

FIFTEENTH CYCLE EXAM

UPPER INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – (1 hour 40 minutes)

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

There are eleven parts in this examination. Write the answers on your answer sheet.

PART 1

Questions 1-5

You are going to read an article about **HOW'S MY DRIVING? ASK MY CAR**. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – F the one which fits each gap (1 – 5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

HOW'S MY DRIVING? ASK MY CAR

Using gadgets while you're driving can be a very bad thing, but an expert on automotive distractions says using a gadget that watches you (1).....

"People don't always understand the degree of distraction they may be exposing themselves to ... so the idea is to help people understand that distraction by providing them with feedback," says John D. Lee. Lee outlines the magnitude of the problem: More than 40,000 people die every year in motor vehicle crashes, (2)..... - including distractions or drowsiness - probably played a role in most of those crashes.

Crashes and near-crashes are about three times as likely to happen (3) (such as dialing a phone or even texting), and twice as likely during a moderately complex task (such as inserting a CD), Lee reported.

As new technologies are introduced, the list of potential distractions keeps getting longer. Of course, most drivers overestimate their own abilities: In one survey, 88 percent of the respondents judged themselves to be safer than the average driver.

(4)..... Lee's method was to install a special camera system that saves video snippets for the 10 seconds before and after every abrupt movement on the road.

(5)..... the number of events triggered by risky drivers declined 89 percent, Lee said, and the rate of risky driving remained low even six weeks later.

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| A. and research indicates that failures of attention. | E. when the driver is performing a complex task not related to driving. |
| B. these are very risky actions. | |
| C. after the feedback sessions, | F. so how does watching the driver help? |
| D. while you're driving can be a very good thing. | |

PART 2

Questions 6-15

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Example:

0 A. in

B. at

C. for

D. to

0

A

Robin Hood

(0)..... Robin Hood is (6)..... Legendary English hero who lived in (7)..... 13th century. According to traditional stories, songs and poems. Robin Hood had been (8)..... rich man whose (9)..... land and money were stolen by (10) evil man, (11) Prince John. Robin had to live and hide in (12)..... Sherwood Forest. where he met (13)..... group of men who were also enemies of (14)..... Prince. They decided to become thieves and steal from (15)..... rich and give to the poor. Several films and lots of Tv series have been made about Robin Hood, who many people believe was a good thief.

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| 6. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 7. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 8. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 9. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 10. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 11. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 12. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 13. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 14. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |
| 15. | A | a | B | the | C | an | D | -- (No article) |

PART 3

Questions 16-20

Read the words and give a definition in English.

Example:

0 Pedestrian area

0 A place where you can't drive.

16. Screensaver (n)

facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.

17. manners (n)

casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true.

18. Ringtone (n)

a way in which a thing is done or happens

19. knowledge (noun)

a sound made by a mobile phone when an incoming call is received

20. gossip (n)

an animation or image that, after a set time, replaces an unchanging computer display.

PART 4

Questions 21 - 25

Complete the sentences with have to, don't have to, must, must not, should, or shouldn't. Example:

0 can't

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They can't be English. They are speaking Italian.

21. It's a wonderful movie. You really _____ go and see it.
22. You _____ drive on the right in Europe (except the UK).
23. Do we _____ bring our dictionaries to the lesson?
24. It's a holiday tomorrow, so we _____ go to school.
25. You _____ swim in the ocean here. There was a shark attack last week.

PART 5

Questions 26 – 30

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Gossiping with the girls

Women are experts at gossiping, and they always talk about trivial things or at least that's what men have always thought. However, some new research suggests that when women talk to women, their conversations are far from frivolous, cover more topics (up to 40 subjects) than when men talk to other men. Women's conversations range from health to their houses, from politics to fashion, from movies to family, from education to relationship problems. Sports are notably absent. Men tend to have a limited range of subjects, the most popular being work, sports, jokes, cars and women.

According to professor Petra Boynton, a psychologist who interview over 1000 women, women also tend to move quickly from one subject to another in conversation, while men usually stick to one subject for longer periods of time. At work, this difference can be an advantage for men, as they can put other matters aside concentrate fully on the topic being discussed. On the other hand, it also means that they sometimes find it hard to concentrate when several things have to be discussed at the same time in a meeting.

Professor Boynton also says that men and women talk for different reasons. In social situation women use conversation to solve problems and reduce stress while men talk with each other to laugh or to compare opinions.



26. When women talk to each other they generally talk about....

- a. Unimportant things
- b. Very serious things
- c. Many different things
- d. Men's things

27. Men.....as women.

- a. don't talk as much.
- b. don't talk about as many things.
- c. don't work as much.
- d. don't talk about sports

28. In conversations women.....than men.

- a. talk more quickly
- b. change the subject more often.
- c. talk more about work.
- d. often talk about cars.

