

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.