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- Work through one component at a time, keeping to the duration shown.
- For the listening component, open the audio links from the digital booklet.
- Mark your answers, then check them against the answer keys at the end.

Listening

38 questions **Duration** ≈ 47–55 minutes

Open the audio link for each part, listen, then choose the single best answer for each question. In the real test each recording plays once.

PART 1

Listening to Problem Solving

▶ Dialogue

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1 Why is the man calling the catering company?

- ☐ A He received food for a different event and needs the right lunch order quickly.
- ☐ B He needs to cancel a training session because the delivery driver is late.
- ☐ C He is checking whether vegetarian lunches were packed separately from the trays.
- ☐ D He wants to add more meals for a sales event later today.

2 Why does the problem matter to the man right away?

- ☐ A His staff have already started eating, so replacing the food would be useless.
- ☐ B The meeting is about to begin, and many attendees specifically need vegetarian meals.
- ☐ C The other customer is waiting nearby, and he has been asked to deliver their trays himself.
- ☐ D The company will charge him for both orders unless he returns the trays immediately.

3 What does the woman's response suggest about her attitude?

- ☐ A She is annoyed that the order was reported before the office opened the trays.
- ☐ B She thinks the kitchen made the right food but the driver forgot part of it.
- ☐ C She is trying to fix the mix-up and is checking whether a swap is still possible.
- ☐ D She doubts the man ordered boxed lunches and wants proof before helping.

4

Given the man's constraints, which option fits better than the kiosk pickup plan?

- ☐ A Having the man collect six lunches himself before noon.
- ☐ B Keeping the original trays and serving them during the first session block.
- ☐ C Using mixed meal types so some people can eat earlier.
- ☐ D Rerouting a downtown driver to bring all twelve labelled boxes around twelve ten.

5

Why does the man reject the idea of mixed lunches?

- ☐ A He wants the meals to match what people signed up for, not a partly improvised substitute.
- ☐ B He expects half the group to skip lunch if regular salads are included.
- ☐ C He was told the kitchen can prepare only boxed lunches, not wraps or salads.
- ☐ D He thinks wraps and salads would be too difficult to distribute in a short break.

6

How does the man's position change during this part of the conversation?

- ☐ A He goes from wanting vegetarian meals only to allowing several regular lunches.
- ☐ B He shifts from doubting any solution will work to accepting a near-on-time complete order.
- ☐ C He moves from insisting on noon exactly to accepting a slightly later full delivery.
- ☐ D He changes from offering to pick up food to asking the company to send two drivers.

7

Why is the final arrangement the most workable solution?

- ☐ A It lets the company serve the sandwich trays first and replace only the missing vegetarian meals later.
- ☐ B It postpones lunch until after the training ends, which solves the timing problem completely.
- ☐ C It keeps the full order correct, avoids the man's leaving the building, and makes the exchange quicker during the break.
- ☐ D It allows accounting to approve both deliveries before the driver returns to the office.

8

What will the man most likely do immediately after the call?

- ☐ A Open the trays in the kitchenette and sort them for staff who are not vegetarian.
- ☐ B Ask the trainer to extend the lunch break so the late delivery can arrive.
- ☐ C Go to the Atrium Market to pick up the first six lunches himself.
- ☐ D Tell security about the pickup and check for the corrected invoice message.

PART 2

Listening to a Daily Conversation

► Dialogue

9

What is the main purpose of this conversation?

- ☐ A They are comparing different cameras before making a purchase together.
- ☐ B They are trying to fix a scheduling problem at a photography studio.
- ☐ C They are planning a group trip where they will need better photos.
- ☐ D They are casually catching up about the woman starting a new hobby.

10

How does the woman feel about choosing the evening class instead of the weekend one?

- ☐ A She feels the evening option suits her habits better and should be more useful.
- ☐ B She is disappointed because the weekend class seemed more serious.
- ☐ C She is annoyed that the studio changed the morning start time.
- ☐ D She is unsure because the evening class may move too slowly for her.

11

Why did the woman decide not to buy a new camera right away?

- ☐ A The class requires students to begin with phone photography only.
- ☐ B Her brother's offer and the high cost made waiting the more practical choice.
- ☐ C She learned that the studio provides cameras during the lessons.
- ☐ D The man warned her that new photographers often damage expensive equipment.

12 Which plan did the woman consider but NOT choose in the end?

- ☐ A Using a family member's older camera before spending her own money.
- ☐ B Trying photography mainly to improve pictures on an upcoming trip.
- ☐ C Joining the morning weekend course instead of the Thursday evening one.
- ☐ D Taking the smaller class so she could get more individual comments.

13 Based on the conversation, what will the woman most likely do next?

- ☐ A Order a new camera soon so she can practise before the first lesson.
- ☐ B Return the borrowed camera and drop the class before it begins.
- ☐ C Switch to the weekend section once she gets used to early mornings.
- ☐ D Attend the class with a borrowed camera and decide later whether to buy one.

PART 3

Listening for Information

► Dialogue

14 What is the woman's main way of explaining the workshop choices?

- ☐ A She focuses on which workshop leads fastest to a promotion.
- ☐ B She organizes them according to the kind of work each employee mainly does.
- ☐ C She ranks the workshops from easiest to most difficult for beginners.
- ☐ D She compares the workshop prices and lengths so the man can stay on budget.

15 Based on the rule the woman gives, which workshop best fits an employee who waters crops daily and only occasionally adjusts vents?

