

INTEGRATED LISTENING AND READING**Time: 20 minutes (10 points)****Task 1**

Alice is studying at a summer school in England. As part of the programme, Alice's group is going on an excursion to the city of York. Before the trip, Alice read the information in the guidebook to understand better what the tour guide would talk during the excursion.

Read four passages from the guidebook and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for the following questions.

You have 10 minutes to do the task.

History of the city

In 71 AD, the Romans founded the city of York, known to them as Eboracum. They chose this location for its strategic position near rivers, which made transport and defence easy. They built strong walls and roads, creating a bustling town that would grow over time. York became an important Roman centre, playing a significant role in military and trade activities. Even today, the city's Roman origins are visible through its rich historical remains and architecture.

Medieval times

The Merchant Adventurer's Hall in York is a stunning example of medieval architecture. Built in 1357, it served as a meeting place for influential merchants. The large timber-framed building features a great hall and chapel. Visitors can admire its historic charm and learn about York's rich economic history.

Unique material

The cathedral Minster, an awe-inspiring structure from the 13th century, stands majestically in Yorkshire. Its walls are primarily made of beautiful cream-coloured Magnesian limestone. This special material, sourced nearby, gives the Minster its distinctive appearance, reflecting the region's rich history and natural beauty.

Sculptural masterpieces

York Minster's King's Screen is a stunning work of art. It features 15 statues of English kings, starting with William the Conqueror and ending with Henry VI. Each sculpture is intricately crafted, illustrating the history of these rulers. Visitors admire the detailed carvings and the grandeur of this historical masterpiece.

1. What was the main reason the Romans chose the location of York?
 - A. It was located near the rivers.
 - B. It had good walls and wide roads.
 - C. It was convenient for trading.

2. Which of the following best describes the Merchant Adventurer's Hall in York?
 - A. A church for the local community.
 - B. A meeting place for wealthy merchants.
 - C. A place for military operations.

3. What distinguishes the material used in the construction of York Minster?
 - A. They could get it from nearby sources.
 - B. They liked its cream-colour.
 - C. All of the above.

4. What does the King's Screen in York Minster primarily illustrate?
 - A. The architectural styles of the Middle Ages.
 - B. The history of English monarchs.
 - C. The religious significance of the Minster.

5. How do the Roman origins of York remain visible today?
 - A. Through its rich historical remains and architecture.
 - B. Through its role in military activities.
 - C. Through its importance as a trade centre.

Task 2

Now listen to the audio guide telling about the most important sites in the city of York and mark **A**, if the information can be found **both in the guidebook and in the recording**, and **B**, if it **cannot be found in the texts** you have read in Task 1.

You will **listen** to the recording **TWICE**.

	A both in the texts and in the recording	B only in the recording
6. York was built by the Romans.		
7. The castle was built by William the Conqueror.		
8. Merchant ships arrived in York with goods from different countries.		
9. Special rock was used to construct the the Minster.		
10. Monks were among the few people at that time who could read and write.		

READING

Time: 10 minutes (10 points)

Task 3

*Read the text about one of the most beautiful and attractive places in Ufa, the Ufa Botanical Garden. Seven sentences were taken out from the text. Put the appropriate sentences into the correct places.
TWO SENTENCES ARE EXTRA, DO NOT USE THEM.*

FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY

Technology is rapidly advancing, and the future promises many exciting possibilities. One area of growth is **artificial** intelligence, which is already impacting many industries today. **(11. ...)** This could lead to smarter cities where resources are managed more efficiently.

(12. ...) In the future, **virtual** reality could be used in education, allowing students to explore historical events. This technology might also change how people socialize, offering new ways to connect across distances.

The rise of renewable energy is another important development as we look to the future. Solar and **wind** power are becoming cheaper and more accessible than ever before. **(13. ...)**

Healthcare technology also holds promise for improving lives. **(14. ...)** Innovations like wearable health monitors can help people **track** their fitness and detect problems early.

While these technologies offer many benefits, they also come with challenges like privacy concerns. **(15. ...)** Despite potential obstacles, the future of technology looks **bright**, promising a world of endless opportunities. By carefully considering how we use these advancements, society can create a better tomorrow for everyone.

