

LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear two friends talking about a new office building.

- 1 The woman says that in the building some people are having difficulty
 - A coping with the new technology.
 - B adjusting to a new concept of work.
 - C working without clear supervision.
- 2 She thinks one effect of people moving around the building will be to
 - A promote physical as well as mental well-being.
 - B create a more productive work force.
 - C provide useful contact with other employees.

Extract Two

You hear two friends discussing business travel.

- 3 The woman believes that in future companies should
 - A fly only with airlines that have an eco-friendly policy.
 - B concentrate on the use of video conferencing.
 - C reduce overall levels of executive travel.
- 4 The man thinks that the prime consideration for transport providers should be
 - A increasing revenue.
 - B thinking long-term.
 - C creating jobs.

Extract Three

You hear two friends talking about some research.

- 5 What is the man's attitude to the research?
- A He is doubtful about the methods used.
 - B He is surprised by its findings.
 - C He is dismissive of the concept behind it.
- 6 During the discussion, the woman reveals her
- A sympathy towards the subjects of the experiments.
 - B interest in complex human behaviour.
 - C admiration for the originality of the research.

Part 2

You will hear a man called Steven Kane giving a presentation about research into a cargo of children's bath-toys which were lost at sea. For questions 7–14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

BATH-TOY CARGO

Of the four kinds of bath-toy lost at sea, Steven thinks the **7** had the most surprising colour.

The subject Steven was teaching when he first read about the bath-toys was

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In Alaska, Steven heard of a lost consignment of **9**, some of which turned up alongside the bath-toys.

Steven discovered that the bath-toys are used by scientists known as

10 in their research.

Steven says that the findings obtained by researchers were immediately useful to

the **11** industry.

Steven mentions the particular case of a **12** adversely affected by plastic pollutants in the sea.

Steven regarded the factory that he traced in China as the bath-toys'

13.

Steven travelled on something called an **14** on his journey across the Arctic.

Part 3

You will hear part of an interview in which two scientists called Jessica Conway and Paul Flower are talking about exploration and discovery. For questions 15–20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 15 In response to the idea that everything has already been discovered Jessica emphasises
- A the potential for further marine exploration.
 - B the precision of modern satellite technology.
 - C the inaccuracy of modern mapping techniques.
 - D the number of recent discoveries.
- 16 Regarding new species found around underwater craters, Jessica says that
- A they are being discovered less often these days.
 - B they are more abundant in certain locations.
 - C it is difficult to estimate possible numbers.
 - D there are problems classifying them.
- 17 When asked about geographical discoveries in general, Paul and Jessica agree that scientists need to
- A make regular reassessments of their work.
 - B compare their respective results.
 - C recognise their limitations.
 - D promote their findings.
- 18 What does Paul say about walking where no one has ever walked before?
- A It recharges his tired mind.
 - B It makes him feel he is unique.
 - C It gives him a sense of belonging.
 - D It helps him forget physical discomfort.
- 19 When asked about others visiting remote areas, Paul
- A supports the public's right to experience them.
 - B expresses his concern at growing urbanisation.
 - C suggests it would benefit local communities.
 - D criticises the attitude of some tourists.
- 20 In Paul's view, future generations will
- A only need to go online to experience the thrill of adventure.
 - B have to reduce travel for environmental reasons.
 - C be less interested in the concept of exploration.
 - D still be attracted to isolated places.

Part 4

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about taking up a new sport.

TASK ONE

For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H) why each speaker took up their particular sport.

TASK TWO

For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) what advice each speaker gives about taking up a sport.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

A to make new friends

A Stick to your training routine.

B as the result of recommendations Speaker 1 21

B Don't let it rule your life. Speaker 1 26

C to get fit Speaker 2 22

C Believe in yourself. Speaker 2 27

D for the travel opportunities Speaker 3 23

D Get reliable assistance. Speaker 3 28

E as a personal challenge Speaker 4 24

E Follow a strict diet. Speaker 4 29

F for the thrill of competing Speaker 5 25

F Try to be a good role model. Speaker 5 30

G to improve a skill

G Don't expect instant rewards.

H as a result of discovering a talent

H Continue to push to new limits.