- ☐ A Pest monitoring, because it is the most flexible option for mixed responsibilities.
- ☐ B Climate control, but only if the employee receives the equipment manual first.
- ☐ C Irrigation basics, because the employee's regular duty matters more than rare backup tasks.
- ☐ D Climate control, because any vent checking means the employee should train on greenhouse settings.

- 16** Why does the woman mention the advanced biological controls course when describing pest monitoring?
- ☐ A To explain that biological controls replaces the need for plant scouting.
 - ☐ B To show that the field log is used instead of attending future training.
 - ☐ C To show that pest monitoring is only for senior employees.
 - ☐ D To connect pest monitoring with the next step for someone planning further training.
- 17** Which person would be the exception to the general advice of choosing a workshop by main responsibility?
- ☐ A Someone whose main job is watering but who already adjusts system settings several times a week.
 - ☐ B Someone new who wants the manual in advance before attending irrigation basics.
 - ☐ C Someone who records plant problems every day but has not taken any previous workshop.
 - ☐ D Someone who needs to complete an in-class checklist at the end of the session.
- 18** Why does the woman think getting the equipment manual early is useful for new staff?
- ☐ A It shows them how to complete the take-home field log ahead of time.
 - ☐ B It helps them become familiar with key terms before the workshop begins.
 - ☐ C It lets them skip the prerequisite for climate control if they study it carefully.
 - ☐ D It allows them to choose between fertilizer mixing and vent inspection later.
- 19** After this conversation, what will the man most likely understand or do next?
- ☐ A Choose pest monitoring for the new employee because it has no prerequisite.
 - ☐ B Wait until next month and send both employees to biological controls together.
 - ☐ C Sign up one employee for irrigation basics and the other for pest monitoring.
 - ☐ D Register both employees for climate control so they can cover more duties.

PART 4

Listening to a News Item

► News

20 The report suggests the new fee matters most because it is meant to

- ☐ A pay for emergency aid after future storms hit the city
- ☐ B discourage businesses from expanding parking near older homes
- ☐ C address a long-standing drainage problem affecting vulnerable areas
- ☐ D shift road-repair costs from homeowners to shopping centres

21 The increase in paved surfaces has led the city to introduce the fee because it

- ☐ A forces the city to pump water away from commercial districts first
- ☐ B makes it harder for inspectors to identify illegal sewer connections
- ☐ C has reduced the money available for routine pipe maintenance
- ☐ D sends rainwater into an outdated system faster than it can handle

22 The figure of nearly 300 flooded homes is used in the report to show that

- ☐ A recent flooding was widespread enough to justify urgent action
- ☐ B three storms caused less damage than engineers had predicted
- ☐ C most flood claims came from businesses with oversized parking lots
- ☐ D the rebate program will likely be too small for all applicants

23 The retail association's criticism likely reflects concern that property owners will

- ☐ A face larger charges than homeowners in Keswick Row
- ☐ B be expected to absorb new costs before they can prepare financially
- ☐ C pay the fee even after replacing asphalt with permeable materials
- ☐ D lose access to the rebate program if they object to the policy now

24 The most likely near-term result of council's decision is that some businesses will

- ☐ A challenge the flood estimates released by city engineers
- ☐ B delay all parking-lot repairs until pipe work is finished
- ☐ C look for runoff-reduction upgrades to lower what they owe
- ☐ D move planned developments out of Prydale altogether

Listening to a Discussion

► Dialogue

- 25** The woman in speaker_1 shifts from favouring the truck to accepting another plan because she comes to see that
- ☐ A the union requires all meals to be individually packed before filming starts
 - ☐ B reliable timing matters more than offering a more exciting lunch by itself
 - ☐ C a single vendor would make the budget easier to track than two smaller services
 - ☐ D the crew would rather skip hot food than deal with any dietary restrictions
- 26** The man in speaker_2 and the woman in speaker_3 both raise concerns about lunch, but they focus on different risks, with him stressing
- ☐ A food temperature, while she emphasizes the number of crew members
 - ☐ B staff morale, while she emphasizes supplier reliability
 - ☐ C schedule delays, while she emphasizes whether varied needs can be handled safely
 - ☐ D cost control, while she emphasizes the length of the meal break
- 27** The man in speaker_2 partly accepts the compromise because it answers his scheduling concern while still
- ☐ A removing the need to check costs before placing the order
 - ☐ B avoiding any need for allergy labelling once filming begins
 - ☐ C letting the gourmet truck serve first and boxed meals cover any leftovers
 - ☐ D leaving room for a morale boost at a time that will not jam the lunch line
- 28** The boxed-lunch idea is first treated as less desirable mainly because it
- ☐ A seems less satisfying for crew morale even though it solves practical issues
 - ☐ B cannot be delivered early enough for the first scene
 - ☐ C would make makeup resets harder to coordinate after lunch
 - ☐ D fails to provide enough choice for vegetarian workers on set

