

I. Lesson 1: Ứng dụng với bài nghe part 1

1. Đề bài

Exercise 1: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.16*)

Listen to five short conversations and complete notes 1-5 with NO MORE THAN ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER.

1. Name: Mr Andrew _____
2. Address: 63 _____ Road, Birmingham
3. Website address: www._____.com
4. Meet at the _____ Hotel
5. Registration number: _____

Exercise 2: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.17*)

Listen and complete the information below.

1. How much does the woman pay for her room? £ _____
2. New students need to bring \$ _____
3. Garage width: _____ m height: _____ m
4. How much does the woman pay for the bus tickets?
A. \$25 B. \$55 C. \$45
5. Party date: _____

Exercise 3: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.19*)

You need to listen to both speakers carefully. Listen to the rest of the conversations from Exercise 1 and answer the questions below.

1	NOTES:
	- No need to book the 1_____from the airport - The customer wants me to organise 2_____
2	1 How many nights will the man stay? A one night B two nights C three nights
	2 Which of the following is one the 10th floor? A the gym B the business center C the restaurant
3	1 Which country has the applicant worked in most? _____
	2 What department would be the applicant like to work in? _____

Exercise 4: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

SECTION 1 Questions 1-10

Complete the notes below.

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

West Bay Hotel - details of job

Example

Answer

Newspaper advert for **temporary** staff

- Vacancies for 1_____
- Two shifts
- Can choose your 2_____ (must be the same each week)
- Pay: £5.50 per hour, including a 3_____
- A 4_____ is provided in the hotel
- Total weekly pay: £231
- Dress: a white shirt and 5_____ trousers (not supplied)
a 6_____ (supplied)
- Starting date: 7_____
- Call Jane 8_____ (Service Manager) before 9_____ tomorrow (Tel: 832009)
- She'll require a 10_____

2. Đáp án

Exercise 1: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.16*)

1. Browne

Transcript:

A: And can I have your name, please?

B: Yes, it's Andrew Browne.

A: Is that spelt the same as the colour?

B: Yes, but with an E at the end.

2. Beeton

Transcript:

A: And what's your address, in case we need to post any information out to you?

B: Oh, OK. I live at 63, Beeton Road. That's B-double E-T-O-N.

A: Sorry, was that last letter N or M?

B: N for November.

3. kickers

Transcript:

A: Do you have a website that I can go to?

B: Yes, just go to www.kickers.com

A: Is that K-I-C-K-E-R-S?

B: That's right, all one word and all lower case.

4. Rose

Transcript:

A: Where shall we meet then? Somewhere in the city?

B: That's a good idea. What about at that hotel on the corner of Queen Sueet and Mary Street? What's it called?

A: Oh. it's the Rose Hotel, like the flower,

B: Yes, that's the one, I'll see you there at seven.

A: Uhuh.

5. HLP 528

Transcript:

A: Right, and can I get your car registration number? Have you got a normal one or is it one of those specially made ones that's a word or a name?

B: No, I haven't got the money for a personalised plate. It's just three letters and three numbers. It's H-L-P 528.

Exercise 2: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.17*)

1. £95

Transcript:

A: I hope you've enjoyed your stay with us.

B: Yes, it was lovely, but] had to pay £95, which seems a bit expensive. Last time I stayed here, I only paid £80.

A: Yes, I'm sorry, madam. We had to increase our prices considerably this year. But that is actually a discounted price as you're a regular guest. It would normally be £105.

B: Oh!

2. \$15

Transcript:

Now, on Thursday, there will be a special class, which will be given by a wonderful local artist. As this isn't included in your fees, you will need to pay for this on the day. We've kept the costs low. It's only \$10 for our regular students here. If you want to bring along anyone else who hasn't studied with us before, the cost for them is \$15. We charge them an extra \$5 for the use of equipment, which old students have already paid for.

3. width: 3.5/ three and a half
height: 2.5/ two and a half

Transcript:

A: Can you tell me how big the garage is? I just want to make sure our cats will fit.
B: Let me have a look. How big are your cars?
A: Mine's about 1.5 metres wide and my wife's is almost the same.
B: Hmm, I don't think it's wide enough, I'm afraid. It says here that it's 3.5 metres across, and you need at least a metre between the cars to be able to open the doors.
A: You're right. What about the height? Mine's a van I use for work and I carry a lot of equipment on top.
B: Let me see. It's two and a half metres. Would that be tall enough?
A: Oh, not for my big ladders, no. I'd like three metres at least.

4. B \$55

Transcript:

A: I'm thinking of taking my children to the Gold Coast in the holidays. Can you tell me how much it would cost on the bus? I don't want to drive all that way.
B: Right, you'd qualify for a family ticket, which is the cheapest way to do it. It'll be \$55 altogether, normally a child's fare is \$25 and an adult is \$45.
A: Oh, that's a good deal!

5. 29th July

Transcript:

A: I'm trying to organise a party and I wonder if your hotel had a room we could use?
B: We do have several function rooms, what date did you have in mind for the party? I'll just warn you we're already fully booked for most of June, the first available date I have is 14th July.
A: Oh, that's not a problem. It's for my dad's birthday, which isn't until 1st August.
B: That's a Tuesday.
A: Yes, so I'd like to hold it at the end of July, on the Saturday before.
B: So, that's the 29th?
A: Yes, that's right.

Exercise 3: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.19*)

Explanation

1	1. coach 2. insurance	Transcript: A: This one's a good deal. It costs £150 and airfares are included in that price. Once you land, you still need to get to the ski slopes. It's a two-hour journey. B: Yes, I know, I have a friend there who's going to meet me and we'll travel together. A: Oh, that's fine, I usually organise a coach ticket for my customers, because a taxi is far too expensive. But a lift from a local is even better. What about skiing equipment? B: I've already got all of that, but I would like to arrange insurance if that's possible. A: Yes, of course, And it's a very good idea for a holiday like that. ⇒ In the first question, the customer will be picked up by his friend and therefore, there is no need to book a coach from the airport. ⇒ In the second question, the word "arrange" is used instead of "organize", but the meaning remains the same that is the customer wants the travel agent to buy him insurance.
2	1. C 2. B	Transcript: A: And it says here you'll be staying with us for two nights, is that right? B: Actually, my plans have changed since I made the booking and I was hoping I'd be able to stay for one extra night, if it's possible. A: I'll just have a look and try to make sure you don't have to change rooms on the third night. Yes, that's fine, and in fact you'll get a 25% discount as well. B: Oh, great. Do you have a gym or a sports centre in the hotel? And I need access to your business centre as well. A: Yes, we have all of those. Now, your room is up on the tenth floor, and the elevators are right behind you. You'll actually be on the same floor as the business centre, and it's clearly signposted. The gym is down on this level and so is the restaurant. You need to go there in the morning for breakfast. ⇒ In the first question, you may choose B after hearing the receptionist asks: "And it says here you'll be staying with us for two nights, is that right?" This is only a question and you need to listen to the customer's answer for confirmation. In fact, he will stay at the hotel one extra day, so that is 3 days in total.

