

PRACTICE TEST 2

Paper 3 – Listening (approx. 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1-6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear a film critic talking about a film called *The Master*.

- 1 What is his opinion of the director of the film?
 - A He suspects his career is in decline.
 - B He thinks he is a master of his craft.
 - C He believes he wasn't ready to take on *The Master*.

- 2 The critic thinks the two main actors
 - A were not up to such big roles.
 - B only lit up the screen in scenes they shared.
 - C gave impressive performances.

Extract Two

You hear two friends talking about television.

- 3 What do they agree on?
 - A that there is more variety on television these days
 - B that they can always find something interesting to watch
 - C that broadcasting has improved

- 4 What does the woman suggest the man should do?
 - A watch more of the old programmes on television
 - B do something other than watch television
 - C be more open-minded about what he watches

Extract Three

You hear a man talking about an unusual activity.

- 5 What activity is he talking about?
- A free fall parachuting
 - B bungee jumping
 - C motor racing
- 6 What are his feelings about people who enjoy this activity?
- A He admires their courage.
 - B He is envious of them.
 - C He thinks they must be religious.

Part 2

You will hear someone talk about a serious threat that the UK's forests are facing. For questions 7-15, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The presence of foreign pests and diseases in the UK has led to large numbers of trees being

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The ash dieback fungus is just one 8 that threatens the health
of the UK's trees.

The European Union Plant Health Regime aims to prevent plant diseases and pests entering countries as a
result of the 9 in live plants.

To date, *Phytophthora ramorum* has not begun attacking 10
in the UK.

Just as many tree diseases have taken hold in the UK in the last decade as in the last
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Trees that are infested with oak processionary moth are more 12
to diseases.

Commercial forests infected with Dothistroma needle blight produce low
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Thanks to it being a centre of world trade, Britain is especially 14
to plant pathogens.

British gardeners buy millions of exotic plants each year, few of which need
 15 to enter the country.

Part 3

You will hear a conversation between two photographers about how they work. For questions **16-20**, choose the answer (**A, B, C or D**) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 16** What does Nathan believe is the secret to good street photography?
- A** learning to photograph a range of subjects
 - B** not being in a rush to find something interesting
 - C** not having any thoughts preoccupy the mind
 - D** learning to see what other people don't see
- 17** In Denise's case, what is she able to decide on in advance?
- A** how much she will work
 - B** when she will work
 - C** who she will photograph
 - D** where she will work
- 18** According to Nathan, the use of colour
- A** can be counterproductive.
 - B** involves deception.
 - C** is intuitive.
 - D** is almost irresistible.
- 19** The photographers are not in agreement about
- A** whether to ask permission when photographing people.
 - B** the status of the people they photograph.
 - C** the acceptability of actively pursuing their subjects.
 - D** the appeal of their profession.
- 20** What may we conclude from the passage concerning the photographers' attitudes?
- A** They feel anonymity improves their work.
 - B** They know that it's important to plan ahead.
 - C** They acknowledge their success is based on luck.
 - D** They value spontaneity.

Part 4

You will hear five short extracts in which different people are talking about their first home.

Task One

For questions 21-25, choose from the list (A-H) which kind of housing each speaker is talking about.

Task Two

For questions 26-30, choose from the list (A-H) the phrase which best summarises how each speaker felt about that kind of housing.

You will hear the recording twice. While you listen, you must complete both tasks.

A family home

B high-end accommodation

C hostel

D private sector rental

E private ownership

F social renting

G shared accommodation

H homeless

Speaker 1 21

Speaker 2 22

Speaker 3 23

Speaker 4 24

Speaker 5 25

A appreciated the extra benefits

B prepared to go to extremes

C relieved to achieve independence

D embarrassed by the situation

E willing to stick it out

F nervous about decision

G comfortable with fewer restraints

H fed up with past experiences

Speaker 1 26

Speaker 2 27

Speaker 3 28

Speaker 4 29

Speaker 5 30