



**This is the Pearson Test of English General Level 3. This test takes 2 hours.**

**Section 1**

You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (☒) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

**Example:** The speakers are

- A Tom's work colleagues.
- B Tom's friends.
- C Tom's parents.

1. What type of organisation is 'Atlantic Travel'?

- A an American travel agency
- B an expensive travel agency
- C an all-round travel agency

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2. How do the women feel about Paris?

- A It's better not to visit in summer.
- B It's an adventurous destination.
- C It has very good art galleries.

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3. What are travellers who had booked with 'Suntrips' entitled to?

- A full compensation from the government
- B air travel to their holiday destination
- C help with booking new hotel accommodation

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4. The speaker is a

- A presenter.
- B housing officer.
- C local resident.

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5. The main attraction of the Oxford Fashion Museum's new exhibition is

- A footwear.
- B headwear.
- C swimwear.

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6. What are the speakers doing?

- A complaining
- B discussing
- C disagreeing

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7. Where are the cheapest items to be found?

- A throughout the shop
- B at the back of the store
- C next to the cashier till

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8. What is the woman saying about the way her village has changed?

- A Most things remain unchanged.
- B Only a few things haven't changed.
- C She doesn't recognise her old school.

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9. What does the speaker want the audience to do?

- A join a debate about the future of media
- B use Internet technology more
- C buy and read more newspapers

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10. What is the woman doing?

- A asking
- B advising
- C explaining

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**Q1**

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**(Total 10 marks)**





**Section 3**

**12-16** You will hear a short talk about Berlin. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk. You will hear the recording twice.

**Example:** Many people think Berlin is not as.....glamorous.....as other European cities.

12. Berlin residents are not regarded as.....

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13. Prenzlauerberg is in what used to be called.....

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14. Prenzlauerberg has a higher.....than any other area.

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15. The street called Husemannstrasse is like a.....

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16. This street is not as.....as the other streets around it.

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**17-21** You will hear a news broadcast. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.

**Example:** Rhodes Zoo is the.....5th/fifth largest.....in the world.

17. The zoo's new project will record.....of its history.

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18. Year the zoo opened for the first time: .....

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19. Zizi the elephant was donated by.....

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20. You can now go to.....to see Arthur the gorilla.

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21. Rhodes Zoo is now interested in.....rather than keeping large animals.

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**Q3**

**(Total 10 marks)**

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**That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.**



**Section 4**

Read each text and put a cross (☒) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

**Example:**

We are a long-established family business that provides a reliable upholstery service that repairs antique furniture. If you have ..... please visit us at our shop to get an estimate and see our extensive range of fabrics.

- A an enquiry
- B some work
- C a suggestion

22.

With over 250 worldwide.....holidays, it's easy to see why *International Adventure* is first choice for anyone wanting a summer break with a difference. Go on – challenge yourself!

- A different
- B global
- C adventure

23.

Egypt has it all. You will find everything you could possibly..... here, from natural wonders and awe-inspiring pyramids to atmospheric bazaars and a buzzing contemporary culture.

- A dislike
- B know
- C want

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Friday 17th January sees the Liverpool Fashion Show return for its 21st annual showcase of work by independent fashion designers. Guests are ..... to enjoy the catwalk show at Liverpool City Museum, which features collections from British and international designers.

- A invited
- B wanted
- C told

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25.

How have things.....in the village since you were a child? We'd like to hear your stories. Send an email to [sally@communityhistory.co.uk](mailto:sally@communityhistory.co.uk) and the most interesting responses will be published in the village newsletter.

- A changed
- B missed
- C mattered

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26.

The West Wiggington Past, Present and Future Society aims to create community spirit within the village by making people..... of the history of the local area.

- A realise
- B knowledge
- C aware

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Q4

(Total 5 marks)



**Section 5**

Read the article and answer the questions below. Put a cross (☒) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

**The Early Career of James Whitton**

James Whitton founded the travel agency known as the James Whitton Group, which has offices worldwide. He grew up in Kingston Street in the small village of Keighley, in Yorkshire, the first child of Jack and Anne Whitton.

