



St Margaret College
Half Yearly Examinations 2015

Year 6

English Listening Comprehension

Time: 30 mins

Teacher's Paper

Task 1

Look at the exercises for Task One.

(Allow a 15 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the task)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

Listen to the following texts on interesting places in London. You may start underlining the correct word or phrase as you listen.

The London Eye at a height of 135 metres is the biggest Ferris wheel in Europe. It is the most popular tourist attraction in the UK. Over three million people visit it in one year. The London Eye is located on the South Bank of the River Thames in London. The wheel has 32 passenger capsules. Each capsule can carry 25 people. Each ride takes 30 minutes. If you want to take an aerial view of London, then this is the place to go. The Wheel moves very slowly, so it's comfortable to ride in. The London Eye was formally opened by the Prime Minister Tony Blair on 31st December 1999, although it was not opened to the public until March 2000 because of technical problems. On the 5th of June 2008 it was announced that 30 million people have ridden the London Eye since its opening in March 2000.

Madame Tussauds is a famous wax museum in London that opened its doors over 200 years ago. It was set up by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud. Marie was born in France but travelled to London in 1802. Madame Tussaud's wax museum has now grown to become a major **tourist attraction** in London. Today's wax figures at Tussauds' include historical and royal figures, film stars, sports stars and famous murderers. All of the waxworks are life-size, and posed to look as real as possible. You can have your photo taken in 'an audience with the Queen', for example, or take a penalty with David Beckham. Another relatively new feature to attract tourists is The Spirit of London. You sit into black London cabs and drive through about 600 years of London history.

Listen to the sentences and underline the correct word or phrase in the brackets as you listen. (Include the 4 second pause after each number.) (8 marks)

The London Eye

1. The London Eye is the biggest Ferris wheel in (the world, Europe, America).
2. Each capsule can take (25, 30, 32) people.
3. It was open to the public in the year (1999, 2000, 2008).
4. The London Eye is (not popular, very popular) with tourists.

Madame Tussauds

1. Marie Tussaud was a famous (film star, wax sculptor, singer).
2. Madame Tussauds is a famous (football stadium, cinema, wax museum).
3. It has been open for over (200, 400, 600) years.
4. The Spirit of London is an attraction where one can see the (history of London, wax museum, sports stars).

Now you will hear the texts again. Listen carefully.

(The announcements are read a second time.)

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You now have some time to check your answers. (Allow 30 seconds)

This is the end of Task One. (Allow a 30 second pause between Task 1 and Task 2.)

Task Two

Look at the exercises for Task Two.

(Allow a 50 second pause while students familiarise themselves with the exercises.)

Listen carefully. You will hear the reading twice.

Long ago, people happily lived under the rule of a king. The people of the kingdom were very happy as they had a very prosperous life with abundance of wealth and no misfortunes.

The king decided to go on a journey to visit places of historical importance and pilgrim centres at distant places. He decided to travel on foot to interact with his

people and accompany them. People of distant places were so happy to have a conversation with their king and they were proud that their king had such a good heart!

After several weeks, he returned to the palace. He was quite happy that he visited many pilgrim centres and could see his fellow people leading a prosperous life. However, he had one regret.

He had intolerable pain in his feet as it was his first trip on foot over a long distance. He complained to his ministers that the roads weren't comfortable and were very stony. He could not tolerate the pain as he walked all the way through the rough path. He said he was very worried about the people who had to walk along those roads as it would be painful for them too!

He immediately gave the order to have the roads of the whole country covered with leather so that people might feel comfortable.

The king thought that he had to change this for the betterment and happiness of the people.

His ministers were stunned to hear his order as it would destroy the life of thousands of cows to get the sufficient quantity of leather and it would also cost a huge amount of money.

A wise man from the ministry came to the king and said that he had another idea.

The king was curious about this alternative idea. The wise man asked, 'Why do you want to kill so many cows to cover the road with leather when you can just have a piece of leather cut in an appropriate shape to cover your feet?'

The king was very surprised by his suggestion and applauded the wise man. He ordered a pair of leather shoes to be made for him and requested all his countrymen to wear shoes.

Listen to the exercises and complete them.

(Include the *4 second* pause after each number)

Exercise 1

True, False or No Information Given? Tick (✓) the correct box. (5 marks)

a. The people of the kingdom were happy because they lived a rich life.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b. The king decided to visit historical and religious places.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No information given	<input type="checkbox"/>
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c. The king had pain in his feet because he wore uncomfortable shoes.

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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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d. Twelve ministers worked for the King.

True	<input type="checkbox"/>
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False	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e. The king didn't listen to the suggestion that the wise man gave him.

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Exercise 2

Tick (✓) the best answer

(3 marks)

a. The King wanted all the roads to be covered in leather because

i.	he wanted to kill many cows.	
ii.	he wanted his people to be comfortable when walking.	
iii.	the minister ordered him to do so.	

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i.	obeyed immediately the King's order.	
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i.	make leather shoes rather than leather roads.	
ii.	cover all the roads with leather.	
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Exercise 3

Complete the sentences

(4 marks)

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