

LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

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 man talking about an ancient object he found in the ground.

The man took the object to a museum because

- A** he thought it might be valuable.
- B** he decided to record his find.
- C** he wanted to know what it was.

2 You hear two friends talking about advertising.

What does the woman say about advertisements?

- A** They are merely a form of entertainment.
- B** They make people buy things they don't need.
- C** They give people misleading information about new products.

3 You hear an actor talking about her career.

What does she say about how she became an actor?

- A** She had a chance meeting with someone.
- B** She was successful at drama school.
- C** She asked her friend to help her.

4 You hear a tour guide telling a group of tourists about a view.

Which feature does the guide think will be most familiar to them?

- A** the park
- B** the river
- C** the wood

5 You hear a man talking to a friend about a presentation he has just given.
How does he feel now?
A relieved that the audience was small
B confident that he spoke clearly
C surprised that so many people asked questions

6 You hear two students talking about a careers talk they have just heard at college.
What do they disagree about?
A how useful the information was
B how entertaining the speaker was
C how well the audience behaved

7 You hear an author of children's books talking about her work.
What point is she making?
A She wants her books to be educational.
B Her books are about her real-life experiences.
C Friendship is the main focus of her stories.

8 You hear a man and a woman talking about older people learning languages.
What does the man say about them?
A They don't take advantage of technology.
B They have more time to study.
C They use better learning techniques.

Part 2

You will hear a student called Andy Richards talking about his recent trip to the tea growing region of Assam in Northern India. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Visit to a tea plantation

As part of his (9) course at university, Andy went to India to
gather information for a project.

Andy compares the tea plant's growing conditions to a (10)

Andy's group were invited to the (11) for the tea tasting session.

Andy was surprised that, as well as the leaves, the tea pickers also picked the
(12) of the plants.

On the elephant ride, Andy was able to see the (13) in the distance.

At the tea party, the (14) particularly impressed Andy.

When going over a (15), Andy nearly fell off his motorbike.

In the market, Andy was very surprised to see the (16) on sale.

Andy was pleased with the price he paid for the (17) for his sister.

The (18) were Andy's favourite vegetables out of all those on
display at the market.

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about work they did in shops. For questions 19–23, choose from the options (A–H) what each person says about their experience. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A My confidence was sometimes affected by customers' attitudes.

B I was pleased to discover that I had a good way with customers.

Speaker 1

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C It made me appreciate the people I worked with.

Speaker 2

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D The training I received didn't equip me to do my job well.

Speaker 3

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E Customers were satisfied when they got a bargain.

Speaker 4

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F I wasn't happy with some of the products in the shop.

Speaker 5

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G It was motivating to sell more than the other assistants.

H It exhausted me both physically and mentally.

Part 4

You will hear an interview with Marvin Benby, a beekeeper who keeps his bees in hives on a city rooftop. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What made Marvin get into beekeeping?

- A** He was persuaded to try it by a friend.
- B** A friend offered to teach him about it.
- C** He wanted to prove a friend wrong.

25 Marvin thinks the best part about keeping bees is

- A** helping to increase the bee population.
- B** the excitement of checking his beehives.
- C** having access to so much honey.

26 One of the difficulties for Marvin of city beekeeping is

- A** taking it personally when things go wrong.
- B** ensuring the bees get to a variety of flowers.
- C** getting hold of the most suitable equipment.

27 Marvin says that one of his neighbours

- A** complained about being stung by a bee.
- B** insisted that Marvin moved his beehives.
- C** had concerns due to an allergy to bees.

28 When Marvin set up his first beehive

- A** he became confused about what to do.
- B** he made some potentially dangerous mistakes.
- C** his bees became nervous and stressed.

29 What does Marvin say about selling bee-related products?

- A He has started to make a profit.
- B Local people are starting to buy them.
- C It cost him a lot to get started.

30 How does Marvin feel about the next few months?

- A He has a mixture of contrasting feelings.
- B He hopes to enjoy a more relaxed period.
- C He is confident that he can manage.