

Listening – Part 1

1 a. Before you listen, read questions 1-8 and underline the key words in each. Then think about:

- how many people you will hear
- what kind of language you expect to hear
- what else you expect to hear

b. Now listen and, for questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C). What key phrases helped you answer each question?

STRATEGY POINT

- It is very important to read the questions before you listen. They contain valuable information about the situation, and also about what you should be listening for.
- Your understanding of the following things will be tested in this part:
 - general topic
 - speaker's feelings/emotions
 - speaker's attitude/opinion
 - speaker's purpose
- Listen once and note down any answers you can. Listen again and complete the answers.

- 1 You'll hear a person talking about the organisation she works for. What service is she talking about?
A medicine for the blind
B school for the blind
C books for the blind
- 2 You hear a conversation in an office. Why has the man gone there?
A to repair something
B to phone somebody
C to check the line
- 3 You want to get connected to the Internet, and you call a helpline. What do you have to do?
A Press '1'
B Press '2'
C Press '3'
- 4 At the airport, you hear a man leaving a message on someone's answerphone. What does he want the person to do tomorrow?
A collect the car from a garage
B meet him at the airport
C fix the car's brakes

- 5 You are listening to a radio interview. How does the man being interviewed feel?
A angry
B embarrassed
C uninterested
- 6 You are listening to a news programme. What is the report about?
A a new mobile phone company
B a new way to send text messages
C a new way to communicate quickly
- 7 You hear a couple talking in a café. How does the man feel about what the woman is showing him?
A He is convinced he needs it.
B He doesn't understand it.
C He thinks it's too expensive.
- 8 You are listening to someone talking to a group of people. What is the man's purpose?
A to persuade people to buy a product
B to reassure people that a product is safe
C to stop people from buying a product