Listening Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations.

For questions **1-8**, choose the best answer **A**, **B** or **C**.

1 You hear two neighbours talking about a new statue in their town.

What does the woman say about it?

A She suspects many people won't like it.

B She doesn't understand what it represents.

C She is convinced it should be removed.

2 You hear a music teacher talking about his job.

He regrets that

A music is rarely considered to be an essential subject.

B there are so few advanced level music students.

C he cannot teach the music that he personally likes.

3 You hear two journalists talking about driverless cars.

What do they both think about them?

A Most drivers would be keen to try them out.

B More tests have to be done on their reliability.

C There will need to be many changes to driving laws.

4 You hear a doctor talking on the radio about colds.

She says many of her patients are unaware that

A antibiotics are ineffective at treating colds.

B healthy eating may help the symptoms of colds.

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C there are things they can do to avoid colds.

5 You hear a brother and sister talking about a musical they have seen.

Why does the woman like the musical?

A It explores themes that are important to her.

B She feels sympathetic to its central character.

C The songs are entertaining and easy to remember.

6 You hear a woman talking about horse riding.

How has the woman benefited from going riding again?

A She now has a new group of friends.

B Riding has helped to improve her balance.

C It has enabled her to deal effectively with stress.

7 You hear a customer complaining in a department store.

What does she shop assistant agree to do?

A exchange the item for a different size

B offer a refund for the unsatisfactory item

C give him a credit to spend in the store

8 You hear a food critic talking about a chef called Peter Tinney.

What is she doing?

A describing Peter's creative approach to cooking

B justifying why Peter deserves the award he has won

C defending Peter's decision to close his restaurants

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Listening Part 2

You will hear a cameraman called Chris Jones giving a talk about filming a wildlife documentary in Gabon Africa.

For questions **9-18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Filming African wildlife in Loango National Park, Gabon

Chris wanted to visit Gabon after seeing an unusual (**9**) …… featuring some of its animals.

When researching his trip, Chris says that a (**10**) …… was most useful to him.

Chris's boss advised him that he needed a (**11**) …… visa for his trip.

A (**12**) …… offered to be Chris's local guide in Gabon.

Chris appreciated the ride by (**13**) …… on his way to Loango National Park.

Chris's guide explained that forest elephant visit the teach to get (**14**) …… .

Chris was convinced that the buffalo looked like they were (**15**) …… in the sea.

Chris didn't manage to film any (**16**) …… during his trip.

Chris uses the world (**17**) …… to describe the people he stayed with.

Chris says the National Park has had difficulties in increasing (**18**) …… .

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Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about their experiences of doing part-time courses.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (**A-H**) how each speaker says they benefited from doing a part-time course.

Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A It helped me get promoted at work.

B It made me reconsider my priorities in life.

C It gave me a way to fill my time.

D It introduced me to like-minded people.

E It enabled me to relax after work.

F It allowed me to use my creativity.

G It provided the chance to gain a new qualification.

H It encouraged me to consider taking further courses.

19 Speaker 1

20 Speaker 2

21 Speaker 3

22 Speaker 4

23 Speaker 5

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Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a retired sportswoman called Gemma Porter, who now runs her own business.

For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

24 Why did Gemma retire from sport?

A She had won all the major championships.

B She wanted to spend less time travelling for work.

C She was starting to get injured more often.

25 How did Gemma feel immediately after her retirement?

A She was dissatisfied at not training every day.

B Her financial situation was a concern to her.

C She missed her former competitors.

26 What did Gemma feel was a disadvantage for her when applying for jobs?

A She lacked formal qualifications.

B She wasn't used to fixed working hours.

C She had never worked in an office.

27 Why did Gemma start a business helping retired sportspeople to find new careers?

A She still had many friends in the world of sport.

B No other recruitment companies offered this service.

C Her experience meant she could offer the best advice.

28 What motivated Gemma in the early days of her business?

A the determination to prove other people wrong

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B the belief that she was doing something worthwhile

C the desire to gain a reputation as a business woman

29 Gemma says some sportspeople can have problems joining a company because

A they can be impatient with colleagues.

B they dislike receiving negative feedback.

C they object to have to follow company rules.

30 Gemma thinks companies will hire more retired sportspeople in the future because

A sportspeople are better at accepting change than other employees.

B both companies and sportspeople are focused on achieving goals.

C companies will only survive if they have staff who are competitive.

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