Test 1
(From Practice Test Plus 2)

Part 1:

Extract one

You hear two friends talking about attending a motor-racing event.

M: It's …….what they've done to ……., isn't it? It's faster and there's …… Everyone was there to have fun and that …… ……

F: It was …… It's such …… The race itself was ……. than I'd been expecting but …… made up for it. It was a bit …… though. They need more signs …… ……. when you're leaving.

M: Mm, we did …… in the crowd on our way out.

Extract two

You hear a football coach talking about a match.

M: After ……an important ……., as ……, you …….…… what went ……. You wonder if the …… beforehand. In this case, they'd been …… Physically they should have been …… ……., but the …… and …… make it difficult sometimes. I …… they had so many …… that they weren't thinking about the game itself, but more about …….. That led to some …… that allowed the other team to …… even though they were probably …… ……when it ……..

Extract three

You hear two people talking about a computer game.

F: Have you been playing ……? What do you think of it?

M: Actually it's quite hard to …….. The way it ……., it takes an awful lot of …….. There are …….. before you really understand …… ……well, but that's the whole point. Some people ……, but for me that's ……, trying to …… how to …….. the game if you know what I mean. The …… is, it costs …….. Probably because of all the ……..

Extract four

You hear a woman talking about judging a poetry competition.

F: It was …… judging the Young Poet of the Year Award. It seems many young poets today are …… traditional …… of trees, flowers and rivers in order to …… everyday life ……. As you might expect, some of them …… in seeing the …… of life and dealing with it in an …….. When discussing the poems as judges, we …… Of the 150 finalists, at least twenty had ……; one, more than …….. We weren't judging ……., we were looking at young poets who …… and continuously ……

Extract five

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You hear a young man talking about travelling alone for the first time.

M: When I …… I decided to go travelling …….. We lived in a small town and I'd only ever been …… with my family before. Anyway, I'd been …….. for some time, but hadn't ……..because I thought they'd be …….. thinking something …….. When I …… the news to them, much to my ……, they just sat down and spent the rest of the evening …….. about what to take. I'd been wondering if they would …… furiously and tell me I couldn't go.

Extract six

You hear part of a talk by a nurse.

F: …… is hard work, but you're giving people something they need. You never know …….. – every day on …….. is different and you meet …….. of people. Most, but not all, are …… to deal with so being …… is a …….. quality. There are plenty of …… about the type of people you work with, so some deal with ……., or others prefer the …….. One thing is …… – you often have to work ……., but the schedules are quite …… and you ……..

Extract seven

You hear a man talking about a long-distance journey he made.

M: The trip …… and although I could have got there in about …… ……it wouldn't have been …… A lot of people think …… for hours on your own is boring, but it's the feeling of …….. that I love. Having passengers around you …… is something I'd …… You can get a bit sick of …….. all day, but what I spent on that and my other …….. …… was worth it – when night fell, the wind …… and I saved on …… in the end.

Extract eight

You hear two friends talking about listening to the radio.

M: Do you listen to the radio much?

F: Not usually, but in fact I ……this morning to …… my mum's playing in the …… and I really ……that was on.

M: What was it?

F: There was a discussion on about …… and I …… right away, even though the …….. isn't particularly …….. There were some real experts talking about it and even …… by their knowledge of the subject. It's funny …… even though you wouldn't ……..

Part 2:

Hi there. My name's Tim Tanner, and I usually sing with my …… brother, Sam Tanner. I'm going to tell you about …….. Sam and I've been …… as the singing twin brothers for about three years and …… including Summer Holiday

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Special and ……, which is the talent show …… – you probably saw it. It's the one where the people in the acts had to be ……..to each other. After that we had …… and I guess …… really.

People often ask us …… who've grown up looking …… Sam and I've shared almost every experience, and we're …… for more than an hour at a time. I was born …… so officially I'm the older brother, although we do actually have a ……, Ken, who's a year older than us.

We were born ……, you know – earlier than …… Mum says it was hard ……., and she was quite …… when we suddenly appeared in ……, over two months …… than expected. Our big brother Ken's birthday's in …… –so we're …… – it must have been …… for our parents with three young boys.

Sam and I ……, but most people can't …… It's only mum who never …… Even our dad makes a mistake sometimes calling me 'Sam' and my brother 'Tim', because there's hardly ……., and we're the same …… …… But as soon as we ……, he'll know which one it is …….. Sam's is a bit ……, but most people don't even notice that.

…… quite similar – we've both always loved music, and …… we've wanted to be pop stars. We've always ……., and being sociable too. I'm …… –people that know us say …… as Sam is, which is probably true. Although I'm not exactly shy, you know. After all, …… if you are!

At school …… sometimes for a laugh. Sometimes we'd …… …… but nobody noticed because ……, which were pretty low – we were ……, and both played in the …… I was also good at basketball, but ……, preferring volleyball for some reason.

