

NB Read out the text which is not in italics. Read at normal speed making it sound as much like spoken English (rather than English which is read aloud) as possible.

Part one, part one.

You will hear six sentences twice. Choose the **best reply** to each sentence. Look at the example. (15 seconds.) If you hear ‘Do you know where City Bank is, please?, Do you know where City Bank is, please?’, the best reply is (b). Put a circle round the letter of the **best reply**.

Number one. Number one. (6 seconds)

What time should we meet, then?
What time should we meet, then? (10 seconds)

Number two. Number two. (6 seconds)

He said he is doing well, didn’t he?
He said he is doing well, didn’t he? (10 seconds)

Number three. Number three. (6 seconds)

I’m afraid I’m going to fail the test tomorrow.
I’m afraid I’m going to fail the test tomorrow. (10 seconds)

Number four. Number four. (6 seconds)

Is it OK if we just start without him?
Is it OK if we just start without him? (10 seconds)

Number five. Number five. (6 seconds)

Right, it’s high time we left.
Right, it’s high time we left. (10 seconds)

Number six. Number six. (6 seconds)

Do I **have** to be there next time we meet?
Do I **have** to be there next time we meet? (10 seconds)

That is the end of Part One.

Part two, part two.

You will hear three short conversations. Listen to the conversations and choose the **best answer** to the questions below. Put a circle round the letter of the **best answer**. You will hear each conversation twice. Look at the questions for Conversation One. (10 seconds.)

Conversation One

M: What should we have, then?

F: Erm, not sure. I sort of fancy going out tonight. What do you think?

M: Sounds like a good idea actually. How about going to that Chinese place? You know, the one next to the Italian restaurant.

F: [*indecisively*] Dunno. If I'm honest, I'm not a great fan of oriental cuisine. I'd rather have some spaghetti.

M: Yeah, but I'm not sure if the Italian one is going to be open.

F: We could call and check, right?

M: I don't have their number unfortunately.

F: Well, find it on the Internet, then. It's not that complicated.

M: Oh! I know! Why don't we try that new Mexican place?

F: [*excited*] Right! Sounds brilliant.

M: So, let's get ready and off we go.

F: Just give me a minute to freshen up first.

(Wait 10 seconds before repeating.)

(Wait 10 seconds before going onto the next conversation.)

Now, look at the questions for Conversation Two. (10 seconds.)

Conversation Two

- F: How can I help you, sir?
- M: Erm... hello, hi. I, erm, it's my wife's birthday and I'd like to get her something nice. You see, she'll be forty next week and I sort of want it to be special.
- F: Hmm, I see. How about a scarf?
- M: Err, do you think that would be a good idea?
- F: Well, sir, all women like scarves. Take my word for it.
- M: Not sure. I was thinking more of an evening dress. You know, a scarf sounds nice but I wanted something a bit more expensive. More impressive.
- F: Ah, yes. How about this dress here?
- M: Oh, that looks beautiful!
- F: It's probably one of our best pieces.
- M: OK. I'll take it.
- F: Excellent choice, sir.
- M: Do you take credit cards? *[fade]*

(Wait 10 seconds before repeating.)

(Wait 10 seconds before going onto the next conversation.)

Now, look at the questions for Conversation Three. *(10 seconds.)*

Conversation Three

M: Excuse me?

F: Yes?

M: You wouldn't know how I could get to, erm, St James Cathedral, would you?

F: Oh, certainly. Let's see. The fastest way would be to catch the bus to the city centre and then...

M: It's all right. I actually have a car. So, I don't think I'll be getting any public transport.

F: Oh, I see. Then, it's much easier.

M: OK, so...

F: You have to take the M15, and exit the highway at Clifford Junction. Then, you take a right turn into Ashton Street and...

M: Sorry, give me a minute because I think I should be jotting this down. It's too much to remember.

F: OK. I'll tell you again what you need to do.

M: Thank you.

