

ENGLISH EXAM: Part 3 - Listening Comprehension

EXAMINER BRIEF:

The examiner reads out the text below at normal speed and without pauses. The candidate may make notes, but will not see the text, and should not interrupt the examiner while the text is being read. When the examiner has finished, the candidate may ask for sections to be repeated, or ask for clarification. The candidate then paraphrases the text in English. The examiner will ask at least two questions on the text and on the candidate's paraphrasing of it.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

Text:

Suffragette city

Moss Side born suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst won the fight for votes for women less than a century ago. Some of the most exciting episodes in the story of the Pankhurst family and The Suffragettes - who put their own lives at risk to fight for voting rights - may have played out in London and overseas, but Manchester has a good number of important landmarks relating to the cause. It was here that Emmeline Pankhurst's story began.

In a city with a growing population, attracted by the employment of the Industrial Revolution, Mancunians were raising their voices loudly in support of extending the vote for men and women. After the Peterloo Massacre (at which Emmeline's father, Robert Goulden, was present and had reportedly escaped death by hiding in a cellar from the advancing cavalry) left 11 people dead and many injured in the cause, meetings became determined and well supported - but the first public meeting to specifically address the case for women's suffrage happened in 1868 at the Free Trade Hall on Peter Street.

The former home of Emmeline Pankhurst where the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) was born in 1903, is now a museum, The Pankhurst Centre, which is open every Thursday. It has a recreation of the family parlour including original items from the Pankhurst's house, and there's a blue plaque on the outside.

Adapted from Suffragette City by Sarah Walters at <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/suffragette-city-take-tour-10-10242293>

2 – 3 Questions which may be asked by the Examiner:

1. How did Emmeline Pankhurst's father escape the Peterloo Massacre?
2. What happened in Emmeline Pankhurst's former home?
3. Examiner question relating to paraphrasing of text.