

something really is true or really happens, in the phrase *do become rich and famous* (first sentence, last paragraph).

Vocabulary: Words and phrases appropriate to the topic, such as *enable, talented, high quality, poorly written, apparent* and *gifts* are used.

IELTS TEST 4

LISTENING Section 1

- 1 Answer: James Bowen**
Note The form asks for 'full name', meaning both first and last name. The man gives his first name, James, and does not spell it out because it is a common name in English. He does spell his other name. It would be acceptable in this case to put the two names in either order.
- 2 Answer: 4 Lion Road**
Note Although James mentions the Youth Hostel, the woman asks for the address of the flat he is going to move to. James does not spell 'Lion', but he does say that it is 'like the animal'.
- 3 Answer: 09954 721 822**
Note The woman writes James' mobile number down because it is the only one he has at the moment. You need to be prepared for numbers such as this in various ways.
- 4 Answer: history diploma**
Note Both words are necessary here – either one on its own would not be enough information. The form asks for qualifications, so 'college', etc. would not be a proper answer.
- 5 Answer: computer skills certificate**
Note 'IT course' would not be correct because the form asks for 'qualifications'. All three words are necessary to correctly complete the form.
- 6 Answer: hospital**
Note This is introduced on the recording as 'worked, just as a general assistant, in a ...'. Because of the 'in a ...', you should not try to write anything about 'assistant'.
- 7 Answer: tour guide**
Note James checks that part-time work is included ('if you include part-time work ...') before saying that he worked as a tour guide.
- 8 Answer: swimming club**
Note James talks about 'various sports', but he only mentions being a member of ('I'm in ...') the swimming club.
- 9 Answer: playing piano**
Note 'Enjoys' on the form is matched by 'love' on the recording, and the woman also writes '10 years' on the form. 'Music' would not be a correct answer, because the reference to 10 years would not fit with it.
- 10 Answer: June 28**
Note Two dates are heard, June 20th and 28th. The form asks for when James is available (for work). James says he will be 'back and ready to start on June 28th'.

LISTENING Section 2

- 11 Answer: breakfast**
Note Various kinds of food or meal are mentioned (dinner, a drink or a snack), but only breakfast must be booked in advance: 'if you do want it, you should tell the Hotel that you do the night before'.
- 12 Answer: paintings**
Note 'Some interesting' in the sentence matches 'a collection of fascinating' on the recording.

- 13 **Answer: castle**
Note 'Has been cancelled' in the sentence matches 'we won't be going to the castle after all' on the recording. We can understand that they were going to go there. The recording gives the reason for this, but this is not required by the sentence.
- 14 **Answer: famous people**
Note 'A talk about' in the sentence matches 'a lecture on' on the recording. The sentence is about the content of the talk (about/on), not the person who gives the talk (by).
- 15 **Answer: antiques show**
Note 'The visit to' in the sentence matches 'the trip to' on the recording. The arrangement has been changed to Sunday.
- 16 **Answer: old postcards**
Note Both words are necessary here. If you wrote only 'postcards', it would suggest (new) ones that you could buy, but these old ones are on show in the art gallery.
- 17 **Answer: E**
Note The recording clearly provides the starting point for the instructions – the bus station. You are directed to the railway bridge and beyond. You need to listen carefully to avoid confusing E and I: for E you go left and it is on the right, but for I you would go right and then it would be on the left.
- 18 **Answer: F**
Note The recording gives you the starting point – the bus station – and says it is 'near' there. You are told the names of the two streets where F is.
- 19 **Answer: A**
Note The recording tells you that the Tourist Information Office is 'up around the train station area'. You are also told the names of three streets that go towards it from the bus station. You have to be careful to decide which of A, B or C it is.
- 20 **Answer: D**
Note The recording tells you how to get to the restaurant from the bus station. G is not correct – Cromwell Road is one you should go past. Choosing between D and H correctly depends on understanding that the restaurant's entrance is on the left corner.

