

USE of ENGLISH

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Reality TV

It was so long ago, it's (0) **B hard** to remember a time when reality TV wasn't part of our daily television schedule. What started as the occasional fly-on-the wall documentary has now been (1) _____ by a seemingly endless selection of shows, full of ordinary people, desperately (2) _____ fame and attention. What changed? (3) _____ being incredibly cheap to produce – something which wasn't lost on television programmers and producers, some argue it was the development of digital editing. The latter made it possible to quickly (4) _____ 30 minutes of ordinary people being interesting, from hundreds of hours of footage of them being terribly boring.

As for the viewers, there's no doubt that (5) _____ enjoy the drama of reality TV. Perhaps it is because they feel (6) _____ to the people they're watching. Research (7) _____ by a team of psychologists also suggests that people enjoy watching how people behave in different situations. Love it or hate it, viewers have been (8) _____ on reality TV for many years now. It's here to stay!

LISTENING

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 journalist talking on her mobile phone about an interview. How does she feel?

- A annoyed with the person she'll be seeing
- B anxious about the meeting
- C confident in her abilities

2 You hear two media studies students talking about their course. What do they agree about their lecturer?

- A He explains his ideas clearly.
- B He gives useful feedback.
- C He's enthusiastic about the subject.

3 You hear a woman talking about a newspaper article. What is it about?

- A a politician
- B a survival story
- C an award ceremony

4 You hear a weather reporter talking about his job. What is the purpose of his talk?

- A to emphasise the importance of technology
- B to suggest how forecasting the weather will change
- C to warn about the challenges of becoming a meteorologist

5 You hear a journalist talking about his job. Why did he study journalism?

- A It was challenging.
- B It was worthwhile.
- C It was well-paid.

6 You overhear a man talking to his colleague on the phone. What is he talking about?

- A making a hotel reservation
- B leaving the company he works for
- C buying some new equipment

7 You hear a television actor telling a friend about an award she's just won. What is she doing?

- A thanking people who helped her in the past
- B explaining why she thinks she was chosen
- C admitting that she is excited about her future

8 You hear two people talking about a piece of music. What does the woman say about it?

- A It makes her feel happy.
- B It reminds her of an old song.
- C It inspired her to study music