

IELTS  
**TEST 5**

LISTENING Section 1

- 1 Answer: 2 km**  
**Note** The question is clearly reflected in the woman's question to the man. Two distances are mentioned, but only one of them answers the question ('from the very centre of town').
- 2 Answer: www.cheapstay.com**  
**Note** The website address is clearly spelt out, and is supported by 'go to ...' and the fact that you can 'email them directly from it'.
- 3 Answer: street festival**  
**Note** The woman refers to March, and the man mentions the 22<sup>nd</sup> within this context. You need to include the word 'street' – there are many different kinds of festival.
- 4 Answer: local musicians**  
**Note** The concert is clearly mentioned on the recording. The 'point' that the man is making is that the music (which is of various kinds) is played by 'local musicians', so this is the answer. Different types of music ('classical' and 'rock') or 'mixture', etc. would not be correct answers to the question 'who'.
- 5 Answer: natural history**  
**Note** March 24<sup>th</sup> is clearly mentioned on the recording, and the paintings are exhibited before this date. We are told that the 'exhibition' changes to 'natural history'.
- 6 Answer: sports centre/center**  
**Note** Do not write 'swimming pool' or 'park', which are open in March.
- 7 Answer: C**  
**Note** All three times are mentioned, but only option C answers the question: 'depart' matches 'sets off' on the recording.
- 8 Answer: A**  
**Note** All three possibilities exist, but only option A answers the question because it is the only one that the man 'recommends' – he says this way is 'more convenient'.
- 9 Answer: B**  
**Note** All three figures are heard on the recording, but the question is about the group discount, and only option B answers this – 'if there are more than 10 of you travelling together'.
- 10 Answer: C**  
**Note** The question asks about the 'excursion' – that is, the whole trip. The total length of the trip is four hours, consisting of three hours when the train travels and two half-hour breaks in which you do what you want. You are told that four hours is the answer; you do not need to do any mathematical calculating to get the answer.

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## LISTENING Section 2

- 11 **Answer: A**  
**Note** The director says that in year 1 (that is, 5 years ago), 'sales climbed': this is true of all three graphs. Then he says they went 'flat' for 3 years: this is true of graphs A and C (but not graph B). Then he says he is 'delighted' (a positive reaction) that in the 'last year' (year 5) they 'rose again': this is only true of graph A.
- 12 **Answer: B**  
**Note** All three types of the business are mentioned. Read the question carefully: it is about 'this year', not other years. Graph B is correct because it shows the three departments as the same: 'equally balanced on all fronts at the present time'.
- 13 **Answer: B**  
**Note** You need to understand that the numbers for this year are more than last year and the numbers for next year will be more than this year: the numbers are going up every year.
- 14 **Answer: creating value**  
**Note** The word 'phrased' on the recording tells you that the exact words for the '.....' of the question begin at this point.
- 15 **Answer: line manager**  
**Note** 'Help' in the notes matches 'assistance' on the recording. 'Colleagues' are who you should not ask.
- 16 **Answer: positive**  
**Note** 'Customers to have a' matches 'everyone who shops here feels they have had a' on the recording. 'Routine' is the kind of experience for customers not to have.
- 17 **Answer: special offer**  
**Note** 'Tell' matches 'informed' and 'let them know' on the recording. 'Goods' matches 'products'.
- 18 **Answer: newsletter**  
**Note** 'Read the' must be followed by something you read – the newsletter. You could not write 'about these', for example, in the space.
- 19 **Answer: progress meetings**  
**Note** This is a certain kind of meeting, so you need to write both words. You cannot write 'section leader', as this would not follow 'attend' correctly.
- 20 **Answer: E/B**  
**Note** All five things are mentioned on the recording, but only options E and B must be done today – 'this evening' for option E, and 'by the end of the day' for option B.

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## LISTENING Section 3

- 21 **Answer: A**  
**Note** We are told that Gentoo penguins 'look carefully down ...' before jumping. This should not be confused with options B or F.
- 22 **Answer: E**  
**Note** 'Climbing' in option E matches 'get up somewhere' on the recording. Other references to movement such as those in options A, B or C should not be chosen.
- 23 **Answer: F**  
**Note** There are references to looking twice here on the recording – 'first to one side then the other', 'each eye in turn', 'double-checked'. This is different from option A – 'always hesitate'.
- 24 **Answer: G**  
**Note** Options G and C refer to positions penguins use with their bodies. However, here it is the flippers that are discussed. You should not be confused by the idea of jumping in option A.

- 25 **Answer: standing**  
**Note** Emily introduces the reference to 'sleeping'. Brian talks about the penguins lying 'flat' sometimes, but the question is about 'usually', which is what Emily goes on to say – 'normally'.
- 26 **Answer: stick out**  
**Note** Two kinds of feather on the Rockhopper are mentioned, the black and the yellow; the question asks about the yellow ones.
- 27 **Answer: white patches**  
**Note** 'Recognise' matches 'spot' on the recording.
- 28 **Answer: find food**  
**Note** You need to find an answer that fits the space in the summary grammatically, and in one or two words only. Reference to 'a bigger catch' helps to explain what is meant by 'best way to find food' ('makes it easier'), but is not the correct answer in itself.
- 29 **Answer: calm**  
**Note** 'Appear' matches 'seemed' on the recording. Emily had thought the penguins might have been 'frightened', but in fact this is what they were not apparently feeling.
- 30 **Answer: social nature**  
**Note** 'All the types have a social nature': this is what characterises them and what Emily responds to. 'Security' is mentioned but not as a characteristic.

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## LISTENING Section 4

- 31 **Answer: demolish**  
**Note** 'Have been mistaken' matches 'proved disastrous' on the recording. 'Demolish', as a basic verb, is the only possible answer that fits into the space here.
- 32 **Answer: real consultation**  
**Note** 'Often' matches 'frequently'. It is important to write both words of the answer, as 'real' consultation is distinguished from 'token gestures'.
- 33 **Answer: self-help**  
**Note** 'Housing policies' matches 'strategies for providing accommodation'. 'Based on principles of' matches 'an approach rooted in'. 'Independent' is part of the idea, but this adjective would not fit the space grammatically.
- 34 **Answer: services**  
**Note** 'Some' matches 'a number of'. 'Be provided' matches 'have to be laid on' on the recording.
- 35 **Answer: invest money**  
**Note** 'Feel secure' matches 'have a sense of security, of long-term commitment' on the recording. Both words of the answer are necessary in this case. Answers involving other words such as 'time' would not fit logically or grammatically.
- 36 **Answer: community values**  
**Note** 'Governments often underestimate the importance of ...' matches 'too many governments fail to appreciate that ... are a crucial component of that' on the recording. You should not try to write an answer to do with 'belong'. It would not fit grammatically, and it is the community values that create the sense of belonging, not the other way round.
- 37 **Answer: employment**  
**Note** The point made on the recording is that the question of 'how much employment is going to be available' should be considered before housing is built.
- 38 **Answer: freedom**  
**Note** There is a reference to the 'economy', but this could not fit into the space – '... of individuals'. 'Effect' here matches 'impact' on the recording.

**39 Answer: specialist activities**

**Note** 'The population size of cities' matches 'the sheer volume of people' on the recording, but you need to wait a little while for the link in the sentence to 'range' ('variety'). 'Work' would not be an adequate answer the point is the kinds of work – 'activities' are 'specialised', unlike in villages.

**40 Answer: understanding**

**Note** 'Raise the level of' matches 'increases our degree of' on the recording. This is what city living does in relation to understanding – the result of 'thinking or going about things' in many different ways.