

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

## New TV Star

### Caroline Benson talks about her first TV role

'I never expected to spend some of my first year at university filming *The Finnegans*. I'd only ever acted at school, but I'd loved the book since I was eleven. My grandmother used to say I was just like Polly Finnegan and I always imagined myself playing her.'

I'd taken a year off to go travelling before university. While I was in Chile, my mother emailed me to say there were plans to turn the book into a TV drama. I knew I had to go for the part. She was surprised at first, but sent my photograph to the director and persuaded him to meet me. I flew back and got the part.

The outdoor filming started a week into term, so I got permission from the university to be away for three weeks. Once I was back at university, I got up at 6.00 am to write the essays I'd missed. I didn't tell my university friends, but they found out and thought it was great.

It was an amazing experience – I'm so lucky. After university, I definitely want to make acting my career. I'm not from an acting family, though my grandfather was an opera singer. I've tried for other TV parts but haven't received any offers yet.

I don't know how I managed it all, because I had a full social life too. When filming finished, I hardly knew what to do. I've since appeared in two college plays. Unfortunately, I haven't been home much and now my first year at university is over, I'm off to Greece for the summer with friends.'

**21** In this text, Caroline Benson is

- A** advising students to finish studying before taking up acting.
- B** describing how pleased she was about this opportunity to act.
- C** warning other young people that acting is a difficult career.
- D** explaining why she has always wanted to be an actor.

**22** Why did Caroline decide to try for a part in *The Finnegans*?

- A** She thought the book would make a great TV drama.
- B** She agreed with her grandmother that she should apply.
- C** She felt she was perfect for the part of Polly.
- D** She was anxious about starting university.

23 What does Caroline say about her mother?

- A She encouraged Caroline to keep travelling.
- B She felt Caroline would be a good actor.
- C She was sorry she had emailed Caroline.
- D She helped Caroline to get the part.

24 How did Caroline manage to find time to do the filming?

- A She missed lectures and hoped nobody would notice.
- B She delayed going to university until filming was over.
- C She took time off and did her college work later.
- D She asked her friends to help with her essays.

25 Which of the following would Caroline write to a penfriend?

A

I'm going to continue with my studies, but hope to have the opportunity to do another TV programme soon.

B

Now I've finished both the filming and my first year at university, I plan to spend more time with my family.

C

I enjoyed filming the TV drama but I've missed having a social life – I don't know what to do at weekends.

D

Acting is more difficult than I'd expected, but I've learned a lot from other members of my family who work in the business.