

ENGLISH EXAM: Part 3 - Listening Comprehension**Timing: Minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes****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:**

Liverpool's Cavern Club is the cradle of British pop music. The foundations of the Cavern Club were built on the energy and vision of a young jazz aficionado who created Liverpool's first venue dedicated to live popular music.

In early 1960 the Beat Music scene in Liverpool exploded and the Cavern Club became the most publicised pop music venue in the world. Ironically the beat groups whose careers were launched from the Cavern became famous and too expensive for the Cavern to book.

The lack of facilities and comfort at the Cavern Club made it less popular with audiences: despite its legendary status and the introduction of alcohol sales and a disco room, it never regained the popularity it had enjoyed in the early days.

The historic standing of the Cavern Club didn't stop British Rail enforcing its closure in 1973 to allow building work on a new underground railway system to commence.

Today, not only is it the ultimate place of pilgrimage for fans of the Beatles, it's an iconic live music venue with its own story to tell: the club's events celebrate the history of the Cavern with brilliant tributes to the past while also giving an opportunity for new artists to exhibit their music.

Source of text: <https://www.cavernclub.org/history/>

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

1. What prompted the opening of the Cavern Club?
2. How did the Beat Music scene benefit the Cavern Club?
3. Why did the club shut down in 1973?