


PAPER 4: LISTENING



EXERCISE ONE

QUESTIONS ONE TO FOUR

- **It could be announcements, recorded phone messages and short conversations.**
 - **This exercise contains four short recordings that are not related to each other.**
 - **Questions require short answers, no longer than three words each**
 - **Total marks: 8 (2marks per extract)**
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TIPS TO ANSWER EXERCISE ONE (THE FIRST FOUR QUESTIONS)

- **You get a slight pause after you hear the explanation for the exercise. During this time, quickly read the question and underline the key words.**
- **Concentrate on the recording as the questions are very specific.**
- **It is important to listen to the whole of the conversation.**
- **Closing your eyes while listening can help.**
- **Write on the dotted lines under the questions.**
- **Write clearly**

EXERCISE TWO (QUESTION 5)

- **This is a note taking exercise. A long recording will be played and you will be required to fill in the gaps given on the note by listening to the contents.**

TIPS

- First, read the conversation and get an idea of what the conversation is about and the kinds of information and terms you will expect to hear.
- On the first recording, listen carefully and grab the information. Once the recording is over. Fill in the answers you now know.
- If you are not sure of the answer, write it in pencil and confirm it in when you listen to the recording again.
- When you hear a second time, look out for the information you didn't remember the first time.
- The answers will be found in a chronological order. You will get a sense of when they will come in the recording.
- Answers that involve numbers can be tricky.



EXERCISE 3 (QUESTION 6)

- This exercise could be the most confusing one.
- You will hear a handful of speakers talk about a particular topic. You have to match the speaker with their opinion using a letter. There are more options than there are people.


TIPS THAT COULD HELP YOU DO WELL IN THIS QUESTION:

- Read the options or what you would call the opinions.
- Understand what each opinion is and underline key words. The key words for each opinion should be different so that you could distinguish them from each other.
- While listening the first time through, you need to concentrate a lot .
- Write the number of the speaker next to the opinion as soon as they finish speaking. It is easier and quicker to write down the speaker number as it goes in order in the recording rather than find out the write letter and write it next to the speaker.
- On the second time listening to the recording, confirm your answers and clear any confusion. Again by numbering the opinion.
- Once the recording is over, write down the matching letter next to each speaker.

EXERCISE 4 (QUESTION 7)

- You will listen to a discussion between two speakers and answer 3-option multiple-choice questions. (an interview)
- Write a tick next to the answer
- Every option given in the question will be mentioned in the recording, so you need to listen carefully in order to catch the right answer.
- Read the questions before the recording is played and underline the key words.
- A small word that might seem to be insignificant can be the key to finding the right answer.

EXERCISE 5 (QUESTION 8)

- This is a note taking exercise but a much harder one!
 - The exercise is split into two parts which are related, a formal talk followed by an informal discussion.
 - You should complete the gaps in sentences using no more than three words.
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TIPS!

- Read the questions before the recording plays.
- Listen to the meaning of what is being said rather than just listen.

- Absorb the information and really be interested in the topic. It allows you to know the details and there will be a lesser chance of you forgetting them.
- If there are numbers that you should fill in, quickly jot them down in the gaps.
- Listen very carefully during the first recording and write down the answers you remember afterwards. There is going to be a lot of information that will confuse you.
- Think about the type of word that is required. Is it a noun, verb or adjective? Is it a number? Is it a noun place?
- When the second recording plays, clear out the rest. There might be still answers you don't know but you have no option but to guess them.



Some general tips!

- Read the questions and underline the keywords. I cannot stress this enough!
- All you need are brief answers, not more than three word usually.
- Part of listening, is to predict the answers. You can almost always guess the kind of word that is going to be said next. Use this to guess your answers if you haven't yet gotten the answer even after the two recording plays.

Some General Tips

- Notice any question that needs two details to get one mark or two marks, and make sure you separate the answers clearly.
 - CONCENTRATE. Look up ways to increase your concentration and memory power.
 - One suggestion from me would be to picture what the speaker is saying.
- Be attentive, but relaxed. If you panic, you're just gonna stress and miss important information.