		⇒ In the second question, the business center is on the same floor with the customer, which is the tenth floor. You can eliminate option A (the gym) and option C (the restaurant) because of the information provided by the receptionist: "The gym is down on this level and so is the restaurant."
3	1. America 2. Marketing	Transcript: A: Now, according to your CV, you've lived and worked in a few different countries, haven't you? B: That's right. I was born here in England and my family emigrated to Australia when I was very young. A: But your longest employment so far was in America, if I'm not mistaken? B: That's right. I moved there once I'd graduated and worked for five years before coming back to England in January. A: Right. And you've worked briefly in accounts but in sales, mostly ... Is that the area you are still interested in working in? We have a very strong sales department. B: Actually, I'm hoping to move into the area of marketing. I've always been interested in it, and it was my major at university. A: I see. Well, with your references I'm sure we can discuss it. ⇒ In the first question, many countries are mentioned to distract you including England, Australia and America. You should pay attention to the question asked by the interviewer and the answer by the job applicant afterwards. The applicant has confirmed the information that he had spent most of his time working in America. ⇒ In the second question, there are several departments that are mentioned including accounts, sales and marketing, but marketing is the right answer because the applicant says he hopes to work in this field.

Vocabulary:

slope (n)	sườn đồi, núi
arrange (v)	sắp xếp, thu xếp
emigrate (v)	di cư
airfare (n)	phí vé máy bay

briefly (adv)	một cách ngắn gọn, trong thời gian ngắn
department (n)	bộ phận, phòng ban

Exercise 4: (*Cambridge IELTS 8*)

Transcript:

WOMAN: Hello, West Bay Hotel. Can I help you?

MAN: Oh, good morning. I'm ringing about your advertisement in the Evening Gazette.

WOMAN: is that the one for **temporary** staff? (Example)

MAN: That's right.

WOMAN: Yes. I'm afraid the person who's dealing with that isn't in today, but I can give you the main details if you like.

MAN: Yes please. Could you tell me what kind of staff you are looking for?

WOMAN: We're looking for **waiters** (Q1) at the moment. There was one post for a cook, but that's already been taken.

MAN: Oh right. Erm, what are the hours of work?

WOMAN: There are two different shifts - there's a day shift from 7 to 2 and a late shift from 4 till 11.

MAN: And can people choose which one they want to do?

WOMAN: Not normally, because everyone would choose the day shift I suppose. You alternate from one week to another.

MAN: Okay. I'm just writing all this down. What about time off?

WOMAN: **You get one day off and I think you can negotiate which one you want, it's more of less up to you.** (Q2) But it has to be the same one every week.

MAN: Do you know what the rates of pay are?

WOMAN: Yes, I've got them here. You get £5.50 an hour, and that includes a **break**. (Q3)

MAN: Do I have to go home to eat or...

WOMAN: You don't have to. **You can get a meal in the hotel** (Q4) if you want to, and there's no charge for it so you might as well.

MAN: Oh good. Yes, so let's see. I'd get er, two hundred and twenty one, no, two hundred and thirty one pounds a week?

WOMAN: You'd also get tips - our guests tend to be quite generous.

MAN: Emm, is there a uniform? What about clothes?

WOMAN: Yes, I forgot to mention that. You need to wear a white shirt, just a plain one, and **dark** (Q5) trousers. You know, not green or anything like that. And we don't supply those.

MAN: That's okay, I've got trousers, I'd just have to buy a couple of shirts. What about anything else? Do I need a waistcoat or anything?

WOMAN: You have to wear **a jacket, but the hotel lends you that.** (Q6)

MAN: I see. Er, one last thing - I don't know what the starting date is.

WOMAN: Just a minute, I think it's some time **around the end of June. Yes, the 28th,** (Q7) in time for the summer.

MAN: That's great. I'm available from the 10th.

WOMAN: Oh good. Well, if you can call again you need to speak to the Service

Manager. Her name's Jane Urwin, that's **U-R-W-I-N** (Q8), and she'll probably arrange to meet you.

MAN: Okay. And when's the best time to ring?

WOMAN: Could you call tomorrow? Um, she usually starts checking the rooms at **midday, so before then if you can** (Q9), she'll have more time to chat. I'll just give you her number because she's got a direct line.

MAN: Thanks,

WOMAN: It's 832 double-0 9.

MAN: 823 double-0 9?

WOMAN: 832.

MAN: Oh, okay. Yes, I'll do that.

WOMAN: And by the way, she will ask you for a **reference**, (Q10) so you might like to be thinking about that. You know, just someone who knows you and can vouch for you.

MAN: Yes, no problem. Well, thanks very much for your help.

WOMAN: You're welcome. Bye.

MAN: Bye.

Detailed explanation:

1. The test requires you to fill in the blank a job or a position. In the audio, the woman says they are looking for waiters at the moment. Therefore, "waiter" is the right answer.
2. It's up to you (tùy bạn); you can negotiate which one you want (thương lượng ngày mà bạn muốn) = you can choose
3. You get £5.50 an hour and that includes a break
4. You can get a meal in the hotel = a meal is provided in the hotel
5. The answer is an adjective and it appears right before the word "trousers".
6. The answer is a noun, it refers to an object that is supplied (được cung cấp) by the hotel: the hotel lends the jacket = the hotel supplies the jacket.
7. The man asks about the starting date and the woman answers that it is the 28th
8. The woman's surname is spelled right after she tells her name. Listen carefully to write down all the letters
9. The woman named Jane Urwin has to check the room at midday and she has more time to chat before her work, so the man need to call her before midday
10. require = she will ask you for...

Vocabulary:

temporary (a)	tạm thời
shift (n)	ca làm việc
negotiate (v)	đàm phán, thương lượng
reference (n)	thư giới thiệu
generous (a)	rộng lượng, hào phóng
vouch for somebody/something (v)	bảo đảm, bảo chứng

II. Lesson 2: : Ứng dụng với bài nghe Part 2

1. Đề bài

Exercise 1: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.36*)

Look at these questions and try to think of possible advantages and disadvantages you might hear. Write them on the table.

	Possible advantages/disadvantages
Section 1 The speakers decide to travel to the airport by A taxi B bus C car	
Section 3 What do the students decide to do next? A ask their tutor for help B do more research on the topic C produce a typed copy of their notes	

Exercise 2: (*Cambridge IELTS 10, p58*)

Questions 11 and 12

Choose TWO letters, A-E.

Which TWO things does Alice say about the Dolphin Conservation Trust?

- A Children make up most of the membership.
- B It's the country's largest conservation organisation.
- C It helps finance campaigns for changes in fishing practices.
- D It employs several dolphin experts full-time.
- E Volunteers help in various ways.

