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Good morning. May I have your attention, please?

This is the listening part of the State Competition test. There are two tasks in the listening part. You will hear each recording twice and you will have time to read through the items in each task before the recording begins.

While you are listening, write your answers on the task itself. You may cross out your answers, change them, make notes, or underline words if you wish to. After the second listening, you will have **one** minute to check your answers and copy your **FINAL** answers onto the separate Answer Sheet.

You must do this carefully and clearly, and you must not change what you write on your final Answer Sheet in any way. Open your tests at page 1.

TASK 1

You will hear a recording about Alfred Hitchcock. For items 1 – 5, decide which answer is correct, A, B, or C. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have **one** minute to check your answers and copy them onto the separate Answer Sheet.

You now have **thirty** seconds to read through the questions in Task 1.

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

Alfred Hitchcock

Alfred Joseph Hitchcock was born on 13 August 1899 in London, to greengrocer William Hitchcock and his wife Emma. He was raised a strict Catholic and was educated at Saint Ignatius College, which was run by Jesuits.

He started his first job as an estimator for the *Henley Telegraph and Cable Company*, in 1915. It was at this age that his love for films developed as he went to the cinema in his spare time.

As soon as he finished university, Hitchcock entered the world of film. He started as a draftsman for a film studio in London in 1920, and quickly worked his way up to scriptwriter, then art director and assistant director, until his debut film as a director in 1925, with the film *The Pleasure Garden*.

However, it was with the film *The Lodger*, in 1927, that Hitchcock had his first hit, and became widely noticed as a director. In 1929, Hitchcock directed *Blackmail*, which was ground-breaking as the first widely popular non-silent film.

Hitchcock's reputation in Britain was consolidated with hits such as *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, *The 39 Steps* and *The Lady Vanishes*.

These films brought international notice and, in 1939, Hitchcock moved across the Atlantic, which marked a critical point in his career.

Hitchcock's American debut film, *Rebecca*, based on the gothic novel by Daphne Du Maurier, was a huge sensation, winning an Oscar for Best Picture.

Success followed success for Hitchcock, with a number of hits, perhaps the most famous being *Notorious*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *North by Northwest* and, of course, *Psycho*.

Hitchcock's accomplishments earned him both followers as well as critics. Some of his critics argued his films lacked substance, but his admirers argued the opposite - that Hitchcock was "an all-round specialist". It should also be pointed out that he followed his own rule on the value of suspense over shock.

Hitchcock's style was one of detailed planning, from which it is quite clear that he never improvised or deviated. Another peculiarity is that he liked to use the same actors regularly. Although he apparently disliked most actors and their behaviour, perhaps his regular use of a select few can be put down to the fact that there were only a few actors Hitchcock actually liked or admired. These 'select few' included Cary Grant, James Stewart, Vera Miles, and Grace Kelly. His cameo appearances in his own films were a special feature of his work.

Surprisingly, despite being nominated on several occasions, Hitchcock never won an Oscar for Best Director, although he did pick up Best Picture in 1940 for *Rebecca*.

In 1979, Hitchcock was recognised by the British establishment and was knighted by the Queen.

Hitchcock died in 1980, at the age of 80.

(Adapted from: <https://www.biography.com/movies-tv/alfred-hitchcock>)

You will now hear the recording again.

(After the second reading, say the following:)

You now have one minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.

(After one minute, say the following:)

This is the end of the first listening task. Now please turn to page 2.

TASK 2

You will hear a recording about fast food addiction. For items 1 – 5, decide which answer is correct, true (T) or false (F). There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers, T or F, on the Answer Sheet.

You will hear the recording twice, and there will be a short pause between the two listenings. You can write your answers during both the first and the second listening. After hearing the recording for the second time, you will have **one** minute to check your answers and copy them onto the separate Answer Sheet. You now have **thirty** seconds to read through the statements in Task 2.

(30 seconds)

You will now hear the recording.

Confessions of a Fast-Food Junkie

I love eating, so much so that I would snack in between meals. Therefore, I weighed much more, around 100 kilos, by the age of 19. At this age, I was battling obesity, and my diabetes levels were up. Another issue I dealt with was that there were many fast-food chains around to consider being my best friend, or so I thought.

The thing that made me stop and think was a “friend” who called me “Fatso.” It was like a wake-up call. I had to admit to myself that I was not only overweight, but a fast food and junk food junkie.

Despite my enthusiasm to conquer the habit, it was difficult. I knew it would take patience and time, but most of all, willpower. Take it from a person who used to eat fast food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

It was natural for me to want to stop at the closest fast-food chain when I was hungry, but hard for me to notice that I had been eating the wrong food and spending too much money. Although difficult to admit to myself, it was high time I had a reality check.

However, being in denial of an overpowering addiction, you keep telling yourself that you are just getting something to eat to deal with the hunger. Later I found out that knowledge is key. My in-depth study of fast food has shown that regular fast-food consumption has a strong positive association with weight gain and insulin resistance, suggesting that fast food addiction increases the likelihood of obesity and diabetes.

Through my experience, I have been able to work out that breaking a food habit is not easy, but it is still possible. It is a big challenge because fast food is readily available, and some fast-food centers are open 24/7. Also, fast food is comprised of primarily unhealthy fats and calories, which are addictive.

There are several ways to kick a fast-food habit. One way is to reduce the number of times you visit your regular fast-food hot spots. With this approach, if you regularly ate fast-food five times a week, you could now cut it down to one or two times a week.

The most efficient way is through planning a menu ahead of time - a strict plan of your diet can be critical. It is essential to know what you have for breakfast in the morning and at dinner every night. In time, you realize that sticking to a planned diet is much cheaper than the regular fast-food feasts.

After realizing I was a fast-food junkie, I resolved to quit cold turkey. Therefore, I started my day by eating breakfast bars in the morning, instead of picking up a breakfast biscuit at a fast-food chain. For lunch, I packed and brought my food to eat in the cafeteria instead of going out to a fast-food restaurant. For dinner, I would eat at home, with planning my meal ahead of time.

Now I stock up my pantry and refrigerator with healthy foods like fruit, granola bars, nuts, yogurt, raw vegetables, chicken, and fish. I've eliminated junk food from my vicinity and that has helped reduce the temptation.

Since I no longer eat at fast-food restaurants, I've saved up a few extra bucks, plus eating healthier has improved my health and I've avoided medical complications.

On my path to discovery, I have successfully gained a more positive lifestyle, and the sacrifice is useful for a lifetime.

(Adapted from: <https://discover.hubpages.com/food/How-to-know-if-you-are-a-Fast-Food-Junkychubpagescomhub>)

You will now hear the recording again.

(After the second reading, say the following:)

You now have **one** minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.

(After one minute, say the following:)

This is the end of the second listening task.

This completes the listening part of the test.

You may now continue with the other parts of the test.