- 29** Across her comments, the woman in speaker_3 comes across as mainly concerned with
- ☐ A keeping lunch informal so the crew can take longer breaks
 - ☐ B making the meal plan workable for different dietary needs without disrupting the day
 - ☐ C protecting the image of the production by offering upscale catering
 - ☐ D replacing outside vendors with an in-house food team
- 30** The man in speaker_2 and the woman in speaker_1 would most likely agree that a meal plan should
- ☐ A eliminate optional extras so approval can be obtained more quickly
 - ☐ B put presentation ahead of predictable serving times whenever morale is low
 - ☐ C balance crew experience with a setup that does not derail production timing
 - ☐ D use one all-in-one vendor even if service becomes slower at peak times
- 31** The final compromise makes the most sense because it combines the need for dependable lunch flow with
- ☐ A a longer union break that can absorb late service
 - ☐ B a promise that the truck owner will speed up customized orders
 - ☐ C a plan to reduce the number of people eating during the main break
 - ☐ D some added comfort for the crew and attention to dietary requirements
- 32** After the discussion, the group is most likely to move ahead by
- ☐ A getting updated pricing details so they can decide between the revised option and the truck
 - ☐ B dropping the add-on station and ordering standard boxed meals only
 - ☐ C booking the gourmet truck immediately before the meal window fills up
 - ☐ D asking the crew to vote on whether hot food matters more than labels

PART 6

Listening to Viewpoints

► Viewpoints

- 33** The sharpest contrast between the fairness argument and the disability advocates' concern is that one treats public coverage mainly as
- A** support for all paths to parenthood, while the other argues only adoption deserves public backing
 - B** a way to leave clinics free to decide access without formal criteria
 - C** recognition of a medical barrier, while the other worries about the social message attached to that recognition
 - D** a tool to cut overall hospital spending, while the other rejects any cost discussion as inappropriate
- 34** The economists' position is best understood as supporting public coverage only if it
- A** extends to repeated cycles so that private financial pressure disappears entirely
 - B** is offered first to the youngest patients because age is the main driver of cost-effectiveness
 - C** replaces spending on less urgent services that currently face long wait lists
 - D** is limited in a way that may prevent more expensive complications later on
- 35** The doctors who want transparent medical criteria appear to be guided mainly by the value of
- A** maintaining accountable access decisions and avoiding false expectations
 - B** maximizing patient choice even when outcomes are uncertain
 - C** expanding treatment quickly before other services are funded
 - D** treating infertility exactly like any non-specialized primary care need
- 36** The speaker's own position differs from simple support for coverage because the speaker insists that any plan should
- A** be broad enough that most patients are not screened out at the start
 - B** be tightly limited and paired with safeguards about messaging and counselling
 - C** be justified mainly as a symbolic statement about modern family life
 - D** be delayed until wait times improve across every other part of the system

37 Both the priority critics and the speaker would likely agree with funding the treatment if it

- ☐ **A** gave clinics wide discretion to approve extra cycles in difficult cases
- ☐ **B** was presented chiefly as correcting society's bias toward biological parenthood
- ☐ **C** came with a clear cap and credible evidence that it would not drive larger system costs upward
- ☐ **D** used very broad eligibility so fairness concerns outweighed budget concerns

38 The recommendation most consistent with the speaker's conclusion would be to

- ☐ **A** leave the issue to private clinics because public involvement creates the wrong symbolism
- ☐ **B** approve full permanent coverage now and adjust the details only if costs later rise
- ☐ **C** reject coverage and redirect all discussion toward adoption incentives instead
- ☐ **D** launch a modest pilot with explicit medical rules and integrated counselling before any wider expansion

SECTION 2

Reading

38 questions **Duration** $\approx$ 55–60 minutes

Read each text, then choose the single best answer for each question.

PART 1

Reading Correspondence

Read the message and the reply. Answer the questions about the message, then for each numbered blank in the reply choose the word or phrase that fits best.

Reading Part 1: Reading Correspondence

Problem with the Sunpeak site visit

Hi Mei,

I meant to send you a quick note after the trade show, but this week got away from me. How did your first few days at Kestrel Supply go? Things at LumaGrid have been busy in a different way: our team is trying to finalize a contract with a greenhouse outside Bellmere, and I was asked to take the visiting engineer from Praxen Instruments on a site tour because I know the equipment layout better than anyone else.

The visit should have been simple. We were supposed to meet at 8:15 in the Sunpeak yard, sign in at the prefab office, and drive out to Array C before the maintenance crew shut down that line for inspection. I had already printed the safety forms, packed two hard hats, and emailed the engineer, Dario, a map from our guest parking lot. Then the complication started. Dario's taxi dropped him at the freight gate on the opposite side of the property, where phones barely work. By the time a guard radioed me, I was already leading the greenhouse owner toward Array C in our pickup. We turned around, found Dario waiting beside a stack of cable reels, and hurried back to the office. That delay mattered because the inspection crew had begun early, so we were barred from entering the line. Instead, I improvised: I showed them the inverter room, pulled up last month's output graphs on the wall monitor, and walked them along the fence so they could still see panel alignment and drainage. Oddly enough, the greenhouse owner said the detour answered more practical questions than the original plan would have.

Even so, I came away annoyed with myself. I had reminded Dario to use the guest entrance, yet I never asked whether his driver knew the difference between the two gates. The contract is still possible, but now Praxen wants one more remote meeting before they approve the sensor package. Since you used to coordinate vendor visits at your last job, do you think I should simply send a calm recap, or would it be smarter to suggest a second tour once the next maintenance window ends on June 20?

If you have time tonight, I'd really value your take. I need to answer Dario before noon tomorrow, and I'd rather not sound defensive when the mix-up wasn't entirely his fault.

Best,

Adrian Cho

Operations Lead, LumaGrid

Re: Problem with the Sunpeak site visit

Hi Adrian,

I don't think you need to sound apologetic from start to finish. From what you described, the day went off track because Dario was dropped at the wrong gate, not because you forgot the tour itself. I'd send a short recap first, mentioning that you still covered the inverter room and the output graphs, and that the greenhouse owner found that detour useful. In the same note, invite him to a follow-up after the maintenance window at (7) _____.