Questions 13-15

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

13 Why is Alice so pleased the Trust has won the Charity Commission award?

- A It has brought in extra money.
- B It made the work of the trust better known.
- C It has attracted more members.

14 Alice says oil exploration causes problems to dolphins because of

- A noise.
- B oil leaks.
- C movement of ships.

15 Alice became interested in dolphins when

- A she saw one swimming near her home.
- B she heard a speaker at her school.
- C she read a book about them.

Questions 16-20

Which dolphin does Alice make each of the following comments about? *Write the correct letter, A, B, C or D, next to questions 16-20.*

Dolphins

- | | |
|---|------------|
| A | Moondancer |
| B | Echo |
| C | Kiwi |
| D | SamSon |

Comments

- 16.** It has not been seen this year.
- 17.** It is photographed more than the others.....
- 18.** It is always very energetic.....
- 19.** It is the newest one in the scheme.....
- 20.** It has an unusual shape.....

Exercise 3: (*Cambridge IELTS 9, p35*)

Parks and open spaces

Name of place	Of particular interest	Open
Halland Common	source of River Ouse	24 hours
Holt Island	many different 11...	between 12... and ...
Longfield Country Park	reconstruction of a 2,000-year-old 13.... with activities for children	daylight hours

Questions 14-16

Choose the correct letter, A, B or C.

Longfield Park

14. As part of Monday's activity, visitors will

- A. prepare food with herbs.
- B. meet a well-known herbalist.
- C. dye cloth with herbs.

15. For the activity on Wednesday,

- A. only group bookings are accepted.
- B. visitors should book in advance.

C. attendance is free.

16. For the activity on Saturday, visitors should

A. come in suitable clothing.

B. make sure they are able to stay for the whole day.

C. tell the rangers before the event what they wish to do.

2. Đáp án

Exercise 1: (*The official guide to IELTS, p.36*)

Transcript:

Section 1:

A: How are we going to get to the airport on Monday? Shall we get a taxi?

B: It would be nice and convenient but the fare is so expensive.

A: That's true. Well, if you want to save money, we could always take the bus.

B: It might be cheaper but the bus doesn't start running until 7 o'clock and we need to be at the airport by 6. I'll ask my sister if she can give us a lift.

A: That would be great if she could drive us.

B: Yes. I'm sure she won't mind.

Section 3:

A: So, what else have we got to do?

B: Well, we've gathered enough information. I don't think we need to find out any more.

A: You're right. Should we go and see Professor Smith, then?

B: Well, he could check it for us and make sure we've done enough. But I'd rather do that after we've put it all together. At the moment, we only have a lot of handwritten notes. I don't want to show him that.

A: OK. Let's divide the material up and each put it on to a disc so that we can print off a nicely presented copy.

Explanation:

	Possible advantages/disadvantages
Section 1. C Three means of transport are mentioned in the conversation along with their benefits and drawbacks. We can rely on words that show the speaker's opinion about each vehicle to decide the correct answer. With regards to taxis, one speaker says "It would be nice and convenient but the fare is so expensive" and the other person says "That's true". Therefore A is a wrong answer. When it comes to buses, they are cheaper but could not take them to the airport on time. Both of them feel car is the best way to travel with phrases such as "That would be great if..." or "I am sure..."	Taxi: convenient but the cost is too expensive Bus: cheaper but cannot take them to the airport by 6
Section 3. C Though the option B - do more research on the topic is mentioned in the talk (gather more information), it is not the right answer because the speaker says "we've gathered enough information. I don't think we need to find out any more." The option A is a wrong answer either because one of the speakers says "I'd rather do that after..."	ask tutor for help: he could check their work and make sure they've done enough but they only have written notes and don't want to show him that do more research: have gathered enough information

Exercise 2: (Cambridge IELTS 9, p14)

Transcript:

INTERVIEWER: Today we're pleased to have on the show Alice Bussell from the Dolphin Conservation Trust. Tell us about the Trust, Alice.

ALICE: Well, obviously its purpose is to protect dolphins in seas all around the world. It tries to raise people's awareness of the problems these marine creatures are suffering because of pollution and other threats. It started ten years ago and it's one of the fastest growing animal charities in the country — although it's still fairly small compared with the big players in animal protection. We are particularly proud of the work we do in education — last year

we visited a huge number of schools in different parts of the country, going round to talk to children and young people aged from five to eighteen. In fact, about thirty-five per cent of our members are children. The charity uses its money to support campaigns — for example, for changes in fishing policy and so forth. **(Q11&12)** It hopes soon to be able to employ its first full-time biologist — with dolphin expertise — to monitor populations. Of course, many people give their services on a voluntary basis and we now have volunteers working in observation, office work and other things.**(Q11&12)**

I should also tell you about the award we won from the Charity Commission last year - for our work in education. Although it's not meant an enormous amount of money for us, it has made our activities even more widely publicised and understood. **(Q13)** In the long term it may not bring in extra members but we're hoping it'll have this effect.

INTERVIEWER: Is it possible to see dolphins in UK waters?

ALICE: Yes. In several locations. And we have a big project in the east part of Scotland. This has long been a haven for dolphins because it has very little shipping. However, that may be about to change soon because oil companies want to increase exploration there. We're campaigning against this because, although there'll be little pollution from oil, exploration creates a lot of underwater noise.**(Q14)** It means the dolphins can't rest and socialise.

This is how I became interested in dolphin conservation in the first place. I had never seen one and I hadn't been particularly interested in them at school. Then I came across this story about a family of dolphins who had to leave their home in the Moray Firth because of the oil companies and about a child who campaigned to save them. I couldn't put the book down - I was hooked. **(Q15)**

INTERVIEWER: I'm sure our listeners will want to find out what they can do to help. You mentioned the 'Adopt a Dolphin' scheme. Can you tell us about that?

ALICE: Of course! People can choose one of our dolphins to sponsor. They receive a picture of it and news updates. I'd like to tell you about four which are currently being adopted by our members: Moondancer, Echo, Kiwi and Samson. Unfortunately, Echo is being rather elusive this year and hasn't yet been sighted by our observers **(Q16)** but we remain optimistic that he'll be out there soon. All the others have been out in force - Samson and Moondancer are often photographed together but it is Kiwi who's our real 'character' as she seems to love coming up close for the cameras and we've captured her on film hundreds of times. **(Q17)** They all have their own personalities - Moondancer is very elegant and curves

out and into the water very smoothly, whereas Samson has a lot of energy - he's always leaping out of the water with great vigour. **(Q18)** You'd probably expect him to be the youngest - he's not quite - that's Kiwi - but Samson's the latest of our dolphins to be chosen for the scheme.**(Q19)** Kiwi makes a lot of noise so we can often pick her out straightaway. Echo and Moondancer are noisy too, but Moondancer's easy to find because she has a particularly large fin on her back, which makes her easy to identify.**(Q20)** So, yes, they're all very different...

