



IELTS Practice Test Volume 2

Listening Practice Test 1

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Questions 1-6

Complete the notes.

Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

School Excursion	
Day: <u>Wednesday</u> (Example)	
Destination: 1 _____	
Weather: 2 _____	
Arrival time: 3 _____	
Activities Planned	
See: 4 _____	
Eat: Catered lunch	
Attend: 5 _____	
Return time: 6 _____	

Questions 7-10

Complete the table.

Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

Nationality	%
7 _____	26
8 _____	25
9 _____	16
- Indonesian	15
10 _____	8
- Saudi	7
- Other	3

Questions 11-15

Choose the correct letter, A, B, or C.

11 The company deals mostly with:

- A big cities.
- B nature holidays.
- C Nepal.

12 The overseas consultants deal mostly with:

- A Asia.
- B North America.
- C Europe.

13 For deserts and gorges, customers should come in the:

- A morning.
- B afternoon.
- C night.

14 Trips to regional locations are good because:

- A the buses are comfortable.
- B there is storage for suitcases.
- C they can be seen quickly.

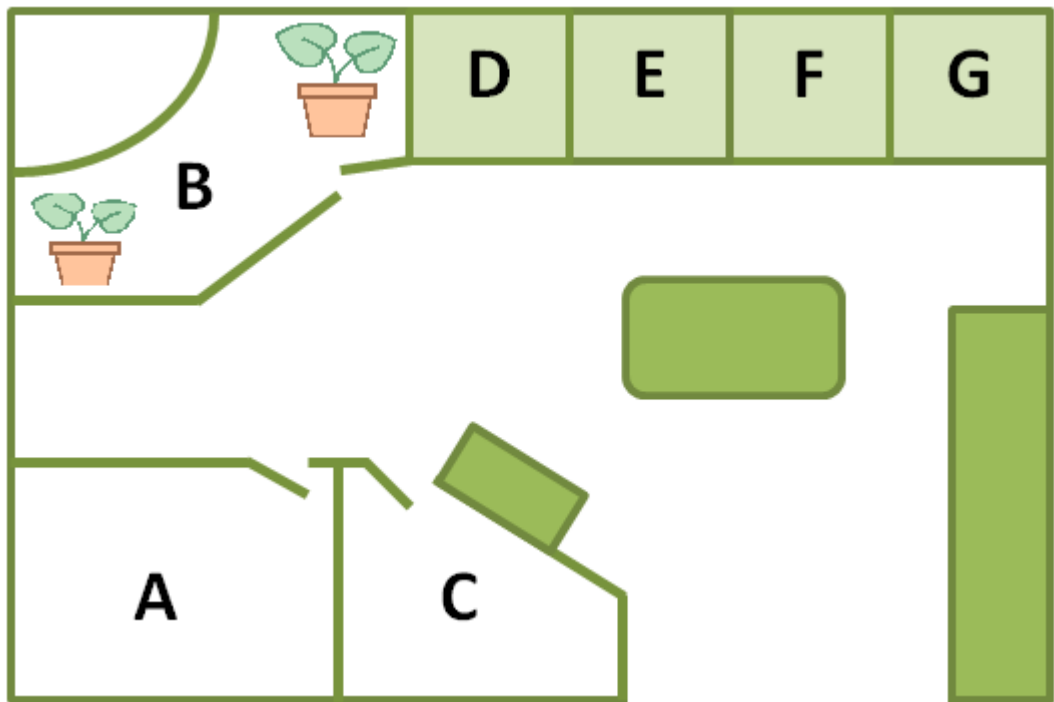
15 SleekLine buses are particularly known for their:

- A service.
- B size.
- C comfort.

Questions 16-20

Identify the rooms in the office plan.

Write the correct letter, A-G, next to the questions.



- 16 Local Tours
- 17 Interstate Tours
- 18 International Tours
- 19 Asian Region
- 20 General Office

Questions 21-24

Complete the timetable.