F: Take the M15 and exit the highway at... [*fade*]

(Wait 10 seconds before repeating.)

(10 seconds.)

That is the end of Part Two.

Part three, part three.

Listen to the radio show about Dublin. Write **short** notes about Dublin (1-3 words). First, look at the notepad. The first one is an example. (10 seconds.) You will hear the radio show twice.

Welcome to another fascinating show of Globe Wanderer. Today we're taking you to the marvelous city of Dublin, capital city of Ireland, and we'll tell you all about the fantastic places you can see and the lovely things you can do there.

Well, to start with, the English name of the city comes from the Irish 'Dubh Linn' – which means black pool – and it's the biggest city in Ireland. Another remarkable thing about Dublin is that – and this is sort of funny – a lot of main streets usually took their name from the pub that used to be there years ago. Convenient, right?

For those of you who simply want to have a good time and enjoy the brilliant sites, the perfect start would be to visit Christ Church Cathedral and then probably one of the most beautiful parks in Europe, St Stephen's Green. For the romantic ones, a walk along the River Liffey would be perfect.

Dublin has a great history as well. There are loads of castles around the city. The reason for that, you see, is because, 'Dubh Linn' – as a settlement that is – dates perhaps as far back as the first century; however, the actual city was not established until the ninth century. Amazing, isn't it?

Now, for all of you party animals out there! Did you know that Dublin also has a brilliant nightlife? Well, you can go out to the popular part of the city for that purpose – Templebar. It's an excellent opportunity to meet... [fade]

(Wait 10 seconds before repeating.)

(10 seconds.)

That is the end of Part Three.

Part four, part four.

Listen to the conversation between Sylvia and Ted about renting a flat and answer the questions. Put a circle round the letter of the correct answer. First, look at the questions. There is an example.

(20 seconds.) You will hear the conversation twice.

- M: Sylvia, we really do need to find a new flat. I mean, I've had enough of this house. Just look what we've been through to make it look quite nice! We had to call the plumber, the electrician. Then, we had to redo the kitchen. You know, it's cost us a small fortune!
- F: I don't know, Ted. You're probably right. But it did look lovely in the beginning, didn't it? And it was furnished as well. Who would have thought all those problems would come out of nowhere? Do you know what really gets on my nerves though? It's that landlady who didn't warn us about all those things.
- M: Oh, please, don't even get me started on that. Do you remember what she said? Every time we called and tried to tell her about any of the problems, she always pretended to be surprised and was generally unhelpful!
- F: Anyway, Ted, what about the flats you went to see? Were they any good? You do remember they have to have an extra room so I can use it for work? I can't concentrate if you want to watch TV or hang out with your friends.
- M: Yeah, I remember. Well, all of them were in a good state. They all had enough room for you to have your own private space, but..., you see, they were rather pricey. We wouldn't be able to afford it. We do have a very tight budget, right?
- F: What?! Are you saying all of them cost that much? How about my favourite one? You know, the two-bedroom one with the garden? Was that expensive as well? That's a pity because I really loved that one. You could go anywhere on foot, remember? It would be perfect, especially now that we've sold our car.
- M: Well, yes. But you know what happened? On my way back, I saw that flat we never considered because we thought it would be too tiny. Believe me it wasn't small at all. As soon as you get inside it's like a palace! You remember the one I'm talking about, right? The one next to my job.
- F: Oh, right, yeah. That'd be perfect actually. So it was spacious enough.
- M: Yeah! I'm telling you it's perfect! Oh, there is one thing though. Again, it's slightly above our budget.
- F: I've got a really nice surprise for you there! Remember the project I did about a year ago? You know the one that took a lot of work and many late nights in the office. Well, they finally paid me for that! So, money is not an issue anymore.
- M: Are you serious? That's brilliant news!
- F: So, which one do you think we should go for?

(Wait 10 seconds before repeating.)

(10 seconds.)

That is the end of Part Four.

You now have two hours ten minutes to complete the rest of the paper.