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# **IELTS INTENSIVE**

**[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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for Part 1 ♪

Complete the notes below.

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

Name of restaurant	Location	Reason for recommendation	Other comments
<b>The Junction</b>	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
<b>Paloma</b>	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
<b>The (5)</b> .....	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.

**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.

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**Part 3 Questions 21-30****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

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**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.

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

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## 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*\*\*\*-----