We were …… music. I began learning the guitar and …… …… when we were about thirteen, but a year or so later …… and then we went to a special school where we could …… be useful – things like drama.

We share everything, and …… and we get on well ……of the time, but of course ……, usually about …… because we share them too, but if we both …… for a show then we'll argue for about 20 seconds and then one of us'll …… We manage

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to share the computer pretty well ……, which some people might find surprising.

Our image is …… and looking alike and because we both …….. we enjoy choosing different …… for performances, you know, maybe green ones, to go with green suits, or …….. with T-shirts and jeans. So the glasses are…… …… on stage.

And look out for some ……, to promote the new album which is called ……and …… It's got some exciting new songs on it, quite different from …….. Sam and I wrote all the new songs together.

Part 3:

Speaker one

Classical music's often …… and though there's people everywhere who go to concerts, and some ……., it doesn't really …… young people that much; they prefer …… But the truth is, it's hard to …… music, even with the best teacher in the world, unless you …… Luckily for me, I …… myself when I was in my early teens, and when I said I wanted to become a ……., my parents rather …… with the idea and bought me some lessons. Since then, I've played almost every day.

Speaker two

I bought my first …… aged fourteen. It was a …… by a Russian composer. Although my school had ……, I'd no …… in classical music till one day when I heard …… about 'the most exciting …… ever written'. …… his music, I felt I had to hear it. By the third listening, I …… What's more, I found I really …… the violin myself – and found myself a teacher. Despite ……, I practised every day at home. I've never looked back.

Speaker three

At my school, I was ……, and I had to practise every day. The sound I produced was so …… that whatever piece of music I was …… was hard to recognise, despite ……, who'd actually been quite a famous musician himself when younger. It ……, but I ……from that, and got to know …… thanks to my uncle. That got me excited enough to …… …… when I was about twelve. After that, …… Now here I am getting quite well-known as a ……..

Speaker four

At school, our music teacher …… classical music …… – he just seemed …… It was me who ……classical music …… in

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movies, cartoons and stuff. Like, I remember …….a really famous …… being played on a commercial …… to some ……. You'd think things like that'd be enough to …….. classical music, but they had the ……. on me – ……. me to want to learn to play and ……. a good teacher, which is what I did, much to ……
……, I remember.

Speaker five

Although …… me to ……. at an ……, I didn't get interested in learning to play classical music then. I ……to try and understand it and didn't realise ……
……. it. As a kid, I wanted something that ……. – made me feel happy or enthusiastic, so I …… of my teacher to introduce me to classical music. She …… though, by sheer ……., convincing me that there's …… to be found in the joy of playing something difficult, and doing it well.

Part 4:

Int Today I'm talking to 21-year-old, ……. ……. Ann Brown, who's just returned from the World Championships. So, Ann, how did you feel about your ……. in the championships?

Ann: When you …….. for a while, you've no idea …….. you're in …….. I'd only had a few weeks of training behind me so ……., and it certainly would've been ……. Anyway, I was happy to …….. It was an exciting race and the crowd was fantastic.

Int So what's your …….. like, Ann?

Ann: I do around …… a week, mostly long-distance, ……. I go running through …….. Running on roads is …….. so I make sure there's always …… to keep me interested. I get pleasure from ……., but I do have to remember to …….. on the time so …….. It's vital to ……

Int Do you train every day or do you ……?

Ann: The …… is that all professional …… should have …….. a week, so the body …….. I'm not …… in that though. At my age I find I can .....one. I do five hours a day and I'd even like …… that, but I don't want to ……., because that can …… other problems.

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Int What about your …….. – do you …… them as friends?

Ann: I …… athletes from …… I wouldn't say I've got ……. with them, though I'm sure some of them ……, but I tend to …… It'd be too easy to …… with the way I run races. Of course, at my age chatting about life, having fun and …… are important to me. I share a house with …… They're the people I really get on well with.

Int So do you have any favourite free time activities?

Ann: Let me think. I …….. but I'm not so sure nowadays. Yeah, I ……
…… and fly it for hours. In season, …… something that I …… when I've got the time. I've always enjoyed ……, and never really been much of a …… or that kind of thing. Of course, I watch TV and play computer games like most people.

Int And do you …….. in the street very often?

Ann: ……, I'm pleased to say, as I think …….. and I'm not sure how comfortable I'd feel about …… and pictures all the time. On the whole I find people wanting your autograph …….. to be honest. It happens sometimes …….. and at first you say OK, and then …….. I suppose I did that sort of thing ……..
…….. It was always …….. to meet someone in the ……..

Int So are you planning for the next Olympics?

Ann: Well, in my sport most people …… so it's important to …… on the next five years or so, cos that's when supposedly …….. In the …….. future I want to do well of course but I'm …….. Fortunately, I've been …….. so far –so I don't have that worry. It's no use ……about …….. …… until I've reached …….. and …… Then I can start to think seriously about it.

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