Aged 10 James got his first job, working as an assistant to a local market gardener and earning just six pence a week. Once he turned 15, he secured an apprenticeship as a carpenter and did this for five years. He had been brought up as a strict Baptist, and aged just 19 he became a preacher, touring Yorkshire and the surrounding area speaking as a public speaker in religious matters. He was particularly committed to promoting a society without alcohol. He continued with carpentry occasionally in order to earn the money to finance his vocation. Much of this work involved organising prayer meetings, distributing leaflets and encouraging people to avoid alcohol.

The idea to offer excursions to travellers came about one day whilst he was waiting for a stage coach into London. The Counties Railway had just reopened following an extension programme, and Whitton wanted to take a group of 600 anti-alcohol campaigners from Leeds to the neighbouring town of Bradford. The railway company agreed each person would pay one shilling for the journey, including food for the journey as well as the rail ticket. This journey, on 7 July 1842, was the first privately chartered excursion train to be publicly advertised although Whitton always acknowledged that there had been earlier, unadvertised private excursion trains.

Whitton was paid commission by the railway company as the tickets themselves, being legal contracts between the company and its passengers, couldn't have been issued at his price. The success of this venture led Whitton to plan a series of outings for religious organisations, and in 1845 he formalised an ongoing arrangement with the rail company, whose only insistence was that he brought them the passengers. Thus Whitton established a successful business running rail excursions for pleasure, whereby he took a percentage of the cost of the tickets. His business expanded from there.

**Example:** In which village did Whitton live as a child?

- A Kingston
- B Keighley
- C Yorkshire

27. What was the main reason for Whitton's ongoing work as a carpenter?

- A It funded his preaching work.
- B He felt it was his vocation.
- C He couldn't break his contract.



28. What was the main purpose of Whitton’s work as a preacher?

- A It meant he could continue to work in Yorkshire.
- B He really enjoyed organising prayer meetings.
- C He wanted people to stop drinking alcohol.

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29. Why did Whitton start organising private excursions?

- A He had to wait a long time for a stage coach to London.
- B He needed to transport a large group of passengers.
- C Ordinary rail tickets didn’t include food for the journey.

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30. His charter train from Leeds to Bradford was the first

- A unadvertised private excursion train.
- B privately chartered excursion train.
- C widely publicised excursion train.

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31. The Counties Railway gave Whitton a permanent contract to run excursions on condition that

- A he found all the customers for them.
- B the excursions had a religious purpose.
- C all arrangements were very formal.

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**Q5**

**(Total 5 marks)**



**Section 6**

Read the article below and answer the questions.

**Bristol International Airport**

Bristol International Airport currently handles 4.6 million passengers a year, with flights to 90 destinations.

The airport was the brainchild of local businessmen in 1927. Through public subscriptions, they raised £6000 to open a flying club at Filton Aerodrome, Concorde’s birthplace. Inspired by early success, they then bought an area of farmland south of the city.

Prince George opened the airport in 1930. It thrived, handling 4000 passengers in 1939. However, during the Second World War, the airport was taken over by the Air Ministry for military operations. After the war finished in 1945, many felt it had no future, but ten years later, the airport moved site after it was purchased by the Bristol Corporation for £55,000. It has been based there ever since. Passenger numbers have continued to rise, with the airport expected to handle 12 million passengers by 2030, and to need a longer runway.

**Example:** How many passengers use Bristol Airport each year?

4.6 million

32. Where did the idea for the original airport come from?

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33. Who ran the airport throughout the Second World War?

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34. What happened to the airport in 1955?

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35. What new development is the airport likely to require?

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Read the magazine article below and answer the questions.

**The History of Jeans**

The word ‘jeans’ comes from a type of European cloth, named after sailors from Genoa who wore clothes made from it. At first the fabric was made from mixed materials, though from the 18th century it was made completely from cotton. Usually dyed a dark blue color with the plant-based dye known as indigo, workers found it hardwearing.

Jeans gained popularity in the 1850s, with the American Gold Rush. Miners needed clothes that didn’t tear easily. Pockets were a particular problem as they easily tore off the jeans. Jacob Davis had the idea of metal fasteners to hold the pockets and jeans together. Without money to patent his idea, he approached Levi Strauss, who had begun large-scale manufacture of jeans in the USA. Strauss offered a deal and began making copper-riveted ‘waist overalls’ as jeans were then known.

**Example:** Who gave the fabric that was used to make jeans its name?

..... *Sailors from Genoa* .....