LISTENING Section 3

- 21 **Answer: A**
Note 'Student support services' are the 'services to support students' on the recording. Dr Smith is 'not absolutely sure about the situation at Haines' but says that 'certainly Forth has a good reputation in that regard'.
- 22 **Answer: C**
Note 'Residential accommodation' is 'room or flat' on the recording. Dr Smith says that 'all colleges ... have decent rooms or flats ... and Forth and Haines are no exception'.
- 23 **Answer: A**
Note 'On-line resources' matches 'on-line provision' on the recording. This is 'limited' at David's present college, and Dr Smith says that Haines is 'developed' to the same level, but that Forth 'has developed some pretty impressive stuff'.
- 24 **Answer: B**
Note Forth's 'splendid' library is for law, which is not 'particularly relevant' for David, but Haines' 'collections' are 'better suited' to David.
- 25 **Answer: B**
Note 'Teaching staff' are 'lecturing staff', and these are 'adequate' at Forth, but 'inspirational' and 'very cutting edge' at Haines.

- 26 **Answer: B**
Note 'Record' matches 'reputation for results'. Although Haines 'has consistently scored very well', Forth has 'a little bit of an issue with non-completing doctorate students'.
- 27 **Answer: B**
Note David is 'concerned': he is 'anxious' and 'daunted' on the recording. He himself does not feel competitive, and he says he will have to use the fact that he is motivated to help him when he feels isolated ('out on my own ... compared to the sense of community here').
- 28 **Answer: B**
Note Dr Smith mentions all three possibilities, but only publishing articles matches 'should aim to' in the question: 'it would be sensible to think in terms of ... that'll stand you in good stead ...'.
- 29 **Answer: B**
Note Dr Smith refers to all three possibilities, but the question asks for which one he thinks has improved in recent years. The only one which has changed for the better is B: 'what I've found impressive is the way courses have developed to be more adaptable ...'.
- 30 **Answer: C**
Note David mentions all three things, but time management is the only one he wants to improve from now on; he has already improved the other two.

LISTENING Section 4

- 31 **Answer: crisis**
Note 'Start with a' matches 'begin with a' on the recording. It would not be logical (or possible in two words) to write 'slow build up of interest'.
- 32 **Answer: specialist knowledge**
Note 'Tell publishers about your' matches 'give them details of ... you have' on the recording. 'Topic' and 'idea' are not directly things you should tell the publisher on the recording.
- 33 **Answer: definite market**
Note 'Write for a' matches 'produce your article for a' on the recording. 'Focus' would not fit logically.
- 34 **Answer: obvious**
Note 'Meaning shouldn't be too' matches 'the message of a poem oughtn't to be overly' on the recording. 'Subtle' is a good thing in this context, so it would not be logical as an answer.
- 35 **Answer: director**
Note 'Movements usually decided by the' matches 'things such as "moves towards the sofa" and so on are for the director to come up with' on the recording. Neither the playwright nor the actors decide these things.
- 36 **Answer: regional stations**
Note 'To begin with' on the recording introduces 'first' here. 'National radio' is what you should probably avoid to start with.
- 37 **Answer: age group**
Note 'Decide on an' matches 'fix on one' on the recording. This is what you should 'aim at'. The illustrator and the pictures do not fit logically.
- 38 **Answer: C**
Note The question is about a disadvantage, so you must ignore things which are advantages. Option C is the answer because it refers to the idea of it being 'restricting' if you can only 'put' certain 'things' into a story on the recording.
- 39 **Answer: B**
Note The question requires you to identify a mistake when writing novels. The recording alerts you to this with 'pitfalls', but you have to wait until you hear 'inexperienced' and 'all

too often' introducing a negative aspect. The mistake is represented by 'spoil' and this relates to 'spelling out what they mean by it' – that is, 'trying to explain'. This confirms option B as the correct answer.

40 Answer: C

Note This question requires you to identify the advice relating to something you should do in order to make dialogue 'seem natural'. Option C is represented by 'insert minor descriptions and actions to vary the pace ...' on the recording.