

**Part 1**

1.
  - a. No, can you look it over?
  - b. No, can you look it up?
  - c. No, can you see it through?
  - d. No, can you look it into?
  
2.
  - a. Everything's up in the air.
  - b. I'm strong and athletic.
  - c. It's a matter of priority.
  - d. I think I'm away.
  
3.
  - a. It's no longer an issue.
  - b. We'll all be graduating soon.
  - c. You'll have to wait and see.
  - d. Let's check them out.
  
4.
  - a. Yes, I'm feeling like it.
  - b. No, I feel under the weather.
  - c. Yes, I feel ecstatic.
  - d. We're all together now.
  
5.
  - a. We ought go to the cinema then?
  - b. We ought to go to the cinema then?
  - c. Shall we go to the cinema then?
  - d. Shall we going to the cinema then?

**Part 2 - Conversation 2**

1. What is the topic of discussion?
  - a. The advantages of air travel.
  - b. The inferiority of American trains.
  - c. Enforcing "green travel".
  - d. The best way to visit Paris.
  
2. Which of the following does Jack NOT mention as a disadvantage of air travel?
  - a. The lack of comfort.
  - b. The high cost.
  - c. The pollution planes generate.
  - d. The length of time needed at the airport.
  
3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about rail travel?
  - a. It's very comfortable.
  - b. Passengers don't need to get to the station much earlier.
  - c. It's safer than air travel.
  - d. It is very safe.
  
4. What does Jack consider most important when travelling?
  - a. He likes to travel "green".
  - b. He likes to save money so he books early.
  - c. How comfortable the trip is.
  - d. The amount of time the trip takes.
  
5. What does Wendy mean when she says: 'won't follow suit'?
  - a. They don't like to dress up.
  - b. They won't do as the Europeans do.
  - c. They like to lead.
  - d. They won't be behind for long.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

**Part 3 - Debate**

1. What is a major impact of medical tourism?
  - a. Insurance companies are making money.
  - b. It puts competitive pressure on US hospitals.
  - c. Bangkok has more tourists than ever before.
  - d. People get to travel more.
  
2. What does 'medical tourist' mean?
  - a. Americans going abroad for plastic surgery.
  - b. Getting on a plane to go for a facelift.
  - c. Going abroad for serious medical surgery.
  - d. Someone who goes abroad for cosmetic treatment.
  
3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Mr. Miller?
  - a. He ignored his American doctors and went abroad.
  - b. The price quoted by American doctors caused him pain.
  - c. If the need arose, he wouldn't hesitate to go to Bumrungrad again.
  - d. He has gone back for a second procedure.
  
4. What position does Sarah Parkin have?
  - a. Patients should be careful with their choice of doctors.
  - b. She feels doctors abroad are not as qualified as American doctors.
  - c. The internet is not the best way to find a doctor.
  - d. Americans need better insurance.
  
5. Gerard maintains that:
  - a. There was a 30% rise in American medical tourists last year.
  - b. All Americans are underinsured.
  - c. American hospitals are losing profit-making surgeries.
  - d. Hospitals abroad resemble high class hotels.

Listen to the Debate again and check your answers.

**Part 3 - Discussion**

1. What factor surprised researchers?
  - a. Healthy children had evidence of lung damage.
  - b. Pollution causes lung disease.
  - c. Lung damage causes heart damage.
  - d. Staying indoors when the air is polluted prevents lung disease.
  
2. Why did researchers compare city children with children living in a small coastal town?
  - a. To investigate the health benefits of living near water.
  - b. To measure children's lung sizes in different areas of the country.
  - c. To determine the effect of air pollution on the children's lungs.
  - d. To study the relationship between environment and diet.
  
3. What are 'lung markings'?
  - a. Thickening lung walls.
  - b. Fine lines in the airways.
  - c. X-ray markings on the lungs.
  - d. Over-sized lungs.
  
4. What is the link between air pollution and lung disease most supported by?
  - a. 240 children from Mexico City were studied.
  - b. Moving children to a coastal city improves their health.
  - c. None of the children in the coastal town showed evidence of abnormalities.
  - d. 63% of the Mexico City children had some lung damage.
  
5. What does the doctor say could help children with lung disease?
  - a. Eating healthier foods.
  - b. Avoiding outdoor exercise.
  - c. Taking medication.
  - d. Getting regular X-rays.

Listen to the Discussion again and check your answers.

**End of Examination**

**Text 4**

**Read the article below and answer the questions on the following page.**

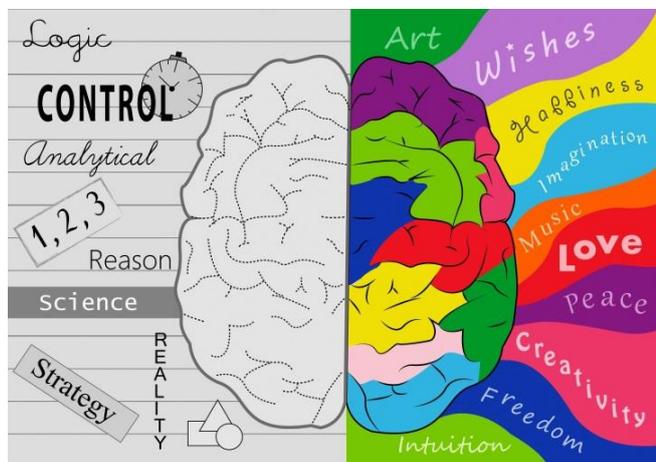
It's probably not a surprise that wives often feel ignored by their husbands. "He just says 'mm-hmmm, as if he's listening to me while I'm talking and he's watching the sports', said one wife. There may be a ring of truth in women's complaints that men never seem to listen to a word they say. Researchers in the United States have found that men listen only with half their brain, while women use both sides. Although this discovery may provide ammunition for the battle between the sexes, it also has the potential to help doctors in treating stroke victims.