INTERVIEWER Well, they sound a fascinating group ...

		Explanation
11	C	Help finance campaigns = use it money to support campaign
12	E	volunteers help in various ways = now have volunteers working in observation, office work and other things
13	B	widely publicised and understood = better known The information in the tape matches up with Option B
14	A	Alice says that "exploration creates a lot of underwater noise", which prevents dolphins from resting and socializing Option B is wrong because "there'll be little pollution from oil" Option C - the movement of ships is not mentioned in the tape
15	C	Alice says "Then I came across this story about a family of dolphins who had to leave their home in the Moray Firth because of the oil companies and about a child who campaigned to save them. I couldn't put the book down - I was hooked." The story she tells is from a book, therefore, C is the right answer.
16	B	The word "elusive" means difficult to find, define or achieve Therefore, the dolphin named Echo has not been seen this year (Option B)
17	C	The words "real character" in the tape can be understood as the most outstanding person/object/animal
18	D	Be energetic = have a lot of energy vigour: energy, force or enthusiasm

19	D	newest = latest
20	A	The dolphin named Moondancer has a particularly large fin on her back that makes her different from other dolphins and easy to identify = she has unusual shape

Vocabulary:

raise people's awareness (v)	nâng cao nhận thức của mọi người
marine creature (n)	sinh vật biển
exploration (n)	sự khai thác
elusive (a)	ẩn dật, không thường nhìn thấy
elegant (a)	thanh lịch, duyên dáng
vigour (n)	sức sống
energetic (a)	năng động, giàu năng lượng

Exercise 3: (Cambridge IELTS 9, p35)

Transcript:

Hello, I'm delighted to welcome you to our Wildlife Club, and very pleased that you're interested in the countryside and the plants and creatures of this area. I think you'll be surprised at the variety we have here, even though we're not far from London. I'll start by telling you about some of the parks and open spaces nearby.

One very pleasant place is Halland Common. This has been public land for hundreds of years, and what you'll find interesting is that the River Ouse, which flows into the sea eighty kilometres away, has its source in the common. There's an information board about the plants and animals you can see here, and by the way, the common is accessible 24 hours a day.

Then there's Holt Island, which is noted for its great range of trees. In the past willows were grown here commercially for basket-making, and this ancient craft has recently been reintroduced. The island is only open to the public from Friday to Sunday, because it's quite small, and if there were people around every day, much of the wildlife would keep away.

From there it's just a short walk across the bridge to Longfield Country Park. Longfield has a modern replica of a farm from over two thousand years ago. Children's activities are often arranged there, like bread-making and face-painting. The park is only open during daylight hours, so bear that in mind if you decide to go there.

Longfield Park has a programme of activities throughout the year, and to give you a sample, this is what's happening in the next few days. On Monday you can learn about herbs, and how they've been used over the centuries. You'll start with a tour of our herb garden, practise the technique of using them as colour dyes for cloth, and listen to an illustrated talk about their use in cooking and medicine.

Then on Wednesday you can join local experts to discover the variety of insects and birds that appear in the evening. We keep to a small number of people in the group, so if you want to go you'll need to phone the park ranger a few days ahead. There's a small charge, which you should pay when you turn up.

I'm sure you're all keen to help with the practical task of looking after the park, so on Saturday you can join a working party. You'll have a choice of all sorts of activities, from planting hedges to picking up litter. so you'll be able to change from one to another when you feel like it. The rangers will be hard at work all day, but do come and join in, even for just a short while. One thing, though, is to make sure you're wearing something that you don't mind getting dirty or torn.

		Explanation
11	trees	Great range of + nouns = many different + nouns
12	Friday Sunday	The final column in the given table is about the time that the park is opened for the public, therefore, we can anticipate the answer for question 12 is probably a specific time of the day or a date.
13	farm	The answer for question 13 must be a noun because it is right after the adjective "2000-year-old". The word "replica" in the transcript means a model or a copy of something and it can be paraphrased into "the reconstruction" as in the question. The speaker says "...has a modern replica of a farm from over two thousand years ago", therefore, farm is the right word.
14	C	The speaker says "On Monday you can learn about herbs, and how they've been used over the centuries. You'll start with a tour of our herb garden, practise the technique of using them as colour dyes for cloth..."

15	B	The speaker says "if you want to go you'll need to phone the park ranger a few days ahead". "Phone the park ranger a few days ahead" means "book in advance" as in the answer option C.
16	A	The speaker says "make sure you're wearing something that you don't mind getting dirty or torn". That means visitors should wear suitable clothes to participate in activities in the park.

Vocabulary

be reintroduced (v)	được khôi phục lại
replica (n)	bản sao, bản mô phỏng lại của cái gì
dye (v)	nhuộm
herbalist (n)	chuyên gia về thảo mộc
hedge (n)	hàng rào
pick up litter (v)	nhặt rác

III. Lesson 3: Ứng dụng với bài nghe Part 1, Part 2

1. Đề bài

Exercise 1: (Cambridge IELTS 9)

SECTION 1 Questions 1-10

Complete the form below.

Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Accommodation Form – Student Information	
Example	<i>hall</i> of residence
Type of accommodation:	

Name:	Anu 1....
Date of birth:	2....
Country of origin:	India
Course of study:	3....
Number of years planned in hall:	4....
Preferred catering arrangement:	half board
Special dietary requirements:	no 5.... (red)
Preferred room type:	a single 6....
Interest:	the 7.... badminton
Priorities in choice of hall:	to be with other students who are 8.... to live outside the 9.... to have a 10.... area for socialising
Contact phone number:	667549

Exercise 2: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Question 11-15

Complete the sentences below.

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

The Dinosaur Museum

11. The museum closes at p.m. on Mondays.

12. The museum is not open

13. School groups are met by tour guides in the..... .

14 The whole visit takes 90 minutes, including minutes for guided tours.

15 They are behind the museum where students can have lunch.

Question 16-18

Choose **THREE** letters, **A-G**.

Which **THREE** things can students have with them in the museum?

A. food

B. water

C. cameras

D. books

E. bags

F. pens

G. worksheets

Question 19-20

Choose **TWO** letters, **A-E**.

Which **TWO** activities can students do after the tour at present?

A. build model dinosaurs

B. watch films

C. draw dinosaurs

D. find dinosaurs eggs

E. play computer games

2. Đáp án

Exercise 1: (Cambridge IELTS 9)

Transcript:

MAN: Good morning. Can I help you?

WOMAN: Yes. I've just been accepted on a course at the university and I'd like to try and arrange accommodation in the hall of residence.

MAN: Yes, certainly. Please sit down. What I'll do is fill in a form with you to find out a little more about your preferences and so forth.

WOMAN: Thank you.

MAN: So first of all, can I take your name?

WOMAN: It's Anu Bhatt (Q1).

MAN: Could you spell your name please?