Write the correct letter, A-H, for each answer.

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Opening Lecture	21 <input type="text"/>
Tuesday	22 <input type="text"/>	Study Skills
Wednesday	x	23 <input type="text"/>
Thursday	x	x

Friday	x	24 <input type="text"/>
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A	BBQ
B	Careers lecture
C	Computer lab visit
D	Dance
E	Library tour
F	Student Union induction
G	University tour
H	Legal rights lecture

Questions 25-30

Complete the labels.

Write **ONE WORD OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

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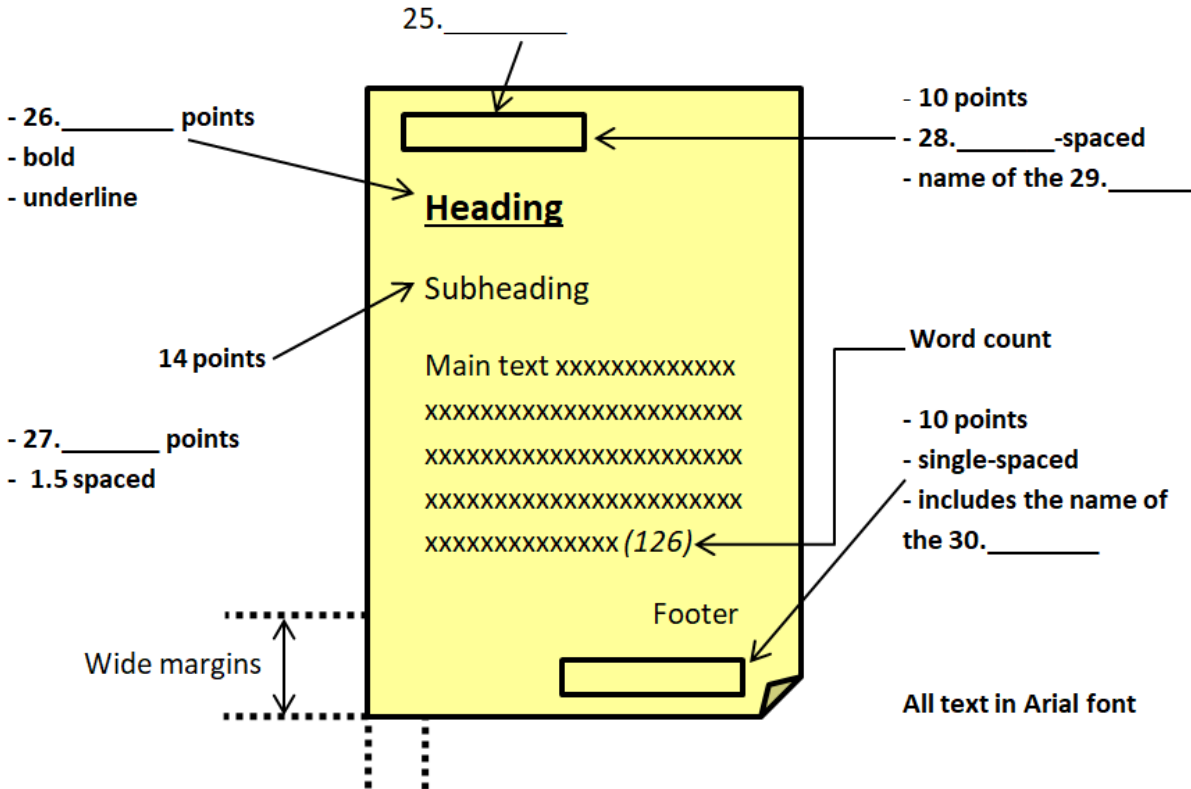
27 _____

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University Style Guide



Questions 31-34

Complete the sentences.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Behaviour in parks is controlled by 31 _____

