

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 young woman who is an apprentice cook talking about her apprenticeship.

How does she feel about it?

- A** grateful to be working in a four-star restaurant
- B** pleased that her teacher told her about the opportunity
- C** confident about fulfilling her ambitions

2 You hear two students talking about passing the time on bus journeys.

What technique for passing the time do they both sometimes use?

- A** listening to music
- B** observing the world outside
- C** concentrating on what's happening inside

3 You hear a cycle coach telling his group about the ride they are going to do.

What instruction does the coach give?

- A** Don't go too fast on the return route.
- B** Stick together on the main road.
- C** Don't take the first sign to the destination.

4 You hear part of an interview in which a writer talks about autobiographies.

What does the writer say about them?

- A** He prefers working on books about people he knows.
- B** He is unlikely to write one himself.
- C** He thinks the more popular ones are very boring.

5 You hear a journalist telling a colleague about her time at university.
How did she first get interested in journalism?
A by doing research online
B by accepting a chance request
C by reading a particularly interesting article

6 You hear a man and a woman talking about a new clothes shop they have visited.
What does the man say about having a member of staff to welcome customers?
A It seems like a worthwhile idea.
B Other people might appreciate it.
C Worse things happen in other shops.

7 You overhear a woman talking on the phone to a friend.
What is the woman talking about?
A an idea for a small short-term business
B the various career options open to her
C her role in a forthcoming expedition

8 You hear part of a broadcast on the radio.
What type of broadcast is it?
A a programme advertisement
B a wildlife documentary
C a news summary

Part 2

You will hear a woman called Paula Kanning, who works as a film advisor in local government talking about her work. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Film Advisor

Paula's job title when she started working in the film department was (9)

Paula was first attracted to the job by the (10) on offer.

The most popular place for filmmakers in Paula's area is a (11)

Paula mentions a well-known advertisement for (12) that she proposed the site for.

Paula mentions that in her first year she sometimes needed to persuade
(13) to agree to filming

Paula is particularly proud of the (14) she built up during her first
year in the department

Paula's current job involves managing a project with the name (15)

Paula finds creating (16) for tourists the most difficult part of her current job.

Paula believes it is necessary to protect the (17) of local residents
as well as their property

Paula's department has recently set up what she calls a (18) scheme for students.

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people talk about why they did not go to university directly after leaving school. For questions 19–23, choose which of the reasons (A–H) each speaker gives. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

- A a wish to see new places
- B a misunderstanding about applying
- C a desire to have a break from studying
- D a wish to stay near to home
- E a decision to prioritise family commitments
- F a desire to start a career immediately
- G a feeling of not being mature enough
- H an inability to find a suitable course

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 5

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Part 4

You will hear a radio interview with a woman called Susan Fletcher, who works on a research station in Antarctica. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 How does Susan feel before each trip to Antarctica?

A anxious because she'll miss people she cares about
B concerned about dealing with what lies ahead
C relieved to be leaving problems behind

25 Susan says that what's most stressful for her at the moment is

A not being able to predict everything you may need.
B not having enough time to prepare properly.
C not knowing exactly where she's going.

26 What does Susan admire about her colleagues?

A their scientific skills
B their lack of selfishness
C their success as researchers

27 Susan says the entertainment that's organised at the research station

A serves a useful purpose.
B allows people to show off their talents.
C disturbs people's regular schedules.

28 On the research station, Susan sometimes has difficulty

A getting enough time alone.
B eating the same food all the time.
C having a comfortable night's sleep.

29 What does Susan say she loves about her work?

- A the chance to observe such fascinating wildlife
- B being able to live so far from populated areas
- C the fact that such a unique place is so familiar to her

30 Susan advises students hoping to work in Antarctica to

- A make sure they have skills that are not purely academic.
- B develop a high level of competence in their particular subject.
- C think carefully about whether they're well-suited to the lifestyle.