B2 LISTENING TEST

PART 1. You will listen to a lecture about the spice routes. Complete the sentences with a word or short phrase from the recording.

- 1. In the past, spices were expensive because they were used to
- 2. The word 'spice' originated from the same Latin word as the word
- 3. Spices from Asia were taken to other parts of the world and used in foods and as
- 4. Originally, the sea routes could only reach
- often made long sea voyages difficult for explorers.
- 6. The were discovered accidentally while looking for a trading route across the ocean.
- Some people think came about because of the spice trade.
- 8. Due to the variety of people trading spices, port towns became very
- 9. These days most spice farms are usually owned by
- 10. The main challenges farm owners now face are strong competition and the changing

PART 2. You will hear two people talking about a new sports centre. For questions 1–5, match the opinions to the speakers. Write A, B or Both (for A and B).

- 1. The sports centre cost too much money.
- 2. It would be better with a swimming pool.
- 3. There isn't enough parking.
- 4. The facilities are excellent.
- 5. Young people will use the centre most.



Now listen to the second part. For questions 6-10, answer the questions about each speaker's plans.

- 6. Which speaker will use the fitness classes?
- 7. Which speaker wants to try a new sport?
- 8. Who says they might go after work?
- 9. Which speaker plans to take someone there?
- 10. Who is going to call for some advice?

