



IELTS General Training Volume 6

Listening Practice Test 1

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Questions 1-5

Circle the correct letters A – C.

1 What is John's job?

- A Doctor
- B Teacher
- C Chemist

2 Which of the following continents did Frank not visit on his travels?

- A Europe
- B Africa
- C North America

3 What's Frank's job?

- A Journalist
- B Travel writer
- C College lecturer

4 How many children do Frank and Liz have?

- A 0
- B 2
- C 3

5 When did John and Kate get married?

- A the last year of college
- B the year after graduation
- C 2 years after graduation

Questions 6-9

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

What time should Frank and Liz go to dinner?

6 _____

What's Frank's mobile phone number?

7 _____

What's on the other side of the road from John and Kate's flat?

8 _____

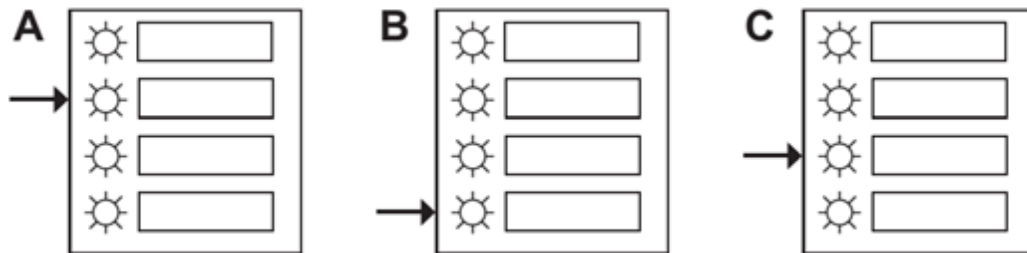
What does Liz NOT like to eat?

9 _____

Question 10

Circle the correct letter **A – C**.

10 Which bell button is the one for John and Kate's flat?



- A A
- B B
- C C

Questions 11-14

What **FOUR** sports facilities are currently **NOT** available at the Westley University Sports Centre.

Write the correct answer on your answer sheet.

- A football
- B aerobic training

- C swimming pool
- D weight training
- E running machines
- F basketball
- G trampolines
- H badminton
- I yoga

Questions 15-20

Complete the student's notes below.

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

Joining the Sports Centre

To be student member of Sports Centre you must be full time/part time at uni. + Students' Union member. Come with NUS card to Sports Centre reception between 9.00am and 3.30pm from 15 _____ to Saturday.

Present NUS card, fill out application form and pay subscription. Student subscription is £ 16 _____. Pay by cash or cheque; not credit cards.

No photos necessary; 17 _____ at reception.

Members can use the facilities at any time. Because of 18 _____ members must show membership card every time they come in.

Replacement cards cost £ 19 _____

Members can book courts, not by phone, with membership cards.

Opening Times (7 days a week)

Monday to Saturday: 20 _____ to 10.00pm

Sunday: 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

Questions 21-25

Answer questions 21 – 25 below. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS OR A NUMBER** for each answer

What subject does Professor Cameron teach?

21 _____

How long will the next week's seminar be delayed?

22 _____

To what problem of Maggie's does Professor Cameron refer?

23 _____

Who has the students' extended essays from the last semester?

24 _____

How many extended essays need marking besides Maggie's work?

25 _____

Questions 26-30

Complete the sentences below.

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

The students will have a choice of 26 _____ titles for this semester's extended essay.

Professor Cameron says that she will look at 27 _____ until the end of April.

This semester's extended essay maximum number of words allowed is 28 _____

The students extended essay for this semester will be based on research at the university's 29 _____.

Rob will be able to help students at 30 _____

Questions 31-36

Complete the Megalodon description below.

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

THE MEGALODON (Carcharodon Megalodon) – the largest predator that ever lived on Earth

Size

12 m + (possibly up to 15m or 31m)

About 3 X length of Great White Shark (estimates from fossilized teeth + vertebrae)

Teeth

Size of 31 _____

Very hard and fossilised well unlike all other parts of sharks' cartilage skeletons

Bone-like material coated with 32 _____

Like Great White Shark teeth but bigger, thicker + more finely serrated

Appearance

Possibly like a huge, streamlined Great White Shark

Jaws

Open 33 _____ wide and 7 feet high; could swallow enormous objects

Loosely attached by ligaments and muscles to the skull

Teeth probably located in rotating rows

First two rows of teeth for 34 _____, others rotate into place as needed

Lost, broken or worn teeth replaced by new ones

Did not chew food; gulped whole large chunks

Diet

Mainly whales.