36. What natural substance was used to color the cloth?

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37. What aspect of jeans design presented a challenge to manufacturers?

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38. What was Jacob Davis’s invention?

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39. What prevented Jacob Davis from working on his business idea alone?

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**Q6**

**(Total 8 marks)**



**Section 7**

Read the web article about overland truck holidays in Africa and complete the notes. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

**Travelling on an Overland Truck across Africa**

The key thing to remember when travelling overland in Africa is to expect the unexpected! If you're someone who requires a fixed itinerary with no surprises, then this won't be the kind of trip for you. We sometimes have to change our travel plans due to unforeseen circumstances. But, this is what makes every trip different and exciting. As part of this adventure we expect you to play an active role in the daily running of your trip, to get stuck in and work as a team, helping out with tasks like cooking meals over open fires, pitching tents and cleaning and tidying the truck.

On driving days, we travel 100-600km, depending on the terrain. We aim for one long driving day followed by several short ones. We have some non-driving days, when you can relax and enjoy sights like Lake Malawi or Victoria Falls. Most nights are spent at campsites, where you can shower, have a cold drink etc, but we sometimes camp in the bush, experiencing the 'real' Africa. We provide generous sized tents (shared with one other) and thick camping mats, which by all accounts are very comfortable (all you need is a sleeping bag and a mosquito net).

Your day begins at 7am with a simple 'help yourself' breakfast. For other meals, you'll be expected to muck in and do your bit. When 'on the road' or at campsites, you will use a rota system and cook in groups with 2-3 others using gas or open fires. Expect to cook once every 7-10 days, depending on the size of the group. Occasionally there will be some stores of food on the truck for you to use, but it's your job to decide what to cook and shop for most of your ingredients in local markets and shops. We do NOT cater for fussy eaters, or carry special food items. So be warned!

If you're not cooking, the early part of the evening will be spent putting up your tent with your 'tent buddy'. Most crucially, you'll collect firewood before lighting the fire and making hot drinks. Water is collected from local wells where available. Then you can chill out and enjoy the evening. We have lights in the truck so you can read or write a journal if you wish. It would be a shame if you didn't keep a record of the holiday of a lifetime!



**Example:** When travelling in Africa you should be prepared for the..... **unexpected**.....:

40. Occasionally.....mean that the planned itinerary has to be altered.

41. The..... determines the distance that is covered each day.

42. People say that the sleeping mats are.....:

43. You are likely to cook with.....people.

44. The majority of the food for meals comes from.....:

45. For non-cooks an important evening task is to find.....:

46. The holiday company encourages you to.....of your holiday.

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**Q7**

**(Total 7 marks)**







**Section 9**

48. Choose **one** of the topics below and write your answer in **150-200 words**.

**Either:**

**A** Write an essay in response to the following question:

Which historical invention has been most useful for present-day society?

**Or:**

**B** Write an article in response to the following advertisement:

The college magazine wants to hear from you! We want to publish a series of articles on fashion today. Send in an article about what you and people in your age group wear, and we'll publish the best ones!

Put a cross (☒) in the box next to the task you have chosen.

**A** ☒

**B** ☒

Write 150-200 words.

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## ANSWER KEY

### Section 1

#### Example: C

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. B

### Section 2

11. According to a news report published today / the fashion industry contributes billions of pounds / to the British economy./ This report is the first to properly analyze (analyse) / the full economic impact of fashion, / and shows it to be / financially more important to the country / than areas like tourism and chemical manufacture. (50 words)

### Section 3

#### Example: glamorous

12. friendly (to strangers)
13. East Berlin
14. birth rate
15. (living) museum / reconstruction / nineteenth / 19th century Berlin
16. poor/urban

#### Example: fifth/5th largest

17. (people's) memories
18. 1836
19. (an) (Indian) prince / (a) prince
20. (the) (local) museum
21. conservation



**Section 4**

**Example: A**

- 22. C
- 23. C
- 24. A
- 25. A
- 26. C

**Section 5**

**Example: B**

- 27. A
- 28. C
- 29. B
- 30. C
- 31. A

**Section 6**

**Example: 4.6 million**

- 32. local businessmen
- 33. (the) Air Ministry
- 34. It moved site / It was purchased (by the Bristol Corporation)
- 35. (a) longer runway

