Cheat Sheet 7: Test Day

The day before: read Chapter 2 again. Check your start time and the test centre address. Put your original ID with your bag. Early night.

The morning: eat a proper meal. The test takes close to three hours in one sitting.

Arrive 45 minutes before your start time. Check-in closes 15 minutes before the start. If you are late, you will not be allowed to test, and you will lose your fee.

ID: the original, valid ID you used to register. The name and number must match your registration.

Personal items: phones, watches, notes and food do not go into the test room. Follow the staff's instructions for storing them.

Notes: the test centre gives you something to write on. Use it from the first minute of Listening.

Component	Remember
Listening	Each recording once. Notes from the first second. Questions come after.
Reading	Each part has its own timer. About one minute per question. No blanks.
Writing	Plan 3 minutes, write, check 3 minutes. 150 to 200 words. Answer every bullet.
Speaking	Use the preparation time. Start right away. Talk to the person in the task.

The screen moves on by itself when the time for a part ends. You do not need to press Next.

Other people will be speaking at the same time in the Speaking test. Speak at a normal, clear volume and keep your eyes on your own screen.

Always check the test owner's official test day information before you go: rules can change.

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