

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (CAE) LISTENING PART. TEST 1

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 people talking about public speaking.

- 1 Both speakers refer to a feeling of
- A over-confidence.
 - B embarrassment.
 - C achievement.
- 2 The two speakers agree that a big problem with speaking in public is
- A losing the audience's attention during a speech.
 - B choosing the wrong content for a speech.
 - C feeling nervous at the thought of giving a speech.

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Extract two

You hear part of a radio programme about the London Underground.

- 3 The poster campaign came at a time when
- A various aspects of life in London were changing.
 - B many people were reluctant to travel on the Underground.
 - C the use of posters for advertising was increasing.
- 4 What does Zoe say about the content of the posters?
- A It only appealed to a certain type of person.
 - B It contrasted with real life for many people.
 - C It influenced the lifestyles of some people.

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Extract Three

You hear two people discussing the news media.

5 What opinion does the man express about the news media?

- A It doesn't deserve its reputation.
- B It has become more influential.
- C Its standards have risen.

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6 The woman mentions medical stories

- A to explain her attitude to the news media.
- B to illustrate the importance of the news media.
- C to describe why people dislike the news media.

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PART 2

You will hear part of a talk about the invention of the microwave oven. For questions 7–14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

THE INVENTION OF THE MICROWAVE

The invention of the microwave oven began when a chocolate peanut bar 7 in Percy Spencer's pocket.

Spencer had previously invented a method for 8 the tubes used in radar equipment.

Spencer's first experiment involved putting 9 near to some radar equipment.

In his next experiment, an egg was put into a kettle and it 10.

The first microwave oven was set up in 11 in Boston in 1946.

The first microwave oven got its name as a result of 12 at the company.

One problem with the first microwave oven was that 13 did not change colour in it.

When a microwave oven that could be placed on top of a 14 was produced, sales began to rise.

PART 3

You will hear a radio interview with someone who has been having ballet lessons. For questions 15–20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

15 What does Rupert say about the fact that he is doing ballet classes?

- A Other people have ridiculed him for it.
- B He expects to be mocked for it.
- C It is not as unusual as people might think.
- D People may think it isn't really true.

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16 Rupert says that before he started doing ballet lessons

- A he had been doing routine physical fitness training.
- B his knowledge of ballet had been growing.
- C ballet had taken over from football as his greatest interest.
- D he had been considering doing ballroom dancing again.

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17 Rupert says that when the idea of ballet lessons was suggested to him,

- A he thought it was a joke.
- B he was unsure exactly what would be involved.
- C he began to have unrealistic expectations of what he could achieve.
- D he initially lacked the confidence to do it.

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18 One of the advantages of ballet that Rupert mentions is that

- A it leads to fewer injuries than other physical activities.
- B it has both physical and mental effects.
- C it is particularly good for certain parts of the body.
- D it is more interesting than other forms of exercise.

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19 What does Rupert say about the sessions?

- A The content of them is varied.
- B Some of the movements in them are harder than others for him.
- C All of the movements in them have to be done accurately.
- D They don't all involve basic movements.

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20 What does Rupert say about his progress at ballet?

- A It has been much more rapid than he had expected.
- B It has made him consider giving up his other training.
- C It has given him greater appreciation of the skills of professionals.
- D It has led him to enrol for certain exams.

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PART 4 You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about people they know.

Task one

For questions 21–25, choose from the list A–H the description each speaker gives of the person.

Task two

For questions 26–30, choose from the list A–H the feeling each speaker expresses about the person.

While you listen you must complete both tasks

- A critical
- B easily influenced
- C tough
- D careless
- E moody
- F cruel
- G arrogant
- H deceitful

Speaker 1 21

Speaker 2 22

Speaker 3 23

Speaker 4 24

Speaker 5 25

- A sympathy
- B confusion
- C loyalty
- D amusement
- E guilt
- F envy
- G fear
- H annoyance

Speaker 1 26

Speaker 2 27

Speaker 3 28

Speaker 4 29

Speaker 5 30