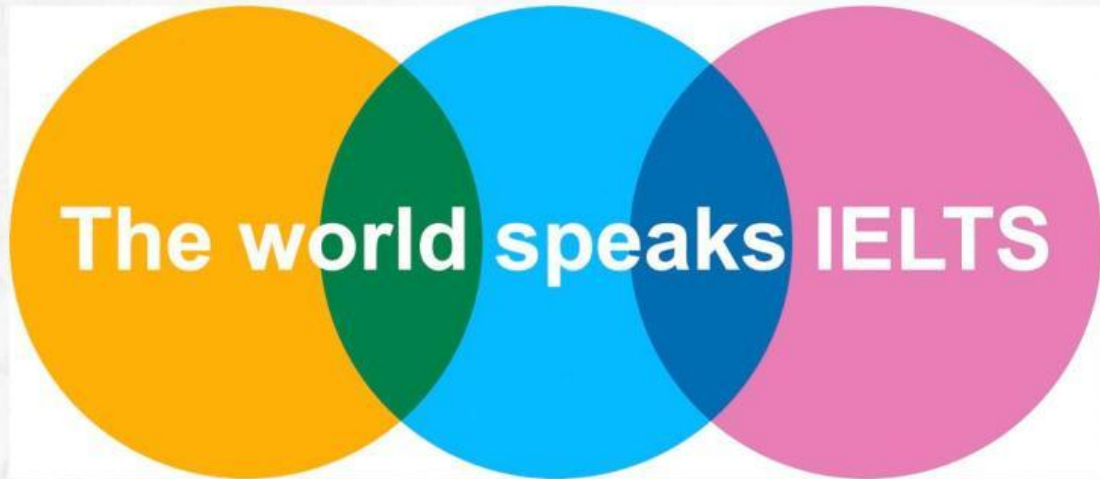


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[LISTENING PROGRESS TEST]

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TIME ALLOWANCE: 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.
- Listen to the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.
- While you are listening, write your answers on the question paper.
- You will have 10 minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the separate answer sheet. Use a pencil.
- At the end of the test, hand in this question paper along with the answer sheet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- There are **four** parts to the test. You will hear each part **once** only.
- There are **40** questions. Each question carries **one** mark.
- For each part of the test, there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.

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Part 1 Questions 1-10

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Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

Name of restaurant	Location	Reason for recommendation	Other comments
The Junction	Greyson Street, near the station	Good for people who are especially keen on (1)	- Quite expensive - The (2) is a good place for a drink
Paloma	In Bow Street next to the cinema	(3) food, good for sharing	- Staff are very friendly - Need to pay £50 deposit - A limited selection of (4) food on the menu
The (5)	At the top of a (6)	- A famous chef - All the (7) are very good - Only uses (8) ingredients	- Set lunch costs: £(9) per person - Portions probably of (10) size

Part 2 Questions 11-20

Questions 11-16

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

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11. Heather says pottery differs from other art forms because

- A it lasts longer in the ground.
- B it is practised by more people.
- C it can be repaired more easily.

12. Archaeologists sometimes identify the use of ancient pottery from

- A the clay it was made with.
- B the marks that are on it.
- C the basic shape of it.

13. Some people join Heather's pottery class because they want to

- A create an item that looks very old.
- B find something that they are good at.
- C make something that will outlive them.

14. What does Heather value most about being a potter?

- A its calming effect
- B its messy nature
- C its physical benefits

15. Most of the visitors to Edelman Pottery

- A bring friends to join courses.
- B have never made a pot before.
- C try to learn techniques too quickly.

16. Heather reminds her visitors that they should

- A put on their aprons.
- B change their clothes.
- C take off their jewellery.

Questions 17 and 18

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

Which **TWO** things does Heather explain about kilns?

- A. what their function is
- B. when they were invented
- C. ways of keeping them safe
- D. where to put one in your home
- E. what some people use instead of one

Questions 19 and 20

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

Which **TWO** points does Heather make about a potter's tools?

- A. Some are hard to hold.
- B. Some are worth buying.
- C. Some are essential items.
- D. Some have memorable names.
- E. Some are available for use by participants.

Part 3 Questions 21-30

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Questions 21 and 22

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Which **TWO** things do the students both believe are responsible for the increase in loneliness?

- A. social media
- B. smaller nuclear families
- C. urban design
- D. longer lifespans
- E. a mobile workforce

Questions 23 and 24

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Which **TWO** health risks associated with loneliness do the students agree are based on solid evidence?

- A. a weakened immune system
- B. dementia
- C. cancer
- D. obesity
- E. cardiovascular disease

Questions 25 and 26

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Which **TWO** opinions do both the students express about the evolutionary theory of loneliness?

- A. It has little practical relevance.
- B. It needs further investigation.
- C. It is misleading.
- D. It should be more widely accepted.
- E. It is difficult to understand.

Questions 27–30

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

Loneliness and mental health**27 When comparing loneliness to depression, the students**

- A** doubt that there will ever be a medical cure for loneliness.
- B** claim that the link between loneliness and mental health is overstated.
- C** express frustration that loneliness is not taken more seriously.

28 Why do the students decide to start their presentation with an example from their own experience?

- A** to explain how difficult loneliness can be
- B** to highlight a situation that most students will recognise
- C** to emphasise that feeling lonely is more common for men than women

29 The students agree that talking to strangers is a good strategy for dealing with loneliness because

- A** it creates a sense of belonging.
- B** it builds self-confidence.
- C** it makes people feel more positive.

30 The students find it difficult to understand why solitude is considered to be

- A** similar to loneliness.
- B** necessary for mental health.
- C** an enjoyable experience.

Part 4 Questions 31-40

Complete the notes below.

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Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

Reclaiming urban rivers

Historical background

- Nearly all major cities were built on a river.
- Rivers were traditionally used by city dwellers for transport, fishing and recreation.
- Industrial development and rising populations later led to:
 - more sewage from houses being discharged into the river
 - pollution from (31) _____ on the river bank.
- In 1957, the River Thames in London was declared biologically (32) _____.

Recent improvements

- Seals and even a (33) _____ have been seen in the River Thames.
- Riverside warehouses are converted to restaurants and (34) _____.
- In Los Angeles, there are plans to:
 - build a riverside (35) _____
 - display (36) _____ projects.
- In Paris, (37) _____ are created on the sides of the river every summer.

Transport possibilities

- Over 2 billion passengers already travel by (38) _____ in cities round the world.
- Changes in shopping habits mean the number of deliveries that are made is increasing.

Instead of road transport, goods could be transported by large freight barges and electric (39) _____, or, in future, by (40) _____.

-----****This is the end of the Listening Test****-----