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LISTENING

Part I



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

1. You hear a woman telling her son about her favourite schoolteacher.
What did the woman like about her history teacher?
A his acting skills
B his sense of humour
C his passion for the subject
2. You hear a girl talking about maths.
What does the girl enjoy most about maths?
A getting clear answers
B applying it to everyday life
C solving difficult questions
3. You hear a man telling a friend about being unable to study art at school.
He says that he would have liked to study art in order to
A know more about art history.
B learn some techniques.
C follow a career in art.
4. You hear two students discussing a sports class they have just attended.
What do they agree on about the class?
A how relevant the information was for them
B how knowledgeable the teacher was
C how inspiring the new ideas were
5. You hear a girl telling a friend about her brother.
How does the girl's brother feel about starting university?
A anxious about meeting new people
B worried about managing the workload
C concerned about his abilities in his subject
6. You hear a student talking to his teacher about an assignment.
The boy says that he feels
A uneasy about having to write about an unfamiliar topic.
B unsure about how to carry out some research.
C doubtful about which writing style to use.
7. You hear a science teacher talking to her class.
What is she doing?
A cancelling an activity / a plan
B changing an arrangement
C correcting some information
8. You hear two friends discussing learning foreign languages.
They both hold the opinion that
A communication does not rely on speaking a language.
B it's possible to learn about culture through language.
C learning languages is essential for travel.

Part 2

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 Track 5 You will hear a young woman called Jenny Smythe talking about her job as an events organiser. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Jenny Smythe: Events organiser

The events Jenny prefers to organise are (1)
Jenny is currently organising a street fair in the (2) quarter of her town.
Jenny feels (3) about the event she's currently organising.
When Jenny takes on a job, she makes something she calls a '(4)'.
After talking to clients, Jenny then contacts (5), who offer the necessary services.
Jenny uses the word '(6) ' to describe how she feels when an event goes well.
Jenny studied (7) before she became an events organiser.
Jenny believes that being (8) is the most important requirement for her job.
When Jenny had a problem with one event, she used the (9) she had made.
Jenny recommends getting experience in any kind of (10) job, like the one she did.



Part 3



Track 7 You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about shopping for clothes. For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H), what each speaker enjoys about shopping for clothes. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A searching for bargains

B looking at goods in windows

C keeping up with trends

D buying occasional designer items

E trying unusual items on

F finding copies of expensive items

G buying things for other people

H getting employee discounts

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

Part 4



Track 10 You will hear an interview with a travel writer called Anna Bryant, who is talking about what to do when visiting other countries. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1. Before travelling to another country, Anna always tries to
 - A watch people practising their traditions.
 - B talk to someone from that country.
 - C do some background reading.
2. How does Anna feel about her language skills?
 - A regretful that she didn't pay more attention at school
 - B confident that she can communicate fairly easily
 - C amazed by how many languages she has acquired
3. Anna says that when visiting someone in their home
 - A it's fine to let them know you're anxious.
 - B it's a good idea to copy how they behave.
 - C it's advisable to find out what to do in advance.
4. How did Anna feel when she made a mistake?
 - A annoyed that she had forgotten some advice
 - B grateful that her host was sympathetic
 - C amused by her own behaviour
5. How did Anna overcome culture shock when she lived abroad?
 - A by studying the culture carefully
 - B by getting to know local people
 - C by establishing a routine
6. How did Anna feel when she was at the Lantern Festival?
 - A astonished that she had never heard about it
 - B anxious to remember every moment of it
 - C eager to participate in it
7. What does Anna say about the book she is writing about culture?
 - A She is disappointed in her progress so far.
 - B She is keen to get feedback from people she knows.
 - C She is unsure about including her own experiences.