

 CAMBRIDGE



IELTS

ACADEMIC

15

WITH ANSWERS

AUTHENTIC PRACTICE TESTS

LISTENING

PART 1 Questions 1–10

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Bankside Recruitment Agency

- Address of agency: 497 Eastside, Docklands
- Name of agent: Becky 1
- Phone number: 07866 510333
- Best to call her in the 2

Typical jobs

- Clerical and admin roles, mainly in the finance industry
- Must have good 3 skills
- Jobs are usually for at least one 4
- Pay is usually 5 £ per hour

Registration process

- Wear a 6 to the interview
- Must bring your 7 to the interview
- They will ask questions about each applicant's 8

Advantages of using an agency

- The 9 you receive at interview will benefit you
- Will get access to vacancies which are not advertised
- Less 10 is involved in applying for jobs

PART 2 Questions 11–20

Questions 11–14

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**.

Matthews Island Holidays

- 11 According to the speaker, the company
- A has been in business for longer than most of its competitors.
 - B arranges holidays to more destinations than its competitors.
 - C has more customers than its competitors.
- 12 Where can customers meet the tour manager before travelling to the Isle of Man?
- A Liverpool
 - B Heysham
 - C Luton
- 13 How many lunches are included in the price of the holiday?
- A three
 - B four
 - C five
- 14 Customers have to pay extra for
- A guaranteeing themselves a larger room.
 - B booking at short notice.
 - C transferring to another date.

Questions 15–20

Complete the table below.

Write **ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer.

Timetable for Isle of Man holiday		
	Activity	Notes
Day 1	Arrive	Introduction by manager Hotel dining room has view of the 15
Day 2	Tynwald Exhibition and Peel	Tynwald may have been founded in 16 not 979.
Day 3	Trip to Snaefell	Travel along promenade in a tram; train to Laxey; train to the 17 of Snaefell
Day 4	Free day	Company provides a 18 for local transport and heritage sites.
Day 5	Take the 19 railway train from Douglas to Port Erin	Free time, then coach to Castletown – former 20 has old castle.
Day 6	Leave	Leave the island by ferry or plane

PART 3 Questions 21–30

Questions 21–26

What did findings of previous research claim about the personality traits a child is likely to have because of their position in the family?

Choose **SIX** answers from the box and write the correct letter, **A–H**, next to Questions 21–26.

Personality Traits	
A	outgoing
B	selfish
C	independent
D	attention-seeking
E	introverted
F	co-operative
G	caring
H	competitive

Position in family

- 21 the eldest child
- 22 a middle child
- 23 the youngest child
- 24 a twin
- 25 an only child
- 26 a child with much older siblings

THOMPSON

Questions 27 and 28

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B** or **C**.

- 27 What do the speakers say about the evidence relating to birth order and academic success?
 - A There is conflicting evidence about whether oldest children perform best in intelligence tests.
 - B There is little doubt that birth order has less influence on academic achievement than socio-economic status.
 - C Some studies have neglected to include important factors such as family size.
- 28 What does Ruth think is surprising about the difference in oldest children's academic performance?
 - A It is mainly thanks to their roles as teachers for their younger siblings.
 - B The advantages they have only lead to a slightly higher level of achievement.
 - C The extra parental attention they receive at a young age makes little difference.

Questions 29 and 30

Choose **TWO** letters, **A–E**.

Which **TWO** experiences of sibling rivalry do the speakers agree has been valuable for them?

- A learning to share
- B learning to stand up for oneself
- C learning to be a good loser
- D learning to be tolerant
- E learning to say sorry

PART 4 Questions 31–40

Complete the notes below.

Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.

The Eucalyptus Tree in Australia

Importance

- it provides **31** and food for a wide range of species
- its leaves provide **32** which is used to make a disinfectant

Reasons for present decline in number

A) Diseases

(i) 'Mundulla Yellows'

- Cause – lime used for making **33** was absorbed
– trees were unable to take in necessary iron through their roots

(ii) 'Bell-miner Associated Die-back'

- Cause – **34** feed on eucalyptus leaves
– they secrete a substance containing sugar
– bell-miner birds are attracted by this and keep away other species

B) Bushfires

William Jackson's theory:

- high-frequency bushfires have impact on vegetation, resulting in the growth of **35**
- mid-frequency bushfires result in the growth of eucalyptus forests, because they:
 - make more **36** available to the trees
 - maintain the quality of the **37**
- low-frequency bushfires result in the growth of **38** '..... rainforest', which is:
 - a **39** ecosystem
 - an ideal environment for the **40** of the bell-miner