Listening 15

1 Read all the questions and choices, then listen to an interview about the UAE's space programme to find the answers.

Listening strategy

When reading the questions before you listen, use a pencil to underline keywords in the questions so you can be more focused while listening.

For example:
The plans and goals for the space sector ...

1 The UAE space programme started
   - **a** with the launch of the first government satellite.
   - **b** when the UAE was founded.
   - **c** with the discovery of oil.

2 The plans and goals for the space sector
   - **a** are confidential and not being shared with the public.
   - **b** are public and a lot of people are discussing them.
   - **c** are not mentioned in the text.

3 When was the first UAE government satellite launched?
   - **a** two years ago
   - **b** a few years ago
   - **c** in 2009

4 Why was the UAE joining the International Space Exploration Coordination Group an important event?
   - **a** It will help the UAE develop.
   - **b** The UAE is the first Arab county to join it.
   - **c** All other countries in the world are already members.

5 Who will the space lab be valuable for?
   - **a** astronauts and researchers
   - **b** environmentalists and researchers
   - **c** astronauts, students and researchers

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