Sharks eat approx. 35 _____ of body weight daily

Remains of whales with 36 _____ indicate predator – prey relationship

Questions 37-40

Are the following statements *TRUE* or *FALSE*.

37 The speaker gives another example of a fish that everyone mistakenly thought was extinct.

38 In 1918, a giant shark attacked some Port Stephens fishermen killing one of them.

39 The Port Stephens fishermen all agreed with each other on their description of the shark that they saw.

40 The Megalodon sighting near Broughton Island happened again the next day.



Solution:

Part 1: Question 1 - 10

- 1 B
- 2 A
- 3 A
- 4 A
- 5 C
- 6 (about) 7.30/7.30pm/half past seven
- 7 07623 963 957
- 8 a postbox
- 9 red meat
- 10 C

Part 2: Question 11 - 20

- $\frac{11}{14}$ C,E,G,I
- 15 Tuesday
- 16 15
- 17 (digital) camera
- 18 insurance agreement
- 19 5
- 20 8.00 am/8am

Part 3: Question 21 - 30

- 21 agriculture
- 22 1/one hour
- 23 attendance (record)
- 24 (the) external examiner
- 25 19
- 26 10/ten

27 drafts

29 facilities

Part 4: Question 31 - 40

31 a man's hand

33 6/six feet

35 2%/2 percent

37 TRUE

39 TRUE

28 3500

30 the greenhouse complex

32 (hard) enamel

34 obtaining prey

36 (large) bite marks

38 FALSE

40 FALSE

Section 1

You will hear a conversation between 2 old friends who meet each other by accident.

John: Hello Frank. How are you?

Frank: Wow John. Yeah I'm fine. How are you?

J: I'm great thanks. I haven't seen you since we left school. How long ago is that now? It must be 10 years , or is it 11?

F: It's 9 years now. What are you doing with yourself? You were going to be a doctor, weren't you, or something medical, like a chiropractor ?

J: Well, I was going to be but that's not what I did. I started medical school but I didn't really enjoy it and the idea of doing it for 5 or 6 years and then continuing to study for years after that didn't really appeal. So I left medical school and went into teacher training college to be a science teacher.

F: And I thought for all these years that you were earning mega megabucks as a doctor or working in a pharmaceutical company!

J: No. **Q1 Just a teacher!** I love it though. I'm so glad I did it instead of medicine. And what are you doing Frank?

F: After school I didn't really know what I wanted to do so I traveled for a couple of years round the world.

J: Great. Where did you go?

F: Lots of places but nowhere in **Q2 Europe**. I wanted to travel long distance ! First of all I travelled through India and Nepal. Then I moved into south east Asia for a few months. Then I went through Australia and New Zealand. After that I went to Africa and went around various countries there. After that it was south America, central America and north America.

J: How on earth did you afford all that?

F: I just settled down and worked for a few months in places where I could get a job and save money. Then, when I had enough, I moved on. I wasn't exactly staying in luxurious places though!

J: And now what? You always wanted to work with computers, didn't you?

F: Yes. I remember that. However, when I finished all the travelling I thought of going into travel writing but it's so competitive . **Q3** I always fancied journalism as well so I got into that and right now I'm working for the local paper.

J: Did you have to study for that?

F: Well some people don't, but I went to college for a year to do a journalism course and I'm glad I did as it gave me a bit of a head start and certainly helped me get my first job.

J: And are you married and kids or what?

F: I married a girl called Liz that I met whilst I was in Australia. **Q4** We haven't had kids yet, though we're planning on having at least 2 or 3. What about you?

J: Do you remember Kate who I dated whilst at school?

F: Of course. The prettiest girl in the school! You didn't marry her, did you?

J: Yes. We managed to stay together all through college. She did teaching too so we were at the same place for 3 years at college. We thought about getting married in our last year at college but it was all too much and then we were too busy the year after graduation . So **Q5** we did it 2 years after we graduated.

F: Wow. I'm so happy that you guys stayed together. That's great!

J: Where are you living now?

F: Oh, in Westley. In the high street actually. What about you?

J: In Westley too. We've got a flat near the secondary school. Obviously then it's easier to get into work.

F: Listen, why don't you and Kate come over for dinner some time?

J: That's a great idea. When?

F: How about next Friday?

