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Living in Countryside, Difficult Situations



Part 1

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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 film review on the radio. What criticism does the reviewer make?

- A the acting is poor
- B the music is unsuitable
- C the story is difficult to follow

2. You hear two students talking about a holiday abroad. What do they agree about?

- A Foreign travel is harmful to the environment.
- B It is becoming more expensive to travel abroad.
- C Holidays are more enjoyable if you go abroad.

3. You hear a woman talking on the radio about a place called Dolphin Bay. Where did she first hear about Dolphin Bay?

- A on the Internet
- B on the radio
- C on television

4. You overhear a woman talking outside the post office. Why had she gone to the post office?

- A to collect a parcel
- B to buy stamps
- C to send a parcel

5. You hear part of a discussion on local radio. What is the programme about?

- A building new housing
- B protecting wildlife
- C improving road safety

6. You hear a man talking about motorcycling. What does he regret?
A riding his motorcycle too fast
B doing a particular journey by motorcycle
C buying a motorcycle
7. You overhear a student talking about her new college. How does she feel about the college?
A She is finding some of the lessons difficult.
B Some of her new classmates are unfriendly.
C It is too far away from her home.
8. You overhear a driving instructor talking to a learner after the lesson has ended. What mistake did the learner make?
A He ignored a road sign.
B He was driving too fast.
C He failed to look in the mirror.

Part 2

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You will hear a student called Fiona Doyle talking about living in the countryside after growing up in a city. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Moving to the countryside

Fiona says the lack of **9** _____ in the countryside created a contrast at night.
Some rooms in the house can be rather **10** _____ in winter.
At first, the **11** _____ made it difficult for Fiona to sleep in the house.
Fiona finds she tends to **12** _____ later in the day than when she was in the city.
In the countryside, Fiona sees **13** _____ from her bedroom window.
Fiona sometimes finds the slowness of the **14** _____ where she lives rather irritating.
Out in the countryside, Fiona sometimes can't get **15** _____ from friends.
The nearest **16** _____ is almost two kilometres away from where Fiona lives.
Fiona says you need to have a **17** _____ in the country, but not in the city.
Fiona won't have to travel as far to the **18** _____ as she would from her old home.

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Part 3

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You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about difficult situations they have been in. For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (**A-H**) what each speaker says they did in each situation. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

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| A I contacted the emergency services. | Speaker 1 19 ____ |
| B I found it impossible to remain calm. | Speaker 2 20 ____ |
| C I did what I had been trained to do. | Speaker 3 21 ____ |
| D I followed someone else's advice. | Speaker 4 22 ____ |
| E I made a decision I later regretted. | Speaker 5 23 ____ |
| F I helped people reach safety. | |
| G I was tempted to ignore what had happened. | |
| H I had an argument with someone. | |

Part 4

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You will hear an interview with travel writer Amy McCarthy about her first experience of travelling abroad. For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

24. Why did Amy want to go abroad?

- A She wanted to find a job in another country.
- B Her friends had invited her to go with them.
- C She felt she was good at learning languages.

25. Amy and her friends decided to go to Ibiza because

- A it was cheaper than similar destinations.
- B there were lots of things to do there.
- C none of them had been there before.

- 26.** When she was at the airport, Amy felt
A glad she had taken sandwiches with her.
B worried that she might miss her plane.
C annoyed that she had spent so much.
- 27.** Amy's friend Carla annoyed Amy because Carla
A sometimes left dirty dishes in the living room.
B often forgot her keys when she went out.
C wouldn't do any food shopping.
- 28.** Why didn't Amy phone her family?
A She didn't have enough credit left on her phone.
B She forgot that she had promised to call them.
C She didn't want them to hear her sounding unhappy.
- 29.** What did Amy regret doing?
A booking three weeks at the apartment
B taking the wrong items on holiday with her
C agreeing to take it in turns to cook meals 30
- 30.** What were Amy's feelings when she got home?
A She never wanted to go on holiday with friends again.
B The holiday had been a useful learning experience.
C Next summer she would look for work abroad.

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