I wouldn't offer a second in-person tour immediately if Praxen mainly wants to confirm the sensor package. In that case, a remote meeting is probably (8) _____ and easier for everyone to schedule. You could also add one practical line for future visits: ask guests to tell drivers to use the (9) _____ rather than the freight gate. That keeps the tone constructive. If you want, send me your draft tonight and I'll check whether it sounds (10) _____ instead of defensive. My only other suggestion is to mention Dario by name so the message feels (11) _____.

Best,

Mei Lin

Procurement Coordinator

1 The writer's main point is

- ☐ A to describe a successful equipment inspection
- ☐ B to complain about the maintenance crew
- ☐ C to ask for advice after a disrupted site visit
- ☐ D to introduce a new engineer from Praxen

2 The writer wrote this message to

- ☐ A warn Mei about Bellmere traffic
- ☐ B confirm the June 20 shutdown
- ☐ C explain LumaGrid's contract terms
- ☐ D get Mei's opinion on how to respond

3 The site visit changed course mainly because

- ☐ A time was lost before they reached the correct area
- ☐ B the greenhouse owner arrived late
- ☐ C the safety forms were missing
- ☐ D the wall monitor stopped working

4 One fortunate outcome of the delay was that

- ☐ A the inspection crew extended the shutdown
- ☐ B the substitute tour answered practical concerns
- ☐ C the contract was approved on the spot
- ☐ D Dario learned the site layout on his own

5 The writer seems most frustrated by

- ☐ A the greenhouse owner's impatience
- ☐ B having to print extra paperwork
- ☐ C not preventing a predictable misunderstanding
- ☐ D Praxen's request for another meeting

6 Before the problem began, the writer expected to

- ☐ A hold a remote meeting with Praxen
- ☐ B escort Dario directly to the freight gate
- ☐ C review sensor pricing in the office
- ☐ D show Array C before an inspection started

7 Blank 7

- ☐ A June 20
- ☐ B the next morning
- ☐ C late May
- ☐ D Array C

8

Blank 8

- ☐ A hard to explain
- ☐ B the better next step
- ☐ C already cancelled
- ☐ D too risky

9

Blank 9

- ☐ A prefab office
- ☐ B opposite side
- ☐ C guest entrance
- ☐ D maintenance road

10

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- ☐ A formal
- ☐ B uncertain
- ☐ C hurried
- ☐ D calm

11

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- ☐ A more personal
- ☐ B less detailed
- ☐ C less urgent
- ☐ D more technical

PART 2

Reading to Apply a Diagram

Read the information in the diagram and the message, then answer the questions.

Reading Part 2: Reading to Apply a Diagram

Quartz Point Glassworks — Team Mosaic Packages

Quartz Point Glassworks

114 Cinder Lane, Harrowby Market

Bookings: groups@quartzpointglass.ca | 555-0184

Package	Best for	Session length	Group size	What is included	Weeknight price	Weekend price
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Spark | first-time teams | 90 minutes | 6-12 people | guided mosaic coaster; all materials; tea station
| \$34 per person | \$39 per person

Fuse | mixed-experience teams | 2 hours | 8-18 people | mosaic wall tile; all materials; apron loan;
tea station | \$42 per person | \$48 per person

Kiln Plus | milestone celebrations | 2.5 hours | 10-24 people | wall tile; all materials; private
instructor; dessert tray | \$51 per person | \$58 per person

After-Hours Custom | departments wanting privacy | 3 hours | 12-20 people | project chosen in
advance; studio closed to public; private instructor; light snacks | \$61 per person | \$68 per person

Add-ons:

- Custom colour palette: \$25 per group
- Gift-box packaging: \$4 per finished piece
- Extra 30 minutes: \$40 per group (not available for Spark)

Notes:

- Weeknight bookings start between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Weekend bookings start between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- A 15% non-refundable deposit is required at booking.

*Dessert tray is nut-free but not dairy-free.

Message

To: Priya

From: Evan

Subject: Glass studio options for the design team

Hi Priya,

I looked over the Quartz Point Glassworks flyer because we still need a team outing for the product group. Since we have 14 people and several have never tried mosaic work before, Spark is out right away. It caps the group at 12. Kiln Plus would fit, of course, but I think booking that package just for a regular quarterly get-together feels (1) _____ than we need.

Fuse seems more sensible. It allows 8 to 18 people, so our head count works, and the two-hour length is probably easier on everyone than a 2.5- or 3-hour evening. Also, unlike the biggest packages, it doesn't automatically come with extras we probably wouldn't use. If we want the session to feel a bit more branded, the custom colour palette add-on looks like the (2) _____ way to personalize it.

The only issue is food. Maya can't have dairy, so Kiln Plus is actually (3) _____ for us even though the dessert tray sounds nice. If we choose Fuse on a weeknight and add the colour palette, the total would be \$613 before tax, so the deposit should be (4) _____. Assuming you agree, I'll ask whether they have a start time around 6:00 p.m., which sounds (5) _____ for people coming from the office.

