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CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EMPOWER
B2 LISTENING COMPETENCY TEST

End of Course Test

Time Approximately 35 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

- Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.
- Write your name on this question paper.
- Listen to the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.
- Answer all the questions.
- While you are listening, write your answers on the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

- There are three parts to this test.
- You will hear each piece twice.
- Each question carries one mark.
- For each part of the test there will be time for you to look through the questions.

Part 1

Questions 1 – 8,

You will hear eight short recordings different situations. For each question, choose the correct answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

You will hear each recording twice.

- 1 You will hear two people talking about living in the city. What does the woman say about the part of the city she lives in?
- A There's too much traffic congestion.
 - B The public transport could be better.
 - C There are not enough parking spaces.
- 2 You will hear two friends talking about money. What have the two speakers got in common?
- A They are saving up for something.
 - B They make a living in the same way.
 - C They regularly donate to charity.
- 3 You will hear a successful actor talking to an interviewer on a radio programme. What regret does the actor have?
- A that he didn't get married when he was younger
 - B that he only became an actor later in life
 - C that he had initially refused to work abroad
- 4 You will hear a woman talking about her friend, Max. When does Max sometimes annoy the woman?
- A when he's unreliable
 - B when he's unsympathetic
 - C when he's unrealistic

- 5 You will hear a woman leaving a telephone message. What does the woman say about her father's illness?
- A The doctors are not sure what is wrong with him.
 - B She is uncertain when he will leave the hospital.
 - C She thinks his illness started last week.
- 6 You will hear a woman phoning her friend about their planned meeting. Why is the woman phoning her friend?
- A to arrange another date for their meeting
 - B to explain why she might not go shopping
 - C to add more details to their plan for Saturday
- 7 You will hear part of a programme about people and their hobbies. Why did the man give up his painting class?
- A He was impatient.
 - B He was irresponsible.
 - C He was inexperienced.
- 8 You will hear a man and a woman talking about a room in the man's house. What job did the man hire somebody else to do?
- A building the furniture
 - B painting the room
 - C making the window

Part 2

Questions 9 – 18

You will hear part of a talk about a bank robbery that was discovered by Robert Rowlands, in London in 1971.

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. You will hear the recording twice.

The Baker Street Bank Robbery

Rowlands was listening to the radio when he was surprised to hear **(9)** between a gang of thieves.

The policeman told Rowlands to **(10)** anything he heard between the thieves.

After listening to what Rowlands had discovered, the police started a big **(11)**

The robbers had to make sure that while they made a **(12)** they did not attract any attention.

It was estimated by the police that the gang spent nearly **(13)** planning the crime.

None of the bank robbers had a **(14)** for being expert criminals.

The use of two-way radios was **(15)** in 1971.

A decision was made to visit up to **(16)** banks in the city of London.

The police searched for criminals Desmond Wolfe had worked with before, who were not currently in **(17)**

Because he was older, Wolfe was given a **(18)** of eight years.

Part 3

Questions 19 – 25

You will hear a woman, Stella, and a man, Ben, talking together on a radio programme about the speed and stress of modern life.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear the interview twice.

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| 19 | What has Stella recently written? | A | a review | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | an article | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | a book | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | What surprised Stella most during her research? | A | People have less free time now than before. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | Technology helps people to slow down. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | People seem to enjoy being very busy. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21 | Why does Stella mention Einstein? | A | to highlight a disadvantage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | to support her argument | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | to explain people's ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22 | Which positive examples of speed does Ben give? | A | different means of transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | different types of sports | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | different ways of communicating | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23 | Stella thinks people can improve their lives by | A | taking up a new hobby. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | becoming more optimistic. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | enjoying the present. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24 | What effect have Ben's new eating habits had? | A | He feels satisfied quickly. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | He finds he requires less food. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | He appreciates a wider range of tastes. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25 | What conclusions has Stella reached regarding sleep? | A | Too much is not good for you. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | B | Most people do not get enough. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | C | It is not recommended during the day. | <input type="checkbox"/> |