

## Centre for Preparatory Studies (CPS)

English Language Unit

English Level 2 (FPE 102B)

**MOCK** Midterm: Listening Exam

Term \_\_\_\_ , 20\_\_ - \_\_

Student Name											
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Section											Duration: 45 minutes

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- Read the task instructions carefully.
- Use only a blue or black pen. (Pencil is allowed only for writing tasks.)
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**Section 1**

Grade \_\_\_\_/9

**Questions 1-9**

Listen to a talk about animals on the web. Complete the notes in the chart with the words in the box. Not all of the words/phrases are used.

provide	welfare	supports	connect	risk	long-term
environment	source	welfare	debate	depends	solution

**Animals on the Web**

**Cute photos on social media**

- Anyone with social networking sites sees
- Animals have become a **1** \_\_\_\_\_ of joy and entertainment
- Make us laugh and smile

**Origin of cute animal videos**

- Started with homemade videos
- First cat video posted in 2005
- Cat videos are the most watched
- Help **2** \_\_\_\_\_ people
- Became a popular pastime

**Animal memes**

- Spread quickly
- Can be a photo, video, message, or activity
- Popularity **3** \_\_\_\_\_ on creativity of users

- Millions share funny comments
- Memes **4** \_\_\_\_\_ quick joy

**Pet social media profiles**

- One in ten pets in the UK has a profile
- **5** \_\_\_\_\_ project for many
- Share information about pets
- Not everyone **6** \_\_\_\_\_ this idea

**Animal social networking sites**

- **7** \_\_\_\_\_ whether pet profiles on social media or not
- Provide useful information for pet owners
- Discuss animal **8** \_\_\_\_\_ issues
- What next in the internet **9** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2**

Grade \_\_\_\_/4

**Questions 10-13**

Listen to the talk about high-speed rail (HSR). Choose the correct answer. Circle A, B, or C.

**10** What is the main idea of the talk?

- A) HSR in different countries around the world
- B) The history of high-speed rail in Europe
- C) The benefits of the HSR project in the UK

**11** When did Spain have the first high-speed rail (HRS)?

- A) 1981
- B) 1992
- C) 2013

**12** What will be the first benefit of the HS2 project?

- A) It will create new jobs in different areas.
- B) People will see their families more often.
- C) It will help people find cheaper homes.

**13** What is the speaker's final thought?

- A) High costs may not be worthwhile.
- B) Investment may not create enough jobs.
- C) Current rail doesn't need any investment.

Section 3

Grade \_\_\_\_/4

Questions 14-17

Listen to a talk about the automobile industry. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the talk? Choose

- TRUE if the statement agrees with the information
- FALSE if the statement contradicts the information
- DOES NOT SAY if there is no information on this

14 According to the speaker, people are helping the environment by cleaning beaches.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Does not say

16 CO2 labelling doesn't provide any information about fuel efficiency.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Does not say

15 Environmentally friendly cars produce less carbon dioxide, CO2 emissions.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Does not say

17 In the UK, zero-CO2 cars are becoming less attractive.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Does not say

Section 4

Grade \_\_\_\_/3

Questions 18-20

Listen to the second part of a talk about the automobile industry. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS from the talk for each answer.

- Car companies are investing in building cleaner vehicles and governments are encouraging people to buy these vehicles. As a result, it is becoming cheaper to buy alternative fuel vehicles.
- Although 18 \_\_\_\_\_ cars are a great option, we must also think about the old car. Will they be recycled or will they damage the environment?
- We must find other ways to protect the environment. For example, governments can provide 19 \_\_\_\_\_ and make it cheaper. For example, hybrid buses.
- More electric or 20 \_\_\_\_\_-powered trains are great alternatives, too.

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