Best,

Evan

Product Coordinator

12 Blank 1

- ☐ A less flexible
- ☐ B harder to reserve
- ☐ C more elaborate
- ☐ D less organized

13 Blank 2

- ☐ A slowest
- ☐ B riskiest
- ☐ C most expensive
- ☐ D simplest

14 Blank 3

- ☐ A not really suitable
- ☐ B the cheapest option
- ☐ C still ideal
- ☐ D easier to schedule

15 Blank 4

- ☐ A roughly one hundred and five dollars
- ☐ B just under ninety-two dollars
- ☐ C slightly over one hundred and twenty dollars
- ☐ D about sixty-one dollars

16 Blank 5

- ☐ A better suited to weekends
- ☐ B too late to be practical
- ☐ C the most manageable
- ☐ D hard to get approved

17 Why does Evan prefer Fuse?

- ☐ A It has the lowest deposit
- ☐ B It includes private access
- ☐ C It offers dessert for everyone
- ☐ D It fits the team without overdoing it

18 Evan seems most concerned about

- ☐ A balancing practicality and comfort
- ☐ B getting the longest session possible
- ☐ C avoiding any evening booking
- ☐ D impressing an important client

19

What will Evan most likely do next?

- ☐ A Ask Maya to skip dessert
- ☐ B Contact the studio about availability
- ☐ C Switch to Kiln Plus
- ☐ D Book a weekend session immediately

PART 3

Reading for Information

Read the following passage. Decide which paragraph, A to D, has the information given in each statement below. Select E if the information is not given in any of the paragraphs.

Reading Part 3: Reading for Information

How Bracken Hollow Stores Electricity for Peak Demand

A

Bracken Hollow, on the edge of the fictional town of Larkspur End, was once a stone quarry that had stood idle for almost two decades. Rather than fill it in, the regional utility bought the land in 2011 and studied whether the steep basin could help balance the power grid. Engineers noticed that a ridge above the pit already held a shallow reservoir built years earlier for dust control. By linking the upper pond to a new lower lake in the quarry floor, they could move water between the two. Construction began in 2016, and the station delivered its first electricity three years later, mainly to cover the sharp rise in evening demand.

B

The system works like a giant rechargeable battery, although it stores energy as moving water rather than chemicals. When wind farms and solar arrays are producing more electricity than customers need, pumps send water uphill through a tunnel nearly a kilometre long. Later, during busy periods, the water is released downhill, turning turbines before returning to the lower basin. Because the machinery can start in under two minutes, operators use the site not only to supply power but also to steady sudden swings in the network. Even so, the process is not perfectly efficient: some energy is lost to friction, heat, and evaporation during each cycle.

C

Turning an old industrial site into an energy facility solved one problem but created others. Nearby residents worried that blasting, truck traffic, and round-the-clock lighting would disturb a nesting area used by cliff swallows. In response, the builder shortened the excavation phase, banned heavy deliveries after dusk, and installed shields so floodlights pointed downward. Another concern involved water quality. Since loose rock in the quarry contained fine mineral dust, the company lined sections of the lower basin and added monitoring stations upstream and downstream. According to reports released during the first operating year, bird numbers remained stable and sediment levels stayed within the limits set by the local regulator.

D

Although Bracken Hollow is often praised as a clean-energy project, its backers are careful not to present it as a cure-all. The station does not create new electricity; it shifts available power to a time when demand is higher and prices are steeper. That means its financial success depends heavily on market timing and on having enough low-cost electricity to pump water uphill in the first place. To improve those odds, the utility signed flexible agreements with several large manufacturers that can reduce consumption at short notice. Managers are now studying whether a second tunnel would shorten maintenance shutdowns, but no decision has been announced.

E. Not given in any of the above paragraphs.

20

This section explains that the facility mainly moves energy from low-demand hours to busier ones rather than producing extra supply overall.

☐ A B☐ B D☐ C E☐ D A☐ E C

21

This section describes why the location was chosen, including an existing feature that made the conversion practical.

☐ A C☐ B D☐ C A☐ D B☐ E E

22

This section focuses on how excess renewable power is stored and then quickly returned to the grid when needed.

☐ A A☐ B E☐ C C☐ D B☐ E D

23 This section outlines objections from people living nearby and the measures taken to reduce harm to wildlife and water conditions.

A D

B B

C A

D E

E C

24 The passage states that the project went ahead only after local voters approved it in a public referendum.

A E

B A

C C

D B

E D

25 This section suggests that the site is valuable partly because it can respond almost immediately when the electrical system becomes unstable.

A D

B B

C E

D C

E A

- 26 The passage says that the station's future expansion has already been approved and construction on an additional passage will begin soon.

☐ A D

☐ B A

☐ C E

☐ D B

☐ E C

- 27 This section makes clear that supporters discuss the project in qualified terms, emphasizing limits as well as benefits.

☐ A C

☐ B B

☐ C E

☐ D D

☐ E A

- 28 The passage indicates that repeated pumping cycles become more efficient in winter because colder water reduces heat loss.

☐ A C

☐ B A

☐ C D

☐ D B

☐ E E

PART 4

Reading for Viewpoints

Read the article and the comment that follows it, then answer the questions.

Reading Part 4: Reading for Viewpoints

A New Kind of Basement Debate

In the fast-growing district of Harlowe, several new apartment buildings are dropping private basement lockers and replacing them with shared lending rooms stocked with items residents borrow when needed: ladders, carpet cleaners, folding tables, even sewing kits. Developers say the idea saves space and discourages clutter. Critics, however, argue that it solves one problem by creating two others—less secure storage and more friction among neighbours.

