

ANGLIA EXAMINATION SYNDICATE

LISTENING SCRIPT (for recording artists)

Please record the following.

Cast needed: **Part One** – **female**
 Part Two – **male and female**
 Part Three – **male and female**

DO NOT RECORD THE TEXT IN BRACKETS.

This is Anglia Examinations, England.

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Listening Examination

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Level Two, Sample

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Candidate Instructions

(pause)

Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

You will hear each part of the recording twice.

There will be a pause before each part so you can read the questions. There will be other pauses to let you think about your answers.

When you hear the tone (**example of tone**), write your answers on the question paper.

Write clearly in the spaces provided.

Use a black PEN in the spaces provided.

You must ask any questions now as you cannot speak during the test.

(pause 5 seconds)

Listen to the first part of the test.

(pause 3 seconds)

Section L1.

You will hear a boat owner and guide talking about the Farne Islands just off the north-east coast of England. For questions one to four, listen to the recording and tick (✓) the correct box. For questions five to thirteen, fill in the missing information.

(pause 3 seconds)(tone)

My name's Linda Scarcroft and my family's been fishing out of Seahouses harbour for 150 years. Although present-day tourists have various options, my grandfather, John Scarcroft was the first fisherman to start taking visitors to the Farne Islands in the 1950s. Since then we estimate we've taken over 50,000 people to see the wildlife and historical sites. We're going to start boarding now and I'd like those with toddlers and babies to get to the front of the queue, followed by anyone needing wheelchair access so we can get you settled. Then, anyone with walking difficulties come to the front and Bill here will help you board. We'll get you all on the boat in no time. Now that heavy shower's eased off, there's no need to shelter under the awning. There's plenty of space out on deck. We should even see some brightness peeping through this light cloud. As we approach the island of Inner Farne, the boat will go past the cylindrical white lighthouse, built in the early nineteenth century and still functioning as a lighthouse today. Take care getting off the boat and follow the boardwalk up to St Cuthbert's Chapel. I recommend popping inside and having a look at the stained glass windows, which illustrate some of Farnes' history. Then carry on up the walkway towards Pele Tower, built in 1540 to house the monks that lived here. This is now home to the rangers who work here conserving wildlife.

(pause 2 seconds)

You'll come across lots of noisy kittiwakes - seagulls, with black legs, called kittiwakes because that's the sound they make. Now if you look over there, you'll see at least, ooh, perhaps 25 seals, in the water. These are Atlantic Grey seals and they breed here. We'll try and get even closer - they're quite tame. We think there are over 9,000 of them. Well, I know you're pretty keen to land and get close to the birds the islands are famous for, the puffins which are nesting on the cliffs. There're around 7,000 pairs on this island alone and perhaps 40,000 pairs across the group. There will be lots of fabulous photo opportunities. So, we'll just pull into the jetty here and if you wander up that hill but stay on the walkway, I'll see you in ten minutes or so. **(fade out)**

(pause 6 seconds)

Peter Henley here is in charge of the volunteer programme. You've probably noticed people in overalls mending walkways. They're volunteers and we're always looking for more. Basically, volunteers live on Inner Farne for June, July and August every year. It's hardly a nine to five job - more like eight til six, but they get plenty of support. As volunteers, of course, it's unpaid, but board and lodging are provided. Some people choose our traditional cottages while others prefer the caravan site. There's more to the job than mending walkways though. A major part of the job is the *puffin census*. The puffin is an endangered bird and the Farne Islands have the third biggest puffin colony in Britain, so it's incredibly important that we find out how many birds there are so we know if numbers are increasing or decreasing. Counting wild birds is quite tricky and volunteers are trained by our experts. It's a very responsible job. We count other seabirds too but our main focus is the puffin because it's endangered. Even in summer, weather conditions on the Farnes can be challenging and although volunteers can use our small speed boats as transport to go for the occasional night out, for dinner on the mainland, or a trip to the cinema, that really depends on the weather. The reality is that you could be cooped up here for weeks at a time. It can be glorious, though. So, if you're interested, or know anyone who might be, go to www.farnevolunteer.org and fill in the form. That's www dot farne volunteer, all one word, dot org. If you'd prefer, there's a contact number. It's 0344 800 500. Now,....