29. At work, if there is a meeting that focuses on one subject,

- a. Men will probably concentrate better than women.
- b. Women will probably concentrate better than men.
- c. Men and women will both concentrate well.
- d. Men and women won't concentrate at all.

30. One of the reasons why women talk to each other is

- a. To relax.
- b. To exchange ideas.
- c. To tell jokes.
- d. To complain about men.

PART 6

Questions 31 – 35

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use between one to three words.
Example:

0. I started painting the kitchen three hours ago.

I have been painting the kitchen for three hours.

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Have been painting

- e. **Smoking is forbidden in hospitals.**

You _____ in hospitals.

- f. **It isn't necessary to bring skis as they are included in the package.**

You do _____ bring skis as they are included in the package.

- g. **I thought I could park here.**

I thought parking _____ here.

- h. **Perhaps we will go on a pilgrimage next month.**

We _____ a pilgrimage next month.

- i. **She could read when she was three.**

She _____ to read when she was three.

PART 7

Questions 36- 45

Read the sentences below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning.

Example:

- 0 We went to a really interesting little restaurant the other night.

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Interesting

INTEREST

MEN OR WOMEN STEREOTYPES OR TRUE

(36)..... speaking, I think women worry more about their (37)..... than men.
They tend to spend more hours (38)..... what to wear, doing their hair, and putting on makeup. Women are (39)..... better at making (40)..... look more attractive. On the other hand I think that men are sometimes (41)..... about their appearance or body image (42)..... when they are going bald or when they are gaining (43).....
All in all, (44)..... are changing in our society and who knows in the future people may judge others (45).....

GENERAL

APPEAR

CHOOSE

USUAL

THEY

WORRY

SPECIAL

WEIGH

TYPE

DIFFERENT

PART 8

Questions 46-50

Complete the text with an article: **a, an, the or – (no article)**

Mrs. Parrot, the most famous lady detective of the twenty-first century, was born in the United Kingdom in the 1960s. Since then, she has been to many countries, including Portugal, Singapore and Australia, and has lived in (46)northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere, as well as on the equator. She has never been to Philippines or (47).....United States, but she speaks (48).....English, French and Portuguese. Like Sherlock Holmes, (49).....famous detective, she plays the violin, and sometimes practises up to five times (50).....day.

PART 9

Questions 51-55

Choose the word with a **different sound**.

51.		A. <u>j</u> ust	B. <u>u</u> p	C. pop <u>u</u> lar	D. m <u>u</u> ch
52.		A. sp <u>e</u> ak	B. sk <u>i</u> ll	C. t <u>e</u> ach	D. <u>e</u> mail
53.		A. b <u>a</u> sic	B. attr <u>a</u> ctive	C. l <u>a</u> nguage	D. d <u>a</u> d
54.		A. z <u>o</u> ne	B. motorb <u>o</u> at	C. thr <u>o</u> ugh	D. appr <u>o</u> ach
55.		A. <u>ch</u> emistry	B. cat <u>ch</u>	C. depart <u>u</u> re	D. r <u>i</u> ch

PART 10

Questions 56 - 60

Choose the correct stress in these words.

56.	A. <u>ske</u> ptical	B. skept <u>i</u> cal	C. skept <u>i</u> cal
57.	A. <u>now</u> adays	B. now <u>a</u> days	C. nowa <u>d</u> ays
58.	A. <u>net</u> working	B. netw <u>o</u> rking	C. network <u>i</u> ng
59.	A. <u>de</u> pressing	B. dep <u>re</u> ssing	C. depress <u>i</u> ng
60.	A. <u>re</u> corder	B. rec <u>o</u> rd <u>e</u> r	C. recor <u>d</u> er

LISTENING

1 Listen to the conversation about playing a musical instrument. Who said the following?

Write **A** (Aaron) or **F** (Francesca) or **N** (Neither).

- 1 The children weren't confident before the concert. ____
- 2 I learned a new skill online. ____
- 3 I need a teacher to keep me focused. ____
- 4 You should learn to read music. ____
- 5 I've decided to join a singing group. ____

2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 Millie knows that ____ on a bus is rude.
A listening to music ☐ B applying makeup ☐ C putting your feet on the seat ☐
- 2 Emma tells Pablo when he should ____ at the wedding.
A sit down ☐ B take off his jacket ☐ C give money as a gift ☐
- 3 The tour guide says you don't usually see jars for tips in ____.
A the US ☐ B taxis ☐ C cafés ☐
- 4 According to Josh, Jim shouldn't ____.
A watch the video ☐ B send the email ☐ C take the video ☐
- 5 Michael thinks Manuela ____ keep her cell phone number.
A is allowed to ☐ B shouldn't ☐ C can't ☐