Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a motorcycle racer called Darren Beanhill. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Exam advice

Rather than focussing on individual words that you hear, think about the overall message.



1 Why did people laugh at Darren at his first ever race?
- **A** He was so young.
- **B** He had an old bike.
- **C** He wasn't very good.

2 Why is this year different for Darren from the last two?
- **A** His competitors know how good he is.
- **B** He's finishing first in some races.
- **C** He has changed his technique.

3 What does Darren say about his tyres this year?
- **A** They are different ones from last year.
- **B** He has more experience with them.
- **C** He still doesn't feel safe on the corners.

4 How does Darren feel about his lifestyle on tour?
- **A** He dislikes his accommodation.
- **B** He enjoys moving around a lot.
- **C** Being with his family relaxes him.

5 Darren says most professional motorcycle riders
- **A** aren't afraid of falling off their bike.
- **B** don't fully understand the risks.
- **C** are nervous about hitting other competitors.

6 What does Darren say about retiring?
- **A** He will give up racing as soon as he wins a championship.
- **B** He plans to make the decision with help from others.
- **C** He hopes to be able to keep going into his late thirties.

7 Darren says that racing in hot temperatures
- **A** gives him an advantage over other riders.
- **B** means he has to adapt his technique.
- **C** affects his bike's performance.

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