Insect numbers are reduced by having 32 _____

A wilderness park does not have any 33 _____

Observing trees and lying in the grass are examples of 34 _____

Questions 35-40

Complete the notes.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Parks

1000 years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sufficient wilderness • large forests: people could 35 _____ • desire to preserve nature began with 36 _____
Princes Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land originally worth £ 37 _____ • designed by Joseph Paxton • in the middle was a 38 _____
Neighbourhood Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • now regarded as a 39 _____ • satisfy a natural desire • can be famous, e.g. in 40 _____



Solution:

Part 1: Question 1 - 10

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 (the) animal park | 2 cold and cloudy |
| 3 10.15 am | 4 birds of prey |
| 5 (the) reptile display | 6 6.30 pm |
| 7 Chinese | 8 Japanese |
| 9 Korean(s) | 10 Thai |

Part 2: Question 11 - 20

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| 11 B | 12 A |
| 13 B | 14 C |
| 15 A | 16 D |
| 17 F | 18 B |
| 19 C | 20 A |

Part 3: Question 21 - 30

- | | |
|------|------|
| 21 G | 22 E |
| 23 C | 24 A |

25 header

27 12

29 work

Part 4: Question 31 - 40

31 regulations

33 development

35 get lost

37 50,000

39 refuge

26 16

28 single

30 teacher

32 short grass

34 passive recreation

36 Industrial Revolution

38 (central) lake

40 Melbourne

SECTION 1

You will hear two teachers, Andrew and Katie, discussing the coming excursion of their language class.

Andrew: Well, we have this school excursion planned, but when exactly is it? Is it this Tuesday or Wednesday?

Katie: Well it can't be Tuesday, with the English tests taking place.

Andrew: Ah, right. Not Tuesday, but Wednesday.

Katie: That's right - all day Wednesday - taking a bus outside the city.

Andrew: And where are we going?

Katie: Ah, last month we went to Arthur Island, so this time we're going to Q1 the... Animal Park.

Andrew: Arthur Island was okay, but it was too cold. Let's hope the weather for this week's excursion is better. I don't suppose animals care about bad weather, but I certainly do. Have you heard the forecast?

Katie: Yes, and it's not too bad. Basically, they're saying Monday will be sunny.

Andrew: Good...

Katie: But then the weather will change.

Andrew: Not so good.

Katie: Yes, Tuesday we'll have some showers, but by Wednesday, the day of our excursion, it will be... well, their words are 'Q2 cold and cloudy'.

Andrew: Cold and cloudy. Well, as long as it isn't 'wet and rainy', I'm happy enough. We won't need umbrellas, just warm clothing. And what time will we get there?

Katie: Let's see. The bus picks us up at 8.30 am, and then it's an hour and a half on the road, so we arrive at 10 am... sorry, with the 15 minutes break, that will actually be Q3 10.15 am.

Andrew: That's early enough. Then all our students can see the animals, have their fun, and do whatever they want to do.

Katie: Well, one fun event planned that day is 'Q4 Birds of Prey'.

Andrew: What's that?

Katie: That's when they bring out several birds of prey: eagles, falcons, kites, those sorts of

birds, and throw pieces of meat into the air, and the birds swoop down and eat them. It's quite impressive.

Andrew: Sounds great. 'Birds of Prey'. Are there any other activities?

Katie: There's a catered lunch, at the park restaurant. We've already paid for that, and in the afternoon there's... well, I had a choice between the 'Reptile Display' and the 'Koala Handling'. In the reptile display, the students can handle live pythons and various other snakes.

Andrew: Surely they'd rather hold koalas?

Katie: I'm sure, but the koalas can't be handled unless the weather's sunny, and given the forecast, I thought it better to choose **Q5 the reptile display**.

Andrew: Ummm, that's a shame. These Asian students would love the 'Koala Handling'.

Katie: Yes, I know, but we can't control the weather.

Andrew: And, then we get back. What time will that be?