**Example: Sailors from Genoa**

- 36. indigo
- 37. pockets
- 38. metal fastener(s)
- 39. money / He couldn't afford it / He couldn't afford to patent it / his idea

**Section 7**

**Example: unexpected**

- 40. (unforeseen) circumstances
- 41. terrain
- 42. (very) comfortable
- 43. 2-3 / two or three / 2 or 3
- 44. local markets and shops
- 45. firewood
- 46. keep (a) record/journal // write (a) journal



**Section 8****47. Sample answer.**

Hi Sally

It's great you're going to Africa. It'll be very exciting, but if you're really going to enjoy the holiday, remember to be flexible. Plans sometimes have to be changed, and anything could happen! Your days will be busy. You have breakfast at 7am, then drive for anything up to 600km in a day. In the evening you'll either have to help cook an evening meal, or collect wood and help put tents up. Most of the time you'll sleep at a campsite with some facilities, but sometimes you'll be out in the bush! Buy a mosquito net beforehand, as the company don't provide this. Make sure you have a good sleeping bag too. Oh, and take a good book...

John

(119 words)

**Section 9****48A. Sample answer.**

I think the most useful thing that has been invented is the telephone. Before the telephone existed, people had to communicate by letters and, in an emergency, telegraphs. Letters were very slow, so it could take several days for important news to reach someone. Telegraphs were expensive and were only used for emergencies. The telephone meant that people could contact each other very quickly, and friends and family living in different places could keep in touch easily.

To start with, telephones were very big and also quite expensive. People could only use them at home. Now, telephones are very cheap and most people have a more modern version, the mobile phone. This means that anyone can make contact with anyone else, wherever they are. I can keep in touch with my friends if I'm not at home, if my car breaks down I can ring someone easily, and if I'm going to be late to meet a friend I can let them know. I don't know what I'd do without a phone!

(172 words)

**48B. Sample answer.**

The best thing about fashion for people my age is that more or less 'anything goes'. When I was younger, it was very important to wear the right thing, and to look like everyone else. But as I've got older, I've learnt to wear what suits me – and that goes for colours as well as shapes.

When I'm not at work, I usually wear jeans, which I own in a variety of colours and cuts. A lot of people wear very tight 'skinny' jeans at the moment, with furry Ugg boots. I prefer more styled boots, and I have them in different colours and heights to suit whatever I'm wearing.

Purple is a very fashionable color at the moment, and I love it! I also love the long necklaces that a lot of women wear these days. They go with all sorts of clothes and remind me a lot of fashions in the 1970s and 1980s. In fact 'retro' is a word that could be used to describe many of the clothes and looks of today.

(176 words)



## TRANSCRIPT

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### Section 1

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#### Example: Listen to the conversation. Who are the speakers?

**M:** What's the matter?

**F:** It's Tom. I don't know what to do. He just sits and watches television all evening when he should be working.

**M:** Yes I've noticed it's getting worse. Every time I tell him he gets angry, and shuts himself in his room. I don't know what to do.

#### The correct answer is C

#### 1. What type of organisation is 'Atlantic Travel'?

**M:** Thinking of visiting America this year? Don't want to spend too much money? Then check out Atlantic Travel. Our specialism is travel to the USA. Our consultants can help you plan the transatlantic holiday of a lifetime. However, we also offer worldwide air tickets plus rail and coach holidays. Whatever your destination or budget, we have the holiday for you!

#### 2. Listen to the conversation. How do the women feel about Paris?

**F1:** Where do you fancy this year? Amsterdam?

**F2:** That'd be interesting. And I do love the galleries...

**F1:** It's so crowded in summer though.

**F2:** True. So's Paris. That's somewhere else I'd love to visit, but perhaps it's better off season.

**F1:** I agree. Why don't we do something a bit more adventurous, Budapest perhaps?

**F2:** What a great idea! Let's get off the beaten track...

#### 3. Listen to the announcement. What are travellers who had booked with 'Suntrips' entitled to?

**M:** All holidaymakers who booked flights and holidays with the travel agency Suntrips, which went bankrupt last week, should contact their airlines directly. They will adhere to government guidelines and ensure that travellers reach their destinations, but unfortunately cannot offer compensation for booked hotel accommodation. This remains the responsibility of the travellers.



