

Test 2

LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations.
For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



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- 1 You hear a TV presenter talking about making travel documentaries for TV.
What does he appreciate most about his job?
A It allows him plenty of free time.
B It doesn't feel like work.
C It provides him with a good salary.
- 2 You hear an interview with a woman talking about rowing across the Atlantic Ocean.
How did she and her team feel before they set out?
A concerned that their age would be a problem
B worried about the weather conditions at sea
C unsure that they would complete the journey
- 3 You hear two colleagues talking about what they did at the weekend.
How did the woman spend her time?
A applying for a new position
B catching up on her work
C improving her job prospects
- 4 You hear an interview with a musician who is talking about being famous.
What does he enjoy?
A being recognised by the public
B performing in front of an audience
C pretending to be someone he's not

- 5 You hear part of an interview with a writer in which he talks about the novel he has written.

What does he say about the novel?

- A It would make a good film.
- B It is a different type of book for him.
- C It took him a long time to write.

- 6 You hear a hotel owner talking about her hotel.

What does she say about the customer service there?

- A There is still a lot of room for improvement.
- B She researched the subject thoroughly in advance.
- C It is typical of the standards she is trying to achieve.

- 7 You hear two friends talking about a housing development scheme in their town.

The man says that the scheme fails to

- A satisfy current housing needs.
- B contribute to the local area.
- C use all the space available.

- 8 You hear two people on a discussion programme talking about the way employees dress for work.

What do they agree about?

- A A company's image suffers if informal clothes are worn.
- B Employers are less concerned about appearance than previously.
- C Employees produce better work if they feel more relaxed.

Part 2

You will hear a man called Mark Dawson talking about his visit to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival in New Mexico, USA. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.



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The Albuquerque Balloon Festival

Mark says (9) was the month when the Albuquerque Balloon Festival was first held.

Mark found out that the organiser had first used a balloon to promote his
(10) firm.

Mark liked the theme of the event this year, which was called
(11) '.....'.

Mark says the balloons that have unusual (12)
are the most popular with visitors.

When Mark saw the Flight of Nations balloons, he particularly enjoyed the
(13) of different nationalities.

Mark learned that pilots try to find the 'Albuquerque
(14) ' so they can land in the same place they took off.

Mark says that a balloon is attached by (15)
to the basket.

Mark was surprised to find out that a pilot sometimes needs to get rid of
(16) in order to maintain height.

Mark says that in the bigger balloons, there is a (17)
to protect passengers from the rain.

On the second day of the festival, Mark saw the balloons take off at
(18)



Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which students are talking about starting at university. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–H) what each speaker says about how they felt. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.



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A I missed my school friends.

B I was anxious that I might get lost.

Speaker 1

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C I was excited about meeting new people.

Speaker 2

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D I felt relieved that I understood the lectures.

Speaker 3

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E I worried that I'd find the work too difficult.

Speaker 4

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F I felt confident that I'd chosen the right course.

Speaker 5

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G I was disappointed by the number of people on my course.

H I was impatient to start my course.



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Part 4

You will hear part of an interview with a marine biologist called Ed Shapiro, who is talking about a diving project in the Pitcairn Islands in the South Pacific. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



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- 24 Ed says that the area his team are currently working in has
- A made him feel optimistic about the future.
 - B escaped the effects of climate change so far.
 - C exhibited a more limited range of marine life than expected.
- 25 What happened on Ed's most recent dive?
- A He gained further understanding of the reef ecosystem.
 - B He carried out some different research activities from his colleagues.
 - C He spent longer than he normally does under water.
- 26 What does Ed say about using cameras to photograph marine life?
- A He is constantly amazed by what photos can reveal.
 - B He thinks underwater equipment could be improved.
 - C He believes images are a good way to provide information.
- 27 What frightening experience did Ed have recently?
- A He went diving in dangerous seas.
 - B He lost one of his safety instruments.
 - C He came very close to some sharks.
- 28 What does Ed think about his career as a marine biologist?
- A He regrets not taking more risks.
 - B He's glad that he followed the traditional path.
 - C He wonders if he made the decision too early in life.

- 29 How do the expedition members avoid homesickness?
- A by having regular contact with friends and family
 - B by planning group activities for quiet times
 - C by keeping themselves occupied
- 30 Ed says that he is happiest in his work when
- A he spends time in the deepest areas of the sea.
 - B he discovers previously unknown species.
 - C he feels his team's reports are getting the publicity they deserve.