- (A) Increased connectivity and data sharing will drive further innovation in the digital world.**
- (B) Another area with potential is virtual reality, which provides immersive experiences for users.**
- (C) With advances in medical research, treatments for various diseases might become more personalized.**
- (D) These clean energy sources can help reduce pollution and combat climate change by decreasing reliance on fossil fuels.**
- (E) In the future, AI systems may become even more sophisticated and capable of complex tasks.**
- (F) Technological advancements will likely lead to more automation in various industries.**
- (G) It's important to address these issues as we embrace new innovations.**

Task 4

*There are five words that are highlighted in the text. Match them to the other words to make the collocations. **THREE WORDS ARE EXTRA, DO NOT USE THEM.***

16. artificial	H. record
17. virtual	I. away
18. wind	J. spark
19. track	K. tour
20. bright	L. leg
	M. sack
	N. alone
	O. up

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 25 minutes (30 points)

Task 5

*Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each space. **The first one is done for you.***

Example answer: 0 A B C D

Ads Everywhere!

Advertising has become a part 0) _____ everyday culture. People are exposed 21) _____ hundreds of adverts every day whenever they switch 22) _____ the TV or radio or search sites on the Internet. This means that we know all 23) _____ the tricks that advertisers use to sell us their products and so they need to work harder 24) _____ ever to keep us interested.

The 25) _____ trend designed to do this is known as ambient advertising. This is the practice of putting ads in unusual places to make the product stick in 26) _____ minds. Ambient ads started out on the sides of taxis and the backs of bus tickets but 27) _____ these by now become commonplace.

One recent award-winning campaign advertised a modern art agency 28) _____ putting stickers on everyday objects 29) _____ as lamp-posts and paving stones, describing them as 30) _____ they were works of art.

	A	B	C	D
0	<i>in</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>about</i>	---
21.	to	at	on	of
22.	---	on	in	to
23.	---	out	in	about
24.	far	that	than	then
25.	latest	---	later	late
26.	---	peoples'es	peoples'	people's
27.	as	even	only	---
28.	by	with	on	through
29.	---	so	only	such
30.	to	if	like	---

Task 6

Pick up from the list a suitable word for each gap. There are some extra words you don't need to use.

jacket feet shoes night trousers nose
 glove mind shirt trouble name hat
 nerve tail

31. I love your new dress, it's such a beautiful colour and it **fits you like a** _____.
32. Elaine doesn't want anybody to know about her new job yet, so **keep it under your** _____.
33. She's so bossy. I think it's obvious who **wears the** _____ in her family.
34. I wouldn't want **to be in Mike's** _____ when his boss finds out he wasn't really sick last week.
35. If the deal goes wrong, he's going to **lose his** _____.
36. I'd better go and talk to her now before I **lose my** _____.
37. Technology is the _____ **of the game** these days, isn't it?
38. These kids seem to have **a nose for** _____. They're always getting into mischief.
39. She went to complain to the neighbours because recently they have been playing really loud music **day and** _____.
40. It took us hours to get home, the traffic was **nose to** _____.

Task 7

A compound word is two or more words linked together to produce a word with a new meaning, for example, **tooth + brush = toothbrush** (a small brush used to clean teeth). Form 10 compound words by guessing the missed part. You are given the meaning of a compound word and the number of missed letters to help you. Write **ONLY** the missed part.

0. **water + _ _ _ _ (4 letters) = water, especially from a river or stream, dropping from a higher to a lower point**

Example answer: fall

41. **book + _ _ _ _ (4 letters) = anything placed between the pages of a book to show where a person stopped reading**

42. **_ _ _ _ _ (6 letters) + fly = a large insect with a long, thin, brightly colored body and two pairs of clear wings**

43. **_ _ _ _ (4 letters) + line = a line of words printed in large letters as the title of a story in a newspaper**

44. **_ _ _ (3 letters) + scraper = a very tall modern building, usually in a city**

45. **_ _ _ _ (4 letters) + box = a box outside a person's house where letters are put**

46. **sun + _ _ _ (3 letters) = the time in the evening when you last see the sun in the sky**

47. **_ _ _ _ (4 letters) + space = the key that you press on a computer keyboard to move the cursor to an earlier point**

48. **_ _ _ _ _ (5 letters) + list = a list of people or things that are considered unacceptable and should be avoided.**

49. **frost + _ _ _ _ (4 letters) = a medical condition in which parts of your body, such as your fingers or toes, become seriously damaged as a result of being very cold**

50. **_ _ _ _ _ (5 letters) + board = a large board with a smooth white surface that teachers write on with special pens**

WRITING

Time: 35 minutes (20 points)

Task 8

Write a short story about **your great performance**. Use the target vocabulary to describe the highlights of your story and how you overcame any challenges to perform in front of many people. Remember to give title to your story.

Target vocabulary:

1. *speechless*
2. *fear*
3. *rehearsal*
4. *win*
5. *advice*

You must use these words, their word forms or their derivatives at least **ONCE** in a text as in the example:

Example: After my best friend's **advice** I was almost sure I could become a **winner**.

You should write 80 – 100 words.