

KJF Language Examination Centre



## MONOLINGUAL EXAM

ENGLISH B2

## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

	Exam papers:	Maximum score:	Required minimum:
Task 1	Multiple Choice (8 items)	16 points (2 points/item)	--
Task 2	Questions and Answers (7 items)	14 points (2 points/item)	--
Total score:		30 points	12 points

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**Task 1: My Dog**

You are going to listen to a text about a young man's first dog. Choose **the correct answer** according to what the text says. An example has been given for you:

0. What kind of animals does the speaker like best?

- a) cats
  - b) dogs
  - c) other pets
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1. The speaker's father ...

- a) found animals' rights important.
- b) used to live with lots of domestic animals.
- c) couldn't understand why the speaker wanted a dog.

2. Why did the speaker's mother finally allow the speaker to have a dog?

- a) The speaker became old enough to have a dog.
- b) The speaker doesn't know.
- c) Mrs Young persuaded her to do so.

3. The dog was given to the speaker by ...

- a) a friend of the speaker's.
- b) the speaker's father.
- c) Mrs Young.

4. What happened in the year when the speaker received the dog?

- a) The speaker was a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student.
- b) There was a big sports event in Moscow.
- c) The speaker lived in a flat.

5. While it was carried home, the dog was...

- a) sleeping in the bag.
- b) very active.
- c) whining and crying.

6. The dog was ...

- a) similar to the speaker in many ways.
- b) easy to carry home.
- c) carried home in a plastic box.

7. At his new home the dog felt ...

- a) at home.
- b) happy.
- c) frightened.

8. *Who was upset by the new dog?*
- a) The speaker's neighbours.
  - b) The speaker's mum.
  - c) The family's parrot.

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**Task 2: In Almaty**

*You are going to listen to a text about a woman who lives in the city of Almaty in Kazakhstan. Answer the questions **IN ENGLISH**. The number in the brackets indicates the pieces of required information. An example has been given for you:*

0. *How long has the speaker been living in Almaty? (1)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *since August, 2005* \_\_\_\_\_

1. *What does the speaker teach to teachers in a university? (1)*

2. *In the summer what sports can you do in the mountains near Almaty? (2)*

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. *In Almaty where can you drink beers from abroad? (1)*

4. *Other than the official language, what language is widespread in Almaty? (1)*

5. *How does the speaker describe the Bazaar? (1)*

6. *What problem does the terrible traffic cause in Almaty? (1)*

7. *What made Almaty's middle class rich? (1)*

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**For the Assessors only!**

Task 1: Maximum score:  $8 \times 2 = 16$

Achieved score: \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Task 2: Maximum score: 14

Achieved score: \_\_\_\_\_

Total points:

Required minimum:  
12 points

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Second Assessor (code and signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**KEYS AND AUDIO SCRIPTS:****Task 1: My Dog**

- 1) a
- 2) b
- 3) c
- 4) b
- 5) b
- 6) a
- 7) c
- 8) a

I'm a huge dog-fan. I can't stand cats, I'm sort of ok with other pets but I *love* dogs! When I was a child I kept asking my parents for years to buy me a puppy. They kept refusing, which did not make any sense to me because they *did* like dogs. My father had always supported animal rights and my mother used to live on a farm as a child surrounded by all sorts of domestic animals so I found it hard to understand why they didn't want a dog.

Anyway, when I was about 12 my mum agreed to have a puppy. I don't remember clearly what made her change her mind but one day she told me that one of her friends, Mrs Young, offered her a 6-week-old baby dog free of charge. All I had to do was fetch it from Mrs Young's house. I remember carrying the little puppy home in a bag made of linen. I think I must have been about 12 that year 'cause the official logo of the Moscow Olympics which had been held that year was printed on the bag. On my way home to our new house the puppy was trying to get out of the bag every minute and believe me, it's not easy to prevent a dog from doing something he wants to do - even if it is only a puppy. I could see from the very beginning that my dog had a very strong character. This was one of the many things that I and my dog shared.

At home the little dog was totally confused as everything around him was new to him and he was scared of my mother's parrot. He looked so small – and he won my mum's heart in about 3 seconds. She even stayed up all night with our new puppy – he kept crying and whining all night. He was missing his mother badly.

The next day I was surprised to see how annoyed our neighbours were with me - it was because my 'lonely' little dog kept everyone awake in the street that night.

**Task 2: In Almaty**

- 1) Business English
- 2) a. mountain climbing  
b. trekking
- 3) in Irish pubs
- 4) Russian
- 5) it's a great cultural experience  
**OR:** one of the best food markets in Central Asia
- 6) air pollution
- 7) the oil (industry)

I have been living in Almaty, Kazakhstan's commercial capital, since August 2005. I'm a freelancer, doing staff development work with teachers in a local university and I also teach Business English to them.

Almaty is a great place to live - it's not a megapolis so it is fairly easy to get around but it is big enough to offer a wide range of cultural opportunities. The nearby mountains provide great facilities for skating, skiing and snowboarding in the winter months and mountain climbing and trekking between May and September.

The city has much to offer to those who like good food, such as restaurants serving Kazakh, Russian, Chinese and Turkish cuisine. Traditional Kazakh food is based on horsemeat. The national dish consists of pasta and horsemeat sausage. This is often washed down with vodka, an ever-present drink on the Kazakh table. There are a number of bars serving good local beers and even Irish pubs for those who need expensive imported beers and English speaking company.

The locals are a mixture of Kazakhs, Russians and many other nationalities from the former Soviet Union. Most of them speak Kazakh, the official language, but Russian is also widely used. For shopping, Almaty has 24-hour supermarkets and is home to the Bazaar, a great cultural experience and one of the best food markets in central Asia.

There are disadvantages to living in Almaty, like anywhere. The traffic is terrible as the truck has replaced the horse as the locals' favourite means of transport. Consequently, air pollution is a big problem. There is also a snobby side to Almaty. An arrogant middle class (that has become rich from dollars from the oil industry) has appeared, and service in bars and restaurants can be criticised sometimes. On the whole though, the city offers far more advantages than disadvantages.