

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 15
Day 2	Tynwald Exhibition and Peel	Tynwald may have been founded in 16 not 979.
Day 3	Trip to Snaefell	Travel along promenade in a tram; train to Laxey; train to the 17 of Snaefell
Day 4	Free day	Company provides a 18 for local transport and heritage sites.
Day 5	Take the 19 railway train from Douglas to Port Erin	Free time, then coach to Castletown – former 20 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
A outgoing	21 the eldest child
B selfish	22 a middle child
C independent	23 the youngest child
D attention-seeking	24 a twin
E introverted	25 an only child
F co-operative	26 a child with much older siblings
G caring	
H 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