Katie: We leave the park at 4.30, but then we face traffic, so we won't get back until well after 6 pm. It will most likely be **Q6 6.30**. But that's better than the last trip: we didn't get home until 8.30 that time.

Andrew: Yes, that was a bit too late, wasn't it?

Katie: Andrew, I understand you've been doing some research regarding the breakdown, by nationality, of our student body. That must have produced some interesting results.

Andrew: You're right. I got some statistics from head office.

Katie: I would imagine that most of our students are either Japanese or Chinese.

Andrew: You imagine right. But it's the **Q7 Chinese** who constitute the majority, but only just. I had thought Koreans might be second, but it's actually the **Q8 Japanese**, quite close behind. It's somewhat surprising, but obviously all those Study Tours that our university markets in Japan are bringing in students.

Katie: What's the breakdown exactly?

Andrew: Japanese are a quarter of the whole, which is considerable. Last year they were only 16%, so that market has grown nicely. Ah, the only other proportions of some weight are the Indonesians and Koreans - about the same. Indonesians at 15%, and... ah... the **Q9 Koreans** are a little higher - not like last year when they were less than 10%.

Katie: I thought we'd have more Indonesians than Koreans?

Andrew: Well, as I said, they're about the same - just like the Saudi and Thai student numbers, almost the same also - both just under 10.

Katie: Which one is bigger?

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Andrew: Ah, **Q10 Thai** students number just a fraction more. As for the other nationalities, collectively they're only 3%, so it wasn't worth giving each of them a separate category. I just grouped them under 'other' - that's Vietnamese, South American, a couple of Russians, and so on.

SECTION 2

You will hear a representative from EasyTravel Travel Agency explaining to some customers the benefits of her company.

Hello everyone. Now, you're here because you're interested in travel, right? And you're in the right place, for at EasyTravel, we have the best deals for the best locations. We specialise in eco-travel, or holidays designed to get you **Q11 amongst nature**, ignoring the hustle and bustle of big cities. So, whether you want to hike in Nepal, as many people do, or follow some jungle paths in the rainforests of Queensland, we can give you the best deal.

If you look at our office here, you'll see our overseas consultants. That's for trips overseas, obviously, to Europe, to North America, but primarily for the Asian market, which is **Q12 generally more popular** in this part of the world. Most people like that touch of the orient, right? But they also like the domestic market, since this country offers its fair share of beautiful natural vistas. What about the deserts, anyone? What about some striking red-rock gorges? Then, talk to our domestic consultants, who can arrange anything you want. But they deal with the accounts in the morning, so you'll need to talk to them in the **Q13 afternoon**. And remember, our office doesn't open at night, sorry to say.

Now, around the outskirts and outer regions of this city, there are many beautiful places that you might not be aware of. And the advantages of these regional locations are many. Mostly, by being closer, some of them can be done in a day tour. Yes, it's **Q14 fast and convenient**, with none of those long-haul bus trips which often leave you cramped and uncomfortable, and stuffing heavy suitcases into luggage racks.

But, I should tell you about our buses, those that are needed for the somewhat more distant holiday destinations. They definitely do not suffer from those problems I just mentioned. We use the services of the famous Sleek Line Company, whose buses are known as the very best. Yes, they are big, yes, they are comfortable, but what makes them especially different is the personal attendant, who accompanies the driver, ready and willing **Q15 to serve you**, and ensure that your trip is the very best. So, whether it's overseas or local, we can certainly give you what you want. Now, do you have any questions?

Right, let me orient you to our main EasyTravel office here. On this table right beside us are travel magazines for you to browse through, and on the wall next to that are many more, for all parts of the world. Our four travel consultants sit over there, on the other side of that long counter. That's right, four of them, side by side, all serving various regions.

