

FCE Listening Practice Test 1

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 a customer talking to a shop assistant about a coat she bought. What does she want?
 - A a different kind of item
 - B the same item but in a different size
 - C her money back

2. You hear a weather forecast on the radio. Tomorrow, the weather in the east of the country will be
 - A stormy in the morning.
 - B sunny in the afternoon.
 - C foggy in the evening.

3. You hear an office worker talking about cycling to work. What does she enjoy most about it?
 - A getting some exercise each morning
 - B avoiding the traffic into town
 - C thinking about the day ahead

4. You hear a radio announcer talking about a competition for writers of short stories. The man says that one of the rules is that
 - A you have to be over sixteen to enter.
 - B you can submit more than one entry.
 - C your entry must be emailed.

5. You hear a conversation about reading. The man enjoys reading books which
 - A have characters that remind him of people he knows.
 - B describe situations that he finds highly amusing.
 - C are set in places that he is unlikely ever to visit.

6. You hear two people talking about watching films on the Internet. What do they agree about?
 - A the advantages of buying films online
 - B the usefulness of reading film reviews
 - C the pleasure of watching films at home

7. You hear a woman at an airport talking on the phone. Why did she miss her flight?

- A She was held up by traffic.
- B There was a long queue at check-in.
- C She went to the wrong terminal.

8. You hear a man talking about his new job. What attracted him to this job?

- A the type of work
- B the opportunities for promotion
- C the salary offered

PART 2

You will hear an expert snowboarder called Brad Mitchell talking about the sport of extreme snowboarding. For questions **9-18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Extreme snowboarding

Brad says there are no **9**_____ to warn extreme snowboarders of dangers.

Brad advises snowboarders always to follow the **10**_____ when descending.

Brad always wears a **11**_____ when he goes into the mountains.

According to Brad, you need a lot of **12**_____ to set off down the mountain.

Brad particularly enjoys doing several **13**_____ when he is going down a slope.

Brad says at first he found it difficult to do a good **14**_____ on steep slopes.

Brad says you must never **15**_____ if you feel you're about to fall.

Brad advises against putting your weight on your **16**_____ in a fall.

Brad always carries a **17**_____ in case he is in difficulty following a fall.

In the future, Brad would most like to try **18**_____ snowboarding.

PART 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people talk about habits they find difficult to control. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-H) the habit each person has. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

- A eating unhealthy food
- B doing too much exercise
- C buying unnecessary items
- D watching too much television
- E spending too much time online
- F oversleeping
- G working too hard
- H arriving late for everything

(19) Speaker 1	_____
(20) Speaker 2	_____
(21) Speaker 3	_____
(22) Speaker 4	_____
(23) Speaker 5	_____

PART 4

You will hear Leonie Steiner talking to an interviewer about her work as a music teacher in a school. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C)

24. Leonie first started learning the piano

- A with a relative.
- B at primary school.
- C with a private teacher.

25. Leonie started giving music lessons

- A for the pleasure of seeing others learn.
- B because she needed some extra money.
- C to see if she was suited to teaching.

26. Leonie most likes to teach students who

- A have great natural talent at an early age.
- B need good teaching to develop their talent.
- C have previously been taught badly.

27. Leonie thinks that schools should

- A employ far more music teachers.
- B buy good musical instruments.
- C ensure that all their pupils pass music exams.

28. Leonie thinks the problem with singing in schools is that

- A many students are too embarrassed to sing.
- B few students want to learn how to sing.
- C singing is not often taught in them nowadays.

29. Leonie believes her success as a music teacher is a result of

- A choosing a particular age group of children to teach.
- B the training she received as a student teacher.
- C a natural ability to communicate with young people.

30. What decision did Leonie find difficult to make?

- A to turn down the offer of a job abroad
- B to refuse promotion in the school
- C to continue teaching when she felt tired