J: Can't do Friday I'm afraid. Both Kate and I have a parent teacher afternoon on Friday after school and then we'll have to do the paperwork in the evening.

F: What about Saturday then?

J: That would normally be fine but our babysitter is away that night and we won't be able to find one at such short notice. Why don't you and Liz come over for dinner at ours and then we'll be able to look after the kids? You'll be able to meet them too.

F: OK. Let's do that then. Liz will be happy. She won't have to cook!

J: I'll be doing the cooking when you come round. I love cooking.

F: So, what time shall we come round? 8 o'clock?

J: Well we'll be home around 6:30 that night as we're going out for the afternoon with the kids.

Q6 I'd say come at about half past 7:00 .

F: Are you sure that's long enough to get things ready?

J: Well, that'll be an hour. I don't need more than that.

F: And what's your phone number just in case?

J: oh 1 3 4 7 8 3 5 8 2 5 . That's the home number. And the mobile is 07978 290 512. What about you?

F: I've only got a mobile. It's oh seven six two three nine six three nine five seven .

J: What was the last bit again?

F: I'll say it all again. **Q7** 07623 963 957.

J: And I'd better give you the address.

F: Oh yes, that would help.

J: We live at Flat 3, Evergreen Terrace. It's just past the church on the right. **Q8** We've got a post box opposite us and a doctor's surgery next door.

F: I should be able to find that.

J: Anything you don't like to eat?

F: Well, I hate fish and sea food and **Q9** Liz doesn't care much for red meat. She likes white meat though.

J: How about chicken?

F: That should be fine

J: Oh yes. When you arrive none of the bells are marked for security and there are four buttons. **Q10** You need to press the bell second from the bottom.

F: Second from the bottom. OK. Got that.

J: I'll be able to buzz you in and then come up to the first floor and the door will be open.

F: Great. Well it's so good to see you again John. I'll really look forward to seeing you on Saturday and meeting Kate again. And the kids of course.

J: Yes, and I'm looking forward to meeting Liz.

F: See you Saturday then. Goodbye.

J: Goodbye

Section 2

You will hear a man giving a short talk to new students about their university Sports Centre.

Good morning to all you new students here at Westley University and thank you for coming to this talk on the Sports Centre. My name is Mr. Mike Finn. Later I'll take you around the Centre on a tour but right now I'll just let you know what we have to offer and how you can become a member.

We are at present in the main reception of the Sport Centre. Behind me we have the main

sports hall where a myriad of different sports take place. We have football, hockey , basketball, badminton, martial arts and netball to name but a few. We are also planning cricket nets and **Q11 trampolines** in the very near future. aerobics , modern dance and spinning are also held in the main sports hall and **Q12 yoga** classes are coming soon. There is a large schedule up on the wall behind me detailing when each sport is on. It also gives details of which sports you have to pay extra for in order to join in.

Above us and overlooking the main sports hall we have our fitness room which has all the modern weight training machines and aerobic training machines that you could wish for. At present there are no **Q13 running machines** as there have been a few accidents with these and we are waiting for the university to work out its insurance as regards these before we get them back again.

Round the back of the main sports hall are our squash courts. These can be reserved at the reception. The one important thing with the squash courts is that you must not wear outdoor or black marking soles on them. You will be fined and suspended from the Centre if you do!

Next to that we have the provisional site of the **Q14 swimming pool**. Details of that are posted on the Sports Centre newsletter which is always available on the notice board. We hope that it won't be too long in coming!

Outside the hall we have playing fields where you can play football, rugby , cricket and hockey. You don't need to be a member of the Sports Centre to enjoy these playing fields but you might need to join the individual sports clubs. Membership dues for these clubs are not usually very high and it always includes insurance cover so don't worry. You won't need to take out a bank loan to join them all.

Now let me tell you how to become a student member of the Sports Centre. First of all any student who wishes to be a student member of the wesley University Sports Centre must be studying a course at the university, part time or full time, and be a member of the Students' Union. So if you wish to join you must bring your NUS card with you before we can process your application . You must come to the Sports Hall reception between 9.00am and 3.30pm from **Q15 Tuesday to Saturday**. The membership secretary does not come in on Sundays and Mondays. You must present your NUS card, fill out the application form and pay the subscription . The student subscription for this year is **Q16 15 pounds** . There is usually a joining fee of £5 to join the Sports Centre but this does not apply to student members. You can pay by cash or cheque but we don't take credit cards. You used to have to bring two passport photos of yourself but we've gone digital now so we can **Q17 take your photo ourselves with our camera at reception** . Once you have your Sports Centre membership card , you have the right to use the facilities at any time that we are open. You will need to bring your