WOMAN: Yes. A-N-U ... B-H-A double T.

MAN: Thanks, and could I ask your date of birth?

WOMAN: 31st March 1972 (Q2).

MAN: Thank you. And where are you from?

WOMAN: India.

MAN: Or right. And what will you be studying?

WOMAN: I'm doing a course in nursing. (Q3)

MAN: Right, thank you. And how long would you want to stay in hall, do you think?

WOMAN: Well, it'll take three years but I'd only like to stay in hall for two (Q4). I'd like to think about living outside for the third year.

MAN: Fine. And what did you have in mind for catering? Do you want to cook for yourself or have all your meats provided, that's full board?

WOMAN: Is there something in between?

MAN: Yes. You can just have an evening meal provided, which is half board.

WOMAN: That's what I'd prefer.

MAN: Yes, a lot of students opt for that. Now, with that in mind, do you have any special diet, anything we should know about?

WOMAN: Yes, I don't take red meat. (Q5)

MAN: No red meat.

MAN: Now, thinking about the room itself, we have a number of options. You can have a single study bedroom or you can have a shared one. These are both what we call simple rooms. The other alternative is to opt for a single bedsit which actually has more space and better facilities. There's about £20 a week difference between them.

WOMAN: Well, actually my grant is quite generous and I think the bedsit sounds the best option (Q6)

MAN: Lovely. I'll put you down for that and we'll see what availability is like. Now can I ask some other personal details which we like to have on record?

WOMAN: Yes, of course.

MAN: I wonder if you could let us know what your interests are. This might help us get a closer match for placing you in a particular hall.

WOMAN: Ummm. Well, I love the theatre. (Q7)

MAN: Right.

WOMAN: And I enjoy sports, particularly badminton.

MAN: That's worth knowing. Now, what we finish with on the form is really a list from you of what your priorities are in choosing a hall and we'll do our best to take these into account.

WOMAN: Well, the first thing is I'd prefer a hall where there are other mature students (Q8), if possible.

MAN: Yes, we do have halls which tend to cater for slightly older students.

WOMAN: Ummm and I'd prefer to be out of town. (Q9)

MAN: That's actually very good for you because we tend to have more vacancies in out-of-town halls.

WOMAN: Lucky!

MAN: Yes. Anything else?

WOMAN: Well, I would like somewhere with a shared area (Q10), a TV room for example, or something like that. It's a good way to socialise.

MAN: It certainly is.

WOMAN: That's it.

MAN: Now, we just need a contact telephone number for you.

WOMAN: Sure, I will just find it. It's double 67549,

MAN: Great, so we'll be in contact with you as soon as possible ...

		Explanation
1	Bhatt	The surname of the woman has been spelled clearly as B-H-A-double T
2	31 March	This woman tells the man this information after being asked about her date of birth.
3	nursing	The signal for this answer is the question asked by the man "What will you be studying?"
4	2	The woman mentions two periods of time after being asked about how long she would live in the hall. 3 is a wrong answer because she wants to live one years outside the hall
5	meat	The man asks whether the woman has any special diet and she says "I don't take red meat". The word "take" mean "eat", "consume"
6	bedsit	The woman says "I think the bedsit sounds the best option" The word "sound" means to have a particular impression about something. In this context, the women prefer "a single bedsit" as her type of accommodation.
7	theater / theatre	The woman says she loves the theater, therefore theater is one of her hobbies or interests.
8	mature / older	In this question, we need to find an adjective to describe roommates with whom the woman would like to live. The woman says "I'd prefer a hall where there are other mature students". The word "mature" means behaving in a sensible way, like an adult
9	town	The word "outside" in the question can be paraphrased as "out of". The woman says "I'd <u>prefer to be out of towns</u> ", therefore, "town" is the right answer.
10	shared	The missing word is an adjective that describes a place that the woman would like to live at. shared (a): that many people can use at the same time socialize (v): to meet and spend time with people in a friendly way, in order to enjoy yourself

Vocabulary:

alternative (n)	phương án thay thế
opt for something (v)	chọn cái gì
priority (n)	ưu tiên
take something into account (v)	cân nhắc cái gì
mature (a)	trưởng thành, chắc chắn
socialize (v)	tương tác, trò chuyện với mọi người

Exercise 2: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Transcript:

Hello, and thank you for asking me to your teachers' meeting to talk about the Dinosaur Museum and to tell you a bit about what you can do with your students there.

Well, let me give you some of the basic information first. In regard to opening hours, we're open every day of the week from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm except on Mondays when we close at 1.30 pm. **(Q11)** And, in fact the only day in the year when we're closed is on the 25th of December. **(Q12)** You can book a guided tour for your school group any time that we're open.

If you bring a school group to the museum, when you arrive we ask you to remain with your group in the car park. One or more of the tour guides will welcome you there **(Q13)** and brief you about what the tour will be about. We do this there because our entrance is quite small and we really haven't got much room for briefing groups in the exhibition area.

As far as the amount of time you'll need goes, if you bring a school group you should plan on allowing a minimum of 90 minutes for the visit. This allows 15 minutes to get on and off the coach, 45 minutes **(Q14)** for the guided tour and 30 minutes for after-hour activities.

If you're going to have lunch at the museum you will, of course, have to allow more time. There are two cafés in the museum, with seating for 80 people. If you want to eat there you'll need to reserve some seating, as they can get quite crowded at lunch time. Then outside the museum at the back there are tables, **(Q15)** and students can bring their own lunch and eat it there in the open air.

When the students come into the museum foyer we ask them to check in their backpacks with their books, lunch boxes, etc, at the cloakroom before they enter the museum proper. I'm afraid in the past we have had a few things gone missing after school visits so this is a strict rule. Also, some of the exhibits are fragile and we don't want them to be accidentally knocked. But we do provide school students with handouts with questions and quizzes on them. **(Q16-18)** There's so much that students can learn in the museum and it's fun for them to have something to do. Of course they'll need to bring something to write with for these. We do allow students to take photographs. **(Q16-18)** For students who are doing projects it's useful to make some kind of visual record of what they see that they can add to their reports. And finally, they should not bring anything to eat into the museum, or drinks of any kind.

There are also a few things the students can do after the tour. In the theatre on the ground floor there are continuous screenings of short documentaries about dinosaurs which they can see **(Q19&20)** at any time. We used to have an activity room with more interactive things like making models of dinosaurs and drawing and painting pictures, even hunting for dinosaur eggs, but unfortunately the room was damaged in a bad storm recently when water came in the roof, so that's closed at the moment. But we do have an IT centre where students have access to CD ROMs with a range of dinosaur games. **(Q19&20)** These games are a lot of fun, but they also teach the students about the lives of dinosaurs, how they found food, protected their habitat, survived threats, that kind of thing.

And ... I think that's all I have to tell you. Please feel free to ask any questions if you would like to know anything else ...

