

IELTS Prep

Listening Session 1



Test Format

1. In the **IELTS Listening Test**, there are **four Sections** with **ten questions each**. The questions are designed so that the answers appear in the order they are heard in the audio.

2. The Listening Test is broken down into four Sections:

Section 1: You listen to a conversation between two people set in an everyday social situation (e.g., a conversation in an accommodation agency) and answer questions on your comprehension.

Section 2: You listen to a monologue set in an everyday social situation, e.g., a speech about local facilities or a talk about the arrangements for meals during a conference.

Section 3: You listen to a conversation between up to four people, set in an educational or training context, e.g., a university tutor and a student discussing an assignment, or a group of students planning a research project.

Section 4: You listen to a monologue on an academic subject, e.g., a university lecture

3. The recordings are heard only once. They include a range of accents, such as British, Australian, New Zealand, American and Canadian.



Test Duration

1. The timing for the IELTS Listening Test is **approximately 30 minutes (plus 10 minutes transfer time)**
2. You will begin by listening to a recording of instructions and a sample question for Section 1. Then you will read the questions for Section 1, listen to the audio, and answer the questions. This procedure is repeated for Sections 2, 3 and 4.
3. Test takers write their answers on the question paper as they listen and at the end of the test are given 10 minutes to transfer their answers to an Answer Sheet.
4. Care should be taken when writing answers on the Answer Sheet, as poor spelling and grammar are penalized.



Types of Questions

- Multiple choice
- Short answer
- Sentence completion
- Notes/Summary/Diagram/Flow Chart/Table completion
- Labeling a diagram with numbered parts
- Classification
- Matching lists/phrases



Test-taking Tips

- Learn to distinguish opinion from fact.
- Follow instructions very carefully.
- The questions follow the oral text.
- Familiarize yourself with charts, graphs, flow-charts, bar charts and pie charts, etc.
- If you cannot hear the audio clearly, let a member of the staff know straightaway.
- Follow the instructions carefully; they may be different to practice or previous tests.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, attempt it but do not waste time; move quickly onto the next one.
- Be careful with your spelling and grammar.
- Do not panic if you think the topic is too difficult or the speaker is too fast; relax and tune in.
- Read, write and listen at the same time. But focus more on listening.
- Attempt all questions; there are no penalties for incorrect answers.
- Check your answers before you submit/transfer.



Listening Test 1

SECTION: 1

TRANSPORT FROM BAYSWATER

Questions 1-5

Complete the notes below.

Write **no more than TWO WORDS** and/or **A NUMBER** for each answer.

Example question	Answer
Destination?	Harbour City

1. Express train leaves at (1) _____
2. Nearest station is (2) _____
3. Number 706 bus goes to (3) _____
4. Number (4) _____ bus goes to station
5. Earlier bus leaves at (5) _____



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Questions 6–10

Complete the table below.

Write **no more than ONE WORD and/or A NUMBER** for each answer.

Transport	Cash fare	Card fare
Bus	(6) \$ _____	\$1.50
Train (peak)	\$10	\$10
Train (off-peak) – before 5pm or after (7) _____ pm)	\$10	(8) \$ _____
(9) _____ ferry	\$4.50	\$3.55
Tourist ferry ((10) _____)	\$4.50	
Tourist ferry (whole day)	\$65	

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SECTION: 2

Question 11- 14

Which counselor should you see?

Write the correct letter A, B, or C

- A Louise Bagshaw
- B Tony Denby
- C Naomi Flynn

- 11. if it is your first time seeing a counsellor
- 12. if you are unable to see a counsellor during normal office hours
- 13. if you do not have an appointment
- 14. if your concerns are related to anxiety



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Questions 15 – 20

Complete the table below:

Write **no more than TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Workshop	Content	Target Group
Adjusting	What you need to succeed academically	(15) _____ students
Getting organized	Use time effectively, find (16) _____ between study & leisure	All students
Communicating	Talking with staff, communicating across cultures	All students especially (17) _____
Anxiety	(18) _____, breathing techniques, méditation, etc.	Students about to sit exams
(19) _____	Staying on track for long periods	(20) _____ students only

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SECTION: 3

Question 21-30

Complete the notes below:

Write **no more than THREE WORDS** for each answer:

Novel: (21) _____

Protagonists: Mary Lennox, Colin Craven

Time period: Early in (22) _____

Mary moves to UK- meets Colin who thinks he'll never be able to (23) _____

They become friends.

Point of view: "Omniscient" – narrator knows all about characters' feelings, opinions and (24) _____.



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Audience: Good for children – story simple to follow

Symbols (physical items that represent (25) _____):

- The Robin Redbreast
- (26) _____
- The portrait of Mistress Craven

Motifs (pattern in the story):

- The Garden of Eden
- Secrecy – metaphorical and literal transition from (27) _____

Themes: Connections between

- (28) _____ and outlook
- (29) _____ and well-being
- individuals and the need for (30) _____



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SECTION: 4

Questions 31–35

Complete the table below.

