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ENGLISH B2

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Sample

PART 2:  
LISTENING COMPREHENSION  
TIME: approximately 40 minutes

A large rectangular box containing 20 horizontal lines, intended for writing.

## Instructions

- You will hear **four recordings**.
- You will hear **each one twice**. Listen to them carefully and complete the tasks as required.
- Before listening for the first time, **you will have time to read the questions** that correspond to each recording.
- **Incorrect answers are not deducted** from the final mark for the assessment of this part of the exam.
- Once you have heard the last recording, you will have time to complete the answer sheet. Once this time has finished, all exam materials will be collected and **additional time will not be permitted**.
- Write your answers on **Answer Sheet 2**.
- You may use this booklet to make notes. However, it should be noted that these answers written in **the booklet will not be assessed under any circumstances**.

## Task 1

(Write your answers on Answer Sheet 2 - Task 1).

You will hear Paul Cuatrecasas, founder and CEO of Aqua Partners, talking about the importance of petri-dish grown meat (also known as lab meat) and artificial burgers.

### Instructions

- Listen and complete the sentences (1-6) according to what the speaker says.
- The speaker uses **different words** to those that appear in the answers.
- You must choose **one** answer from the three options given for each question.
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Example:

0. People are beginning to ...

- a) **want to try artificial meat.** (a) is correct
- b) question the quality of lab meat.
- c) invest in artificial meat.

1. One of the advantages of lab meat is that...

- a) it lasts longer.
- b) it's just as cheap as meat.
- c) it's easier to commercialise.

2. People will want to eat an artificial burger...

- a) if it's ecologically friendly.
- b) if it's healthier regardless of price.
- c) if it's cheaper and tastes just as good.

3. There are companies like 'Beyond Meat' that...

- a) are selling artificial burgers now.
- b) have advanced a lot in their research.
- c) will soon sell their burgers in stores around the country.

4. Artificial burgers are...

- a) far more nourishing than regular burgers.
- b) healthier and just as nutritive as regular burgers.
- c) just as tasty as regular burgers but without the fat.

5. Consumers who are likely to accept lab meat are...

- a) vegans and vegetarians of course.
- b) meat lovers more than vegetarians.
- c) people who are concerned about their health.

6. If lab meat does become a common food...

- a) it will affect the whole meat industry.
- b) farmers will be put out of business.
- c) consumers will benefit immensely.

## Task 2

(Write your answers on Answer Sheet 2 - Task 2).

You will hear an extract of an interview with **Dr Laura Corr**, a consultant cardiologist.

### Instructions

- Listen carefully and complete the **statements (7-11)** below with **one or two** words (question **9** only), according to what the speaker says.
- The wording of the sentences below **may be** slightly different from what you hear. However, the word(s) you write must be exactly the same as what you hear.

Example: **0**

**0.** The truth about cholesterol is you can't   **tell**   by looking at someone.

### Statements

7. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ for a number because cholesterol is not about numbers.
8. If you are 40 or over, you have a right to get your cholesterol \_\_\_\_\_ up.
9. I looked at the evidence and we \_\_\_\_\_ which 6 foods lower cholesterol.
10. We need lots of fibre. We probably eat \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of fibre we need.
11. Don't worry about eggs. They're off the \_\_\_\_\_ list.

### Task 3

(Write your answers on Answer Sheet 2 - Task 3).

You will hear **Celeste Headlee** at a TED Talk giving 5 tips on how to be better conversationalists.

#### Instructions

- Choose which comment (**A to F**) corresponds to each tip (**1 to 5**).
- The comments have been mixed up, rephrased and summarized.
- There is one extra comment you **do not need to use**.

#### Comments

- A** Learn to pay close attention to what the interlocutor is saying.
- B** Sympathising with someone is not talking about your own experiences.
- C** Be sure to maintain eye contact when you are talking to someone.
- D** Complex questions may often get you short inadequate answers.
- E** It's worth listening to people because they are very likely to astonish you.
- F** Go into a conversation with the idea of learning something new.

	Tips	Comments
12.	Tip 1	_____
13.	Tip 2	_____
14.	Tip 3	_____
15.	Tip 4	_____
16.	Tip 5	_____

## Task 4

(Write your answers on Answer Sheet 2 - Task 4).

You will hear three independent extracts on unrelated topics.

### Instructions

- For questions **17** to **22**, choose the correct option (**a, b, c**) for the two questions of each extract.
- The speaker uses **different words** to the options that appear in the questions.
- You will hear each extract twice.

#### Extract 1 You hear a woman talking about ethical hacking.

**17 What is a white-hat hacker?**

- a) A lawful hacker.
- b) An unauthorised hacker.
- c) A highly professional hacker.

**18 In which phase does a hacker look for weaknesses?**

- a) The Clearing Phase.
- b) The Scanning Phase.
- c) The Recognisance Phase.

#### Extract 2 You hear a man talking about John Caudwell, a British businessman.

**19 What did John learn early in life?**

- a) How to save money.
- b) Good investment strategy.
- c) How to be economically independent.

**20 When did John become a billionaire?**

- a) When he sold his company.
- b) A year after his 'Phones 4U' startup.
- c) When he invested in the first smart phone.

#### Extract 3 You hear two women talking about TV and its impact on school grades.

**21 What kind of impact might TV have on exam grades?**

- a) A severe impact.
- b) A debatable impact.
- c) An overrated impact.

**22 What were the researchers' findings?**

- a) Four hours a day of TV had little impact on grades.
- b) The more TV students watched, the worse their grades.
- c) Students who studied many hours a day got better grades.

**Task 1**      **1-a**   **2-c**   **3-a**   **4-a**   **5-b**   **6-a**

**Task 2**      **7- settle**   **8- checked**   **9- found out**   **10- half**   **11- danger**

**Task 3**      **12-F**      **13-D**      **14-A**      **15-B**      **16-E**

**Task 4**      **17-a**      **18-b**      **19-c**      **20-a**      **21-a**      **22-b**