

AUDIO SCRIPTS

Part 4 [Track 20]

Now turn to part 4, questions 20-25.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You have 45 seconds to look at the questions for part 4.

[Pause 45 seconds.]

You will hear a radio interview with an athlete called George.

Int: George, welcome to the show. You've had a fantastic few years, haven't you - with both gold and silver medals in international events?

George: Yes, I'm really pleased with the way things have gone lately.

Int: Did you first develop a passion for athletics as a young child?

George: I was very active as a little child, and I think my parents were looking for a way to use some of my energy, but (20) it wasn't until secondary school that I was introduced to athletics, and then I got a scholarship to university because I had done so well in the school athletics team. I guess I was really passionate about athletics from about thirteen years old.

Int: So was it your school teachers that made you believe that you could have a career in sport?

George: Not really. (21) I had some great teachers at school and, of course, now I have some of the best coaches in the world, but it's always been my father that has supported me and told me that I can achieve anything I want to do. He's my best friend as well as being my father.

Int: Tell us about the moment you won your first gold medal. You must have been so excited.

George: The funny thing was that I was lost in my own world during that race.

Int: Do you mean you were too tired to feel anything?

George: No, not at all. (22) I was concentrating so much on finishing the race that I hadn't realised I was the winner. I couldn't believe it when I looked up and there was no one ahead of me.

Int: But there must be some things that aren't so good.

George: Oh, of course. I mean, I have to train all the time, which generally I enjoy, and (23) I get to travel to some amazing places, but I have a baby son now and I really miss him when I'm away. It's difficult for my wife, too. (24) On the other hand, I have a lot of fun too and, wherever I go, there are interesting people who I often become good friends with.

Int: Do you mind all the publicity and the reporters everywhere wanting to interview you?

George: Not at all. It's all part of the job.

Int: Finally George, are you going to retire soon and become a full-time dad or maybe become a TV presenter for a sports channel?

George: No, not for a long time! I'd like to give something back. I've had so much help from other people and (25) I would really like to help young people get involved in athletics and teach them everything I have learned over the years. I'm especially interested in working in schools, in poor areas, as quite often that's where the athletes of the future can be found. Just like me when I was young.

Int: George, thank you very much.

George: My pleasure.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

8 Practice Tests**TEST 6**

[Pause 5 seconds.]

Part 1 [Track 21]

Look at Part 1. [Pause 5 seconds.]

Now we are ready to start. For each question, choose the correct answer.

1. What has the woman received for her birthday?

M: That's a really nice necklace Sue. Did Brian buy it for you for your thirtieth birthday?

F: No, he hasn't bought me anything yet because he's going to take me shopping to buy me a new coat. I saw one I like in the local clothes shop.

M: Well, that will be nice for your holiday this winter.

F: (1) Yes, and I need one to go with the new boots that my mother bought me as a birthday gift. They are leather and very comfortable. I wonder what the kids will get me this year.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

2. What did the boy forget to buy?

F: Oh no, you forgot to get the apples! I need them for the fruit salad I was going to prepare for the barbecue party.

M: They didn't have any, so I got some bananas instead. I thought about buying strawberries, but they were a bit expensive.

F: Well, at least you remembered the white bread and the meat. Otherwise, you and your sister would go hungry. Let's have some bread, butter and jam for now. (2) Sam, where's the butter?

M: (2) Oops, the butter slipped my mind completely mum.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

3. What is the date of the party?

M: Hi Jill, are you going to Bob's birthday party on the 27th of March? It's going to be a big event. He has invited all our friends from school.

F: Oh. I thought the party was on the 26th. I must have put it down wrong in my diary.

M: (3) It's on Friday, at seven in the evening, at the Palace Hotel. So which day is that?

F: (3) Well, I know Sunday is the 27th March, as it's my cousin's birthday. So I guess we were both wrong after all.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

4. What's the weather like now?

F: Wow! That was some storm. I thought that rain would never stop. The whole garden was completely flooded. It's destroyed all my mum's flowers.

M: And the lightning was terrifying, wasn't it?

F: Yes, and the thunder was very loud. It scared my dog and he hid under my bed until it stopped. (4) At least it's cleared up in time for the barbecue. Let's put the umbrellas up, we don't want anyone to get too much sun on their faces. I think it is also time to start the fire for the barbecue. Can you get the wood for me, please?

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

5. What form of transport is unaffected?

M: And finally, the recent travel news in your area. Due to the very bad weather, all shipping across the sea to France and Spain has been stopped for now. The wind is too strong for ships to sail safely. Freezing weather has created problems for most train services in the area, so passengers are advised to check the internet before they travel to the station. (5) All roads are now passable for any parents trying to get their children from school. No more snow is expected, but we will be back later for an update.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 4. [Pause 10 seconds.]

THAT IS THE END OF THE TEST.

