

Listening Comprehension Test

- You will hear three different recordings.
- Before the first listening you will have one minute to look through the questions of PARTS ONE and TWO. You will have two minutes before PART THREE.
- After that all parts will be played two times. There will be a short pause between the recordings.
- Write your answers in English.
- You can write your answers on the test paper during the listening and in the pauses.
- After the last listening, you will also have one minute to check your answers.
- Make any necessary changes very clearly because only one answer will be accepted.
- At the beginning of each recording you will hear this sound. (“gong”)

	Corvinus Language Examination Centre English Language Test Listening Comprehension Level B2	25p/ kód Értékelő 1: Értékelő 2
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Part 1

Listen to the recording and fill in the missing information in English in 1-5 words. You will hear someone talk about shopping in a hypermarket. There is an example (0) for you. (8x1) 8 p

0.	Hypermarkets are visited by ... a large number of people.
1.	A hypermarket can be compared to the world of
2.	People go to hypermarkets to find products they need in one place, and
3.	Choice lets you find
4.	An urban young man would not think of having a(n)
5.	The young man wants to grill meat on his balcony in order to
6.	When buying such things, people want to imitate their (write two)
7.	For a customer a special product at an affordable price is
8.	You end up buying products that

Part 2

Listen to the recording and give a short answer in English (1-6 words) to the questions. You will hear a dialogue between Kate and Jane. There is an example (0) for you. (9x1) 9 p

0.	When did Jane call Kate “a million times”? ... <i>last night</i> ...
1.	What is Kate’s excuse for not going to the concert?
2.	When did Peter leave town?
3.	Why didn’t Kate get any emails/letters from Peter?
4.	How did Peter feel for Kate before leaving?
5.	What did Peter <u>not</u> do before leaving?
6.	What type of firm motivated Peter to go away?
7.	What did Peter want to do in the pauses of the concert?
8.	Why is Jane phoning Kate now?
9.	Why didn't Peter hear the telephone conversation?

Part 3

Listen to the recording and circle the letter (a, b or c) of the correct answer. (8x1) 8 p
You will hear a text about the future. There is an example (0) for you.

0.	The survey tried to find out what our lives will be like in ...	
	a)	2015.
	b)	2050.
	c)	2055.
1.	The survey of 1000 people tried to find out ...	
	a)	what people think about future life on other planets.
	b)	how people imagine their life in the future.
	c)	what people will like about their future life.
2.	According to the findings of the survey friendship will be...	
	a)	one of the most important human relationships.
	b)	slightly more important than marrying someone.
	c)	significantly different in the future.
3.	Nearly all people think that ...	
	a)	computers will be their best friend.
	b)	we will become more isolated from each other.
	c)	neither a) nor b).
4.	Children in schools will ...	
	a)	be pleased to use computers.
	b)	generally not need to do calculations in their head.
	c)	still learn how to write by hand.
5.	According to many people, in their home life ...	
	a)	making real food will be a kind of fun.
	b)	robots will be doing homework for school.
	c)	food will be ready-made by robots.
6.	Concerning travel, some people think that ...	
	a)	flying to other planets will not be rare.
	b)	only electric cars will be used in the city centres.
	c)	electric cars will be usually solar powered.
7.	Some people predict that in the future ...	
	a)	clean air will have to be bought.
	b)	we will get clean air from other planets.
	c)	we will have to clean air, just like we have to clean water now.
8.	People seem to be...	
	a)	increasingly worried about diseases like cancer.
	b)	sure that diseases like cancer will fully disappear.
	c)	neither a), nor b)

ANSWER KEY

(A **vastagon** szedett információt a válasznak tartalmazni kell.)

Part 1

Listen to the recording and fill in the missing information in English in 1-5 words. (8x1) 8 p

0.	... a large number of people ...
1.	the Arabian nights
2.	to spend less / to go where the crowds are (A kettő közül az egyik)
3.	goods they did not know about / they never knew existed / new perspectives (A három közül az egyik)
4.	an outdoor party
5.	impress the girls next door
6.	neighbour/friend/ enemy (A három közül kettő)
7.	irresistible temptation
8.	you didn't plan to / you didn't want to (A kettő közül az egyik)

Part 2

Listen to the recording and give a short answer in English (1-6 words) to the questions. (9x1) 9 p

