

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 a psychologist talking about green spaces in cities.

What does she say about them?

- A** People fail to appreciate them as much as they should.
- B** They are more important for children than for adults.
- C** Few governments make them a priority.

2 You hear part of an interview with a singer.

What does he say about playing tennis?

- A** It calms him down after a performance.
- B** It is used by a lot of singers to improve their technique.
- C** It requires similar skills to singing.

3 You hear an actor talking about how she met her husband.

How did she first meet him?

- A** She sat next to him in a cinema.
- B** She appeared in a play with him.
- C** A friend introduced them.

4 You hear two people talking about a bus service.

What does the man say about it?

- A** It is frequent.
- B** It is cheap.

C It is punctual.

5 You hear a retired ballerina comparing dancers today with dancers in the past.
She says professional ballet dancers today

- A** are less concerned about expressing emotion.
- B** are more interested in being celebrities.
- C** dance with less technical ability.

6 You hear a chef talking about making a TV series.
What does he say about it?

- A** He didn't expect to enjoy the experience so much.
- B** He didn't get on with his co-presenter.
- C** He didn't like the working hours.

7 You hear two friends talking about an art course.
What do they agree about it?

- A** The teacher is inspiring.
- B** The class is the right size.
- C** The content is interesting.

8 You hear a swimmer talking about a competition she took part in.
How does she feel about it?

- A** disappointed with her result
- B** excited about where it will lead
- C** surprised by the support she received

Listening Part 2

You will hear a man called Sid Holmes talking about a journalism course he attended.

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

Journalism Course

Sid did the same course in journalism that his **(9)**
..... did.

On the first day, Sid had to do a reporting exercise about a man who was rescued from a **(10)** by helicopter.

An assistant editor from the **(11)** section of a local newspaper gave an interesting talk about being a journalist.

Sid's main tutor had written a biography of a famous local **(12)**
.....

Sid had an idea for an article about a man who makes **(13)**
..... for young people to borrow.

Sid's first article was published in a **(14)** soon after he wrote it.

Sid had to report on a council meeting about proposed improvements to the **(15)**
..... in the town.

One aspect of the course Sid didn't enjoy was the **(16)**
..... classes.

Sid found it useful to chat to his classmates in the **(17)**
..... at the college.

Sid now has a chance of getting a job at a **(18)**

Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about collecting things as a hobby.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (A-H) why each speaker collects the things.

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

- A** I enjoy the challenge.
- B** It means I spend time with my family.
- C** It's a way of meeting interesting people.
- D** I want to help the local community.
- E** I use my collection to teach other people.
- F** It's a financial investment.
- G** It connects me to the past.
- H** I like to have beautiful things around me.

19 Speaker 1

20 Speaker 2

21 Speaker 3

22 Speaker 4

23 Speaker 5

Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a scientist called Peter Crane, who is talking about an ancient tree called the gingko.

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

24 What first interested Peter about the gingko tree?

- A** how its leaves grow
- B** the family it belongs to
- C** what's known about its history

25 What does Peter say about the gingko tree in ancient China?

- A** It wasn't originally grown for its nuts.
- B** It wasn't common before people started growing it.
- C** It was one of the earliest plants to be grown there.

26 When asked about the medicinal uses of gingko, Peter says

- A** researchers in different parts of the world disagree about it.
- B** scientists have failed to identify any positive effects.
- C** some parts of the plant help the brain to function.

27 Why are there so many gingko trees in cities all over the world?

- A** They don't suffer from problems that usually affect trees there.
- B** Other trees can't survive if they are too close to the species.
- C** People take more trouble to look after them than other trees.

28 Peter says that street trees benefit people by providing

- A** some protection from the sun.

B a reduction in traffic noise.

C increased privacy.

29 Peter says people can help other species of plant to survive by

A leaving plants to grow in the wild.

B protecting them from plant-eating animals.

C growing them in many different places.

30 How does Peter's work influence the way he thinks about the world?

A It makes him feel concerned about the future of human beings.

B It reminds him that human beings are a relatively new species.

C It allows him to understand why human beings focus on the present.