A study involving twenty men and twenty women hypothesised that men use the left side of the brain – traditionally associated with understanding language – to listen to conversations, while women use the right side as well. One of the researchers believes that these findings could prove that men and women actually process language differently. Such a situation may just be a typical moment of miscommunication caused by gender differences.

In the study, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was used to measure brain activity. Each participant listened to excerpts from a novel while lying inside an MRI scanner. Multi-dimensional images of blood flow to various parts of the brain were produced and displayed on a nearby screen, where they were monitored by the researchers.

Presenting evidence at an annual scientific meeting, the researchers suggested that women were not necessarily better listeners; they hypothesised that women may need to use more of their brain to listen to conversations. On the other hand, the findings could suggest instead that women are capable of listening to two conversations at once.

By helping doctors understand the differences between the way men's and women's brains process spoken language, these preliminary findings might provide medical professionals with a better understanding of the recovery process of stroke victims. In a stroke affecting the brain's left side, for example, women might recover language ability more quickly than men, though that remains to be proven.



1. What do women complain about?
  - a. Husbands watching sports on TV.
  - b. Men are more susceptible to strokes.
  - c. Their husbands ignore what they are saying.
  - d. Men like to argue.
  
2. Where are you most likely to find the text?
  - a. In a professional magazine.
  - b. In a leaflet.
  - c. In an advert.
  - d. In a local newspaper.
  
3. According to the text, which statement is true?
  - a. Men and women process language in a similar manner.
  - b. Women may use both sides of their brain to process.
  - c. The right side of the brain is associated with language.
  - d. The research findings have been verified.
  
4. What did the study show?
  - a. Women are better listeners.
  - b. Men don't listen with their brain.
  - c. Women listen with half their brain.
  - d. Women may be able to listen to two conversations at the same time.
  
5. The word 'monitored' means:
  - a. Hypothesised
  - b. Followed
  - c. Scrutinised
  - d. Researched

**End of Examination**

**Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 40 minutes for this task.**

**10 acres of forest land is being cleared on the outskirts of your town to make room for a shopping mall. Write a letter to the council to explain why you think this is or is not a good idea.**

You could write about:

- what you expect the environmental impact of cutting down all the trees in the area might be
- the advantages and the disadvantages of having the shopping mall there
- the feelings of the rest of the citizens
- where else the mall could be built

Write 200-250 words.

You will be assessed on:

- content
- word order
- use of appropriate tenses
- use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary

**(20 Marks)**

**Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task.**

**Write an email to a friend describing an article you read on the internet about how mobile phones have influenced the lives of everyday people. Your friend does not have a smartphone. Persuade your friend that he/she must get one.**

You could write:

- how you feel about mobiles
- the benefits of owning one
- how they have changed people's lives
- why your friend needs a smartphone, justifying your reasons

Write 250 – 300 words.

You will be assessed on:

- content
- word order
- use of appropriate tenses
- use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary

**(20 Marks)**

**This is Part 2 of the Speaking Examination. (Maximum 6 minutes)**

**Please listen carefully and tell me what you would say in these situations.**

**Situation 1: The previous day you bought an expensive leather jacket from a large department store. When you tried the jacket at home, the zipper wouldn't zip up; the teeth were crooked. You are back at the department store and the shop assistant is not very helpful. What would you say?**

**Situation 2: You are visiting a foreign country. You want to eat the local food and not go to the tourist restaurants. You go into a corner shop to find out where to go and what the local delicacies are. What would you say?**

**Situation 3: One of your colleagues has forgotten to send an important email to a client. This means that you cannot complete what you have to do, and this is not the first time this has happened. You confront your colleague. What would you say?**

**Thank you.**

**This is Part 3 of the Speaking Examination. (Maximum 7 minutes)**

**You will now take part in a conversation.**

**Scenario 1: You think that Scotland should not break away from the rest of the United Kingdom. Your friend, however, is convinced that this is a good idea. Speak to your friend and try to convince him/her it might not be a good idea. You will have two minutes to prepare your arguments. I will take the place of your friend.**

**Scenario 2: Your local council is changing the direction of traffic flow in your area. You do not think this is a good idea as it will lead to more traffic in local neighbourhoods. Your council, however, insists that their proposals are a good idea. Speak to a member of the council and try to convince him/her to change the proposals. You will have two minutes to prepare your arguments. I will take the place of your opponent.**

**Thank you.**

**End of Examination**