

TRANSCRIPT

Ovo je početak ispita iz Engleskoga jezika na višoj razini serije DS002.
Početak ispita

This is the Listening Paper for the Higher Matura Exam.

There are four parts to the test. Before each part, you will have time to look through the questions before you listen.

Write your answers on the question papers. At the end of the test, you will have five minutes to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

Now open your question paper and look at Task 1.

[5 seconds pause]

You will hear 5 people talking about holiday courses they went on.

For each recording (1-5), decide what the speaker had a problem with. Choose from A to H. Write one letter next to the number. There are three letters you do not need.

You will hear each recording twice.

You now have 20 seconds to look at Task 1.

[20 seconds pause]

You will now hear the speakers.

1

The people on the course were from various countries, and they all stayed in their own language groups, so I felt a bit of an outsider. So I often went into town by myself. I could hardly understand what the people were saying so I basically communicated with my hands, which was fun. So while I was a bit lonely at times, I really managed to get the feel of the local culture.

2

The course was set at a high level, and they made us work very hard, which was a problem for some, especially those who wanted a more relaxed time. There were free afternoons, though, when the school organised visits to places of interest. But there was no guide or anything, so although we saw these places, we didn't learn much about them. Fortunately, I learned a lot on the course; otherwise, I'd have been disappointed.

3

I had a room on campus and I thought I was lucky to get that and not to stay with a family off campus. But there were students on my corridor who partied late into the night every night, which was a problem for the teachers, for most of the class, including me, were half asleep during the day. So I didn't benefit from the course as much as I'd hoped.

4

I went on a course in Madrid to improve my Spanish. I'd been really looking forward to it, but I was in a group whose Spanish wasn't very good so the lessons were too easy for me and I didn't make much progress. I expected more because the course was comparatively expensive and I don't think I got value for the money my parents had spent on it.

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I went to Sweden on a one-week course. I was worried about the journey, since it involved a change of flights and then a rail journey, and making the connections could have been a problem. I needn't have worried, though. What I didn't expect was how expensive everything is there, so I often couldn't join the others when they went out to restaurants. I basically lived on hamburgers for the week.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

That is the end of Task 1.

[10 seconds pause]

Now turn to Task 2, questions 6 to 13.

[5 seconds pause]

You will hear people talking in eight situations. For each situation (6-13), choose the correct answer, A, B or C. You will hear each recording twice.

You now have 45 seconds to look at questions 6-13.

[45 seconds pause]

You will now hear the recordings.

6

Female: I hear you're doing weight training, Linda.

Linda: Yes, a group of us girls do it once a week. Well, it was Diane's idea, really. She thought she was a bit overweight and wanted to lose some kilos and we decided to do it with her. And I feel much stronger for it.

Female: Won't you be scaring off the boys with all those muscles?

Linda: What do I care? We're just girls who like to have fun.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

7

Male: Hey, John, a group of us are going hiking on Saturday. Do you want to come?

John: I'd love too, but I shouldn't really. I've got a test on Monday and I'm really stressed out about it. I need to prepare for it.

Male: Oh, leave that for Sunday. The break will do you good.

John: Anyway, I've also been invited to a barbecue in the afternoon. And there's this girl going who I fancy.

Male: She can come, too.

John: Ok, then.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

8

Female: So, Barbara, what's your new apartment like?

Barbara: Oh, it's just right for John and me. It's just big enough for the two of us, until we have a kid, of course. And there are shops nearby and an open market. And a good bus service to the town centre. We could have got something cheaper if we'd gone a bit out of town, but we didn't want to lose so much time travelling to work. No, I'm really happy with it.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

9

Male: I believe it's a huge problem, and its time to act. For a start, we need to cut down dramatically on burning oil and coal, which pollutes the air and adds to the greenhouse gases. And we need to stop cutting down trees. Did you know that deforestation causes a quarter of the greenhouse gases we put into the atmosphere? If we don't act soon, temperatures could rise too high for life as we know it.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

10

Female: So, Jenny, how do you feel about next week's exam?

Jenny: Well, I've really prepared a lot and gone over the materials with a friend, so it should be okay. Still, you never know what questions might come up. The other night I had a dream where I came to the exam, looked at the question paper and couldn't understand a thing. But when I take the actual exam, I'm going to first take a deep breath and focus on staying calm.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

11

Voice: How was your holiday, Bob?

Bob: Oh, I was working. You see, I've got a friend who sells jewellery on the coast to tourists and he asked me to help him out.

Voice: So you made some money.

Bob: Oh yes. It paid for a week's holiday after that.

Voice: And did you enjoy the work?

Bob: Oh, it was fun talking to the tourists. All in all, it was quite an experience. But not one to put in my CV, of course.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

12

Voice: That's a thick book you're reading, Susan.

Susan: Yes, there's plenty to read. I'm getting through it quite quickly, though. It's about a murder that takes place during the building of a cathedral in the eleventh century, so it's a sort of detective novel. And it's fascinating to learn about how they built these cathedrals and how people lived at the time. I certainly won't get bored when I'm taking it easy on the beach next week.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

13

Voice: Look, I can see you've got a wide vocabulary and good control of sentence structures but your essay is difficult to understand. You know, I read a sentence and I wonder what it's got to do with the previous one. It looks irrelevant. By the time I get to the end, I can see that you have in fact kept to the topic, but you obviously wrote it without planning it. Next time, I want to see your notes.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

That is the end of Task 2.

