you are invited here to experience in witness this historical moment of Northfield Sports Complex together with us situated, within the campus of Greentown University, Northfield Sports Complex is a modern, refreshing and fully equipped facility for sports of all Kinds. As part of its commitment to the local community. Northfield Sports Complex is available not only to school children, but also to local residents. It offers a wide range of facilities, including a 25, metre swimming pool, paved walking and jogging paths, a well-equipped Fitness Gym, all weather pictures, indoor courts for table tennis, tennis and other sports as well as a renowned skating rink. Different age groups and all find the right support to participate in. That's why local residents enjoy working out here. As a result native here are healthier than most of the people within our nation. The whole town is Very proud of having nurtured to world's champions who were once both trained right here in a skating rink. Thus, it has become the ideal venue to learn to skate and have fun. But when I take pride, in most of all, is the skating rink that has stirred the interest of boys and girls here in local schools to skate. Since opening, an increasing number of pupils have been paying regular basis to the skating rink. A new yoga class room with trainers will be open next month for mothers with babies. They can bring their own yoga mat and work out together with their babies. This will be a great way for them to get healthy and meet other moms. There will also be a brand new gym open to pensioners in the near future. Just this month, a new swimming pool is open to all Fitness levels with special offers for those without a job. Our complex is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Except on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We intend to extend our business in the coming year, a list of equipment will be put up for sale. Ranging from exercising equipment like cardio machines to sports recovery and injury prevention facilities within our complex. We try our best to avoid injuries of any kind. We trained, knowledgeable staff to guide our clients through correct, workout regimens, for those who want to further ensure Workout safety. They are Welcome to apply to be a member of our standing committee. They are responsible for revising the safety guidelines, and supervising its enforcement.

Before you hear the rest of the talk, you have some time to look at questions, 17 to 20.

Now, listen and answer questions 17 to 20.

Now, I would like to introduce some of the most popular sports facilities here at Northfield Sports Complex, our 25 Metre swimming pool is the centerpiece of the complex, combining modern bright and airy surroundings with fully up-to-date changing facilities. The pool is excellent for learning how to swim, improving techniques and of course, competing in school competitions. It is also bookable for private functions, including pool parties, where lifeguards are available. Next, We have the only climbing wall throughout the whole town. Many would see, rock climbing is a type of extreme sport, exposing rate risk to those who participate, but actually under proper guidance and the close supervision by the co-chair. It is a perfect sport for the youth to increase their flexibility, and strengthen their muscles. I've to mention our skating rink once again as our most popular facility. It has been prominently featured in a TV commercial. There is no other skating rink larger than ours within the whole nation. Also, our state-of-the-art gym is an inspiring place to train and keep fit in relaxed and friendly surroundings. The technogym equipment enables our clients to measure their performance. If you book a one-on-one trainer, he or she might suggest a future training plan and help you train more systematically.

That is the end of part 2.

You now have half a minute to check your answers.

Now turns to part 3.

## **Part 3**

You'll hear two students discussing their project. First, you have some time to look at questions, 21 to 26.

Now listen, carefully and answer questions 21 to 26.

Student: Well, Fred, Thanks for coming over to my room.

Fred: Well that's OK, I had a lecture near here this morning so it was easy to come over. We've got to get on with this North Sea Oil project anyway.

Student: So, did you manage to do any of the things that we decided on last week?

Fred: Most of the things I got were all the books from the library and saw Mr Peters about the research. He told me the names of some good sites on the internet, where I could find lots of information about the North Sea Oil Industry Safety Issues.

Student: He's a great tutor, isn't he?

Fred: Yes. He's. So I checked out the sites and made some notes. What about you? Did you get the information on the background and history of the North Sea Oil Industry?

Student: Yeah, there were loads of information and I've made notes too. I think I've got it all covered. So let me tell you what I found out. I want the idea past you and you can tell me if it's okay.

Fred: Good idea.

Student: So as you know, the North Sea lies to the East and Northeast of England and Scotland. Apparently the North Sea was long dismissed as a potential source of oil gas, but over the last four decades, it has become the center of one of the world's most productive energy. Industrial Gas was actually first found in quantity in the groningen area of the Netherlands in 1959, this was followed by the first British discovery of gas in the west Seoul field off the coast of East Anglia by the BP Drilling Rig Sea Gem, late in 1965.

Fred: Actually, the first accident was on that rig too. Anyway, sorry. Go on Judith..

Student: the british oil and gas industry in the southern borth grew rapidly in the early years, the deepening economic crisis in the UK meant that there was enormous pressure on the industry to get gas and later oil flowing as exploration and investment moved further north. It became clear that there was oil to be found in great quantities, the stories of water through a number as more companies British European and American took out leases on sectors of the North Sea during the 1990s like the rest of the world. The North Sea industry was badly affected by the global price fluctuations. Nevertheless, the production room grew and peaked around 2000-2001. Now the North Sea is regarded as a mature province on a slow decline. That's about it for now. I'll put more detail into it when we do the presentation, you know, statistics and all that.

You now have some time to look at questions, 27 to 30

Now, listen to the rest of the discussion and answer questions. 27 to 30.

