



Exams Corner — Listening

Part 1 (p.16)

Announcer : Part 1.

Sophie and her brother, Paul, are filling in an online shopping survey.

The conversation will be played twice. There are six questions in all. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all answers the second time. You have 30 seconds to read the questions below.

The conversation will begin now.

[Sophie : Hey look Paul, if we fill in this shopping survey online, we might win a prize. Let's fill it in.

Paul : Is it a long survey?

Sophie : No, just 6 questions. ^① The first one is about how often we shop online. Hmm, not very often. We bought some things today.

Paul : But we haven't bought anything for over a month, I think.

Sophie : Yes, you're right. ^① So we should fill in that we buy things online less than once a month.

Paul : OK. What's next?

Sophie : ^② We need to tell them what we usually buy online. Mum would definitely tick food and drinks, but I have only ever bought books.

Paul : And I order science magazines online. I don't buy anything else.

Sophie : ^② Books and magazines is our answer then. I wish we could buy music and films too.

Paul : Yes, but Mum and Dad won't let us. What's next?

Sophie : ^③ Why do we shop online?

Paul : I think it is easy and convenient.

Sophie : But we live next to a shopping mall. It is just as easy to shop there.

Paul : Yeah, that's true. ^③ Well, maybe we should say because it is usually cheaper.

Sophie : Right. It is much cheaper to buy things online. You can get good bargains.

Paul : What is the next question?

Sophie : ^④ It asks how much we spend each time we shop online. Over \$1,000? Just kidding, we never spend that much.

Paul : I spent \$60 last time. How much did you spend?

Sophie : It was either \$100 or \$120. Maybe a bit more.

Paul : ^④ So altogether, it is over \$150.

Sophie : Yes, at least \$160. ^⑤ OK, the next question is about how long it takes for our purchases to arrive. They usually arrive quite quickly.

Paul : I think it's usually within a few days.

Sophie : No, it takes longer than that. Usually it takes about a week.

Paul : ^⑤ Oh, so choose a week.

Sophie : OK. There is only one more question. ^⑥ What prize do we want if we win? There are four choices. There are 2 gift vouchers, a bag or a mobile phone case. Which one shall we choose?

Paul : I need a new phone case.

Sophie : But it's a dotted one.

Paul : Oh, I don't want a dotted one, I want a plain one. What about a bag?

Sophie : But the vouchers are worth more money than the bag or a phone case. We should get one of the gift vouchers.

Paul : OK, a bookshop gift voucher or a supermarket gift voucher?

Sophie : I vote for the bookshop gift voucher.

Paul : Me too.]

Announcer : Now listen to the conversation again.

Repeat []

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.

This is the end of Part 1. *

Part 2 (p.17)

Announcer : Part 2.

Sophie is listening to a new supermarket advertisement on the radio.

The advertisement will be played once only. Listen to the advertisement and answer each question that follows when you hear a beep. You have 40 seconds to read the questions below.

The radio advertisement will begin now.

Actor : Are you tired of paying too much for your groceries? Would you like more choices? Then try Hong Kong's newest supermarket, Brights. 2 Brights branches are opening in Kowloon Tong and Sha Tin this week. Come along to Brights for a new shopping experience.

Announcer : Question 1: The new supermarket is called _____. *

Actor : You can buy very cheap cleaning products. Floor cleaner is only \$19 for 1 litre or an amazing \$22 for 1.5 litres. Window cleaner is only \$26 for a 250-ml bottle, or \$35 for a 500-ml bottle, a huge saving!

Announcer : Question 2: A _____ bottle of floor cleaner costs \$22.*

Actor : We also have a range of great value kitchen items. We have stripy blue plates and bowls, glasses with colourful spots on them, children's knives and forks with cartoon handles and checked drying towels in brown and yellow.

Announcer : Question 3: Which of the following kitchen items have colourful spots on them? *

Actor : No need to save reward points, you can get pots and pans at great prices directly from our supermarket all year round. A large cooking pot costs only \$150, an unbeatable deal. The medium one in the same brand costs \$130! A medium-sized frying pan for only \$160 and a kettle for only \$170. Our frying pan comes with free cooking forks and is ideal for parties.

Announcer : Question 4: Which of the following items cannot be bought cheaper anywhere else? *

Actor : For all your barbecue needs, come to us. A dozen fish balls are just \$19, chicken wings in packs of 10 cost just \$20 and you can buy half a dozen hamburger buns for only \$24. Our ready-packed salad deals are also available at prices as low as only \$26.

Announcer : Question 5: How much does a pack of 6 hamburger buns cost? *

Actor : We also sell high quality hair care products. Our hair care range has won awards. For dry hair, try our Deluxe shampoo which will make your hair feel wonderful. If you have oily hair, try Perfect shampoo for a wonderful clean feel. Balance is the shampoo for dyed hair, to keep the colour for a long time, and for thin hair, check out Body shampoo, which will give your hair

body. Prices range from \$36 for a 350-ml bottle to \$59 for a 600-ml bottle.

Announcer : Question 6: Which of the following hair care products is for oily hair? *

Actor : We also have a wide range of washing powders to make your clothes feel as good as your hair. A box of Lemon Clean costs only \$39 and so does a box of Super Clean Plus. ^⑦ A box of Mild and Fresh costs only \$38 and our own brand, B-Fresh, is only \$37, a really good deal.

Announcer : Question 7: What is the price of their own brand of washing powder? *

Actor : Our supermarket also provides things for your beloved pets. Dog and cat foods are available in a wide variety, to look after all your pets' needs. Try Mr Choosy cat food at only \$34 per kg, or, for dogs, Best Friends' Choice at \$39 for a 1-kg bag. ^⑧ If your pets are overweight, why not try our low-fat range of pet foods? Delicious Cuts, the low-fat cat food, costs \$36 a bag and for overweight dogs, try Yummy Chum, which costs only \$41 a bag and has far less fat than ordinary dog food. We also sell a range of tasty treats for your pets.

Announcer : Question 8: Sophie's cat is overweight. Which of the following brands should she buy? *

Actor : So remember! Come to Brights for all your home shopping needs today.

Announcer : You now have 40 seconds to check your answers.

This is the end of Part 2. *