6. What is the man's job?

M: (6) I'm sorry, but it's going to be difficult to drop you off right outside the museum as the traffic is terrible there; the traffic wardens give you a ticket almost before the car has stopped. You can either pay now, and if there is no one in front of the museum, you can get out quickly, or I will have to take you around the corner and you can get out just outside the police station. It's only two minutes' walk from there.

F: I guess little Ann and I are going to walk a bit. That's ok. [Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.] [Pause 5 seconds.]

7. Where is Billy now?

F: Billy's been at the park for a long time. He left the house at about ten o'clock this morning. He should be back soon.

M: (7) I think he went to the afternoon showing of the latest Disney film with Peter.

F: Oh, I thought he was still in the park. In that case, he should be home in about an hour then.

M: No, he'll be much later as he's going to go for a pizza with his friends from school after the film. They always meet up once a month.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 1. [Pause 10 seconds.]

Part 2 [Track 22]

Now turn to part 2, questions 8-13.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

8. You will hear a boy telling his friend about his problem.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

F: You look a bit miserable. What's up?

M: I wanted to go to a concert this weekend. My favourite group is playing but my parents won't let me. They say I'm too young to go by myself and it finishes too late! All my friends are allowed out. It's embarrassing to have such strict parents!

F: Look, I can understand you being upset but also what their worries are. It's not that they're too strict; they're just worried and want to be careful. (8) Why don't you go with someone else who is going? That may solve the problem.

M: It's worth a try!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

9. You will hear two friends talking about a school trip they went on. [Pause 8 seconds.]

M: So, how did you enjoy the trip?

F: It was brilliant! I had the best time ever! It was great to be out of the classroom and be free! The teachers were really good and they let us do whatever we liked!

M: Yes, that was great! The skate park was really cool. I wasn't so keen on the shopping side. I guess you liked that! (9) For me it was hanging out with my friends and being able to spend the day skateboarding. Oh, and that cafeteria was really nice, too!

F: Yeah, I had the best iced coffee ever!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

10. You will hear a girl telling her friend about her accident.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

M: What happened to your arm? Did you fall over?

F: Not exactly. I was knocked off my bicycle on the way to school. I was riding along going around the roundabout near the station. You know, the one that joins that dangerous motorway. Well, this driver didn't see me because he was talking on his smart phone! At least I was wearing my helmet.

M: (10) It could have been much more serious. People should never use smart phones when driving. You cannot drive safely

with one hand! It makes me so angry. You could have ended up in hospital!

F: (10) I realise that!

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

11. You will hear two friends talking about an invitation.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

F: Have you had an invitation to the school dance next week?

M: Yes, but I'm not sure if I'm going. I think it's a lot of money for a dance, especially as it's being held in that awful club in town. The music is terrible and there is no air conditioning. It should be free!

F: My teacher said the money is going to a charity. And there is going to be live music with a group which may be good. (11) My only problem is the history test the next day, so I can't decide yet.

M: I still think it's too expensive.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

12. You hear a girl telling her friend about her smart phone.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

M: Hey, that looks like a great smart phone!

F: Yes, it's the latest one. I think this one has a great camera... and look at the keyboard. It lights up in whatever colour you choose. It's pretty expensive of course, but it has some really good apps, so I guess it's worth it.

M: I've had mine for three years and it still works fine. (12) My camera is brilliant too, but of course it doesn't have the colourful keyboard, which nobody really needs. This is just a technique to get us to buy them.

F: Personally, I would, if I had the money.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

13. You will hear two friends talking about a TV series.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

M: Let's go out to see a movie tomorrow.

F: No way! That great series is on tomorrow and I'm not missing it! I need to see what happens. Last week the main character disappeared. It's so exciting! I haven't missed one yet! Why don't you watch it?

M: (13) I'm not going to organise my life around a TV series. It may be good but why don't you just record it and see it the next day? It's crazy to miss a Saturday night out to watch TV alone!

F: Well, I guess I could record it.

[Pause 5 seconds.] Now listen again. [Repeat the recording.]

[Pause 5 seconds.]

That is the end of part 2. [Pause 10 seconds.]

Part 3 [Track 23]

Now turn to part 3, questions 14-19.

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.

Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You have 20 seconds to look at part 3. [Pause 20 seconds.]

You will hear a holiday rep welcoming a new group of guests to a hotel.

M: Good morning everyone. After a good night's sleep, I hope you have all recovered from your long journey and are now ready to begin the holiday of a lifetime at the Oasis Hotel. My name is Steven and I am your Sunny Tours rep for the week. (14) You can usually find me chatting to holidaymakers somewhere in the hotel or you can leave a message for me in my office next to the bar and I'll get back to you. I'm always in the office between 10 and 11 in the morning or 6 and 7 in the evening.

Now, I'd like to tell you about the mid-week excursion to the volcano. This is always a very popular excursion, so I'd advise you