		Explanation
11	1.30	"In regard to opening hours, we're open every day of the week from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm except on Mondays when we close at <u>1.30 pm</u> " In regard to: relating to somebody/something
12	25 December	the 25th of December is the only day of the year when the museum is closed to the public
13	car-park	The tour guide will welcome the group of students in the carpark. In this context, the word "welcome" means "meet"
14	45	"This allows 15 minutes to get on and off the coach, <u>45 minutes</u> for the guided tour and 30 minutes for after-hour activities." Several numbers mentioned in the tape may distract learners.
15	(some) tables	behind = at the back

16	C	The museum allows students to take photographs. That means students may bring cameras with them.
17	F	they'll need to bring something to write with for these = pen
18	G	handouts with questions and quizzes on them = worksheets
19	B	"In the theatrette on the ground floor there are continuous screenings of short documentaries about dinosaurs which they can see at any time". That means students can watch films (=documentaries) about dinosaurs.
20	E	"But we do have an IT centre where students have access to CD ROMs with a range of dinosaur games" Building models of dinosaurs, drawing dinosaurs, and finding (=hunting) dinosaur eggs are mentioned in the tape but the room where these activities take place has been closed recently. Therefore, A, B and D are wrong answers.

Vocabulary:

a minimum of 90 minutes	tối thiểu 90 phút
reverse (v)	đặt chỗ trước
crowded (a)	đông đúc, tấp nập
foyer (n)	tiền sảnh
visual (a)	liên quan đến hình ảnh, thị giác
continuous (a)	liên tục

IV. Lesson 4: Ôn tập tổng hợp

1. Đề bài

Exercise 1: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Questions 1-3

Complete the form below.

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

TOTAL INSURANCE INCIDENT REPORT

<i>Example</i>	<i>Answer</i>	
Name	Michael Alexander	
Address	24 Manly Street, 1	Sydney
Shipping agent	2	
Place of origin	China	
Date of arrival	3	
Reference number	601 ACK	

Questions 4-10

Complete the table below.

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

Item	Damage	Cost to repair/ replace
Television	The 4 needs to be replaced	not known
The 5 cabinet	The 6 of the cabinet is damaged	7\$
Dining room table	A 8 is split	\$200
Set of china	Six 9 were broken	about 10\$ in total

Exercise 2: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Questions 1-3 Complete the form below.

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

**Rented Properties
Customer's Requirements**

Name	Steven godfrey
Example	Answer
No. Of bedrooms	Four
Preferred location	In the 1 area the town
Maximum monthly rent	2 \$
Length of let required	3.....
Starting	September 1 st

Questions 4-8

Complete the table below.

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

Address	Rooms	Monthly rent	Problem
Oakington Avenue	living/dining room, separate kitchen	£550	no 4
Mead Street	large living room and kitchen, bathroom and a cloakroom	£580	the 5 is too large
Hamilton Road	living room, kitchen-diner, and a 6	£550	too 7
Devon Close	living room, dining room, small kitchen	8 £	none

Questions 9 and 10

Choose **TWO** letters, **A-E**.

Which **TWO** facilities in the district of Devon Close are open to the public at the moment?

- A** museum
- B** concert hall
- C** cinema
- D** sports centre
- E** swimming pool

Exercise 3: (Cambridge IELTS 8)**Questions 11**

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

11. According to the speaker, the main purposes of the park are

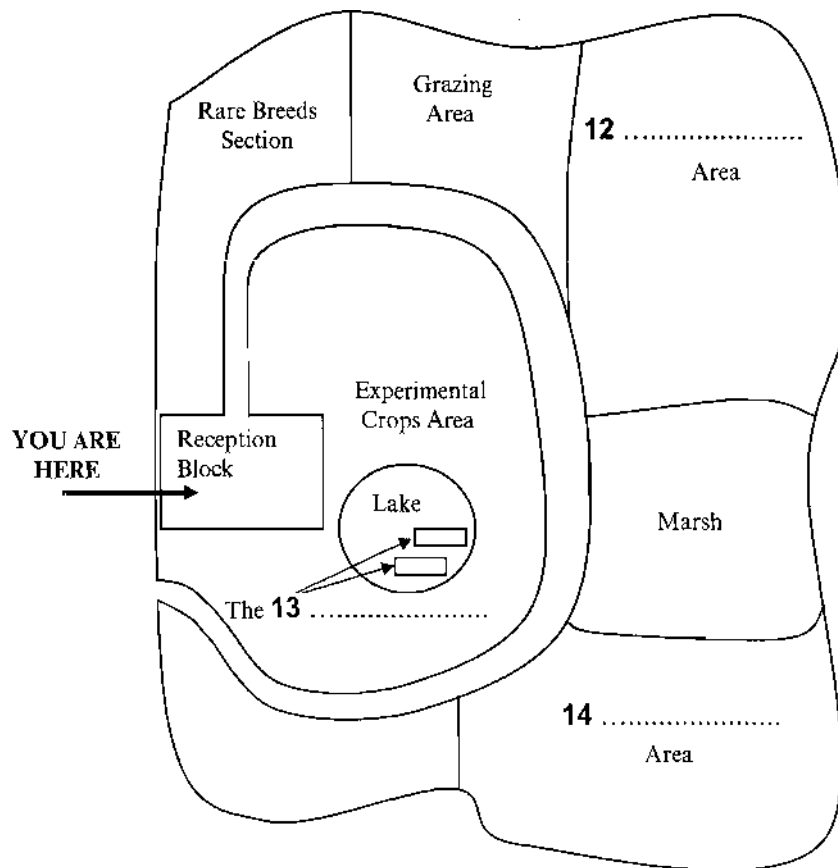
- A** education and entertainment.
- B** research and education.
- C** research and entertainment.

Questions 12-14

Label the plan below.

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

Agricultural Park



Questions 15-20

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

15. When are the experimental areas closed to the public?

- A all the year round
- B almost all the year
- C a short time every year

16. How can you move around the park?

- A by tram, walking or bicycle
- B by solar car or bicycle
- C by bicycle, walking or bus

17. The rare breed animals kept in the park include

- A hens and horses.
- B goats and cows.

C goats and hens.

18. What is the main purpose of having the Rare Breeds Section?

A to save unusual animals

B to keep a variety of breeds

C to educate the public

19. What can you see in the park at the present time?

A the arrival of wild birds

B fruit tree blossom

C a demonstration of fishing

20. The shop contains books about

A animals.

B local traditions.

C the history of the park.

Exercise 4: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

SECTION 2 Questions 11-20

Questions 11-16 Complete the notes below.

Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer

THE NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE

Well known for:	11
Complex consists	concert rooms theatres cinemas art galleries public library restaurants a 12
Historical background:	1940 - area destroyed by bombs 1960s-1970s - Centre was 13 and built in 14 opened to public
Managed by:	the 15

Open:	16 _____days per year

Questions 17-20

Complete the table below.