[10 seconds pause]

Now turn to Task 3, questions 14-19.

[5 seconds pause]

You will hear a conversation between two friends about buying a book for a friend.

Listen to the conversation and decide which book (A to C) each question (14-19) refers to. Write A for Angelica, B for Bounder or C for Cluster. You will hear the recording twice.

You now have 20 seconds to look at questions 14 to 19.

[20 seconds pause]

You will now hear the conversation.

[5 seconds pause]

Female: It's Isabella's birthday next week. Let's buy her a book she can read during the summer holiday.

Male: Good idea. I know she likes reading. Have you got anything in mind?

Female: Well, I was thinking of Angelica. It's a light romance just perfect for summer reading.

Male: Oh I don't know about that. I've just read Bounder and I really enjoyed it.

Female: No, I don't think Bounder's for her. I don't think she's interested in novels set in a distant galaxy. She's interested in real human relations, like you find in Angelica. It's a nice romantic love story, just right for when you're sitting in the shade near a beach. It's the sort of book you can pick up and put down. It's fun.

Male: But she might have seen it at the cinema. You'll have to find out.

Female: That doesn't matter. It's one thing to see a movie and quite another to read the original book. It's quite well written.

Male: Well, if it's literature you're after, then how about Cluster. It's won literary awards both in the original Spanish and in English.

Female: Yes, I've heard about it. But I'm not sure if that's the right book for Isabella. I mean, it's serious literature. Angelica, on the other hand, is a light read with a good story.

Male: So you're saying Isabella only enjoys that kind of book? That's not a very nice thing to say.

Female: No, I don't mean it that way. But Angelica can't be bad. I mean, unlike the other two, it's on the best-seller list, so people obviously like it.

Male: But why give her something everyone reads? I'm sure she'd never read Cluster unless we gave it to her. It's really worth reading. It's meant to be a masterpiece.

Female: But it's only a couple of hundred pages long and she can read it in just a few days. I know it's great literature but we want to give her something that will take some time to read, with five or six hundred pages.

Male: Then we're back to Bounder. There's a long book for you.

Female: That's true. But it's in hardback. It's not in paperback yet. The other two are paperback and are half the price.

Male: Well, why don't you get her Angelica and I'll get her Cluster. Two books for the price of one.

Female: OK.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

That is the end of Task 3.

[10 seconds pause]

Now turn to Task 4, questions 20-25.

[5 seconds pause]

You will hear a review of the TV cooking show, Home Cooking.

For questions 20-25, mark the correct answer, A, B or C.

You will hear the recording twice.

You now have 30 seconds to look at questions 20 to 25.

[30 seconds pause]

You will now hear the review.

Female: And here's Sandy Parson with a review of the hit TV cooking show, *Home Cooking*.

Male: *Home cooking* is something of a phenomenon, with a celebrity version and 6 million viewers. But can it keep these impressive ratings? Like any show that becomes hugely successful, it has a familiar format. The viewers know what to expect. But surely it's now time for a change for a new approach to add a little spice to the show. After all, even the best dish stops being wonderful if you eat it too often.

Of course, recipe books top the best-seller lists, and cooking shows are sure to bring in the viewers. Few things attract our interest more than food. And *Home Cooking's* competitive format adds a flavour of excitement. The magic ingredient, however, which sets the show apart from other cooking shows, came when it was handed over to Brian Woolley. He's not just a cook but a comedian, too.

The show goes out live, so you see when things go wrong, just as they do in the kitchen in real life. It's come a long way since it was broadcast on Saturday afternoons, competing with football matches and causing arguments in the home. So it's no wonder it was switched to the evening. And now you can always catch the repeat the next morning.

Brian Woolley is, of course, a master chef. He was brought up by his grandmother who, he says, was an amazing cook, turning meat, peas and potatoes into mouth-watering magic. He's added a touch of the French artistry he acquired while he was living in France. But although born and raised in far-off Australia, he produces English dishes as if he's always lived in England.

Some of the recipes seen on the show can be found in his new book, which comes out at the end of the series. Although he spices up his shows with dishes from India, Thailand, Vietnam and China, the book focuses on the basics of English cooking, bringing you back to the traditional Sunday meals. There's something there for everyone, regardless of who they are. Unless you're a vegetarian.

The series stops for the summer. Will there be another series in the autumn? Brian is a busy man. He's got a restaurant in London's fashionable Notting Hill, and another's just opened near Trafalgar Square. And, of course, his new book is sure to do well, and there's plenty of material for another one. So, will he have the time for a new series? Well, there's good news for fans of *Home Cooking*. Brian's already got his list of celebrity guests.

Now listen again.

[Repeat]

That is the end of Task 4.

You now have five minutes to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

[4 minutes pause]

You have one more minute.

[1 minute pause]

That is the end of the test.

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