Listening

Unit 2

PART 2

TRAINING

A. Read exam question 9 below and the extract from the recording script in Exercise B. which answer fits the gap?

You will hear a boy called James talking about sports at school. James says that at the moment **9.** ……. is the sport he spends most time on at school.

B. Underline the part of the recording script that contains the answer. What other sports does James mention? Why aren't they the correct answer?

I've played a lot of sport at school over the past two years, mostly rugby – I've been in the team for ages. My teacher says I'm really good at tennis, too. But I've just started playing basketball, which is a new sport for me, and I'm playing that more than anything else right now, 'cos I really enjoy it more, to be honest. I'm sure I'll pick up my mother sports again soon, though.

EXAM TIP

- BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE LISTENING FOR THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION. YOU MAY HEAR SEVERAL PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT SOUND LIKE THE ANSWER YOU NEED, BUT THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE IDEA THAT FITS THE SENTENCE.

C. Listen to the recording and write the answer in the correct place. (T-8)

D. Cover the recording script below and then look at question 10 about the next section of the recording. Before you listen, think of two or three possible words to complete the sentence. Then read the recording script and underline the words which give you the answer.

James was surprised to see his **10.** ……. among the spectators at a match recently.

One thing I don't enjoy so much, though, is when we play matches against other schools and lots of spectators are there watching. That makes me a bit nervous – till we start playing, anyway. My parents try to come as much as they can – my mum's always there, with my sister. My father always works late and so can't make it, and my brother is away at university so I never expect him to come – but then at a really big match one evening I looked up and there he was sitting and watching me! It was fantastic!

E. Listen to the recording and complete the information about where James's family usually are when he plays matches. (T-9)

his father _____ his mother_____ his sister_____ his brother_____

Which word id used to introduce the contrasting information about James's brother which gives us the answer?

F. You are going to listen to James talking about playing in a tournament. Before you listen, look at the gap in the sentence below. What kind of word might fit? Then, listen and complete. (T-10)

James says he recently played in a tournament that took place at the **11.** ……. in his town.

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EXAM TASK

G. You will hear someone giving a lecture to a group of parents about keeping children safe in water. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-11)

CHILDREN AND WATER SAFETY

The speaker says a **9.** ..... may be dangerous for small children.
The **10.** ..... of the Royal Lifesaving Society website can be found on the fact sheet.
A child can start swimming lessons when it is **11.** ..... old.
During swimming lessons, very young children learn to roll onto their **12.** .....
At a private pool, there should be one supervisor for every **13.** ..... children.
Children must learn not to go close to the **14.** ..... unless an adult is supervising them.
There are many more **15.** ..... in private swimming pools than public pools.
At home, put an alarm on the rear **16.** ..... so you hear a noise if your child has gone into the garden.
Apart from public and private pools, the **17.** ..... can also be dangerous for children.
At the beach, a **18.** ..... flying is a sign which means you must not swim.

H. You will hear a radio interview with a man called Greg Hunter, who is the editor of a sports magazine. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-12)

WOMEN'S SPORT IN THE MEDIA

A survey shows that **9.** ..... coverage of women's sport makes up only about 4% of stories.
Greg says the media doesn't publish stories about a sport which not many
10. ..... are interested in.
It is claimed that in the UK there are over **11.** ..... women who play netball.
Apart from netball, Greg mentions **12.** ..... as an example of a sport that many people do but not many want to read about.
Greg's magazine has **13.** ..... times as many male readers as female readers.
He thinks the **14.** ..... needs a sports magazine especially for female readers.
Greg says top women tennis players aren't able to spend much time with their
15. .....
As a percentage of total TV sports time, women's sport on television dropped to only
16. ..... last year.
There are about **17.** ..... women who are members of the Sports Journalist Association of Great Britain.
The number of TV sports **18.** ..... has increased recently, which should improve coverage of women's sport.

I. You will hear an interview between a bank manager and two customers, Mr and Mrs Black. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-13)

STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

Mr & Mrs Black want a small **9.** ..... to help them start a new business.
The bank lends money at a special rate of interest to new businesses, but the largest amount they will lend is **10.** .....
Mr Black thinks his wife is a very good **11.** .....
Mrs Black's friend Molly used to work in a **12.** ..... before she decided to open a shop.
Molly's shop closed after only **13.** .....
Mr and Mrs Black's plan is to help reduce **14.** ..... at first by making their cakes at home.
Mr Black plans to use his **15.** ..... to deliver cakes to their customers.
Many people starting a new business forget about **16.** ..... although this can be the most important part.
The bank manager agrees with Mr Black that £5,000 to set up a **17.** ..... is too expensive.
The Blacks will put a new **18.** ..... in their garage.

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J. You will hear a schoolgirl interviewing another student as part of a survey for the school newspaper. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-14)

STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

The girl is doing a survey to find out how students think the **9.** ..... may be made better.
The boy is almost **10.** ..... years old.
He started at his school **11.** ..... ago.
He says that he has no **12.** ..... about his new school.
He would prefer more **13.** ..... related to computing.
The boy isn't tall enough to play **14.** .....
He thinks that the weather in England is unsuitable for **15.** ..... tennis courts.
According to the boy, younger children who misbehave in the library need more **16.** .....
The school's computer centre has **17.** ..... computers.
The boy thinks the **18.** ..... are better at this school than at his previous school.

K. You will hear Charles Clark, a personnel manager, interviewing a woman called Irene White for a job. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-15)

A JOB INTERVIEW

Charles Clark says he has interviewed several **9.** ..... with good qualifications for this position.
Irene doesn't live near the **10.** ..... but she says she could easily move house if she got the job.
The position will involve a lot of **11.** ..... to other countries, but Irene wouldn't mind that.
After university, Irene studied advertising at Crewe College, and she got her **12.** ..... five years ago.
Irene has worked in advertising for **13.** ..... years.
In her current job, Irene is in charge of a group of **14.** ..... people.
In her job, there is a lot of pressure to complete each project in a limited amount of **15.** .....
Irene wants to change jobs because she doesn't think there is much chance of developing her **16.** ..... in her current job.
Charles Clark says that Irene is a strong candidate for the job because of her **17.** .....
He says he will contact Irene again in **18.** ..... or less.

L. You will hear a conversation between the receptionist at a health club and Mr Carter, who wants to join the club. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (T-16)

JOINING A HEALTH CLUB

It has been **9.** ..... since Mr Carter and his wife last used a gym.
Mr Carter found out about the gym through his local **10.** .....
Aerobics classes for beginners are held every **11.** .....
A lot of gym members use **12.** ..... training to keep fit.
Mr Carter agrees to have a training **13.** ..... made for him.
Mr Carter once injured his **14.** ..... and the gym must be notified of this.
The gym has a **15.** ..... who can do fitness checks for gym members.
Gym members don't have to pay to use the sauna or **16.** .....
The swimming pool is open every day except for **17.** .....
It costs **18.** ..... a year to be a member of the gym.

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