

VSTEP LISTENING PRACTICE TEST

Time allowance: approximately: 40 minutes

Number of questions: 35 minutes

Directions: In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand conversations and talks in English. There are three parts in this section with special directions for each part. Answer all the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied by the speakers in the recording.

The recording will be played ONCE only.

LISTENING TEST 1

PART 1: Questions 1-8

Directions: In this part, you will hear EIGHT short announcements or instructions. There is one question for each announcement or instruction. For each question, choose the right answer A, B, C or D. Then, on the answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer that you have chosen.

Now, let's listen to an example. On the recording, you will hear:

Woman: Hello. This is the travel agency returning your call. You left a message about the holiday you've booked, asking which meals are included in the cost during your stay at Sunny Hotel. Lunch and dinner are free but if you wish to have breakfast in the hotel, you will need to pay an extra amount of money, depending on what you order. Let me know if I can help you with any other information.

Goodbye.

On the test book, you will read:

Which meal is NOT included in the price of the holiday?

A. Breakfast B. Lunch C. Dinner D. All meals

The correct answer is **A. Breakfast**. Now, let's begin with the first question.

1. How did he feel in his first job?

- A. bored
- B. confused
- C. enthusiastic

2. What are listeners being invited to?

- A. a show
- B. a talk
- C. a party

3. Who was she?

- A. a pedestrian
- B. a driver
- C. a passenger

4. What is her main point?

- A. Being in the right place at the right time is a matter of luck
- B. More time is spent planning than filming
- C. It is worthwhile spending time preparing

5. Where is the speaker?

- A. outside a café
- B. by the sea
- C. on a lake

6. What does she want the shop assistant to do about her table-tennis table?

- A. provide her with a new one
- B. have it put together for her
- C. give her the money back

7. What is her business?

- A. hiring out boats
- B. hiring out caravans
- C. building boats

8. Who is talking?

- A. an actor
- B. a journalist
- C. a theatre-goer

PART 2: Questions 9-20

Directions: In this part, you will hear *THREE* conversations. The conversations will not be repeated. There are four questions for each conversation. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D

Questions 9 to 12 refer to the following conversation

9. Where is the woman?

- A. At a hotel
- B. At a restaurant
- C. At a conference
- D. At a laundry room

10. What service is the woman asking about?

- A. Room cleaning
- B. Laundry service
- C. Express check-in
- D. Conference room rental

11. When most likely will the woman give a speech?

- A. On Sunday
- B. On Monday
- C. On Tuesday
- D. On Wednesday

12. What will the man probably do next?

- A. Process the woman's payment
- B. Help the woman with her luggage
- C. Take the woman's jacket
- D. Give the woman a bar

Questions 13 to 16 refer to the following conversation

13. Why does the woman say the meeting should be postponed?

- A. Some important data is missing C. The computer system has a problem
B. Some employees will be absent D. An executive is scheduled to visit the office

14. Who is likely a woman?

- A. a manager C. a doctor
B. a salesperson D. a shop assistant

15. When will the meeting most likely be held?

- A. Thursday morning C. Friday morning
B. Thursday afternoon D. Friday afternoon

16. What will the man probably do next?

- A. Visit a computer facility C. Reserve a meeting room
B. Take a lunch break D. Write an e-mail message

Questions 17 to 20 refer to the following conversation

17. Why is the man traveling to India?

- A. To study at a university C. To attend a conference
B. To sell his company's products D. To look for an apartment

18. What does the man say about the bag?

- A. It is lightweight C. It is too expensive
B. It is fashionable D. It is too small

19. What does the woman offer to do?

- A. Show the man a different part of the shop C. Give the man a discount
B. Look for other products on a computer D. Repair an item for the man

20. When will the product be shipped?

- A. Within 24 hours C. Within a month
B. Within a week D. Within 2 days

PART 3: Questions 21-35

Directions: In this part, you will hear *THREE* talks, lectures or conversations. The talks, lectures, or conversations will not be repeated. There are five questions for each talk, lecture, or conversation.

For each question, choose the right answer A, B, C or D.

Questions 21 to 25 refer to the following radio interview

21. Stan says that the best thing about walking is that you can

- A. get fit by doing it
B. please yourself how you do it
C. do it on your own

- 22. Stan's opinion on scrambling is that**
- A. people doing it may need to be accompanied
 - B. it is unsuitable for beginners
 - C. it is more exciting than walking
- 23. What did Stan discover when he went climbing?**
- A. It was not enjoyable
 - B. It was harder than he expected
 - C. It can be very frightening
- 24. What does Stan say about mountain biking?**
- A. Britain is not the best place for it.
 - B. It is more expensive in Britain than elsewhere
 - C. It is best where there are lots of downhill slopes
- 25. Stan's advice on scuba diving is that**
- A. most of the courses for it are good
 - B. it is easier than it seems
 - C. you should think carefully before trying it

Questions 26- 30 refer to the following radio interview

- 26. How did Douglas feel when he booked the weekend?**
- A. sure that he would enjoy training for it
 - B. uncertain if it was a good idea for him
 - C. surprised that such activities were organized
- 27. Douglas expected that the experience would help him to**
- A. meet people with similar interests
 - B. improve his physical fitness
 - C. discover his psychological limits
- 28. He was surprised that the other participants**
- A. were there for reasons like his
 - B. were experienced climbers
 - C. were in better condition than him
- 29. What did one of his friends say to him?**
- A. He was making a mistake
 - B. Climbing was fashionable
 - C. She was envious of him
- 30. What did the people plan at the end of the trip?**
- A. to send each other postcards
 - B. to take a different sort of trip together
 - C. to go on another climbing trip together

Questions 31 to 35 refer to the following radio interview

31. What was the origin of Martin Middleton's love of travel?

- A. living abroad in the 1960s
- B. something he read as a child
- C. a television film about Africa

32. When he visited Borneo, Martin

- A. had no fixed expectations
- B. made a program about life on the river
- C. became more interested in filming old buildings

33. Since the early 1960s, wildlife filming has become

- A. more relaxed
- B. more creative
- C. more organized

34. Looking back, Martin regards his experience on the iceberg as

- A. slightly ridiculous
- B. extremely
- C. strangely depressing

35. When he takes a holiday, Martin prefers to

- A. relax by the sea
- B. stay in comfortable surroundings
- C. travel for a particular reason