**4. Listen to the announcement. Who is the speaker?**

**F:** Capital Radio is inviting contributions from anyone who has lived in the Kings Cross area for 50 years or more. Join us on air and tell us how your local shops, parks, housing and council offices and amenities have changed.

**5. Listen to the speaker. What is the main attraction of the Oxford Fashion Museum's new exhibition?**

**M:** The Oxford Fashion Museum's 2010 exhibition opens on January 10th. There are sections on shoes, boots and other footwear borrowed from museums across Europe and, of course, the long-awaited collection of Victorian hats which will attract thousands. But the biggest draw for visitors has to be the room full of the bathing costumes people have worn on the beach from the last two centuries.

**6. Listen to the conversation. What are the speakers doing?**

**F:** I can't believe some of the things people wear today! It's so different from when we were growing up.

**M:** I know. I was out in town last night. It's the middle of winter and there were girls wearing short skirts and T-shirts.

**F:** And no coats either, I imagine. It seems to be the fashion these days...

**7. Listen to the announcement. Where are the cheapest items to be found?**

**M:** It's sale time at the Style Shop! Items marked with a red tag throughout the store are reduced by up to 40%. Items at the back of the shop are half price, and those on the rail by the till are 60% off, but for today only!

**8. Listen to the woman. What is she saying about the way her village has changed?**

**F:** I grew up in this village. It's changed so much, almost beyond recognition. Some things are the same though, like the flowers in the garden of the house next to the post office. My old school has gone though.

**9. Listen to the speaker. What does he want the audience to do?**

**M:** Are newspapers a thing of the past? Will the rise of Internet technology and digital media see them off altogether, as the current trend would suggest? Can print media fight back if enough loyal customers stand by it? Take part in a discussion on this and other issues on Radio UK's current affairs show...



**10. Listen to the woman. What is she doing?**

**F:** I think you need to take plenty of sun cream when you go on holiday. I don't know if you've checked the weather forecast but I read that it's going to be really hot next week. You know how easily Tom can burn.

**Section 2**

**11. You will hear a recording about the fashion industry in Britain. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.**

**F:** According to a news report published today / the fashion industry contributes billions of pounds / to the British economy./ This report is the first to properly analyze (analyse) / the full economic impact of fashion, / and shows it to be / financially more important to the country / than areas like tourism and chemical manufacture.

**Section 3**

**12-16. You will hear a short talk about Berlin. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk. You will hear the recording twice.**

**M:** Many people bypass Berlin, as it is seen as less glamorous than other European cities, and its inhabitants are not necessarily considered as being friendly to strangers. But don't miss out on a visit to the suburb of Prenzlauerberg. Located in the former East Berlin, much of Prenzlauerberg has been given the equivalent of a facelift; it's been transformed more than almost any other part of Berlin. It is the part of the city with the highest birth rate, so be prepared to find a playground on almost every street corner, and to share the streets with armies of parents and buggies. For a feel of the past, head for Husemannstrasse, an entire street that has been turned into a living museum of 19th century Berlin. You'll find an old-fashioned post office, kitsch shops and traditional pubs. While the authorities deem Husemannstrasse's reconstruction as an unmitigated success, many feel that its pristine condition simply highlights how poor some of the surrounding streets are. It is certainly in strong contrast to the urban feel of the rest of the neighborhood.

**Now listen again**



**17-21. You will hear a news broadcast. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.**

**F:** Rhodes Zoo, currently the fifth largest zoo in the world, has just launched a project to capture people's memories of its past. The zoo first opened to the public in 1836 and the project, aimed at assembling a historical archive, has been designed to help celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2011. In its early days, examples of prized animals in the zoo's collection were a lioness donated by Queen Victoria and an elephant called Zizi (the largest at the time to be held in captivity), a gift from an Indian prince. Another of the zoo's famous residents was Arthur the gorilla, who was born there in September 1930 and died in 1948. He captivated the city, and his body is now exhibited in the local museum. One of the main differences between Rhodes Zoo now and in the past is that it no longer keeps large animals, like primates and mammals. The days of Arthur the gorilla are gone and, in keeping with modern trends in animal care, the zoo now has a much greater focus on conservation.

**Now listen again**

**That is the end of the listening section of the test. Now go on to the other sections of the test.**



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