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

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Ticket price
Monday and Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	'The Magic Flute' (opéra by Mozart)	17	from £8.00
Wednesday	8.00 p.m.	18 ' ' (Canadian film)	Cinema 2	19 £
Saturday and Sunday	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	20 ' ' (art exhibition)	Gallery 1	free

2. Đáp án

Exercise 1: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

JUDY: Good morning. Total Insurance. Judy speaking, how may I help you?

MICHAEL: I recently shipped my belongings from overseas back here to Australia and I took out insurance with your company. Some items were damaged during the move so I need to make a claim. What do I have to do?

JUDY: Okay, well first I need to get a few details about this. Can you give me your name please?

MICHAEL: Yes. It's Michael Alexander.

JUDY: Okay. And your address please?

MICHAEL: My old address or my current one?

JUDY: Your current one.

MICHAEL: It's 24 Manly Street, Milperra, near Sydney.

JUDY: What was the suburb, sorry?

MICHAEL: Milperra. M-I-L-P-E-R-R-A. **Q1**

JUDY: Right. Now, who was the shipping agent Mr Alexander?

MICHAEL: You mean the company we used?

JUDY: Yes, the company who packed everything up at the point of origin.

MICHAEL: Oh, it was ... er... First Class Movers. **Q2**

JUDY: Okay ... where were the goods shipped from?

MICHAEL: China, but the ship came via Singapore and was there for about a week.

JUDY: Don't worry, all of that information will be in the documentation. Now, the dates. Do you know when the ship arrived?

MICHAEL: It left on the 11th of October and got to Sydney on the 28th of November. **Q3**

JUDY: Okay. I need one more thing. There's a reference number. It should be in the top right-hand corner of the pink form they gave you

MICHAEL!	Let me have a look. I have so many papers. Yes, here it is. It's 601 ACK.	
JUDY!	Thanks.	
JUDY:	I need to take down a few details of the actual damage over the phone before you put in a full report. Can you tell me how many items were damaged and what the damage was?	
MICHAEL:	Yes, well four things actually. I'll start with the big things. My TV first of all. It's a large one ... very expensive.	
JUDY:	Our insurance doesn't cover electrical problems.	
MICHAEL:	It isn't an electrical problem. <u>The screen has a huge crack</u> in it so it's unusable.	Q 4
JUDY:	I see. Any idea of the price to repair it?	
MICHAEL:	No. Well, I don't think it can be repaired. It will need a new one.	Q 4
JUDY:	Okay. I'll make a note of that and we'll see what we can do. Now, what was the second item?	
MICHAEL:	The cabinet from the <u>bathroom</u> was damaged as well. It's a lovely cabinet, we use it to keep our towels in.	Q 5
JUDY:	And what is the extent of the damage?	
MICHAEL:	Well, the back and the sides seem okay <u>but the door has a huge hole in it</u> . It can't be repaired. I'm really not very happy about it.	Q 6
JUDY:	And how much do you think it will cost to replace it?	
MICHAEL:	Well, when I bought it last year I paid \$125 for it. But the one I've seen here in Sydney is a bit more expensive, it's \$140.	Q 7
JUDY:	Right, and what was the third item?	
MICHAEL:	My dining room table. It's a lovely table from Indonesia. It must have been very hot inside the container because <u>one leg has completely split</u> down the middle. The top and the other three look okay thank goodness.	Q 8

JUDY: Any idea of the price to repair it?

MICHAEL: Well, I had an estimate done on this actually because it is a very special table to us. They quoted us \$200, which is really pricey so I hope the insurance will cover the total cost.

JUDY: I'm sure that will be fine. What was the last item, Mr Alexander?

MICHAEL: Well, we have a lovely set of china plates and dishes, you know, with matching cups, saucers, the lot. They were all in the one box which must have got dropped because some plates were broken - six actually. **Q 9**

JUDY: And can you tell me the replacement value of these?

MICHAEL: Well, it's hard to say because they were part of a set but they can be up to \$10 each as it's such a good set.

JUDY: Okay, so that would be around \$60 altogether? **Q 10**

MICHAEL: Yes, that's right.

JUDY: And is that all of the items?

MICHAEL: Yes. So what do I have to do now?

Answer:

1 Milperra	6 door
2 First Class Movers	7 140
3 28 November	8 leg
4 screen	9 plates
5 bathroom	10 60

Exercise 2: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

SECTION 1

WOMAN: Good morning. How can I help you?

MAN: Hello. I'm interested in renting a house somewhere in the town.

WOMAN: Right. Could I have your name please?

MAN: Yes, it's Steven Godfrey.

WOMAN: And tell me how many bedrooms you're looking for.

MAN: Well, we'd need four, because I'm going to share the house with three friends.

WOMAN: Okay, there are several of that size on our books. They mostly belong to families who are working abroad at the moment. What about the location?

MAN: It'd be nice to be central(Q1).

WOMAN:: That might be difficult, as most houses of that size are in the suburbs.

Still, there are a few. What's your upper limit for the rent?

MAN: We'd like something around £500 a month, but we could go up to £600 (Q2) if we have to. But we can't go beyond that.

WOMAN: Do you know how long you want to rent the house for? The minimum let is six months, as you probably realise.

MAN: We're at college here for two years, and we don't want to have to move Q3 during that time if we can avoid it.

WOMAN: Right. And how soon do you want to move in? All our lets start on the first of the month.

MAN: Well, as soon as possible, really, so that means September 1st.

WOMAN: Okay, let me have a look at what we've got.... We have photographs of all the houses on our books, so you can get an idea of what they're like. There's this one in Oakington Avenue, at £550 a month. Combined living room and dining room, with a separate kitchen. It doesn't have a garage, Q4 though you can park in the road.

MAN: Ah, we'd prefer to have one, if possible.

WOMAN: Right. Then have a look at this house, in Mead Street. It's got a very large living room and kitchen, bathroom, cloakroom ...

MAN: How much is it?

WOMAN: That one's 580. It's very well furnished and equipped. It also has plenty of space for parking, and it's available for a minimum of a year. Oh, and there's a big garden.Q5

MAN: I don't think we could cope with that, to be honest. We'll be too busy to look after it.

WOMAN: Okay. Then there's this older house in Hamilton Road: living room, kitchen-diner, and it has a study. 550 a month. **Q6**

MAN: That looks rather nice. But whereabouts in Hamilton Road?

WOMAN: Towards the western end.

MAN: Oh, that'll be very noisy. I know the area. **Q7**

WOMAN: Yes, it's pretty lively. Some people like it, though. Well, what

about this house in Devon Close?

MAN: That looks lovely.

WOMAN: There's a big demand for houses in that area, so prices tend to be quite high. But this one hasn't been decorated for a few years, which has kept the rent down a bit. It's got a living room, dining room and small kitchen, and it's **595** a month. I think it would suit you, from what you've said. **Q8** It sounds fine.