Now listen to the first part of the test again. **(pause 3 seconds and repeat above)**

(pause 6 seconds)

Now listen to the second part of the test.

(pause 3 seconds)

Section L2.

You are going to hear five speakers talking about transport. For questions 1 to 10, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

(pause 3 seconds) (tone)

Speaker One **(male)**

A while back I was considering changing my car. A friend of mine's just bought himself an electric car, you know, one of those all-electric vehicles. He's got no garage and has to park it in the street, which of course has never been a problem... until now. He decided not to go for the hybrid version, which means he *has* to charge it overnight, meaning a long cable across the pavement. I couldn't help laughing. He insisted it was a lot better than my petrol car. Ours is actually diesel but I didn't dare tell him that. **(pause 2 seconds)** Electric car prices are bound to come down soon, so I think I'll hang on a bit, say six to twelve months or so. I do need to get rid of my current car though, as it's costing a fortune for repairs at the garage, but replacing it with something un-environmental doesn't seem right. I'm quite a cycling enthusiast, but as my office is miles from where I live, a bike's a rather impractical solution. I'd spend all my time getting there and back.

(Pause 3 seconds)

Speaker Two **(female)**

My husband absolutely loves flying but since his operation he's not allowed to, it's to do with his heart and air pressure and so on. Fortunately, Stefan's got his rail-card so he's not stuck completely. He's had to give up cycling because of medical issues too and that's such a pity because he loved it so he's pretty fed up about that. To make matters worse, I had an accident on the way to work the other day so I can't even drive him around. Hopefully, the insurance money will come through soon. **(pause 2 seconds)** When I was a rep I was always in planes and airports. My colleague used to say take-off was definitely the scariest part of flying and that it was even worse than landing. Neither bothered me including one incident of thick fog in San Francisco. I had faith in the pilot's skill. It was the lack of comfort on long-haul flights which I used to dread. One of my biggest fears would be flying through a thunderstorm but so far, I've avoided that scenario.

(Pause 3 seconds)

Speaker Three **(male)**

I've been in similar situations myself so could understand how the driver felt about the cyclist's irresponsible behaviour. The cyclist just moved right out in front of him without checking or signalling and the driver had to slam on his brakes. However, I wasn't impressed when he got out of his car and started shouting although it's easy to see why. The guy on the bike seemed surprised - he didn't seem to know what was going on. **(pause 2 seconds)** Cycling has many positives, like being much less expensive than other transport. In my case though, my bike cost more than a bus pass. The reason I keep doing it is that wonderful, exhilarating feeling of freedom you get. Of course, it's good for your body and good for the environment so I get points from all my friends for being green and saving the planet and so on. Although I shouldn't admit it, that's really not why I ride.

(Pause 3 seconds)

Speaker Four (**female**)

My favourite destination is Italy, no question about it. People are always surprised to see a woman driving a lorry but in Italy they treat you like a queen as, of, course the vast majority of lorry drivers are male. The roads are generally of a high standard and the police are, well, I've never had any trouble. I broke down just south of Rome once right on the motorway and they got me a breakdown van within twenty minutes. It wasn't their job but they just did it. **(pause 2 seconds)** I first got interested in truck driving when I was at school in Norwich. My friend's dad was a lorry driver and he took us along for the ride. We went to Birmingham, Slough – all over. I thought it was fantastic so when I left Cardiff uni with a degree in English and little chance of a job, I saw this course offered at the Training School in the city and that was it. A fortnight after it finished, I was heading to Edinburgh, delivering a truckload of fruit and veg.

