

Introduction

The IELTS Listening module has 40 questions and lasts approximately 30 minutes. There are four sections with ten questions in each.

The first two sections are of a social nature. Section 1 is a conversation between two people and Section 2 is usually a monologue. However, Section 2 can also be a conversation between two people. Sections 3 and 4 are connected with education and training. Section 3 is a conversation involving up to four people and Section 4 is a monologue.

You hear each section once only and answer the questions in the question booklet as you listen. You are given time to check your answers at the end of each section. At the end of the test you have ten minutes to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. A brief description is given at the beginning of each section. At the beginning of section 1 an example is always given.


The question types used are:

- multiple choice
- short-answer questions
- sentence completion
- labelling a diagram/plan/map
- notes/form/summary/flow-chart completion
- classification
- matching

Section 1

Section 1 is a conversation between two speakers in a social setting (for example, enrolling in a club or buying something), which involves the exchange of information like personal details.

The section is divided into two parts. You will be given time to look at the questions before each part.

- 1  1.4 Listen and follow the instructions.

SECTION 1 Questions 1–10

Questions 1–6

Complete the form below.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Details for book search

<i>Example</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Department	Book Search
Title	1
Author	Dayne 2
ISBN number	978-0-3
Paperback book	


Only published in	4
No longer in print	
Book category	5 fiction
Search types:	
Gold	£25
Silver	6 £

Questions 7–10

Complete the sentences below.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

- 7 The caller's mobile number is 08967
- 8 Her email address is thompson9z@yahoo.fr.
- 9 Her address is Chaucer House, Ludlow Park Drive, Richmond, SW20 9RL.
- 10 She doesn't want to receive any emails about

- 2 Work in pairs. Look at the listening script on page 228 and check your answers. Underline the words in the questions which show the answer is about to be given. Match these words with the answers in the script.
- 3  With your partner, discuss the type of questions you have problems with, for example, writing down numbers, words with plural endings, or answers which are close together or far apart. Compare them with another pair of students. Keep a record of the problem areas and think about them while you are studying by yourself and before you do a test.


Section 2

In Section 2 you will hear a monologue of a social nature like a radio broadcast or a talk about a place, but be aware that you may also hear a conversation between two people.

There may be two or three types of question. The recording is divided into two parts, but you will be given time to look at the questions before each part.

- 1 In questions **11–16** on page 44, decide which you think you should listen for first: items **A–G** or the parts of the cinema **11–16**.
- 2 Work in pairs. Decide what synonyms you might hear for the words in **A–G**.
- 3 For questions **17–20**, underline the word or words which show the answer is about to

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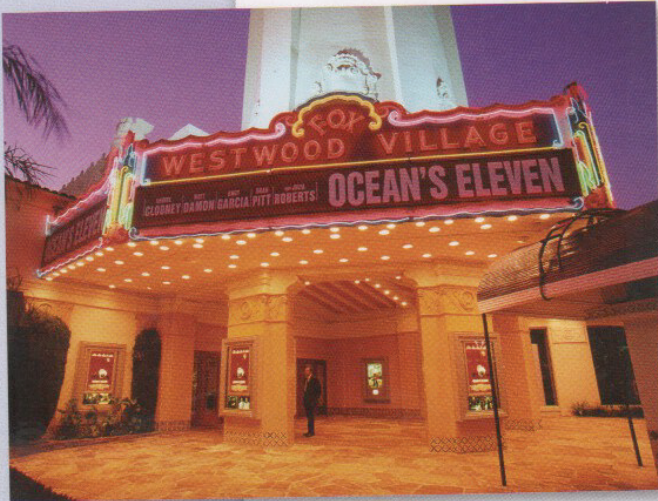
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SECTION 2 Questions 11–20

Questions 11–16

Which change has been made to each part of the cinema?

Choose **SIX** answers from the box and write the correct letter, **A–G**, next to questions 11–16.



Regal Cinema Complex

- A enlarged
- B replaced
- C still closed
- D thoroughly cleaned
- E split up
- F brightened up
- G moved

Part of the cinema

- 11 facade
- 12 auditorium
- 13 foyer
- 14 bar
- 15 roof terrace
- 16 cinema shop

Questions 17–20

Choose the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

- 17 The renovated cinema will open again from
 - A 14th July.
 - B 4th July.
 - C 14th June.
- 18 Which group will receive free tickets during the first week of opening?
 - A Pensioners who attend any evening session.
 - B Young people aged 17–25.
 - C Children who arrive for a matinee performance.
- 19 On Wednesdays the reduction on ticket prices for cinema members will be
 - A 25%.
 - B 50%.
 - C 33%.
- 20 A new development at the cinema is the
 - A cinematography classes.
 - B weekly workshops.
 - C monthly talks.

C monthly talks.

- 5 Work in pairs. Look at the listening script on page 229 and check your answers. Find the synonyms for the words or phrases in questions 11–16. Were any of the words you chose in exercise 2 used?

Section 3

In Section 3 you will hear a conversation between two to four people on a topic connected with education or training, like preparing for a tutorial or receiving feedback on an assignment.

There may be only one type of question or up to three. The recording is divided into two parts, but you will be given time to look at the questions before each part.