0.	...last night...
1.	wasn't feeling (too) well / didn't feel well. (A kettő közül az egyik)
2.	three years ago.
3.	he was busy/became a star. (A kettő közül az egyik)
4.	loved her
5.	say goodbye.
6.	recording company
7.	Phone Kate/call Kate/make other people call Kate / he was looking for Kate / asked everyone about Kate (A négy közül az egyik)
8.	Peter pressed/asked/ordered her (to do so) / to tell the truth about Peter / Peter wanted to talk to Kate (Az öt közül az egyik)
9.	he wasn't there/in the kitchen / Jane was alone in the kitchen / Peter was in another room (A négy közül az egyik)

Part 3

Listen to the recording and circle the letter (a, b or c) of the correct answer. (8x1) 8 p

0.	<i>b</i>
1.	b
2.	c
3.	c
4.	b
5.	a
6.	a
7.	a
8.	c

Tapescripts

Part 1

Hypermarkets, Where You Spend to Save

Hypermarkets are magical places that attract a large number of people. Going to a hypermarket is like being immersed in the world of the Arabian nights: colours, lights, noises and smells, and most of all, people everywhere. What brings all these people here? Partly the convenience of being able to find everything they need in one place, partly the instinct of going where the crowds are, but mainly and mostly it is money that brings them here. People come because prices are low and they want to save as much money as they can. But do they? In a frenzy to save money most people end up spending more than they ever intended.

The first difficulty people come across is choice. In a hypermarket shoppers may find goods they never knew existed. Seeing them opens up new perspectives. A young man living in the city in a small flat may not have considered holding outdoors parties. But suddenly he sees a mini-barbecue that conveniently uses gas instead of charcoal. How tempting this may look! He can already see himself grilling meat on his tiny balcony to impress the girl next door. The quick peek at this mental image is enough for him to lift the mini-barbecue into his trolley.

This example brings us to the next aspect of people flooding to hypermarkets. A friend might see the mini-barbecue and may be inspired as well. There may be another pretty girl out there waiting to be impressed. What could stop him from doing the same? This instinct of doing what others do, this instinct of wanting to be with the in-crowd sends people in huge flocks to hypermarkets in order to get what their neighbour, friend or enemy has got.

The secret to the success of hypermarkets is that they are inexpensive places. . The key factor is price. Seeing such a special item at such a reasonable price makes the temptation irresistible. A good bargain gives the impression of actually making money, not spending it. Where else in town could one buy such a wonderful mini-barbecue at such a low price? There may be no trick here whatsoever. It is most probably true. Adding up all that one buys in a hypermarket and comparing it to what the same items would cost elsewhere would show that a considerable amount has, in fact, been saved. Yes, saved. But there's the problem! For would the same number of items have been bought elsewhere? Probably not! The shoppers have been tricked into getting what they didn't need in the first place. Although all the items were bought at wonderful discount prices, shoppers still paid money for things they hadn't planned to buy, which cannot exactly be called saving.

Source: <http://www.youtube.com>

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Part 2

Lost lover

Jane: Hello, Kate! Thank goodness you have answered the phone at last! I called you at least a million times last night! Why didn't you come, Kate?

Kate: Sorry Jane, I wasn't feeling too well.

Jane: I don't believe you. If you had really been only unwell you wouldn't have missed the concert and the party with Peter finally back in town! It was great listening to him live! How many years has it been since he went away? Two? No, three years! You haven't seen him for three years!

Kate: Well, exactly! Why should I go to his concert now, why? Has he written to me during this time? Not once!

Jane: He was too busy. He was becoming famous. He's a star now, can't you see?

Kate: Well, if he's a star now, let me tell you that once it was me he called a star, the only star in his sky. The only star in his universe! He said he loved me more than anything in the world and then he left just like that.

Jane: Yes, I can understand that you felt let down. It wasn't too nice of him to have disappeared without saying goodbye.

Kate: Without even a note saying goodbye. I couldn't go to the party because I was afraid I might just burst into tears if I see him again.

Jane: But Kate, you could have confronted him! You could have asked him a few questions. You could have even shown him how strong you are. Strong and beautiful, more beautiful than ever! He could have felt sorry for leaving you.

Kate: Yes, if I had been sure that I would be able to behave like that, I would have gone. If only I could have been certain that I would be able to give a great performance of the glorious Kate I want to be, I would have gone to that silly party. I would have been the queen of the night and made him regret his wretched decision to go away just because some stupid recording company snapped their fingers.

Jane: Yeah, I understand you're upset. But you must admit he did quite well, didn't he? He does have a good voice... However, there is something more important I need to tell you. I am not alone here, making this phone call.

Kate: What?

Jane: Well, I would have called you myself, too, but the reason I'm calling so early is that someone was really pressing me to do so.

Kate: What do you mean????!!