Now, let me tell you their specific functions. Firstly, the consultant on the left, next to the plant, is the **Q16 'Local Tours'** consultant, serving tours in the immediate vicinity of this city. Next to her is what we call 'Regional Tours', targeting the state-wide options. -Next- to her is the '**Q17 Interstate Tours**', and that can involve either buses or planes, in the former case, utilising the SleekLine Bus service, as you know. And finally, next to her, in the corner, is 'General Enquiries', which is self-explanatory. If you have questions of a general nature, rather than one relating to specific destinations, you can go there.

Now, as I said, we can do **Q18 international tours**, and for that you need our big office, just through that door - the one between those two plants. However, if your international tour is in the **Q19 Asian region**, which is generally our most popular option, then we deal with that in a separate room the one opposite International Tours, but not; the corner one. Just go through that door on the left - the one next to that cupboard. The door next to that is, in fact, our **Q20 General Office**, so please don't go through there. That's reserved for staff members only.

SECTION 3

You will hear two students, Sam: and Liz, discussing their university orientation program.

Sam: Hi Liz. How do you feel about starting university here?

Liz: A little bit nervous, but I'm confident I can handle it. This orientation program seems like it will help us a lot.

Sam: Sure. I'm looking at the timetable here myself. It seems that there are choices available.

Liz: I can see. So, what are you going to do Monday afternoon? In the morning we all have the opening lecture, but it looks like we have a choice later that day, as you said.

Sam: Well, the 'Careers Lecture' might be helpful, but I am interested in the 'Uni Tour'. It's probably too early to be thinking of careers now, anyway, and I want to know what's what at this new university, so. I'm **Q21 doing the tour**.

Liz: Alright. I'll come along with you. Might learn something interesting. After all, we haven't seen much of this place yet, and we will be spending four years here.

Sam: Tuesday is another full day, too. In the afternoon there's a lecture about study skills, but that morning offers another choice.

Liz: 'Library Tour' or 'Student Union Induction'. What do you think?

Sam: I think the student union is very important, but we can go there any time, right, so we should take advantage of the library tour while it's being offered. Maybe the week after, you and I can go to the student union.

Liz: **Q22 Library** it is, then. Now, Wednesday has a free session in the morning, but after lunch there's a choice between visiting the computer lab, or attending a lecture on our legal rights.

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Sam: Well, law and rights are important, but computers are the basis of everything these days, so I'm going to the **Q23** computer lab.

Liz: Don't you think knowing our legal rights is equally, if not more, important? We live in a very litigious and complex society now.

Sam: Sure, but it's something we can pick up later, so let's leave that one out.

Liz: Okay.

Sam: Let me see the timetable. Thursday is a free day, and the week winds up with some celebrations on Friday afternoon. It looks like a fun choice, too. There's either a **Q24** BBQ on the main lawn, or the dance.

Liz: I never pass up the chance to eat something. What about you?

Sam: If I can get a free meal, I'll take it any day, and I'm not good at dancing anyway.

Liz: Well, that's that decided. Right?

Sam: Right!

Sam: Guess what Liz? There's another interesting thing in this orientation booklet, and it looks important -about a 'style guide'.

Liz: What's that?

Sam: Take a look yourself. It seems to be a set of rules regarding how to present written work - essays, and that sort of thing - to the lecturers. They want a uniform style of presentation.

Liz: I can see. So, everything we hand in must have a header and a footer.

Sam: A what?

Liz: A header and a footer. The footer is at the bottom of the page, and the **Q25** header is at the very top. That's why they call it a 'header', you know, that little bit of writing giving details about the work. And they also want the word count. Why do they need that?

Sam: I guess because the lecturers will specify the number of words they want for their assignment, and they want to be sure students follow this.

Liz: And even the heading on the page has to be a specific dimension. **Q26** 16 points, and bold print, and underlined.

Sam: And subheadings are 14 points, and the font has to be Arial for everything.

Liz: Yes, the main text is Arial, too, as you said, and the size is **Q27** 12 points, with the header and footer being slightly smaller, at 10 points each. Well, it seems logical. The size of everything is in proportion to its importance, but why do they need the spacing of the main text to be one and a half? The header and footer are different. They're only **Q28** single-spaced.