The loudest promoter is Celia Voss, manager of the newly opened Juniper Gate complex, where residents reserve household tools through an app and pick them up from a staffed room. "Most people don't need to own a drill, a stroller scale, and a party cooler all year," she said during a building tour. By shrinking storage areas, her company made room for wider bike parking and a second parcel room. Voss insists the model reflects urban life as it is actually lived: smaller homes, occasional needs, and rising costs.

Not everyone sees it that way. Tenant advocate Marcus Iles says the plan quietly transfers inconvenience from builders to renters. "A locker isn't glamorous, but it is yours," he said. Families use them for winter tires, outgrown clothing, keepsakes, and mobility equipment that cannot simply be checked out for a weekend. He also questions whether the sharing room will remain as well stocked once the opening-year publicity fades. In his view, developers are branding a cost-cutting measure as community-minded design.

A more measured view comes from Professor Nadiya Sethi, who studies housing design at Brantwell Polytechnic. Shared rooms, she said, can work surprisingly well when buildings invest in rules, maintenance, and staff time; without those supports, they become a source of petty resentment. Sethi doubts the idea will reduce consumption as much as promoters hope, because people still buy backups when they fear an item will be unavailable before a holiday or move. Even so, she argues that some residents genuinely prefer access over ownership—especially those who move often.

Disappointingly for enthusiasts, the messiest questions are practical rather than philosophical. Building insurer Owen Cray warned that damaged or missing items can trigger disputes over liability, particularly when a borrowed tool causes harm in a unit. "People imagine a friendly shelf with labels," he said, "but once money and injury enter the picture, the paperwork multiplies fast." His concern does not amount to outright opposition, yet it undercuts the claim that shared rooms are a simple win.

Meanwhile, renter Alina Paredes, who uses a walker after knee surgery, said both sides miss something. She would happily borrow a steam cleaner twice a year, but she needs guaranteed space for medical supplies and seasonal gear. A survey at her building found broad support for a lending room—until residents were told it might replace, rather than supplement, personal lockers.

Useful idea, wrong replacement

I've been a building maintenance supervisor for twelve years, and I think this debate gets distorted when people talk as if every object belongs in the same category. Celia Voss is right that many residents do not need to own rarely used equipment, so (6) _____. In one tower I manage, a shared wet vacuum sits idle for days and then gets borrowed by three households after a storm. Still, that success depends on regular inspection, clear booking rules, and someone who notices when parts vanish.

That is why (7) _____. Marcus Iles may sound defensive, but he understands that residents store more than random clutter. I also think Professor Sethi is realistic: people often buy duplicates when they do not trust the system, and (8) _____. Last winter, one resident kept a second space heater in her unit for exactly that reason. As for liability, (9) _____. After a borrowed dolly damaged a hallway door, our insurer wanted a written record of who signed it out. For me, the sensible compromise is simple: (10) _____.

29 This article is mainly about

- ☐ A a dispute over replacing private storage lockers with shared borrowing rooms in apartments
- ☐ B why apartment insurers are resisting digital booking systems for shared tools
- ☐ C whether bike parking should take priority over parcel rooms in new buildings
- ☐ D how renters in Harlowe are reducing waste by giving away unused household items

30 According to Marcus Iles, developers are likely to

- ☐ A face opposition mainly because people dislike new technology
- ☐ B present a money-saving decision as if it benefits the community
- ☐ C discover that residents prefer borrowing mobility equipment
- ☐ D keep lending rooms fully supplied in order to attract families

31 Which situation would Professor Nadiya Sethi most likely see as support for her view?

- ☐ A Managers discover that shared rooms are cheaper to operate than expected
- ☐ B Families store winter tires and keepsakes in private basement units
- ☐ C Residents continue buying their own tools because they doubt they will be available when needed
- ☐ D A building removes lockers and uses the extra space for bike storage

32 The first paragraph mainly provides

- ☐ A evidence that residents already prefer access over ownership
- ☐ B proof that shared lending rooms reduce conflict among neighbours
- ☐ C a history of how basement lockers became standard in apartments
- ☐ D an introduction to the issue and the main lines of disagreement

33 The author's tone indicates the strongest support for

- ☐ A keeping lending rooms only if residents still have reliable private storage
- ☐ B letting insurers decide how apartment amenities should be designed
- ☐ C treating community-sharing models as mostly a passing trend
- ☐ D eliminating storage lockers in all new apartment projects

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- ☐ A developers have finally solved the problem completely
- ☐ B a lending room can be genuinely practical for some items
- ☐ C most residents misuse storage space anyway
- ☐ D private lockers should disappear from every new building

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- ☐ A Marcus Iles is mistaken to mention winter tires and keepsakes
- ☐ B I wish insurers had more power over building layouts
- ☐ C I would object if a lending room took the place of tenants' own storage
- ☐ D shared rooms work best when they replace every personal locker

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- ☐ A that habit proves shared systems are always poorly managed
- ☐ B the extra purchases usually build stronger neighbourly trust
- ☐ C Voss's model therefore cuts consumption more than expected
- ☐ D that weakens the promise that sharing will reduce buying

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- ☐ A my experience backs up Owen Cray's warning about disputes
- ☐ B Owen Cray is probably overstating a minor paperwork issue
- ☐ C shared tools rarely create questions about responsibility
- ☐ D liability concerns should not affect borrowing policies at all

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- ☐ A keep only personal lockers and forget the lending idea
- ☐ B add the shared room, but do not eliminate private lockers
- ☐ C let residents vote each month on every item in storage
- ☐ D make borrowing mandatory before anyone can buy equipment

SECTION 3

Writing

2 tasks **Duration** ≈ 53 minutes

Complete both tasks, following the prompt and the suggested word count.