(Pause 3 seconds)

Speaker Five (**male**)

The bus service here isn't great. About six months ago, they cut the fares as an incentive to customers, so a single is now half what it used to be. There's also a big campaign going on about how 'on time' they are. I'd be tempted to use buses more, but my offices are out of town and none of them go that far, which is annoying, as driving and parking every day is becoming an issue. I never know if I'll find a parking space. **(pause 2 seconds)** I rarely use the service, but I did last week to get home from a night out. I went through the hassle of finding the right change to get my ticket, as my card wouldn't work. Then I dropped some coins and they rolled down the steps. Anyway, a couple of teenagers towards the back were having an argument – it was pretty loud. I didn't want to get involved, so I just closed my eyes. I must've been more exhausted than I thought, because the next thing I knew I was back at the bus depot at the end of the line!

(Pause 3 seconds)

Now listen to the second part of the test again. **(Pause 3 seconds and repeat)**

Now listen to the third part of the test. **(Pause 3 seconds)**

Section L3.

You are going to listen to an interview with Rodney Forester, the well-known football manager.

Answer all the questions below by marking the correct box with a tick.

(Pause 3 seconds)

- (F) Welcome, Rodney. Now, most people will remember you as the outspoken manager of Gosport United, but you've been living in Sweden for eight years and now we hear you're moving to the States. Enlighten us.
- (M) It's just a rumour. I've actually had an offer to manage the UAE team in the Gulf and they pay rather well.
- (F) Will you take it?
- (M) Well, it's delicate. I have alternatives in the UK and Laura, my wife, wants to go home so that's what we'll be doing.
- (F) So, you currently manage JFK Gothenburg. Will they let you out of the contract?

- (M) Before the other options came up, I was intending to negotiate a new one as I've only got two months to go before it expires. It turns out that that end-date suits my personal circumstances.
- (F) Has living in Sweden been good? Have you learnt the language?
- (M) Many British people don't see the point in learning Swedish as most Swedes speak such good English and Laura gave up because she wasn't willing to put up with the embarrassment of making a fool of herself, which you have to be prepared to do when learning a language. I had the motivation of wanting to use it in my job, and have quite surprised myself with my perseverance. Language learning had always been outside my comfort zone in the past but I seem to have moved on from that.
- (F) Is there any advice you'd give to someone planning on moving to Sweden?
- (M) Advice ? Hmmm. Certain facts about Sweden are so well-known that they're expectations, like how expensive groceries are. And they really *are*! Having said that, the quality's better - a loaf of bread may be double the price, but it's twice as good. I'd been advised to move here during the summer if possible, as socialising is so much more straightforward in July, when the days are long. In winter people seem to lock themselves away and you see nobody for months. That was great advice and we made friends, although it *did* mean we had a new house to decorate, and no workers available as everyone seems to take that month off work and almost *all* businesses are shut.
- (F) Have you been able to make the most of the great outdoors?
- (M) We've all enjoyed the outdoor life like skiing in winter and the kids go picking wild blueberries in summer. I've been invited to go hunting. That's really not my sort of thing and I think moose are incredible creatures. You know, everybody thinks Sweden's freezing all year but the summers here are definitely better. I've developed a passion for going for a dip off the stunning coastline. There are so many magnificent bays here.
- (F) What do you think you'll be most sorry to leave behind?
- (M) That's hard to answer. Many would say they'd miss the cities, which are so clean and well-run. Of course, the medical provision here is second to none. Personally though, it's going to be the feeling of freedom. You know, Sweden's an enormous country with a small population and that feeling of being cramped is completely absent . You often find yourself all alone with nobody around for miles.
- (F) Rodney Forester, thank you.

(Pause 6 seconds)

Now listen to the third part of the test again. **(Pause 3 seconds and repeat)**

That is the end of the listening test. You will now have three minutes to check your answers. Your listening paper will then be collected.