

**IELTS SCORE BOOSTER\_SELF PRACTICE**  
**LISTENING PRACTICE 2.1**

**PART 1**

**Questions 1 – 10.** Complete the notes below. **Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

**Bankside Recruitment Agency**

- Address of agency: 497 Eastside, Docklands
- Name of agent: Becky **1**.....
- Phone number: 07866 510333
- Best to call her in the **2**.....

**Typical jobs**

- Clerical and admin roles, mainly in the finance industry
- Must have good **3**..... skills
- Jobs are usually for at least one **4**.....
- Pay is usually **5** £..... per hour

**Registration process**

- Wear a **6**..... to the interview
- Must bring your **7**..... to the interview
- They will ask questions about each applicant's **8**.....

**Advantages of using an agency**

- The **9**..... you receive at interview will benefit you
- Will get access to vacancies which are not advertised
- Less **10**..... is involved in applying for jobs

## **PART 2**

### **Questions 11 – 14**

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**.

#### **Matthews Island Holidays**

- 11** According to the speaker, the company
- A** has been in business for longer than most of its competitors.
  - B** arranges holidays to more destinations than its competitors.
  - C** has more customers than its competitors.
- 12** Where can customers meet the tour manager before travelling to the Isle of Man?
- A** Liverpool
  - B** Heysham
  - C** Luton
- 13** How many lunches are included in the price of the holiday?
- A** three
  - B** four
  - C** five
- 14** Customers have to pay extra for
- A** guaranteeing themselves a larger room.
  - B** booking at short notice.
  - C** transferring to another date.

### Questions 15-20

Complete the table below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Timetable for Isle of Man holiday		
	Activity	Notes
Day 1	Arrive	Introduction by manager  Hotel dining room has view of the <b>15</b> .....
Day 2	Tynwald Exhibition and Peel	Tynwald may have been founded in <b>16</b> ..... not 979.
Day 3	Trip to Snaefell	Travel along promenade in a tram; train to Laxey; train to the <b>17</b> ..... of Snaefell
Day 4	Free day	Company provides a <b>18</b> ..... for local transport and heritage sites.
Day 5	Take the <b>19</b> ..... railway train from Douglas to Port Erin	Free time, then coach to Castletown – former <b>20</b> ..... has old castle.
Day 6	Leave	Leave the island by ferry or plane

### PART 3

#### Questions 21 – 26

What did findings of previous research claim about the personality traits a child is likely to have because of their position in the family?

Choose **SIX** answers from the box and write the correct letter, **A-H**, next to Questions **21-26**

Personality Traits	Position in family
<b>A</b> outgoing	<b>21</b> the eldest child .....
<b>B</b> selfish	<b>22</b> a middle child .....
<b>C</b> independent	<b>23</b> the youngest child .....
<b>D</b> attention-seeking	<b>24</b> a twin .....
<b>E</b> introverted	<b>25</b> an only child .....
<b>F</b> co-operative	<b>26</b> a child with much older siblings .....
<b>G</b> caring	
<b>H</b> competitive	

#### Questions 27 and 28

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**.

**27 What do the speakers say about the evidence relating to birth order and academic success?**

- A** There is conflicting evidence about whether oldest children perform best in intelligence tests.
- B** There is little doubt that birth order has less influence on academic achievement than socio-economic status.
- C** Some studies have neglected to include important factors such as family size.

**28 What does Ruth think is surprising about the difference in oldest children's academic performance?**

- A** It is mainly thanks to their roles as teachers for their younger siblings.
- B** The advantages they have only lead to a slightly higher level of achievement.
- C** The extra parental attention they receive at a young age makes little difference.

#### Questions 29 and 30

Choose **TWO** letters, **A-E**.

Which **TWO** experiences of sibling rivalry do the speakers agree has been valuable for them?

- A** learning to share
- B** learning to stand up for oneself
- C** learning to be a good loser
- D** learning to be tolerant
- E** learning to say sorry

## PART 4

Questions 31 – 40. Complete the notes below. Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

### The Eucalyptus Tree in Australia

#### Importance

- it provides 31..... and food for a wide range of species
- its leaves provide 32..... which is used to make a disinfectant

#### Reasons for present decline in number

##### A) Diseases

(i) 'Mundulla Yellows'

- Cause – lime used for making 33..... was absorbed
  - trees were unable to take in necessary iron through their roots

(ii) 'Bell-miner Associated Die-back'

- Cause – 34..... feed on eucalyptus leaves
  - they secrete a substance containing sugar
  - bell-miner birds are attracted by this and keep away other species

##### B) Bushfires

William Jackson's theory:

- high-frequency bushfires have impact on vegetation, resulting in the growth of 35.....
- mid-frequency bushfires result in the growth of eucalyptus forests, because they:
  - make more 36..... available to the trees
  - maintain the quality of the 37.....
- low-frequency bushfires result in the growth of 38 '..... rainforest', which is:
  - a 39..... Ecosystem
  - an ideal environment for the 40..... of the bell-miner