

## FCE LISTENING PRACTICE

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 part of a conversation in a watch repair shop. What is the man doing?

- A refusing to accept the watch for repair
- B encouraging the customer to buy a watch
- C advising the customer to have the watch mended elsewhere

2. You are on a train and you hear a woman leaving a message on an answering machine. Why is she calling?

- A to arrange a lift from the station
- B to change the time of her evening meal
- C to find out bus times from the station

3. You hear a talent show judge commenting on a performance she has just seen. What does she think of the man's performance?

- A He lacks confidence.
- B He chose the wrong song.
- C He has a weak singing voice.

4. You hear the beginning of a talk in a community centre. What will the talk be about?

- A local history
- B transport problems
- C modern agriculture

5. You hear a man talking about saving money. He wants to buy

- A a motorcycle.
- B a bicycle.
- C a car.

6. You hear a woman talking about a concert being cancelled. What does she think about this?

- A She is glad it will not take place.
- B It should be re-arranged for a later date.
- C She should have been told sooner.

7. You hear a man and woman talking about a flat they are considering renting. What do they both like about it?

- A the size
- B the low rent
- C the furniture

8. You hear a woman talking about her tablet computer. How does she feel about it?

- A She finds something about it annoying.
- B She wants to get a more powerful model.
- C She spends too much time using it.

## Part 2

For questions

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

### Mooncake

Markus was staying in 9 \_\_\_\_\_ when he first tried mooncake.

Markus's favourite kind of mooncake has a filling made of 10 \_\_\_\_\_.

Markus says that he likes to have 11 \_\_\_\_\_ with mooncake.

Mooncake is popular during the Moon Festival, which last year was held in 12 \_\_\_\_\_.

The mooncake Marcus was given during the festival had the shape of a 13 \_\_\_\_\_ on the top.

Markus was surprised to learn that mooncake is rarely made 14 \_\_\_\_\_ in China.

The people Markus was staying with received mooncake from their 15 \_\_\_\_\_.

His host family gave Markus a mooncake that had a slightly 16 \_\_\_\_\_ flavour.

Markus was told that, many years ago, people used mooncakes to send 17 \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.

After people had read what was written on the mooncake, they 18 \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people talk about deciding to take up new interests.

For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-H) the reason each speaker gives for deciding to take up their new interest. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

- A to help other people
- B to make some money
- C to pass the time
- D to meet new people
- E to try to win a prize
- F to overcome a fear
- G to get fit
- H to make a change from their work

Speaker 1 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 2 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 22 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 5 23 \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 4

You will hear an interview with a woman called Adriana Moretti, who works as a wildlife photographer. For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

**24.** Why did Adriana want to become a wildlife **photographer**?

- A She enjoyed travelling to remote locations.
- B She was very good at taking photos.
- C She was interested in animal behaviour.

**25.** Why, according to Adriana, is it easier nowadays to learn how to photograph animals?

- A The necessary equipment is **cheaper** than it used to be.
- B It is possible to learn wildlife photography online.
- C Cheap international travel means more species can be photographed.

**26.** Why did Adriana feel uncomfortable while she was trying to take photos of birds?

- A She was **not** able to sit down.
- B Her **feet** were getting wet.
- C She was being bitten by insects.

**27.** How did Adriana feel when she was trying to photograph the crocodile?

- A afraid that it might try to attack her
- B worried **she** may not get the photo she wanted
- C increasingly bored with waiting to take the picture

**28.** Adriana has **still** never taken photos of

- A a tiger in India.
- B a snow leopard in China.
- C a polar bear in Russia.

**29.** What disadvantage does Adriana say her work **has**?

- A She sometimes feels lonely when she is working abroad.
- B She doesn't see her family as often as she would **like** to.
- C She always has to go where the agency tells **her**.

**30.** Adriana believes it is becoming harder to get work as a **wildlife** photographer because

- A so many photos of wildlife are **available** on the Internet.
- B there is a lot of competition for jobs in **wildlife** photography.
- C people are becoming less interested in **wildlife**.