

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

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| (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 starting 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