MAN: Why's that part of town so popular?

WOMAN: Well, there's a big scheme to improve the district, and it'll soon have the best facilities for miles around.

MAN: What sort of thing?

WOMAN: There's a big sports centre under construction, which will be very impressive when it's finished. **In fact the swimming pool's already opened, Q9** ahead of schedule, and it's attracting a lot of people.

MAN: What about cinemas: are there any in the area?

WOMAN: The only one closed down last year, and it's now in the process of being converted into a film museum. The local people are trying to get a new cinema added to the scheme.

MAN: I think I heard something about a plan to replace **the existing concert hall with a larger one. Q10**

WOMAN: Ah, that's due to start next year.

Answer

1	central	6	study
2	600	7	noisy
3	2 year(s)	8	595
4	garage	9	B
5	garden	10	E

Exercise 3: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Welcome to Green Vale Agricultural Park. As you know, we have only been open a week so you are amongst our first visitors. We have lots of fascinating indoor and outdoor exhibits on our huge complex, spreading hundreds of hectares. Our remit is **to give (Q11) educational opportunities to the wider public as well as to offer research sites for a wide variety of agriculturists and other scientists.**

Let's start by seeing what there is to do. As you can see here on our giant wall plan, we are now situated in the Reception block ... here. As you walk out of the main door into the park there is a path you can follow. If you follow this route you will immediately come into the Rare Breeds section, where we keep a wide variety of animals which I shall be telling you a little more about later. Next to this ... moving east... is the large grazing area for the rare breeds. Then further east... in the largest section of our Park is the **Forest** Area. **(Q12)** South

of the grazing area and in fact just next to the Reception block is our Experimental Crop Area. In the middle of the Park ... this circular area is our lake These two small rectangular shapes here ... are the **Fish Farms** where we rear fish for sale. To the east of (**Q13**) those is the marsh area which attracts a great many migrant birds. In the south-eastern corner, beyond the marsh, is **our Market Garden** area, growing vegetables and flowers. **Q14**

All these areas can be visited by the general public for almost all the year... although ... please take note of the large signs at the entrance to each area which tell... which tell you when certain areas are being used for particular controlled experiments and are therefore **temporarily out of bounds** to the public. **Q15**

You can see for yourself what a huge area the park covers and a key question is always, how can we move around? Well you have a choice of means ... all environmentally friendly ... cars are banned in the park. We have **bicycles** which you can hire behind the **Q16** Reception block ... here ... the healthy ones of you can go on foot and finally there's our electric tram, powered from solar cells. You find more information about this at the front entrance.

A good place to start on your tour is the Rare Breeds section. We keep **goats**, sheep and (**Q17**) hens and other kinds of poultry. We are also thinking of bringing in cows and horses but we do not, as yet, have facilities for these bigger animals. The animals are fed in public twice a day and a short lecture given on their feeding habits and nutritional needs. These are very popular with the public but of course we mustn't lose sight of the main purpose of having this section, not as such to preserve rare animals but **to maintain the diversity of breeds** to **Q18** broaden the gene pool for agricultural development. Green Vale changes with the seasons with different events happening at different times of the year. May will be perhaps our most spectacular month with the arrival of the Canada geese and when our fruit trees will be in full blossom, but there are interesting events on all year round ... for example John Havers, **our expert fly fisherman, is currently giving displays** on the lake. Each of the **Q19**

sections has its own seasonal calendar... please consult the summary board at the main entrance. And the final section, as we return to the Reception blocks, is the orchard.

Do take time to browse round our shop ... there is a wide selection of **books on wildlife, Q20** some of them written by local authors, and the history of farming, including organic farming, something which the park will be diversifying into in the coming months.

Answer

11	B	16	A
12	(the) Forest	17	C
13	Fish Farm(s)	18	B
14	Market Garden	19	C
15	C	20	A

Exercise 4: (Cambridge IELTS 8)

Hello, and welcome to **Focus on the Arts**. I'm your host - Dave Green - and this is your very own local radio programme. Every Friday evening we put the spotlight on different arts and culture facilities, and look at the shows and events that are on offer in the coming week.

And today the focus is on The National Arts Centre. Now, if you don't already know it yourself, I'm sure you've all heard of it. It's famous throughout the world as one of the major venues for classical music(Q11).

But did you know that it is actually much more than just a place to hear concerts? The Centre itself is a huge complex that caters for a great range of arts. Under a single roof it houses concert rooms, theatres, cinemas, art galleries and a wonderful public library, as well as service facilities including three restaurants and a bookshop(Q12). So at any one time, the choice of entertainment there is simply enormous.

So, how did they manage to build such a big arts complex right in the heart of the city?

Well, the area was completely destroyed by bombs during the war in 1940. So the opportunity was taken to create a cultural centre that would be, what they called: 'the City's gift to the Nation'. Of course it took a while for such a big project to get started, but it was planned in the 60s, built in the 70s and eventually opened to the public in 1983(Q13 AND Q14). Ever since then it has proved to be a great success. It is not privately owned, like many arts centres, but is still in public hands - it's run by the City Council (Q15). Both our National Symphony Orchestra and National Theatre Company were involved in the planning of the project, and they are now based there - giving regular performances every week - and as the Centre is open 363 (Q16) days of the year, there are plenty of performances to choose from.

So, to give you some idea of what's on, and to help you choose from the many possibilities, we've made a selection of the star attractions.

If you're interested in classical music, then we recommend you go along to the National on either Monday or Tuesday evening at 7.30 for a spectacular production of 'The Magic Flute' - probably the most popular of all Mozart's operas. It's in the Garden Hall (Q17) and tickets start at only £8.00, but you'll have to be early if you want to get them that cheap! And remember, it's only on for those two evenings.

For those more interested in the cinema, you might like to see the new Canadian film which is showing on Wednesday evening at 8pm in Cinema 2. And that's called Three Lives.' (Q18) It's had fantastic reviews and tickets cost just £4.50 (Q19), which is a reduction on the usual price of £5.50. So, it's really good value, especially for such a great movie.

But you can see the centre's **main** attraction at the weekend, because on Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 10 pm, they're showing a wonderful new exhibition that hasn't been seen anywhere else in Europe yet. It's a collection of Chinese Art called 'Faces of China' (Q20)- that'

in Gallery 1 - and it has some really fascinating paintings and sculptures by leading artists from all over China - and the good news is that it is completely free, so don't miss it!

So why not go along to the National Arts Centre next week for one - or all - of these great events - and you can always pick up a programme and check out all the other performances and exhibitions on offer, or coming soon, on almost every day of the year.

Next week we'll be looking at the new Museum of Science ...

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11	classical music/(classical/music)	16	363
12	bookshop/bookstore	17	(the) Garden Hall
13	planned	18	Three Lives
14	1983/(the) 1980s	19	4.50
15	City Council	20	Faces of China