

CAE Listening – Practice Test 3

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 two colleagues, Eva and Colin, talk about a problem at work

1 What is Colin's opinion of their new boss?

- A She fails to consult with colleagues.
- B She is too keen to establish new working practices.
- C She has little understanding of the organisation's history.

2 When talking about the problem, Eva is

- A trying to suggest that it is unimportant.
- B comparing alternative ways of solving it.
- C encouraging Colin to take a more positive attitude to it.

Extract Two

You hear an interview with an expert who repairs antique vases

3 What is the expert doing at the start of the interview?

- A explaining what can ruin a restoration job
- B comparing various methods of restoration she uses
- C describing the difficulties of matching colours during restoration

4 How does the expert feel about leaving visible cracks in the finished vase?

- A They should be avoided if at all possible.
- B They are part of the vase's history and should be seen.
- C They affect the value of the vase rather than its appearance.

Extract Three

On the radio, you hear a visitor talking to a man about the remote island where he lives

5 The man wants a ferry service between the mainland and the island because

- A he is keen to develop tourism on the island.
- B he thinks more young people would come to live on the island.
- C he feels the island people should not be isolated from modern life.

6 The speakers have different opinions about whether

- A creating an airport would be advantageous.
- B building houses on the beach would be advisable.
- C commercial development would spoil the island's unique nature.

Part 2

You will hear a short radio report about how technology is helping archaeologists who want to learn more about some texts written over 2,000 years ago known as Roman tablets. For questions 7-14, complete the sentences.

Roman tablets

The speaker says that an Ancient Roman 'tablet' was about as thick as a present-day 7_____.

At the site of an old 8_____, archaeologists discovered about 200 tablets.

Roman soldiers often used tablets writing letter or documents of a 9_____ nature.

On one tablet mentioned, the word 10_____ is legible as well as people's names.

An expert in what's called 11_____ says that the project is very challenging.

Panels on the tablets were once filled with 12_____, which provided the writing surface.

Efforts to analyse the original texts using 13_____ photography were unsuccessful.

New technology is also being applied to other historical texts which were written using 14_____.

Part 3

You will hear an interview with an architect called Lucy Collett who designs small buildings. For questions 15-20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

15 Lucy enjoyed building the tree-house because it

A gave her children somewhere to play.

B presented an interesting design problem.

C demonstrated the type of work she does.

D allowed her to fulfil a childhood ambition.

16 What fascinated Lucy about the historical phone boxes?

A their international character

B their luxurious interiors

C their range of styles

D the quality of their construction

17 At college, Lucy designed small buildings so that they

A could be assembled in a shorter time.

B would comply better with safety rules.

C would have a wider range of uses.

D could be built in a simpler style.

18 Lucy got the idea for a folding market stall

A from her parents.

B from travelling salesmen.

C while she was at a trade fair.

D while she was on an overseas trip.

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19 What did Lucy like best about her award-winning design?

- A the shape
- B the display space
- C the decoration
- D the building material

20 The hotel phone booths which Lucy worked on were

- A developed with mobile phone users in mind.
- B designed for countries with relatively few mobile phones.
- C placed at the entrance to the hotel lobby.
- D intended to be the largest feature of the lobby.

Part 4

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about problems related to their work.

TASK ONE For questions 21-25, choose from the list A-H the problem each person encounters.	TASK TWO For questions 26-30, choose from the list A-H each person's current feeling
A a troublesome client B poor pay and conditions C a difficult colleague D conflict with management E a failed project F excessive responsibility G a lack of promotion H an inefficient IT system	<i>Speaker 1</i> 21 [] A keen to bring in changes <i>Speaker 2</i> 22 [] B willing to accept their situation <i>Speaker 3</i> 23 [] C sure that things will improve <i>Speaker 4</i> 24 [] D reluctant to make a complaint <i>Speaker 5</i> 25 [] E annoyed by messages from colleagues F aware of their own failings G miserable in their present job H unsure what to do about the problem