Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. You will be given three minutes to read the questions based on the passage which I shall read aloud for you. I shall then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to enable you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.

a. 3 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions.
b. 3 minutes - Teacher reads passage aloud for the first time while students take notes.
c. 3 minutes - Students answer questions.
d. 3 minutes - Teacher reads passage for the second time. Students may answer more questions.
e. 3 minutes - Students revise final answers.
Teenager bitten in shoe shop

19-year-old Kelsey Borg got a shock when she went shopping in Mosta yesterday morning. This is what she told us on 52.3 Radio, “When I need a pair of boots, I always go to my favourite shoe shop. I love shopping there because they always have all the latest fashions. Anyway, I found the perfect pair and they were only €30 – a real bargain. I decided to try them on, but as I did, I felt a sharp pain in my foot. I quickly pulled off the boots and was amazed to see a large spider climb out of one. I ran out of the shop and screamed!”

Ms Borg rushed to the nearest chemist next to the shoe shop. Luckily there was a doctor there. He told her it was a spider bite and gave her some special cream to put on it.

The story had a happy ending, because the owner of the shoe shop gave her the boots as a gift. Jane told us, “I think the shop owner was afraid that I was going to complain. At first I wanted to throw them away but now I love the boots, although I still feel a little strange every time I wear them!”
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FORM 5 ENGLISH TIME: 15 minutes
Listening Comprehension

Name: ___________________________  Class: _____________

Total 10 marks

1. Write either TRUE or FALSE next to these sentences.  4 marks [   ]
   a. Kelsey Borg is 18 years old.  ______
   b. Yesterday evening Kelsey went shopping in Valletta.  ______
   c. She went inside her favourite shoe shop.  ______
   d. The pair of boots she liked cost €40.  ______

Underline the correct answer.

2. When Kelsey tried on the boots  1 mark [   ]
   a. they fitted her perfectly.
   b. she felt a sharp pain in her foot.
   c. they were too small for her.
   d. they looked very nice on her.

3. Kelsey ran out of the shop  1 mark [   ]
   a. to call her friend.
   b. because she felt sick.
   c. because the boots were too expensive.
   d. to go to the nearest chemist.
4. The doctor told her
   a. not to buy the boots.
   b. she was bitten by a spider and gave her some cream.
   c. she had to call an ambulance.
   d. she was bitten by a spider and gave her some pills.

   1 mark [     ]

5. **Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the passage.**
   The shop ___________ gave her the boots as a ___________ because he was afraid she was going to ____________.

   3 marks [     ]
Passage 1

Read the following text and then answer the questions on the main paper.

Joanne Ussery, 54, is a big favourite with her two grandsons because she lives on a jet plane. Her home is a Boeing 727, so a visit to grandma is very special.

Joanne’s front door is at the top of the plane’s steps, but you don’t need a ticket or a passport when you visit. There are three bedrooms, a living room, a modern kitchen, and a bathroom. The bathroom is in the cockpit, with the bath under the windows. Next to this is Joanne’s bedroom in the first class section of the plane. Then there’s the living room with four emergency exit doors. She likes to open them in summer. On the wall there’s a photo of the plane flying. There are also four toilets, all with No Smoking signs.

‘The plane is 27 years old and it’s the best home in the world,’ says Joanne. ‘It has all the things you want in a home: a telephone, air conditioning, a cooker, a washing machine, even a dishwasher. It’s always very warm, even in winter, and it’s very big, 42 metres long. My grandchildren love running up and down. And my friends love parties here, but there aren’t any cabin crew to serve them their drinks!’

The plane cost Joanne just $2,000. ‘Next time,’ she says, ‘I want a Boeing 747, not a 727, because they have an upstairs and a downstairs, and I want to go upstairs to bed!’
Passage 2
Look at this postcard and answer the questions on the main paper.

Hi Aunt Anna,
Do you remember I told you we bought a holiday home in Wales? Well, Tom and I arrived on Monday.

The house is fantastic. It used to be a factory where they made fishing nets. Now it is a very modern house with four large bedrooms. The living room has huge windows which open onto the beach. The kitchen is next to the living room. It is really big and it even has a fireplace.

You must come for a visit soon. See you when we get back.

Love,
Meg
Section A Language

30 Marks

1. Use \textit{a(n)}, \textit{the} or \textit{some} to complete the text below. The first one has been done for you. 10 marks [ ]

My brother Sam and I are twins. For our 16\textsuperscript{th} birthday, Mum gave us (0) \textit{some} money to spend. Sam decided to spend his on (1) \underline{__________} cinema ticket for (2) \underline{__________} latest Bond movie and (3) \underline{__________} meal. I told him he was wasting his money. I put mine in my jeans pocket and went to do (4) \underline{__________} homework.