- 1 Work in pairs. For question 21, decide which words in the stem help prepare you for the answer. Decide what synonyms might you hear for each.
- 2 For questions 22–24, decide which aspects of research you think are most likely to be still undecided at the beginning of a research project. Then think of synonyms for the words in A–G.
- 3 For questions 25–30, decide which answers are numbers and which answers could be



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SECTION 3 Questions 21–30

Question 21

Choose the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

21 Zahra's talk is on electronic gadgets that people

- A find very annoying to have to listen to.
- B bought in the recent past.
- C feel they have to carry with them.

Questions 22–24

Choose **THREE** letters, **A–G**.

Which **THREE** of the following elements of conducting Zahra's research are mentioned as not yet decided?

- A length of the questionnaire
- B pictures to use
- C volume of data
- D duration of interviews
- E period of research
- F age of interviewees

G exact aims

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Questions 25–30

Complete the table below.

Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Questionnaire on gadgets


Tim's electronic gadgets	Use	Score
Mobile	Excluding phoning mainly for sending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • texts • 25 	10
Laptop	Typing assignments and 26	27
iPod	Just listening to music	28
Future newspaper reader	Eventually for 29	30

- 5 Work in pairs. Look at the listening script on page 229 to check if any of the words or phrases you chose for exercise 2 were used.

Section 4

In Section 4 you will hear a talk or lecture of an educational/academic nature. You do not need any specialist knowledge to understand the talk.

There may be only one type of question or up to three. There is no break in the middle, but there is a pause of a few seconds. You will be given time to look at all of the questions before you begin.

- 1 Work in pairs. For questions 31–35, decide which words in the stem indicate the answer is about to be given. Then think of paraphrases for the alternatives A–C.
- 2 For questions 36–40, study the diagram carefully and make sure you know the sequence the information is given in.
- 3  1.7 Listen and follow the instructions.

SECTION 4 Questions 31–40

Questions 31–35

Choose the correct letter A, B or C.

Cloud-seeding to provide rain

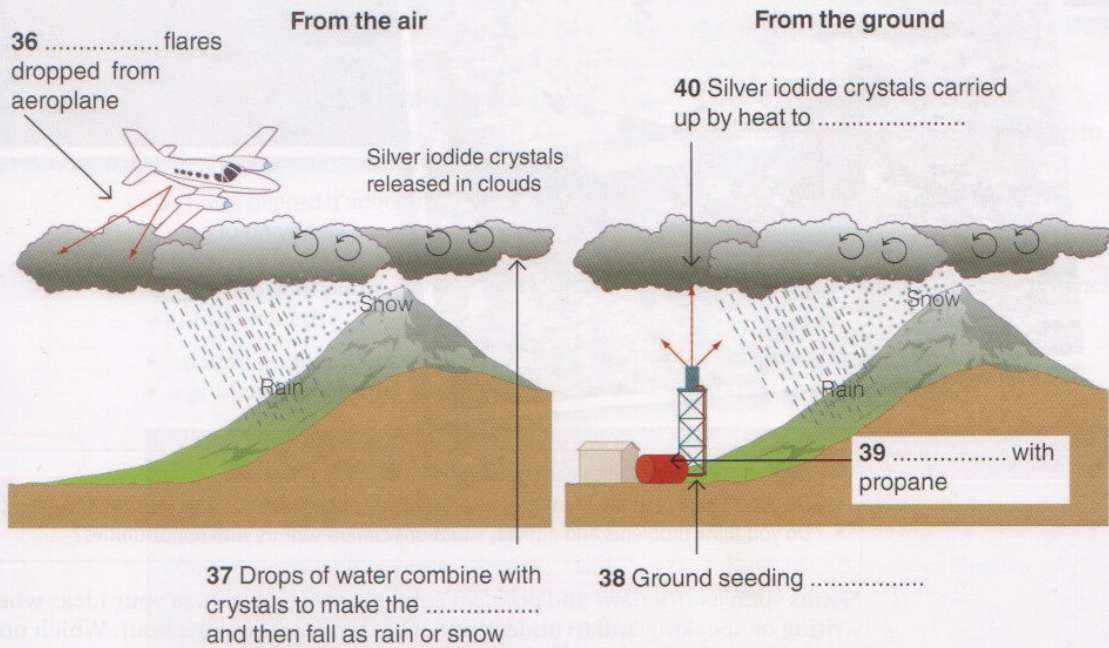
- 31 Boreholes provide water for
 - A industrial use.
 - B agricultural purposes.
 - C domestic consumption.
- 32 According to the speaker, in the past people have tried to induce rain by
 - A supernatural means.
 - B using fires.
 - C special dances.

- 33 There is some proof that seeding clouds increases rainfall by
- A 15%.
 - B 55%.
 - C 25%.
- 34 According to the speaker, why do some people not support cloud seeding?
- A The benefits of the practice are limited.
 - B The costs of the equipment are too great.
 - C The effects of playing with nature are unknown.
- 35 The country that is most keen on cloud seeding is
- A Russia.
 - B China.
 - C the USA.

Questions 36-40

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

How cloud seeding works



4 Check your answers in the listening script on page 230.

What to expect in the exam

At the end of Section 4 you will be given ten minutes to transfer your answers from the question booklet to the answer sheet. In order that you do not lose any marks when you are transferring your answers it is important to do the following:

- make sure that you transfer all the answers and put them in the correct boxes
- take great care with spelling, especially with plural words and countable and uncountable nouns
- make sure that you do not copy words from the questions as part of the answers