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

TIME PERSPECTIVES

Time Zone	Outlook	Features and Consequences
Past	Positive	Remember good times eg.: birthdays, keep family records, photo albums, etc.
	(31)_____	Focus on disappointments, failures, bad decisions.
Present	Hedonistic	Live for (32)_____, seek sensation, avoid pain.
	Fatalistic	Life is governed by (33)_____, religious beliefs, social conditions. Life's path can't be changed.
Future	(34)_____	Prefer work to play. Don't give in to temptation.
	Fatalistic	Have a strong belief in life after death and importance of (35)_____ in life.

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Questions 36 – 40

Choose the correct letter A, B or C

36. We are all present hedonists
- A. at school
 - B. at birth
 - C. while eating and drinking
37. American boys drop out of school at a higher rate than girls because
- A. they need to be in control of the way they learn
 - B. they play video games instead of doing school work
 - C. they are not as intelligent as girls



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38. Present-orientated children
- A. do not realize present actions can have negative future effects
 - B. are unable to learn lessons from past mistakes
 - C. know what could happen, if they do something bad, but do it anyway
39. If Americans had an extra day per week, they would spend it
- A. working harder
 - B. building relationships
 - C. sharing family meals
40. Understanding how people think about time can help us
- A. become more virtuous
 - B. work together better
 - C. identify careless or ambitious people



Listening Test 2

SECTION - 1 Questions 1-10

Questions 1-4

Complete the notes below:

Write **no more than TWO WORDS** and/or **A NUMBER** for each answer:

DREAMTIME TRAVEL AGENCY	
Tour Information	
Example	Answer
Holiday Name:	Whale Watch Experience
Holiday length:	2 days
Type of transportation	1
Maximum group size	2
Next tour date	3
Hotel name	4 The.....



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Questions 5 and 6

Choose **TWO** letters from **A-E**

Which **TWO** things are included in the price of the tour?

- A. Fishing Trip
- B. Guided Bushwalk
- C. Reptile Park Entry
- D. Table Tennis
- E. Tennis



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Questions 7-10

Complete the sentences below.

Write **no more than THREE WORDS and/or A NUMBER** for each answer.

7. The tour costs \$
8. Bookings must be made no later than days in advance
9. A deposit is required.
10. The customer's reference number is



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SECTION - 2

Questions 11-20

Questions 11-19

Label the table below:

Write **no more than TWO WORDS and/or A NUMBER** for each answer:

Brand of Cot	Good Points	Problems	Verdict
Baby Safe	• Easy to 11	• Did not have any 12 • Babies could trap their 13 in the side bar	• 14
Choice Cots	• Easy to 15	• Side did not drop down • Spaces between the bars were 16	• 17
Mother's Choice	• Base of cot could be moved	• Did not have any 18 • Pictures could be removed easily	• 19

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Question 20

Complete the notes below.

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

- Metal should not be rusted or bent
- Edges of cot should not be 20.....



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SECTION - 3

Questions 21-30

Questions 21-23

Label the table below:

Write **no more than TWO WORDS and/or A NUMBER** for each answer:

21. Andrew has worked at the hospital for
- A. two years
 - B. three years
 - C. five years
22. During the course, Andrew's employers will pay
- A. his fees
 - B. his living costs
 - C. his salary
23. The part-time course lasts for
- A. one whole year
 - B. 18 months
 - C. Two years



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Questions 24 and 25

Choose **TWO** letters from A-E

Which **TWO** types of course work are required each month in the part-time course?

- A. A Case Study
- B. An Essay
- C. A Survey
- D. A Short Report
- E. A Study Diary



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Questions 26-30

Complete the summary below.

Write no more than **THREE WORDS** and/or **A NUMBER** for each answer.

Modular Courses

Students study 26..... during each module. A module takes 27.
and the work is very 28. To get a Diploma each student has to study
29. and then work on 30.in depth.



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SECTION - 4 [Questions 31-40]

Questions 31-35

Complete the sentences below.

Write no more than **THREE WORDS** for each answer.

31. According to George Bernard Shaw, men are supposed to understand....., economics and finance.
32. However, women are more prepared to..... about them.
33. Women tend to save for..... and a house.
34. Men tend to save for and for retirement.
35. Women who are left alone may have to pay for when they are old.



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Questions 36-40

Complete the summary below.

Write no more than **THREE WORDS** and/or **A NUMBER** for each answer.

Saving For The Future

Research indicates that many women only think about their financial future when a 36. occurs. This is the worst time to make decisions. It is best for women to start thinking about pensions when they are in their 37. A good way for women to develop their 38. in dealing with financial affairs would be to attend classes in 39. When investing in stocks and shares, it is suggested that women should put a high proportion of their savings in 40.

In such ways, women can have a comfortable, independent retirement.





Thank you