Jane: Katie, Peter was constantly looking for you last night, and asking everyone to call you, every single time he had a pause between two songs, but you just refused to answer any of our calls. So he came over this morning and practically ordered me to call you. He hoped that you might finally answer the phone once the party was over.

Kate: You mean... You mean he's right there, next to you? You mean he's been listening? How could you? How could you do this to me, Jane?! You're a traitor. You're worse than Peter. You have no heart at all!!!

Jane: Calm down, darling, don't panic. There is no need to accuse me of treachery. Peter is not here with me. I went into the kitchen to make the call. So he hasn't heard anything. But he sure would like to talk to you.

Part 3

Life in the future

Can you imagine what our lives will be like in the year 2050? Perhaps you will be flying off for a holiday on the Moon, or maybe you will be taking your dog for a walk in virtual reality. We recently carried out a survey of 1,000 people from different countries to find out what they think life will be like in the future. The results clearly demonstrate both our hopes and fears.

The survey suggests that friendship – one of the most important human relationships – will have changed dramatically. People will make friends through the Internet. What is more, a large number of people will even come across their future husbands or wives in this way! Computers will have become absolutely essential by 2050. Even now, some people describe them as their best friend! Others, however, say that we will become much more isolated from each other because we have little real human contact.

Education will have changed a lot, too. As more and more children will be using computers in schools, certain abilities, such as mental arithmetic, won't be necessary, since there will be computer programs for most calculations. Even writing by hand will have become a thing of the past.

According to the survey, home life will be better. Most people believe that by 2050 robots will be doing the housework and we will be eating ready-made food. A lot of people think that we might only cook for fun in the future.

Space exploration will become increasingly popular. Fifty per cent of the people we talked to believe that man will regularly visit Mars. They also believe that travel on our own planet will probably change. Almost everyone thinks there will be no cars in the city centres. Some even think that environmentally-friendly electric or solar-powered cars will have replaced the cars we use nowadays.

Pollution is something that seems to worry many people. Some fear that it will continue to get worse, and that our planet will become impossible to live on. Others even foresee that one day we'll have to pay for clean air just like we now do for clean water.

On the other hand, people seem to be quite optimistic about the benefits of genetic engineering, as they think scientists will use it to cure diseases like cancer and AIDS. If scientists manage to find a cure for these, we'll have a much healthier society.

Some people worry about the future, while others are full of hope and enthusiasm. No matter how dark or bright it may seem, it is up to us to look after our planet to try and make it a better place to live.

ORAL EXAM

Time: 15 (+/-1) minutes

Marks: a maximum of 40 points

Part 1

Guided conversation with the examiner

Part 2

Expressing opinion and discussion with the examiner based on two questions –
1 minute preparation time is given.

Part 3

Situational role play with the examiner –

EXAMINEE'S COPY (VIZSGÁZÓ PÉLDÁNYA)

**1. YOU WILL TALK WITH THE EXAMINER ABOUT DIFFERENT QUESTIONS
(4-5 MINUTES)**

**2.) TALK ABOUT THE GIVEN TOPIC ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW
(4-5 MINUTES)**

1 minute preparation time

Tourism

- What attracts foreign tourists to Hungary? (Balaton, spas, Budapest etc.)
- Why do you think many Hungarians prefer going abroad instead of visiting places in Hungary?

3.) ROLE-PLAY (4-5 MINUTES)

Examinee's card

You are a student /worker in London. You would like to rent a flat. You have found a real estate agency in the newspaper. Call the agent (your examiner), introduce yourself and tell him/her about the flat you would like:

- the size and the number of rooms, furniture
- the location, public transport
- the rental fee
- make your decision and try to agree with the “agent”

EXAMINER'S COPY (VIZSGÁZTATÓ PÉLDÁNYA)

1.) GUIDED INTERVIEW (4-5 MINUTES)

1. What can you use your computer for?
2. How do you take care of the environment?
3. Why do young people like going to fast food restaurants?
4. Which foreign country is your favourite? Why?

Extra questions:-----

5. *Do you like doing sports or prefer watching it on TV?*
6. *Do you think it is important to follow the latest fashion? Why?*

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Examiner's card

You are real estate agent. A person who read your advertisement in the newspaper calls you to find out about flats for rent. You urgently need money so you want to get a high rental fee.

- ask the examinee about his/her expectations (size, location, rental fee, who else would live in the flat, for how long he/she would rent it))
- offer him/her a flat which partly matches his/her expectations, partly not
- ask for a fairly high rental fee, but be ready to reduce it