



## Practice Test 55

In the Listening Test 55, you will hear 4 audio recordings and answer questions 1-40 based on them.

**Section 1** is a conversation between a travel agent and a customer discussing a holiday.

**Section 2** is a man giving an orientation talk to new holidaymakers at the Solaris Hotel and Holiday Village.

**Section 3** is a presentation by 2 students giving a seminar to a group at their university.

**Section 4** is a lecture on Mad Cow Disease.

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### Section 1

#### Questions 1-10

#### Questions 1-5

**Complete the Travel agent's notes below.**

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

#### SUN TOURS TRAVEL AGENTS

Example

**Number of people**

Answer

**4**



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Customer's Name: Mr. George Collins

Other travelers: Mrs. Jane Collins

(+ ages of children)

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 years old

Jennifer 2  
\_\_\_\_\_

Require: 4-star quality hotel + breakfast; safe, warm, quiet, beach; pref. pool; lots of restaurants near the hotel no 3 \_\_\_\_\_ needed

Dates of Holiday: Friday, July 8th TO 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday

Pref. Flight Time: Less than 5 \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions 6-10

**Complete George's notes below.**

Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer

### Possible Holiday Ideas

Top End Prices

Italy and France

Bottom End Prices  
Cyprus too far)

6 \_\_\_\_\_, Greece and Turkey (Turkey +

#### Crete

Hotel Tropicana

1-mile safe walk on 7 \_\_\_\_\_ to beach.

Nice pool; only a few beach bars and restaurants.

Really quiet; not near other tourist destinations.

Palm Hotel



2 miles from the beach but has **8**\_\_\_\_\_ service.

Hotel is quite a busy tourist town: lots of bars, restaurants and discos.

## Rhodes

Ocean Hotel

Right on the beach; less than **9**\_\_\_\_\_ from the rooms.

4-star hotel quite far from the main town; eat-in hotel; good meals.

Hotel Spiros

**10**\_\_\_\_\_ hotel quite a dose to the beach (5/10 mins walk) in a small village with a small swimming pool.

A few restaurants in a small, quiet village; not much to do.

## Section 2

### Questions 11-20

#### Questions 11-15

**Complete the food options information sheet below.**

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

### Solaris Hotel and Holiday Village-Food Options

Meal Times

Breakfast: 6.30 am and 9.30 am every day (Only in Harvest  
restaurant; English, American an  
**11**\_\_\_\_\_breakfasts on offer

Lunch 12.00 noon to 2.30 pm

Dinner 7.00 pm to 10.30 pm

Menus same for lunch + dinner: see **12**\_\_\_\_\_for specials



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## Food Styles

The Harvest Restaurant                      Traditional English + popular UK foreign dishes (eg: curry and spaghetti)

The Dene Restaurant                      **13**\_\_\_\_\_

The Mekong Restaurant                      Far Eastern Cuisine

## Payment

All restaurants free; **14**\_\_\_\_\_needed for some specials

All soft drinks free; pay for alcoholic drinks

Pay any bill at the end of meals or put on the main bill – pay at end of holiday

## Extras

Bar menu available in **15**\_\_\_\_\_for pub food

Fast Food available until 2.30 am at the takeaway

## Questions 16-20

Complete the activities information sheet below.

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

## Solaris Hotel and Holiday Village – Activities

Beaches:

main beach

adult beach (17s or over)

**16**\_\_\_\_\_on duty from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on the main beach (none on the adult beach)

Decked area with sun loungers in front of Harvest Restaurant with our 25-meter swimming pool



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Steps from the pool area to beach – wash feet in foot pool to remove sand

17 \_\_\_\_\_ on beach + in the pool area.

### Sports

8 tennis courts + 3 squash courts

Fully equipped gym (No under 18s)

6 full-sized snooker tables + 5 pool tables in the games room adjoining the bar.

(the only charge for hiring any equipment)

### Water Sports

water skiing + jet skis available (extra charge)

snorkeling, inflatables, and pedals (free)

(details from 18 \_\_\_\_\_)

### Library & Cinemas

The library contains books, magazines + newspapers. See 19 \_\_\_\_\_ for terms + conditions

2 cinemas show 3 different films every day.

