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Fill in these boxes and read what is printed below.

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**Total marks – 20**

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear two different recordings. **Before you hear each recording, you will have one minute to study the questions.** You will hear each recording twice, with an interval of ten seconds between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next recording.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use blue or black ink.

You are not allowed to leave the examination room until the end of the test.

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**Recording 1**

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in recording 1 before the recording begins.

**Questions 1–4:** Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

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|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>1.</b> | Douglas and Sandra are                               | <b>1</b>                 |
|           | A brother and sister.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | B husband and wife.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | C good friends.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>2.</b> | What does Douglas say about life in the village?     | <b>1</b>                 |
|           | A He doesn't find the locals friendly.               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | B He likes the local pub.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | C He doesn't often go to the local cafe.             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3.</b> | The village has                                      | <b>1</b>                 |
|           | A hardly changed for hundreds of years.              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | B grown at a steady rate over the centuries.         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | C expanded significantly recently.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4.</b> | Sandra is annoyed because                            | <b>1</b>                 |
|           | A the butcher's window display might upset children. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | B the people who objected were new to the area.      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | C the incomers return to the city often.             | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Recording 1 Questions (continued)

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Questions 5–8

Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

5. Douglas didn't join \_\_\_\_\_  
against the local butcher. 1
6. Sandra thinks that supermarket meat uses up too many \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. 1
7. The story of the local butcher appeared on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. 1
8. Sandra thinks children should know that their meat comes from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. 1

Questions 9 and 10: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.

9. Which word best sums up Sandra's attitude to the longer-established villagers? 1
- A patronising
- B sympathetic
- C mistrustful
- D critical
10. What is the main topic of this conversation? 1
- A Countryside protests.
- B A change of lifestyle.
- C Being a vegetarian.
- D A happy retirement.



**Recording 2**

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in recording 2 before the recording begins.

**Questions 11 and 12:** Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.

11. The speaker says that 1

- A texting is just another form of writing.
- B people are naturally inclined to write.
- C speech is a lot older than writing.
- D writing was traditionally done at night.

12. The speaker says that casual speech 1

- A isn't very similar to formal writing.
- B typically has long sentences.
- C is occasionally worth recording.
- D is inferior to written language.

**Questions 13–16:** Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

13. It used to be conventional in formal speeches to talk  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

14. If you want to write like you speak, you must type quickly and have someone  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

15. While texting, nobody pays much attention to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . 1



Recording 2 Questions (continued)

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16. In the emerging language of texting, \_\_\_\_\_  
are appearing.

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17. Which of these represent the speaker's opinions of texting? Tick (✓) **two**  
boxes.

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A It's not as acceptable as formal writing.

B It hinders young people's writing ability.

C It helps people develop bilingual skills.

D It expands young people's linguistic skills.

E It would confuse previous generations.

F It's boring to sit and write text messages.

Questions 18 and 19: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓)  
one box.

18. If the speaker could travel to 2033, he would

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A show texts written by today's teenagers.

B be interested in how texting had developed.

C examine the damage done to today's youth.

D wonder how speaking skills had evolved.

19. Which of these best describes the speaker's attitude towards texting?

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A He welcomes it, but with caution.

B He's pessimistic about its effect on writing.

C He sarcastically calls it a "miracle".

D He regards it as extraordinary.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]



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