membership card every time you wish to use the facilities or you will not be allowed to enter. This is part of our **Q18 insurance agreement**. If you need a replacement card at any time you will be charged a replacement **Q19 fee of £5** but you will not need to pay the subscription of 15 pounds again. You may book court for sports such as squash and badminton but you may only do this in person, not on the phone and you will need the membership card number on your membership card so don't forget that card! We are open 7 days a week though opening times vary. Monday through to Saturday we are open from **Q20 8.00am to 10.00pm** and Sunday we are open from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

Now, any questions so far?

Section 3

You will hear a university tutor and his seminar group of 3 students discussing their extended essays.

Professor Cameron Hello everyone. Welcome back from your winter holidays. I hope you had a good time and didn't work too hard! Well, this semester we will continue our seminars on **Q21 agriculture**. Today, like last semester, we are in the McCloud Room but this will change.

Next week we are going to the Hardy Room on the second floor and we will remain there for the duration of the semester. **Q22 Also we will have to change the time as the Hardy Room is not available at our usual time of three o'clock. So we'll need to start one hour later.** Is that OK with everyone?

Maggie I've got a problem with that. I have a part time job in a restaurant in town and finishing an hour later will stop me being on time.

Prof. Cameron Well Maggie, there are other seminar times for this particular subject but you'll need to get someone to swop with you as they're all full. Come by my office tomorrow lunchtime and I'll show you the list. We should find someone willing to change.

Maggie What if we can't though?

Prof. Cameron You'll have to decide what's more important for you! The degree or the job. You know that attendance is compulsory at the seminars and you haven't got a very good **Q23 attendance record** anyway.

Maggie I'll sort something out I suppose.

Guy Professor Cameron. When do we find out about the extended essay for this semester?

Prof. Cameron Today actually Guy. We'll look at everything in a minute.

Guy Thanks.

What about last semester's menses extended essay?

Prof. Cameron Well Monica. All your extended essays are now with **Q24 the external examiner** getting their second assessment . I completed the marking in early January and the external examiner should get them back to me by mid February.

Maggie: Mid February! For three essays!

Prof. Cameron: It's not just your essays Maggie. There are three of you in this seminar group but I have 5 other seminar groups on this subject in your year and they have four students in each. That makes **Q25 19 extended essays** that I and the external examiner have to mark.

Monica: How did we do Prof.?

Prof. Cameron: With one notable, the essays were of a pretty good standard. I can't say more than that at this stage but I was very happy.

Prof. Cameron: So, moving on to talk about the extended essay. What do you want to know about?

Monica First of all, what do we have to write about?

Prof. Cameron Next week I'll bring in a list of titles which will relate to the first ten seminars that we have this semester. You have to choose **Q26 one title from ten titles** on offer but you might want to think about choosing from the first five so that you'll have more post seminar time to prepare.

Guy What about the deadline?

Prof. Cameron I'm afraid it's not the 26th of may as we advertised at the start of the academic year as that's a bank holiday. It's now the next day, the 27th. No extensions ! We won't accept the 28th .

Guy: Can we let you see our work before we hand it in?

Prof. Cameron: Yes, though we have a deadline for that too in order to encourage you to get organised and started early. So, we will continue to look at **Q27 drafts** until the last day of April and then after that you're on your own to produce your final product.

Maggie What's the word limit Professor?

Prof. Cameron We want to have an upper and lower limit so we've set the lower limit of **Q28 3,000 words and an upper one of 3,500**. You'll have to be in that range.

Monica Will we need to do any research for the essay?

Prof. Cameron I'm not really supposed to give you any details of the questions yet but, yes, there is a research component for all the questions.

Monica Will the research be survey based or done on the farm or in greenhouses ?

Prof. Cameron **Q29 The research that we want you to do will be practical work with plants so it will be down at the university facilities**, either at the university farm or the greenhouses as you said.

Maggie What type of plants will we be studying?

Prof. Cameron The type of plant that you do your research on will depend on the question you choose and I can't tell you any more about the questions yet.

Monica Will we have any help with the growing procedures ?

Prof. Cameron A little. The farm staff and Dr. Johns will be on hand to help you at the farm and Rob down at **Q30 the greenhouse complex** can assist you with everything down there. Well, that'll do for now. You can hang on until next week to get started. Today we're going to look at...

