

TEST 1
LISTENING

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Tip Strip

Question 1: Listen for the words 'great' and 'wonderful'. What are they talking about when they use these words?

Question 3: Listen for the phrase: 'the worst thing'. What is the boy referring to when he says this?

Question 5: Listen for a word that means 'surprising'. The answer comes after it.

Question 7: Listen for something you wear on one of these forms of transport.

- 1 You hear two friends talking about attending a motor-racing event.
They agree that the best thing about it was
A the race.
B the facilities.
C the atmosphere.
- 2 You hear a football coach talking about a match.
He thinks that the team lost because
A they lacked concentration.
B they hadn't practised enough.
C they weren't very fit.
- 3 You hear two people talking about a computer game.
Why does the boy dislike it?
A It's boring.
B It's expensive.
C It's complicated.
- 4 You hear a woman talking about judging a poetry competition.
What surprised her?
A how nature was seen in the poems
B how many poems some people wrote
C how humorous the poems were
- 5 You hear a young man talking about travelling alone for the first time.
How did his parents react to the idea?
A They were helpful.
B They were worried.
C They were angry.
- 6 You hear part of a talk by a nurse.
What is she doing?
A giving instructions to a new colleague
B explaining how patients should be treated
C outlining the good and bad points of the job
- 7 You hear a man talking about a long-distance journey he made.
How did he travel?
A by bus
B by motorbike
C by car
- 8 You hear two friends talking about listening to the radio.
What did the girl like about the programme she mentions?
A It was amusing.
B She learned something.
C The presenter was good.

Tip Strip

Question 9: Be careful: two shows are mentioned, but only one of them fits here.

Question 10: The words 'exactly' and 'older' tell you that you are listening for a number.

Question 12: Listen for the word 'difference'. It's also in the sentence, and the answer comes after it in the listening text.

Question 13: You are listening for a comparative adjective that describes the boys.

Question 14: Be careful: other lessons are mentioned, but what did Tim start learning?

Question 17: Listen for the word 'image' in the text. The answer follows this. Wait until you hear a word with a similar meaning to 'key' – what does it refer to?

Part 2

You will hear a singer called Tim Tanner, who sings with his twin brother Sam Tanner, talking about their lives and career. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Singing twins: Tim and Sam Tanner

The name of the talent competition which the twins won is

(9)

Tim is exactly (10) older than Sam.

The twins were born in the month of (11)

The main physical difference between Tim and Sam is their

(12)

Tim has a less (13) personality than Sam.

At school, both Tim and Sam were good at

(14)

Sam started taking (15) lessons when he
was thirteen.

The fact that the twins share the same (16)
sometimes leads to arguments.

Tim says a key part of the twins' image is the

(17) they wear.

The title of the twins' next album is (18)

Tip Strip

Speaker One: Listen for the phrase 'the best teacher in the world'. What she says next explains why she decided to start playing classical music.

Speaker Two: Listen to what he says about a big rock star – it helps with the question.

Speaker Three: Be careful: a teacher is mentioned by Speaker 3, but D is not the answer.

Speaker Four: When he says 'to some fast-food place', what is he referring to? This helps with the answer.

Speaker Five: Listen to the second half of what she says. What or who is she talking about?

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about classical music. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–H**) the reason each person gives for starting to play classical music. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A following a family tradition

Speaker 1 19

B being introduced to a range of good music

Speaker 2 20

C the experience of attending a concert

Speaker 3 21

D the encouragement of a teacher

Speaker 4 22

E hearing it in an everyday situation

Speaker 5 23

F realising the importance of starting young

G the influence of someone famous

H finding other types of music unexciting

Tip Strip

Question 25: What does Ann say about the countryside? Which option does this refer to?

Question 27: Listen to what Ann says about 'professional distance'. What does she mean by this?

Question 28: Be careful: all three sports are mentioned. Which one does Ann 'get into quite a bit'?

Question 29: Listen for the expression 'a bit of a pain'. What does it refer to?

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a professional athlete called Ann Brown. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What does Ann say about her performance in the world championships?

- A She was disappointed not to win.
- B She wishes she'd been more prepared.
- C She did better than she'd been expecting to.

25 How does Ann feel about the place where she trains?

- A She finds it quite boring.
- B She enjoys looking at the scenery.
- C She pays little attention to where she is.

26 What does Ann think of the idea of taking a 'day off' from training?

- A She thinks all athletes need one sometimes.
- B She would like to have more of them.
- C She doesn't find them necessary.

27 What is Ann's attitude towards the other competitors in races?

- A She avoids close social contact with them.
- B She's made a few good friends amongst them.
- C She finds it easy to talk to them when she has to.

28 In her free time, Ann enjoys

- A kite flying.
- B skiing.
- C reading.

29 How does Ann feel about being recognised in public?

- A She's relaxed about it.
- B She finds the attention exciting.
- C She dislikes signing autographs.

30 When thinking about the future, Ann

- A plans around five years in advance.
- B admits to worrying about getting injured.
- C remains focused on winning important races.