

## LISTENING

### EXAM TASK

**5** 8.7 You will hear a radio interview with a woman called Cristina Milenta, who is talking about the importance of friendships. For questions 1-7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 According to Cristina, what is the most important factor in a friendship?
  - the friends appreciate each other equally
  - the friends enjoy each other's company
  - the friends get together regularly
- 2 In Cristina's opinion, we choose friends who are similar to us because
  - it's easy to talk to people we understand.
  - they appear to be more approachable.
  - we want to avoid conflict in our lives.
- 3 How does Cristina feel about the idea that diverse friends make us cleverer?
  - pleased by the discovery
  - puzzled by the science
  - worried about the concept
- 4 How does Cristina feel about different scientific ideas regarding the size of the human brain?
  - happy that her idea is popular among her peers
  - frustrated by the reasons behind a new idea
  - disappointed that she has had to change her mind
- 5 How does Cristina feel about the effect of friendships on our health?
  - surprised our chance of catching a disease is reduced
  - concerned it can raise our feelings of anxiety
  - fascinated by the increase in life expectancy they bring
- 6 Cristina believes that as children, friends
  - teach each other how to play.
  - give useful feedback to each other.
  - learn to be spontaneous with each other.
- 7 Why does Cristina tell a story about her friendship with Maria?
  - to persuade listeners to spend time with new acquaintances
  - to encourage listeners to reconnect with long lost friends
  - to stress the importance of sharing secrets with new friends