Listening 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 two friends talking about a boy who's just completed a trek to the South Pole.

What do they agree about?

A It mush have been difficult being away from friends.

B He must be strong mentally as well as physically.

C They'd like to do something as extraordinary.

2 You hear a news item about the penguins at Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland.

What is the speaker explaining?

A how penguins came to be at the zoo

B how young penguins are looked after at the zoo

C how successful penguin breeding programmes have been at the zoo

3 You hear two friends talking about celebrating Chinese New Year.

What did the girl find most memorable about the experience?

A making preparations in a Chinese home

B watching a friend in a Chinese parade

C trying typical Chinese food

4 You hear a radio report about a teenager who won a science competition.

What is the speaker doing?

A explaining her reasons for entering

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B describing the topic of her project

C giving information about her background

5 You hear a woman talking about growing up as a junior chess champion.

What did she find difficult about it?

A the effect it had on her friendships

B the amount of travelling that was required

C the pressure from her parents to succeed

6 You hear two teenagers talking about a television drama.

What do they agree about it?

A The humour was unconvincing.

B The storyline was hard to follow.

C The action scenes were badly done.

7 You hear a boy talking about mange comic books.

He thinks some people dislike them because of

A the predictable stories.

B the particular artistic style.

C the uninspiring characters.

8 You hear two students talking about a visit to a gym.

What do they agree about it?

A The equipment wasn't appropriate for them.

B The people there made them feel uncomfortable.

C The music gave them a more positive experience.

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Listening Part 2

You will hear a talk by a man called Luke Harris who is a sports photographer.

For questions **9-18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The sports photographer

Luke's interest in sports photography started when he attended a (**9**) …… competition.

One sports photographer Luke met told him that (**10**) …… was the key thing in becoming successful.

On Luke's first day working for a local newspaper, the type of weather that caused difficulty for him was (**11**) …… .

When covering unfamiliar sports, Luke says that finding out about the (**12**) …… of people involved is the most important thing.

The people Luke most enjoys taking photographs of are the (**13**) …… .

Luke's favourite picture of last year was taken next to the (**14**) …… at a sporting event.

Luke says that it's hard to show (**15**) …… in photographs of big sporting events.

Luke doesn't mind if the (**16**) …… isn't perfect when he takes photographs.

Luke admits that he doesn't much enjoy the (**17**) …… that is part of his job.

The name of Luke's favourite stadium is (**18**) …… .

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Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which teenagers are talking about learning geography.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (**A-H**) what each speaker says about the experience.

Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A I enjoy the lessons much more than I used to.

B I wish we spent more time studying the subject at school.

C I've really enjoyed studying how different landscapes are formed.

D A relative encouraged my initial interest in the subject.

E Things I've learnt in the lessons have proved useful outside school.

F My friends don't share my enthusiasm for the lessons.

G Recent lessons have focussed on an interesting new topic.

H I have particularly enjoyed studying outside the classroom.

19 Speaker 1

20 Speaker 2

21 Speaker 3

22 Speaker 4

23 Speaker 5

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Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a young songwriter called Liz Stewart, in which she answers questions sent in by her fans.

For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

24 How did Liz feel about playing music as a child?

A pleased that her father made her do it

B reluctant to do it in front of other people

C determined to do it like other musicians

25 As a teenager, Liz's musical tastes

A changed as a result of what she saw on television.

B were influenced by her parents' preferences.

C were very different from other people her age.

26 What does Liz say about the songs she writes?

A They describe a difficult time in her life.

B They include stories that teenagers have passed on to her.

C They are based on other people's experiences.

27 What does Liz say about writing new songs?

A She accepts that for long periods she doesn't produce much.

B She is convinced that she should review her work carefully.

C She often changes her mind about a song after talking to friends.

28 When asked about the ceremony where she won an award, Liz

A appreciated being told why the judges liked her work.

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B regretted not preparing for the possibility of winning.

C disapproved of the attention given to well-known stars.

29 How does Liz feel about her book on song writing?

A concerned that it reveals too much of her personality

B worried about it affecting her own music

C unsure whether it has an original approach

30 What does Liz say she wants to do to help her write?

A cut back on her busy social life

B be more physically active

C move to a different location

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