Task 1 - Writing an Email

About 150-200 words

Write an email responding to the situation described above. Address all of the points. Your email should be about 150-200 words. You have 27 minutes.

Writing an Email

Read the following information.

Your apartment building manager has informed residents that the parking lot will be repaired next weekend. You use your car for work every day, and the temporary parking area mentioned in the notice is a 20-minute walk from your building. Write an email to the building manager to explain your situation and ask for help.

In your email:

- explain why the temporary parking arrangement is difficult for you;
- request a different solution or special consideration;
- ask for details about how long the repairs will last.

YOUR RESPONSE

About 150-200 words

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Speaking

8 tasks **Duration** ≈ 15–20 minutes

Prepare, then speak your response aloud for each task, as in real test conditions.

Task 1 - Giving Advice

Talk to Daniel. Give him advice about how to improve his routine and explain why you think your suggestions will help him.

Giving Advice

Your coworker Daniel has been feeling very stressed because he stays up late watching videos and then feels tired and unfocused at work the next day. He wants to improve his daily routine but is not sure where to start.

TASK

Talk to Daniel. Give him advice about how to improve his routine and explain why you think your suggestions will help him.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 2 - Talking about a Personal Experience

Describe this experience in detail. Talk about when it happened, what happened, who was involved, and how you felt. Explain what you learned and why this experience was meaningful to you.

Talking about a Personal Experience

Think about a time when you learned something important from a personal experience.

TASK

Describe this experience in detail. Talk about when it happened, what happened, who was involved, and how you felt. Explain what you learned and why this experience was meaningful to you.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 3 - Describing a Scene

Describe what is happening in the picture in as much detail as possible, as if you are speaking to someone who cannot see it.

Describing a Scene

You are looking at a picture of a busy place in a city.

TASK

Describe what is happening in the picture in as much detail as possible, as if you are speaking to someone who cannot see it.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 4 - Making Predictions

Look at the picture. Describe what you think will happen next and explain why, based on what you can see in the scene.

Making Predictions

You are at a busy outdoor farmers' market, and you can see several shoppers and vendors in the picture.

TASK

Look at the picture. Describe what you think will happen next and explain why, based on what you can see in the scene.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 5 - Comparing and Persuading

First, choose either option A or option B. Then, after you make your choice, your cousin brings up option C. Speak to your cousin and persuade them that your original choice is still better than option C.

Comparing and Persuading

Your cousin wants to join a gym this month and asked you to help choose the best membership. You need to pick one option that fits your cousin's budget, schedule, and fitness goals.

TASK

First, choose either option A or option B. Then, after you make your choice, your cousin brings up option C. Speak to your cousin and persuade them that your original choice is still better than option C.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 6 - Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them what you have decided to do, and try to maintain the friendship while offering a reasonable solution.

Dealing with a Difficult Situation

Your friend asked you to help them move to a new apartment this Saturday, and you already said yes. Yesterday, your sister told you she is hosting a small family dinner the same evening for your grandparents, who are visiting from out of town for only one day. Your family expects you to be there, but your friend is depending on your help because they cannot afford professional movers. If you cancel, your friend may be upset and stressed.

TASK

Talk to your friend. Explain the situation tactfully, tell them what you have decided to do, and try to maintain the friendship while offering a reasonable solution.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 7 - Expressing Opinions

Do you agree or disagree with allowing employees to work from home several days a week? Give reasons for your opinion and include examples to support your answer.

Expressing Opinions

Some people believe that employees should be allowed to work from home several days a week, while others think it is better for everyone to work in the office every day.

TASK

Do you agree or disagree with allowing employees to work from home several days a week? Give reasons for your opinion and include examples to support your answer.

PREPARATION NOTES

Task 8 - Describing an Unusual Situation

Describe the unusual situation to your sister in as much detail as possible so she can clearly imagine what is happening.

Describing an Unusual Situation

You are looking out the window of a neighborhood laundromat and notice something very unusual inside. You call your sister to tell her about it because she cannot see the scene.

TASK

Describe the unusual situation to your sister in as much detail as possible so she can clearly imagine what is happening.

PREPARATION NOTES

Answer keys

Check your answers against the grids below. Only the listening and reading components have an answer key; writing and speaking are assessed by a teacher.

Listening

01	A	02	B	03	C	04	D	05	A	06	B	07	C	08	D
09	D	10	A	11	B	12	C	13	D	14	B	15	C	16	D
17	A	18	B	19	C	20	C	21	D	22	A	23	B	24	C
25	B	26	C	27	D	28	A	29	B	30	C	31	D	32	A
33	C	34	D	35	A	36	B	37	C	38	D				

No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
1	A	Listening to Problem Solving	He received food for a different event and needs the right lunch order quickly.
2	B	Listening to Problem Solving	The meeting is about to begin, and many attendees specifically need vegetarian meals.
3	C	Listening to Problem Solving	She is trying to fix the mix-up and is checking whether a swap is still possible.
4	D	Listening to Problem Solving	Rerouting a downtown driver to bring all twelve labelled boxes around twelve ten.
5	A	Listening to Problem Solving	He wants the meals to match what people signed up for, not a partly improvised substitute.
6	B	Listening to Problem Solving	He shifts from doubting any solution will work to accepting a near-on-time complete order.
7	C	Listening to Problem Solving	It keeps the full order correct, avoids the man's leaving the building, and makes the exchange quicker during the break.
8	D	Listening to Problem Solving	Tell security about the pickup and check for the corrected invoice message.
9	D	Listening to a Daily Conversation	They are casually catching up about the woman starting a new hobby.
10	A	Listening to a Daily Conversation	She feels the evening option suits her habits better and should be more useful.

