Practice Paper 2

**Listening Practice Task**

Audio playing

**Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the statement.**

* I want to see the concert again.
* I didn’t attend the concert.
* The concert was cancelled.
* The concert wasn’t good.

**Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a conversation between a man and a woman. The conversation takes place in an office.**

A person and person talking

Description automatically generated

**Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 1 to 1.5 minutes long.**

Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

**Listen to the question. You will hear it only once.**

Question -1

Which word best describes the man’s task?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* exciting
* boring
* difficult
* enjoyable

Question -2

What is at the man’s work station?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

A glass cup and a glass of water

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Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

Question -3

What the man’s role in the company?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* He is a new full-time employee.
* He is a Human Resources officer.
* He is a temporary worker.
* He is the woman's colleague.

Question -4

What does the man intent to do at lunch time?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* ask about job openings
* have his lunch in the break room
* report his progress to the woman
* keep working at his task

Question -5

What can we tell from this conversation?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* Temporary work can be a stepping stone.
* It is better to work without breaks.
* Temporary work is better than full-time work.
* The woman works at the Human Resources department.

Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

Question -6

What is the man’s response to the woman’s announcements?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* anxiety
* confusion
* disinterest
* relief

Question -7

What does this part of the conversation imply?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* There are others working near Matthew.
* Matthew is unlikely to finish his task.
* Matthew will not listen to music.
* Human Resources is closed today.

Question -8

Why does the woman tell him to find her later?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* She wants to tell him he may use her as a reference.
* She wants to confirm that he’ll return the next day.
* She would like to pay him for his work.
* She would like to get her radio back.

**Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation**

**Instructions:**

**You are about to hear a conversation between two colleagues, a man and a woman. They are in the break room at work.**

Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 1.5 to 2 minutes long.

Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

**Listen to the question. You will hear it only once.**

Question -1

What are the man and woman talking about?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* problems working the night shift
* their duties as night cleaners
* good articles they have read
* the loud noise at work

Question -2

Which statement is likely true?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* The man is not married.
* The woman is not married.
* The man drives to work.
* The woman operates machinery.

Question -3

What does the man miss?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* riding the bus
* drinking coffee
* going grocery shopping
* socializing with his friends

Question -4

Why does the man ask if the woman drives or takes the bus?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* He needs a ride home.
* He wants to offer her a ride.
* He wants to make a suggestion.
* He is making small talk.

Question -5

What does the man do at the end to help the woman?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* drives her home
* talks to the bus driver
* fixes the chair for her
* makes her a cup of coffee

**Listening Part 3: Listening for Information**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a conversation between a customer and a worker at a mattress and bedding store.**

**Listen to the conversation. You will hear the conversation only once. It is about 2 to 2.5 minutes long.**

Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

Question -1

Why does the woman want to buy new pillows?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* She wants to get herself a gift.
* She wants a new feather pillow.
* Her husband needs a new pillow.
* Her husband has shoulder pain.

Question -2

Why did the woman have a buckwheat pillow in the past?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* She liked it better than other pillows.
* She needed it due to an injury.
* She was allergic to feather pillows.
* Her husband bought her one as a gift.

Question -3

According to the man, which of these is true of buckwheat?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* It's a good pillow for relieving soreness.
* It requires a special pillowcase.
* It is a softer pillow than the others.
* It's the most popular pillow at the moment.

Question -4

According to the man, which of these is true of memory foam?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* It can lose its shape over time.
* It is the store's best-selling pillow.
* It costs the same as micro bead pillows.
* It is recommended by physical therapists.

Question -5

Which of these options best describes the man’s opinion?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* The memory foam pillow is the best for her.
* The woman should purchase two pillows.
* The woman also needs new bed sheets.
* The memory foam pillow is easy to clean.

Question -6

What will likely happen next?

(Please note: IN THE OFFICIAL EXAM, YOU WILL HEAR THE QUESTION )

* The woman will purchase two pillows.
* The woman will check out other stores.
* The man will special order the pillows.
* The man will show the woman more pillows.

**Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a news item about a community power issue.**

**Listen to the following news item. You will hear the news item only once. It is about 1.5 minutes long.**

Audio playing-1 to 1.5 minutes

**Choose the best way to complete each statement from the drop-down menu (  ).**

1. In her backyard, Inesh Chandra found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* a lost dog.
* scorched grass.
* a live power line.
* several fallen trees.

1. Chandra's first clue that something was wrong was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* her dog's behaviour.
* a strange smell.
* her dog's barking.
* a loud noise.

1. Mayor Pine implied that community members will have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* continue to deal with such events.
* pay more taxes in the following year.
* cut down the trees on their properties.
* reduce their electricity use during storms.

1. Mayor Pine's comments suggest that he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* ashamed of the news that he heard.
* aware of the problems and solutions.
* angry about the news that he heard.
* confused by the problems and solutions.

1. The news item ends with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* analysis.
* criticism.
* questions.
* instructions.

**Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion**

**Instructions:**

**You will watch a discussion among three people. One woman, Anna, and two men, Paul and George, are on break at work.**

Video playing- 1.5 to 2 minutes

**Choose the best answer to each question from the drop-down menu (  ).**

1. What did management announce to the employees?

* The company is experiencing financial troubles.
* In three weeks, they will begin to lay off employees.
* They are considering relocating the office across town.
* In less than a month, the office will be moving.

2. What would Paul, the man on the right, have done if he’d known about management’s decision sooner?

* purchased a new car
* worked to increase his sales
* stayed in his previous apartment
* begun to look for a new job

3. What happens if Anna, the woman, is running late after work?

* She is charged a fee by the daycare.
* Her children stay with her neighbour.
* The kids arrive home to an empty house.
* Her husband picks up the kids instead.

4. What does Paul, the man on the right, believe?

* The company treats its employees poorly.
* Their company is a good place to work.
* No job is worth a long commute each day.
* He will have to sell his car.

5. What does Anna believe?

* Her husband spends too much time working.
* Her child will not adjust to a new daycare.
* Cheaper daycare might be available elsewhere.
* It will be easy to find a different job.

6. What do they all agree on?

* The announcement was a surprise.
* Quitting the company may be necessary.
* Management had a good reason for their decision.
* The company is having financial trouble.

7. What was Paul trying to convince Anna to do?

* give the new situation a chance
* find a different childcare provider
* commute into work together
* tell management how angry she is

8. What is Anna hoping to achieve by speaking to management?

* convince them to reverse their decision
* obtain a reference letter for future job applications
* be able to arrange her work schedule differently
* get compensation for her extra commute time

**Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints**

**Instructions:**

**You will hear a presentation about advertising and children.**

**Listen to the following report. You will hear the report only once. It is about 3 minutes long.**

Audio playing for 3 minutes

**Choose the best way to complete each statement from the drop-down menu (  ).**

1. Kathy Chen is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* creating a children's advertisement-free television network.
* beginning a group that advocates for more children's TV programs.
* banning children's advertising from state broadcasters.
* pressuring for limits on advertising to young children.

2. Kathy Chen is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* an elected politician.
* a child care worker.
* a social activist.
* a child development specialist.

3. Ralph Greenman believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* advertising empowers children.
* children are overwhelmed with too many choices.
* advertising corrupts children.
* children struggle to make good choices.

4. Greenman argues that advertising children’s products \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* encourages children to improve themselves.
* raises the quality of life for most children.
* helps parents make the best possible decisions.
* encourages stronger relationships among peers.

5. Greenman believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* children are better informed than parents about product choices.
* good parents should decide what to buy for their children.
* children should be free to make their own decisions.
* parents make more impulse purchases than children.

6. Chen believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* children cannot cope with too much information.
* fewer but higher quality children's programs would be a good thing.
* children's advertising is fine, as long as it promotes healthy products.
* children are not naturally greedy and selfish.

ANSWER KEY

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| **Question** | **Answer Key** |  |
| Practice Test B - Listening Practice Task | I didn't attend the concert. |  |  |
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| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q1 | boring |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q2 |  |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q3 | He is a temporary worker. |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q4 | ask about job openings |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q5 | Temporary work can be a stepping stone. |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q6 | relief |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q7 | There are others working near Matthew. |  |  |
| Listening Part 1: Listening to Problem Solving - Q8 | She wants to tell him he may use her as a reference. |  |  |
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| Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q1 | problems working the night shift |  |  |
| Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q2 | The man is not married. |  |  |
| Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q3 | socializing with his friends |  |  |
| Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q4 | He wants to make a suggestion. |  |  |
| Listening Part 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation - Q5 | makes her a cup of coffee |  |  |
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| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q1 | Her husband needs a new pillow. |  |  |
| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q2 | She needed it due to an injury. |  |  |
| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q3 | It's a good pillow for relieving soreness. |  |  |
| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q4 | It is the store's best-selling pillow. |  |  |
| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q5 | The memory foam pillow is the best for her. |  |  |
| Listening Part 3: Listening for Information - Q6 | The woman will purchase two pillows. |  |  |
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| Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q1 | a live power line. |  |  |
| Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q2 | her dog's behaviour. |  |  |
| Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q3 | continue to deal with such events. |  |  |
| Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q4 | aware of the problems and solutions. |  |  |
| Listening Part 4: Listening to a News Item - Q5 | instructions. |  |  |
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| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q1 | In less than a month, the office will be moving. |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q2 | stayed in his previous apartment |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q3 | She is charged a fee by the daycare. |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q4 | Their company is a good place to work. |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q5 | Her child will not adjust to a new daycare. |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q6 | The announcement was a surprise. |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q7 | give the new situation a chance |  |  |
| Listening Part 5: Listening to a Discussion - Q8 | be able to arrange her work schedule differently |  |  |
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| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q1 | pressuring for limits on advertising to young children. |  |  |
| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q2 | a social activist. |  |  |
| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q3 | advertising empowers children. |  |  |
| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q4 | encourages stronger relationships among peers. |  |  |
| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q5 | good parents should decide what to buy for their children. |  |  |
| Listening Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints - Q6 | fewer but higher quality children's programs would be a good thing. |  |  |