Shows at 2.00 pm, 5.30 pm + 8.30 pm (First 2 shows always have a film for kids)

20 \_\_\_\_\_ not allowed attending 8.30 shows

## Section 3

### Questions 21-30

#### Questions 21-26

**Complete the three tables below.**

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

## World's Most Spoken Languages by Number of Individual Speakers

Rank	Language	No. of Speakers
1	Mandarin Chinese	836 million
2	<b>21</b> _____	333 million
3	Spanish	332 million
4	English	<b>22</b> _____

## World's Most Spoken Languages by Number of User Countries

Rank	Language	No. of Countries
1	English	115
2	French	35
3	<b>23</b> _____	24
4	Spanish	<b>24</b> _____

## World's Most Influential Languages – 6 weighing factors

Number of primary speakers

The number of **25**\_\_\_\_\_

Number and population of countries where languages are used

Number of major fields using the language internationally

**26**\_\_\_\_\_of countries using the language

Socio-literary prestige of the language

### Questions 27-30

Complete the notes below of the second half of Jamie and Rebecca's presentation.

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

Jamie and Rebecca's Presentation

Large countries currently shifting the world's economic balance of power:

China



Russia

India

27 \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for the shift                      size of the populations

cheap labour

prices of 28 \_\_\_\_\_

Big growing demand for people knowing languages of above countries + for teachers and English language training

China could be less important than possibly India or 29 \_\_\_\_\_ due to their population increase. English will probably remain important though

The number of spoken languages between approx. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Hardly any of these studied by non-native speakers.

English taught in most countries with a structured education program. This trend is getting stronger.

## Section 4

### Questions 31-40

#### Questions 31-35

Complete the sentences below.

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

31 Mad cow disease attacks the \_\_\_\_\_ of the affected cows' brains.

32 BSE is thought to be caused by infectious forms of \_\_\_\_\_ known as prions.

33 Abnormal prions in BSE infected cattle are found in the small intestines, \_\_\_\_\_ and the central nervous tissues.



**34** Humans can take in the abnormal prions when they eat infected beef as the prions are resistant to the usual \_\_\_\_\_ such as heat.

**35** The one American case of CJD was a woman who caught it in \_\_\_\_\_ before going to the US.

### Questions 36-40

Complete the summary below of the second half of the humanities lecture on BSE.

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

### SUMMARY

CJD causes gradual loss of mental function and movement due to brain damage from abnormal prions or it can be possible **36** \_\_\_\_\_. CJD usually affects younger people (between ages 20 to 70) usually showing symptoms In patients' **37** \_\_\_\_\_. Symptoms include personality changes and problems with **38** \_\_\_\_\_. Once symptoms appear, the disorder progresses quickly to disability and death.

The exact causes of BSE are unknown but the first UK cases have indicated that it could come from a prion disease in **39** \_\_\_\_\_ called scrapie that was fed to cattle. Dead cattle with scrapie were then fed to **40** \_\_\_\_\_ making them cannibals. So, we are in turn infected by the disease that we created when we eat infected beef.

### Answers

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### Section 1

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|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Mike              |
| 2 | Four/ 4           |
| 3 | creche facilities |



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4	24th July
5	4 hours
6	Spain
7	path (through fields)
8	minibus (NOT "bus")
9	5 minutes
10	family-run

## Section 2

11	continental (style)
12	blackboards
13	fish + seafood
14	extra supplement
15	main bar
16	2 lifeguards
17	freshwater showers
18	water sports office
19	notice board
20	children/ under 16s

## Section 3

21	Hindi
22	322 million
23	Arabic
24	20
25	secondary speakers
26	economic power
27	Brazil
28	Raw materials
29	Bangladesh
30	2500 and 7000

## Section 4

31	nervous functions
32	protein
33	tonsils
34	(food) disinfection treatments
35	the UK



36	genetically inherited
37	the late 50s
38	coordination
39	sheep
40	calves/ young cattle

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