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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 two teenagers, Ava and Liam, talking about TikTok. Read the questions and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy the correct letter (A, B, C or D) 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.

TikTok

Ava: "Hey Liam, look at this! This girl has just pranked her brother by swapping his shampoo with mayonnaise. His reaction is priceless!"

Liam: "Yeah, because ruining your hair with mayo is peak entertainment, isn't it, Ava?"

Ava: "Oh, come on! TikTok is fun. You just don't get it."

Liam: "I get that it's addictive. You've been scrolling non-stop since we sat down."

Ava: "Okay, maybe a little... But it's just a way to unwind."

Liam: "Unwind? Or get sucked into a rabbit hole of perfect people doing perfect things? Have you ever noticed how every influencer on there looks like they walked out of a magazine?"

Ava: "Well... yeah, but that's just social media. People post their best moments."

Liam: "Exactly. And then everyone watching starts thinking that's normal. Like, all these crazy fitness challenges, diet trends, and body-checking videos - doesn't that mess with people's self-esteem?"

Ava: "I mean... I do sometimes feel like I should be working out more, eating healthier. I even tried that 'what I eat in a day' trend last week."

Liam: "See? It's everywhere. It's like TikTok is low-key telling people what they should look like."

Ava: "But it's not just that. There's funny stuff, life hacks, even mental health advice."

Liam: "Yeah, but who's giving that advice? Some random person with no qualification? And half of them are just trying to go viral, not actually help anyone."

Ava: "You might have a point. I love TikTok, but sometimes I do feel... I don't know, kind of drained after scrolling for too long."

Liam: "Exactly. It's like junk food for your brain. Tastes good at that particular moment, but too much of it? Not great."

Ava: "Maybe I'll unplug for a while. But only after I finish watching this dance challenge!"

Liam: "Of course. Baby steps."

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 Queen Victoria. Read the statements and choose the correct option: T (True) or F (False). There is an example at the beginning (0). Copy the correct letter (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.

Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria reigned over Britain from 1837 to 1901, a period of significant technological and cultural change. Her influence can still be seen throughout the United Kingdom, with her name adorning rail stations, parks, and even a line on the London Underground. However, Victoria was more than just a ruler - she was a cultural icon who helped shape modern traditions in fashion, media, and holiday festivities.

She is often referred to as the first 'media monarch', a term coined by historian John Plunkett, who was trying to describe her Majesty as a

unique cultural force of the time. Victoria's reign coincided with the expansion of print media, allowing her image to be regularly featured in newspapers and magazines, making the Queen more visible to her subjects than any monarch before. This widespread media coverage enabled her to influence societal norms and popular trends, many of which still resonate today.

One of Victoria's most lasting contributions to fashion is the white, ever so popular, wedding dress. Before her marriage to Prince Albert in 1840, brides typically wore their finest dress, regardless of colour. However, Victoria insisted on having a white gown made for her, a decision that was considered unconventional, but ultimately became a defining moment in bridal fashion. Although white bridal attire was not unheard of among the higher classes, it was Victoria's choice that helped solidify the tradition of such bridal wear for those less well-off.

Victoria's impact extended well beyond fashion and into holiday traditions. The Christmas tree, now a central part of holiday celebrations, gained popularity in Britain thanks to Victoria and her German-born husband, Prince Albert. While Queen Charlotte, Victoria's grandmother, had introduced decorated Christmas trees to Britain years earlier, it was Victoria and Albert's public embrace of the tradition that made it widespread. They placed decorated fir trees in their palace, lighting them with candles and adorning them with colourful paper chains and sweets. The royal family's Christmas traditions, including placing gifts under the tree, quickly became popular among the British public and later spread to other parts of the world.

Victoria's reign occurred during a time of immense industrial and social change. The rise of new technologies such as the telegraph, railways, and electric light transformed daily life, and the Queen herself became a symbol of progress. Despite her mostly conservative personal style and strict demands placed upon her throughout childhood, she embraced these advancements, keeping up with the changing world around her. Even more than a century after her death, Queen Victoria's influence is still felt in many aspects of modern life.

She proved that even before the rise of social media, a public figure could shape cultural trends and leave a lasting legacy that endures through generations. Her reign also set a standard for royal image-making, with her personal choices often influencing both fashion and public behaviour.

The traditions she established, such as family-oriented holiday celebrations, continue to be a major part of British life.

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.