

Listening

General description

PAPER FORMAT	The paper contains four parts. Each part contains a recorded text or texts and corresponding comprehension tasks. Each part is heard twice.
TIMING	Approximately 40 minutes
NO. OF PARTS	4
NO. OF QUESTIONS	30
TASK TYPES	Multiple choice, sentence completion, multiple matching
TEXT TYPES	Monologues or interacting speakers: interviews, discussions, conversations, radio plays, talks, speeches, lectures, commentaries, documentaries, instructions.
ANSWER FORMAT	Candidates are advised to write their answers in the spaces provided on the question paper while listening. There will be 5 minutes at the end of the test to copy the answers onto the separate answer sheet. Candidates indicate their answers by shading the correct lozenges or writing the required word or short phrase in a box on the answer sheet.
RECORDING INFORMATION	The instructions for each task are given in the question paper, and are also heard on the recording. These instructions include the announcement of pauses of specified lengths, during which candidates can familiarise themselves with the task. A variety of voices, styles of delivery and accents will be heard in each Listening paper to reflect the various contexts presented in the recordings, as appropriate to the international contexts of the test takers.
MARKS	Each correct answer receives 1 mark

Structure and tasks

PART 1	
ASK TYPE	Three-option multiple choice.
AND FOCUS	Gist, detail, function, purpose, topic, speaker, feeling, attitude, opinion, etc.
FORMAT	Three short unrelated texts lasting approximately 1 minute each, consisting of either monologues or exchanges between interacting speakers. There are two multiple choice questions per text, each with three options.
NO. OF QS	6
PART 2	
TASK TYPE	Sentence completion.
AND FOCUS	Detail, stated opinion.
FORMAT	A monologue lasting 3 to 4 minutes.
NO. OF QS	9
PART 3	
TASK TYPE	Four-option multiple choice.
AND FOCUS	Opinion, gist, detail, inference, agreement.
FORMAT	A text involving interacting speakers lasting 3 to 4 minutes.
NO. OF QS	5
PART 4	
TASK TYPE	Multiple matching.
AND FOCUS	Gist, attitude, main points, interpreting context.
FORMAT	Five short themed monologues, of approximately 35 seconds each. There are two multiple-matching tasks. Each multiple matching task requires selection of the five correct options from a list of eight.
NO. OF QS	10