Fred: Yes. You do a good job. Shall I do the same then? It's not as long as yours. Student: Go ahead..

Fred: Okay, then. As I said earlier, the first industrial accident related to the industry in the North Sea happened only days after they discovered the first gas. The sea gem capsized with a loss of 13 lives. There are regular accidents on all the oil rigs around the world but the north sea is just such a harsh environment that there always seems to be more. There the most famous accident and the worst disaster in the North Sea was in the pipe at a disaster of 1988.

Student: Yes, I remember that one on the news when it happened.

Fred: Today, the industry is very safety conscious. When you first arrive, you are given the safety tour of the installation, detailing all key aspects, including fire extinguishers, emergency muster stations lifeboat stations and emergency procedures. You will be introduced to the rig safety program. Everyone attends weekly safety meetings, and daily pre-tour meetings, the weekly meeting is in-depth. Look at industry-wide safety news and other safety related issues on the rig. Companies share such information with other companies throughout the industry. This helps to avoid repeated incidents. A fire and boat drill is often held on the same day, which involves a mock fire and a mock abandon. The rig exercise, the pre-tour meeting is usually a description of the work carried out. When you're off shift, the work you will be doing. The work others are currently doing that may affect you and any other relevant issues of the day accidents, do still happen as in every industry. However, statistics show that with the massive improvements in offshore safety procedures. You now have a higher chance of having fatal accidents. If you work in a building site, than you do when on an oil rig. Well, that's all for me. I'll add lots of details too.

Student: Okay, well let's plan what we have to do next.

That is the end of part 3. you'll now have half a minute to check your answers.

## **Part 4**

You will hear part of a lecture about Urban migration first. You have some time to look at questions, 31 to 40.

Now, listen, carefully and answer questions, 31 to 40.

Good afternoon, and welcome to my talk on Urban migration today. The Wealth has experienced unprecedented Urban growth in the recent decade, as much as three percent of Earth's landmass has been urbanized. An increase of at least 50% over previous estimates. Today people living in cities already outnumber those in rural areas and the trend does not appear to be reversing. In addition, cities have larger amounts of carbon consumption than rural areas. This is a result from two major aspects. First, with the increase of urban population around the world, the massive construction of urban infrastructure and residential housing is hard to avoid. Second Urban households have a higher rate of car ownership and use more gasoline products, even though rural Exodus is often negatively judged. There are also benefits of migration. Shared by the local environment and the society as a whole. Well, firstly, Global trends of increasing Urban migration and population urbanization, can provide opportunities for nature conservation, particularly in regions, where deforestation is driven by agriculture. As rural dwellers leave their homes. Local forests are left to recover. What's more, it is easier for City dwellers to get around. Living in the country means transport can be very difficult, for instance, after midnight there are no buses or taxis in the countryside. However, there is still a number of public transport modes to choose from in the city.

Finally, with more funds and advanced technology, Cities endeavour to produce clean energy. New power plants have been built to take harmful methane, gas, created by the decomposition of rubbish, and converted into electricity by doing so, an important greenhouse gas is turned into useful energy, rather than being directly emitted into the atmosphere, the hustle and bustle of the City life offers women the opportunity to explore different professions and pursue their own careers. Women in cities work as Engineers, Managers and even football players. This change of roles has affected their marital status and family life. More women are choosing their careers over marriage, which raises the graph of late marriages. As a result, more are remaining single, well into their late 30s, they want to be independent and earn money on the road. It is also easier for them to get a promotion while working in the city. Women are slowly achieving wider participation at work. While in rural areas. The mindset is still very conservative. However, cities also changed the way that humans interact with each other and the environment, often causing multiple problems in general. Urban wages are significantly higher. So, moving to the city is an opportunity to earn what was impossible in rural areas. However, the wage difference is often offset by the higher cost of living and absence of self produced goods, including substance farming, a sizable proportion of new corners, attach great importance to money, and gradually their former way of life, thus risking losing their culture. These new city residents are also faced with another problem. According to statistics, the crime rates are significantly higher in densely populated urban regions than in rural areas. For instance, property crime rates in our metropolitan areas are three to four times as high in comparison to the rates in rural communities. Immigrants upon arrival into cities, typically move into the poor blighted neighborhoods, because that is where they can afford to live. Crime in these areas is high and reflects poor living conditions as these neighborhoods experience great levels of poverty, this pattern also occurs for violent crimes, which is much more common in large urban areas and elsewhere. In addition, traffic, congestion and Industrial manufacturing are prominent features of the urban landscape, which take their toll on the natural environment and those who depend on it. Air pollution from both cars and Factory emissions affect the health of countless urban residents. Rural migration can boost the urban economy. With a better economy cities provide their residents with better welfare, but the concentration of services and facilities such as Education, Health and technology. In urban areas, inevitably contributes to greater energy consumption Another problem with life in the city is traffic congestion. It makes people late to work and thus stresses us out before we even get there. Deliveries can't arrive on time, gas costs money. The quality of life of those computers starts to decline. What's worse is that congestion makes it harder to match the right workers to the best jobs. It is economically inefficient as well.

That is the end of part 4. You now have half a minute to check your answers.