No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
11	B	Listening to a Daily Conversation	Her brother's offer and the high cost made waiting the more practical choice.
12	C	Listening to a Daily Conversation	Joining the morning weekend course instead of the Thursday evening one.
13	D	Listening to a Daily Conversation	Attend the class with a borrowed camera and decide later whether to buy one.
14	B	Listening for Information	She organizes them according to the kind of work each employee mainly does.
15	C	Listening for Information	Irrigation basics, because the employee's regular duty matters more than rare backup tasks.
16	D	Listening for Information	To connect pest monitoring with the next step for someone planning further training.
17	A	Listening for Information	Someone whose main job is watering but who already adjusts system settings several times a week.
18	B	Listening for Information	It helps them become familiar with key terms before the workshop begins.
19	C	Listening for Information	Sign up one employee for irrigation basics and the other for pest monitoring.
20	C	Listening to a News Item	address a long-standing drainage problem affecting vulnerable areas
21	D	Listening to a News Item	sends rainwater into an outdated system faster than it can handle
22	A	Listening to a News Item	recent flooding was widespread enough to justify urgent action
23	B	Listening to a News Item	be expected to absorb new costs before they can prepare financially
24	C	Listening to a News Item	look for runoff-reduction upgrades to lower what they owe
25	B	Listening to a Discussion	reliable timing matters more than offering a more exciting lunch by itself
26	C	Listening to a Discussion	schedule delays, while she emphasizes whether varied needs can be handled safely
27	D	Listening to a Discussion	leaving room for a morale boost at a time that will not jam the lunch line
28	A	Listening to a Discussion	seems less satisfying for crew morale even though it solves practical issues
29	B	Listening to a Discussion	making the meal plan workable for different dietary needs without disrupting the day
30	C	Listening to a Discussion	balance crew experience with a setup that does not derail production timing
31	D	Listening to a Discussion	some added comfort for the crew and attention to dietary requirements

No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
32	A	Listening to a Discussion	getting updated pricing details so they can decide between the revised option and the truck
33	C	Listening to Viewpoints	recognition of a medical barrier, while the other worries about the social message attached to that recognition
34	D	Listening to Viewpoints	is limited in a way that may prevent more expensive complications later on
35	A	Listening to Viewpoints	maintaining accountable access decisions and avoiding false expectations
36	B	Listening to Viewpoints	be tightly limited and paired with safeguards about messaging and counselling
37	C	Listening to Viewpoints	came with a clear cap and credible evidence that it would not drive larger system costs upward
38	D	Listening to Viewpoints	launch a modest pilot with explicit medical rules and integrated counselling before any wider expansion

Reading

01	C	02	D	03	A	04	B	05	C	06	D	07	A	08	B
09	C	10	D	11	A	12	C	13	D	14	A	15	B	16	C
17	D	18	A	19	B	20	B	21	C	22	D	23	E	24	A
25	B	26	C	27	D	28	E	29	A	30	B	31	C	32	D
33	A	34	B	35	C	36	D	37	A	38	B				

No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
1	C	Reading Correspondence	to ask for advice after a disrupted site visit
2	D	Reading Correspondence	get Mei's opinion on how to respond
3	A	Reading Correspondence	time was lost before they reached the correct area
4	B	Reading Correspondence	the substitute tour answered practical concerns
5	C	Reading Correspondence	not preventing a predictable misunderstanding
6	D	Reading Correspondence	show Array C before an inspection started
7	A	Reading Correspondence	June 20
8	B	Reading Correspondence	the better next step

No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
9	C	Reading Correspondence	guest entrance
10	D	Reading Correspondence	calm
11	A	Reading Correspondence	more personal
12	C	Reading to Apply a Diagram	more elaborate
13	D	Reading to Apply a Diagram	simplest
14	A	Reading to Apply a Diagram	not really suitable
15	B	Reading to Apply a Diagram	just under ninety-two dollars
16	C	Reading to Apply a Diagram	the most manageable
17	D	Reading to Apply a Diagram	It fits the team without overdoing it
18	A	Reading to Apply a Diagram	balancing practicality and comfort
19	B	Reading to Apply a Diagram	Contact the studio about availability
20	B	Reading for Information	D
21	C	Reading for Information	A
22	D	Reading for Information	B
23	E	Reading for Information	C
24	A	Reading for Information	E
25	B	Reading for Information	B
26	C	Reading for Information	E
27	D	Reading for Information	D
28	E	Reading for Information	E
29	A	Reading for Viewpoints	a dispute over replacing private storage lockers with shared borrowing rooms in apartments
30	B	Reading for Viewpoints	present a money-saving decision as if it benefits the community
31	C	Reading for Viewpoints	Residents continue buying their own tools because they doubt they will be available when needed
32	D	Reading for Viewpoints	an introduction to the issue and the main lines of disagreement
33	A	Reading for Viewpoints	keeping lending rooms only if residents still have reliable private storage
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No.	Ans.	Part	Correct answer
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38	B	Reading for Viewpoints	add the shared room, but do not eliminate private lockers



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