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Where Do You See Yourself in Ten Years?

1. Warm-Up Discussion

Think about the questions below before listening to the recording.

- A.** What do you imagine yourself doing at age 25 or 30? Consider your job, where you might live, and your lifestyle.
- B.** Would you rather live in a vibrant city flat or a peaceful countryside cottage? Give two reasons for your preference.

2. Vocabulary Preparation

Match each informal word or idiom from the recording (**1-6**) with its correct definition (**A-F**).

Expression	Definition
1. swanky / deluxe	A. depressing, harsh, or unattractive
2. far-off	B. completely unrealistic; extremely unlikely to happen
3. grim	C. distant or situated a long way away
4. let alone	D. luxurious, expensive, and fashionable
5. in your dreams	E. waiting in a line eagerly to get something
6. queuing up	F. used to emphasise that something is even less likely than the previous thing mentioned

Write the corresponding letter for each item:

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

5: _____

6: _____



Listening Tip: Listening for Gist and Distractors When listening to informal debates, speakers frequently mention careers, locations, and lifestyles only to criticise, reject, or mock them. Do not tick an option simply because you hear a familiar word such as *law*, *Olympics*, or *London*. Focus on whether the speaker is genuinely planning that future for themselves, or merely joking, complaining, or comparing options.

3. Main Task 1: Aspects Mentioned

Listen to Jack, Tommy, and Millie discussing their future plans. Tick (☐) the **six** aspects that are genuinely described as part of their real ambitions. Leave the distractors blank.

- ☐ Piloting long-haul passenger planes based out of London Heathrow
- ☐ Studying for a postgraduate law degree at an English university
- ☐ Buying a traditional countryside farmhouse in the north of England
- ☐ Setting up a swimming training academy for young teenagers
- ☐ Living in a luxury flat in Manhattan near Central Park
- ☐ Competing as an Olympic swimmer for Great Britain
- ☐ Moving to Hong Kong to work in air traffic control
- ☐ Living with a partner who earns a high income in London
- ☐ Launching an independent commercial swimwear brand
- ☐ Opening a celebrity nightclub in the centre of New York

4. Main Task 2: Multiple-Choice Comprehension

Listen again and choose the correct answer (**A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**) for each question.

1. Detail: What specific career step does Tommy envisage achieving by the age of 25?

- A** Managing flight logistics at Heathrow Airport
- B** Flying commercial A380 aircraft as a captain
- C** Relocating permanently to South America
- D** Training military pilots for international routes

2. Detail: Why does Jack insist on living in New York City?

- A** He plans to study theatre and film production
- B** He has inherited property along Fifth Avenue
- C** He intends to open an entertainment venue
- D** He expects to work for an elite city law firm

3. Opinion: What is Millie's primary objection to urban living?

- A** The overwhelming crowds and constant rush
- B** The lack of high-level athletic facilities
- C** The extremely high cost of renting flats
- D** The distance from international airports

4. Attitude: How does Jack react to Millie's rural dream?

- A** He thinks it sounds financially unachievable
- B** He admires her commitment to nature
- C** He finds it depressing and unappealing
- D** He worries that she will feel isolated

5. Function: Why does Millie bring up her swimming ambitions?

- A** To explain how she will finance her future home
- B** To prove that athletes earn more than corporate lawyers
- C** To persuade Tommy and Jack to exercise regularly
- D** To show that she values fitness over fame

6. Attitude: When Tommy describes his future girlfriend, how does Millie respond?

- A** She expresses jealousy of his lavish lifestyle
- B** She warns him about marrying for money
- C** She teases him for being entirely unrealistic
- D** She agrees that London is full of wealthy partners

7. Function / Comparison: What core difference sets Millie apart from Jack and Tommy?

- A** She is unwilling to make sacrifices to achieve success
- B** She seeks tranquility over status, luxury, and city nightlife
- C** She prefers travelling abroad rather than remaining in Britain
- D** She doubts whether her future goals will ever happen

8. Gist: Which statement best summarises the conversation as a whole?

- A** Three teenagers disagree about whether university degrees are worthwhile
- B** Three classmates argue over which European city offers the best career options
- C** Three friends realise that professional sports offer better rewards than office work
- D** Three young people contrast their contrasting, highly ambitious visions of adult life