Section 4

You will hear part of a further education lecture on marine biology.

Good morning everyone and welcome to another further education lecture on marine biology . Recently we looked at the coelacanth which people thought had become extinct millions of

years ago. Today we are looking at another inhabitant of the deep which we're pretty sure is extinct though some people still think it exists. I think most people would hope it's extinct as we are talking about the largest predator that ever lived on earth. It is called Carcharodon Megalodon or just the Megalodon.

Megalodon was an ancient shark that may have been 12 meters long or even more. There are a few scientists who estimate that it could have been up to 50 or 100 feet which is 15 or 31m long! This is about three times as long as the Great White Shark but this is only an estimate made from many fossilized teeth and a few fossilized vertebrae that have been found. These giant teeth are the size of **Q31 a man's hand!** No other parts of this ancient shark are found as shark fossils are extremely rare because sharks have no bones, only cartilage, which does not fossilize well. Their teeth, however, are very hard. They are made of a bone-like material coated with **Q32 hard enamel** and they fossilize very well. So we can only guess at what it looked like. Since Megalodon's teeth are very similar to the teeth of the Great White Shark, it is thought that megalodon may have looked like a huge, streamlined version of the Great White Shark. Megalodon teeth are similar to those of the Great White Shark but are much bigger, thicker, and with finer serrations megalodon. Megalodon's jaws could open **Q33 6 feet** wide and 7 feet high. The jaws were loosely attached by ligaments and muscles to the skull, opening extremely wide in order to swallow enormous objects. It could easily swallow a large Great White Shark whole! Unlike most sharks, Megalodon's teeth were probably located in rows which rotated into use as they were needed. Most sharks have about three to five rows of teeth at any time. The front set does most of the work. The first two rows are used for **Q34 obtaining prey**, the other rows rotate into place as they are needed. As teeth are lost, broken, or worn down, they are replaced by new teeth. megalodon may have had hundreds of teeth at one time. It did not chew its food like we do, but gulped it down whole in very large chunks megalodons.

Megalodon's diet probably consisted mostly of whales. Sharks eat about **Q35 2 percent** of their body weight each day which is a bit less than a human being eats. Since most sharks are cold-blooded, they don't have to eat as much proportionally as we eat. It was during the Miocene Era that the mammalian order Cetacea, whales, reached its highest diversity and abundance. Almost every known family of toothed and baleen whale is known from the end of the Miocene. Large whale vertebrae and flipper bones have been found with **Q36 large bite marks** made by serrated teeth that match the teeth of Megalodon. From such evidence, paleontologists have surmised a predator-prey relationship of the Megalodon with large whales.

Megalodon lived from roughly 25 to 1.6 million years ago, during the Miocene and Pliocene epochs. It is now extinct, but the exact time of its extinction is hotly debated as some people believe that this enormous shark could still exist today. Almost everyone who has investigated

the possible existence of the great Megalodon realises that if it is extinct, it has only recently occurred in the geological record; as close as 10,000 years ago. Zoological history has proved that very large animals can remain hidden from modern science, especially in our planet's under-explored ocean depths. So, **Q37** if the famous coelacanth, the fish thought to be extinct for 60 million years, can be found alive and well as it was last century, why not push our giant white shark up a mere 10,000?

Has Megalodon died out or has one already appeared? There is a well known sighting report from Australia. In the year 1918 crayfish men at Port Stephens refused to go to sea to their regular fishing grounds in the vicinity of Braton island for several days. The men had been at work on the deep water fishing grounds when **Q38** an immense shark of almost unbelievable proportions put in an appearance, attacking pot after pot containing many crayfish, and taking pots, mooring lines and all. On returning unscathed, the men were all unanimous that this shark was something the like of which they had never dreamed of. And bare in mind that these were men who were used to the sea and all sorts of weather, and all sorts of sharks as well. **Q39** They all said the shark was as long as the wharf of their harbor, about 115 feet! They were all familiar with whales, which they had often seen passing at sea, but this was a vast shark. They had seen its terrible head which was at least as long as the roof on the wharf shed at Nelson's Bay. **Q40** The sighting was never repeated and it is impossible to say whether it was a hoax or not.

Putting child-like dreaming aside however, leaves us with the fact that whether or not the huge Megalodon is alive today is debatable only on theoretical grounds. Despite thousands of giant, fossilized teeth, no matter how fresh they might be, and this sighting, there is not much to go on.