



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



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



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



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	21 _____	333 million
3	Spanish	332 million
4	English	22 _____

World's Most Spoken Languages by Number of User Countries

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

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 |

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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