On (5) \underline{__________} way home from school the next day, I had (6) \underline{__________} idea. I decided to buy (7) \underline{__________} black boots I had seen the week before. I ran home to get (8) \underline{__________} money out of my pocket, but Mum had put my jeans in (9) \underline{__________} washing machine! What (10) \underline{__________} disappointment!
2. Fill in the blanks with the prepositions below. You can use the same preposition more than once. The first one has been done for you.

Get on your bike!

The biggest problem (0) in our street is parking. There are lots (1) __________ cars and not enough parking spaces. That’s why I decided to sell my car and travel (2) __________ bike.

Now there are bike lanes (3) __________ most roads. This means I can travel quickly and safely. Now I always find a space (4) __________ my street. My bike doesn’t take up much room.

There is another good thing (5) __________ riding a bike. I don’t have to pay for petrol or taxes to use it (6) __________ the road. It also keeps me fit, so I save money (7) __________ gyms.

(8) __________ the weekend I like to cycle in the countryside. I keep on cycling (9) __________ I reach the farm (10) __________ the top of the hill.
3. Find the correct word from the box to complete the text below. The first one has been done for you.
10 marks [ ]

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My friend told me to get a new car because mine is (0) **old** and it often breaks down. I decided to buy a new (1) ___________ of car which does not use (2) ___________. I am really excited about it. It seems (3) ___________. It is a bit (4) ___________ to buy, but it is (5) ___________ to run than a (6) ___________ car because it uses electricity. You just (7) ___________ it to the (8) ___________ supply, charge the (9) ___________, and then you are ready to go! If this kind of car will sell fast, its price will go (10) ___________. Then everybody can buy one.
Section B  Reading Comprehension  

Passage 1 and Passage 2 are on a separate paper.

**Questions on Passage 1**

**A. Underline the correct answer in questions 1 and 2.**

1. This passage is  
   a. a story.  
   b. an article in a newspaper.  
   c. an advert.  

2. It is about  
   a. a lady who flies a plane.  
   b. a lady who lives at an airport.  
   c. a lady who lives on a plane.  

**B. Put a tick (✓) to show if these sentences are TRUE or FALSE. The first one is an example.**

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<td>A Boeing 727 is a jet plane.</td>
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<td>Joanne has three grandsons.</td>
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<td>When you visit Joanne you need a passport.</td>
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<td>There are two bedrooms on the plane.</td>
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<td>The plane has a modern kitchen.</td>
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<td>The bathroom is in the cockpit.</td>
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<td>Joanne’s bedroom is in the first class section.</td>
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<td>The living room has two emergency exit doors.</td>
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<td>The plane has an air conditioner.</td>
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8 marks [ ]
C. Match the figures with the facts. The first one has been worked out for you.  

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<th>How much the plane cost Joanne</th>
<th>42 metres</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Boeing with an upstairs and a downstairs</td>
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<td>The length of the plane</td>
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<td>Joanne Ussery’s age</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>The age of the plane</td>
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D. Why does Joanne want to have a plane with an upstairs and a downstairs?  

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**Questions on Passage 2**

1. Where is Tom and Meg’s holiday home?  
   1 mark [ ]

2. When did they arrive there?  
   1 mark [ ]

3. What was this house like in the past?  
   2 marks [ ]

4. Which room has windows which open onto the beach?  
   1 mark [ ]

5. Which room has a fireplace?  
   1 mark [ ]

6. Who is being invited for a visit to the holiday home?  
   1 mark [ ]
### Section C  Writing tasks  

25 marks

1. **Read the dialogue below and complete the sentences with your own writing.**  

   (10 marks)

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<th>Sam:</th>
<th>So, do you know which hotel you’re going to stay at in Paris?</th>
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<td>Debbie:</td>
<td>Well, I had a look at the hotels online, but I can’t decide because ___________________________________________.</td>
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<td>Sam:</td>
<td>What kind of hotel do you want? Some large hotels have ___________________________________________.</td>
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<td>Debbie:</td>
<td>I can’t afford an expensive hotel this year. I’ve never stayed in a small hotel. What do you know about small hotels?</td>
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<td>Sam:</td>
<td>Well, some people prefer them because they _______________ ___________________________________________.</td>
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<td>Debbie:</td>
<td>I see. Well, will you look at some hotels with me and help me choose a place? You know much more _______________ ___________________________________________.</td>
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<td>Sam:</td>
<td>Of course I will.</td>
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2. You read the following advert in a magazine. Write a short story to enter the competition. You may write around 150 words.

(15 marks)

**Writing competition**

Are you aged 8-16?
Do you like writing stories?
Then enter our competition!

The winner will get €1,000 and a weekend in London!

The title of the story must be:

**The best day I’ve ever had.**

*Send your stories to Joe Jones by Friday 2nd July.*