Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions **1–8**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

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1 You hear a man talking about a book.

What does he particularly like about it?

A It's amusing.
B It's well written.
C It's informative.

2 You hear a caller on a radio phone-in programme.

Why has she called?

A to criticise the appearance of a new building
B to question the purpose of a new building
C to explain the location of a new building

3 You overhear a conversation about families.

What language does the man usually speak at home?

A Dutch
B English
C Spanish

4 You hear a woman talking about learning how to make jewellery.

What does she say about it?

A It's made her realise that she lacks practical skills.
B It's easier to do than she had expected.
C It's created new opportunities for her.

5 You hear a man talking about a new car he's just bought.

The man was most attracted to this model by

A its economy.
B its reliability.
C its size.

6 You overhear two sales assistants talking about their new manager.

What does the woman say about him?

A He's well qualified for the job.
B He's been very polite so far.
C He seems very efficient.

7 You hear a man talking about a tennis competition.

What does he say about it?

A It was less successful than a newspaper suggested.
B More people should have taken part in it.
C The players enjoyed it.

8 You hear a cycle mechanic talking to a customer.

What does he say about the customer's bike?

A It's not worth repairing.
B It would be impossible to repair.
C It's difficult to get the parts needed for the repair.

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Part 2

You will hear a woman called Britt Foxton talking about women's basketball.
For questions **9–18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Women's basketball

Britt first designed her website when she was at

(9) ..... .

Britt's website is now called **(10)** ..... .

Britt says that **(11)** ..... is the main topic now covered by her website.

Britt began writing her book in the month of

(12) ..... .

Britt says that women's basketball has been an Olympic sport since the year

(13) ..... .

The first women basketball players suffered **(14)** ..... as well as discomfort as a result of their clothing.

Britt says that both handkerchiefs and **(15)** ..... were often found on court after early women's games.

Britt mentions **(16)** ..... as something that women basketball players were not allowed to use on court.

Britt tells us about a women's team with the name

(17) ..... .

When talking about her book, Britt describes herself as a

(18) ..... .

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Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about holiday jobs they have done. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–H**) what each speaker says about the job they did. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A I was disappointed not to earn more.

Speaker 1 ☐ **19**

B The routine made it very boring.

Speaker 2 ☐ **20**

C I didn't like the way some people were rude to me.

Speaker 3 ☐ **21**

D I didn't have to work very hard.

Speaker 4 ☐ **22**

E My boss was very demanding.

Speaker 5 ☐ **23**

F I needed to be very sociable.

G Some of my colleagues were very friendly.

H I had to be prepared for unexpected events.

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Part 4

You will hear an interview with a novelist called Greg Field. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

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24 What led Greg to start reading as a child?

- **A** the encouragement of his parents
- **B** spending time exploring a local library
- **C** some books he was allowed to look through

25 What does Greg say about his schooldays?

- **A** He found books more interesting than websites.
- **B** He liked reading books that had been made into films.
- **C** He was inspired by the way one teacher used books in class.

26 How did Greg feel when his first novel was published?

- **A** calm
- **B** relieved
- **C** disappointed

27 What does Greg say about the place where he writes?

- **A** He likes to keep distractions to a minimum.
- **B** He has a favourite pen that he always uses.
- **C** He enjoys varying the room where he works.

28 What is different about Greg's next book?

- **A** the period in which it is set
- **B** the readers it is intended for
- **C** the seriousness of the message

29 Greg says that writing novels based on your own experiences can

- **A** be very difficult to do well.
- **B** limit what you can describe.
- **C** quickly become boring for readers.

30 Greg advises new writers to avoid

- **A** explaining the meaning of symbols they use.
- **B** mentioning people's clothes too much.
- **C** involving too many different places.

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