Sam: Probably to allow the teacher to insert comments, or corrections, or just to make it all more readable, I suppose.

Liz: And we need wide margins on the left, right, top, and bottom, probably for the same reason. Lots of space to allow the addition of comments. That's a bit scary, actually. It seems to assume we will be making mistakes.

Sam: And look what they want in the header and footer. The header has the name of the **Q29 work**.

Liz: Not the name of the teacher?

Sam: No, the work, but surely the **Q30 teacher's** name must go somewhere. Ah, here it is. It goes in the footer.

Liz: Okay, I'd say this is all logical. If a page is lost, say, falls to the floor, then with all this information, it can always be traced back to the teacher involved.

Sam: Right - as you say, all very logical.

SECTION 4

You will hear a lecturer discussing public parks.

Most of us are familiar with a local park. We spend time there, play there, and have some of our best memories in these places. But what is a park? Basically, it can be defined as a natural, or at least semi-natural, piece of land, planted with a variety of trees, bushes, and flowers, protected and reserved for the enjoyment of all citizens. There are usually **Q31 regulations** about the sorts of behaviour that can take place within. And sometimes there are facilities such as children's playgrounds, or fields for ball games and other sorts of activities. For this reason, if there is **Q32 grass**, it is kept **Q32 short**, and this also discourages the breeding of insect pests. A well-maintained park actually needs a lot of people to look after it, and more so if the park showcases special plants, flowers, or trees, in which case it is called a 'botanic garden'. In complete contrast, if the park is big and remote enough, it is sometimes designated as a wilderness park, to be left completely alone and untouched, protected from all **Q33 development** in order to allow wild species, both plant and animal, to live undisturbed.

But it is the urban park - the sort of park that most people are familiar with, that I want to talk about now. These preserve natural landscapes for the pleasure of the urban population, most commonly just for passive recreation - in other words, allowing people just to observe the trees, and lie in the grass, and such **Q34 passive recreation** is certainly needed.

Continuing on the subject of parks, it might surprise you to know that once there were none. A thousand years ago, there was no need, since there were already extensive open spaces,

forests, and wilderness surrounding most cities and towns - for example, in Europe. These dark dank forests were large and even dangerous, full of wild animals and with the potentially fatal result of **Q35 getting lost**. Hence, fairy tales evolved about witches living in these areas, and the wolves and bears, which could threaten young children.

However, with the rapidly increasing human population, the original wilderness and natural open spaces were intruded upon. Forests were cut down as populations spread, and with them, urban pollution and further deforestation. But it was only with the advent of the **Q36 Industrial Revolution** that people realised natural areas needed to be preserved, to give the populace access to the sort of nature that was fast disappearing due to the uncontrolled development and demand for resources.

The first park, expressly designed for that purpose, is usually considered to be Princes Park in Liverpool. This was in 1841, on land donated to the public by a rich iron merchant. With such a generous donation (worth about **Q37 £50,000**), the council decided to invest £5,000 of its own money in making it look good. Consequently, they hired a landscape designer, Joseph Paxton, who designed twisting turning pathways among shade-giving trees, all based around a **Q38 central lake**. In many ways, it became the prototype for all later large parks, including the famous Central Park in New York.

But, if we were to pick the park that most people are familiar with, it would be the much smaller neighbourhood park. These can be tiny, but, by being in the midst of extensive development and dense populations, they are increasingly seen as a **Q39 refuge**, where one can get a glimpse of true nature. Many psychologists now maintain that this glimpse is necessary, for ultimately, as a species, we have an innate affinity for nature, and the concrete urban zoo clashes with our inner being. This has seen the rejuvenation of many urban parks that were once left to decay, for example, in New York or London, and indeed, some cities, such as **Q40 Melbourne**, are known all over the world for their abundance of carefully maintained parks, including a world famous botanic garden.