

LANGUAGECERT IESOL
Achiever B1
Practice Paper 3

Part one

Number one. Number one.

Could you come back a little later?
Could you come back a little later?

Number two. Number two.

Here's that DVD I borrowed from you.
Here's that DVD I borrowed from you.

Number three. Number three.

What did you think about the film?
What did you think about the film?

Number four. Number four.

You don't know where I can get batteries, do you?
You don't know where I can get batteries, do you?

Number five. Number five.

I'm so glad that we've finally met in person.
I'm so glad that we've finally met in person.

Number six. Number six.

How did your Maths test go?
How did your Maths test go?

Number seven. Number seven.

I'm so sorry I didn't call last night.
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Part two

Conversation One

- F Have you stayed here before?
M I used to come here as a child, now I'm here with my grandchildren.
F Well! So you came here in the days before I bought the place; over thirty years ago.
M I'm so glad you are taking guests again, just like the old days.
F Yes, when I bought the place it needed lots of work.
M What was it, a hotel, when you bought it?
F No, a language school. The owners sold it and left.
M In bad condition?
F No, but the rooms were classrooms so we needed to decorate and change all the furniture.
M You've done a fantastic job.
F Thank you. If you would like to check in I'll show you to your room.

Conversation Two

- F How's Jeanie doing at school?
M She's a university student these days.
F Studying Chemistry or Biology, for sure. She was always so good at sciences wasn't she?
M Yes she was. We hoped she'd study to be a doctor. But no, she decided to study modern languages. We were astonished.
F Modern languages, why? To become a teacher?
M No, because she loves languages and it gave her the chance to travel.
F Where is she now? Some far away foreign country?
M She's just come back from South America and is having a few days with us before she goes back to university next month.
F It must be lovely to have her with the family for a while. Give her my regards.
M I will.

Conversation Three

- M I'd like to send this packet please.
F How would you like to send it?
M I'm afraid I don't understand. Don't I just buy stamps and post it?
F There are several different possibilities. It depends what's important to you: how long it takes, the cost and so on.
M They're all important. Sorry, could you explain?
F There's standard delivery. That's the cheapest. It can take up to five days.
M I'd prefer it to arrive sooner.
F We have a special 24 hour delivery service.
M That sounds perfect.
F Insurance is extra but it's a good idea if you're sending something valuable or important.
M They're only photos, but important to me, so yes, I'd like insurance please.
F Certainly, sir.

Part three

You will hear someone talking. You will hear the person twice. Complete the information. Write short answers of one to three words.

Good morning everyone; I'm Jules Swan, the organiser. Thanks for offering to help with the visitors. It's going to be a busy day. Please be at the school gates by ten forty five at the latest. The official opening time is eleven, but people will probably arrive early. There are plenty of car parking spaces outside the sports hall. If anyone offers to pay, please don't accept any money - parking is, of course, free. Could you please give each visitor a ticket? They don't need it to get in but they will need it for lunch at the school restaurant. Ask the visitors to go to the Hall - if anyone doesn't know where that is, the easiest way to find it is to go up the steps into the Old Building and follow the sign with 'Laboratory' - no, sorry, I'll read that again - 'Library'; follow the sign with 'Library' on it and keep walking to the end of the corridor. The Principal will be there in the restaurant to meet everyone in person; I know she is very keen to do this because she's leaving in December after eighteen - no, I didn't say 'eight - o' - after eighteen very successful years at the school. We've made arrangements for wet weather because last year was a disaster: it rained non-stop. The outdoor displays will move into the sports hall if it rains but the weather forecast - if you can believe it - is sunny. Let's hope they're right for once. Okay, let's get ready. If you need me for anything you can look for me in my office ... but you won't find me because I won't be there. No, seriously, use my mobile; I'll give you the number as soon as I can find it...

Part four

- F Hello, Mark. How was your trip?
- M It was great. How did you hear about it?
- F You're famous you know. I was listening to the radio and they said 'after the local news an interview with Mark Gately, who has just returned from a rather special trip with colleagues' but then a friend phoned and I missed the interview. So, tell me about it.
- M I wanted to do something special with the people who work for me so I took them on a weekend away.
- F Oh yes; a training weekend of some kind connected with their jobs. I went on a computer course last month.
- M Not really connected with their actual jobs, more a reward. A way of letting them know I appreciate their hard work.
- F What a nice idea. It's so unusual for directors to show the people who work for them that they're grateful. So, where did you decide to take them?
- M I didn't, I mean I'd have probably chosen a weekend by the seaside or something like that but I thought 'let them make the decision'.
- F And what did they agree on?
- M Agree? There were so many different ideas. Jim wanted to go on an adventure weekend, Paula suggested a boat trip. Finally my assistant, Marie, she's always so practical, said we should let Ted choose; he's been at the company longer than anyone.
- F That seems fair.
- M Yes, well he suggested a cultural weekend. You know, theatre visits and so on. Not a bad idea, don't you agree?
- F A cultural weekend? Ted? You think you know people, but you don't! I thought he was only interested in sport! So, where did you go?
- M I saw an advertisement in a travel agents 'culture in the capital' so that's where we went.
- F Gosh that's a long way to drive. Or did you fly from the local airport?
- M Yes, much too far to drive, and there were no convenient flights. We had the choice of coach or train. A few people thought the coach journey was too long, so we took the fast train.
- F Sounds nice. Where did you stay?
- M The Grand - a four star hotel in the city centre, really luxurious.
- F Gosh. The whole trip must have cost you a fortune Mark, at least a couple of thousand dollars.
- M Nothing like as much as that. The travel agent offered a special deal. I was amazed at how reasonable it was. And anyway, my workforce is more than just money to me.
- F What was the best part of the trip, the theatre?
- M Do you know, I was sure it would be the opera or the ballet. But for all of us, it was the modern art gallery. At first sight, the building was nothing special but inside it was fantastic. If you get the chance, go and see it.