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 psychologist talking about green spaces in cities.
What does she say about them?
A People fail to appreciate them as much as they should.
B They are more important for children than for adults.
C Few governments make them a priority.

2 You hear part of an interview with a singer.
What does he say about playing tennis?
A It calms him down after a performance.
B It is used by a lot of singers to improve their technique.
C It requires similar skills to singing.

3 You hear an actor talking about how she met her husband.
How did she first meet him?
A She sat next to him in a cinema.
B She appeared in a play with him.
C A friend introduced them.

4 You hear two people talking about a bus service.
What does the man say about it?
A It is frequent.
B It is cheap.
C It is punctual.

5 You hear a retired ballerina comparing dancers today with dancers in the past.
She says professional ballet dancers today
A are less concerned about expressing emotion.
B are more interested in being celebrities.
C dance with less technical ability.

6 You hear a chef talking about making a TV series.
What does he say about it?
A He didn't expect to enjoy the experience so much.
B He didn't get on with his co-presenter.
C He didn't like the working hours.

7 You hear two friends talking about an art course.
What do they agree about it?
A The teacher is inspiring.
B The class is the right size.
C The content is interesting.

8 You hear a swimmer talking about a competition she took part in.
How does she feel about it?
A disappointed with her result
B excited about where it will lead
C surprised by the support she received

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Part 2

You will hear a man called Sid Holmes talking about a journalism course he attended. For questions **9–18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Journalism Course

Sid did the same course in journalism that his ____ **9** did.

On the first day, Sid had to do a reporting exercise about a man who was rescued from a ____ **10** by helicopter.

An assistant editor from the ____ **11** section of a local newspaper gave an interesting talk about being a journalist.

Sid's main tutor had written a biography of a famous local ____ **12**.

Sid had an idea for an article about a man who makes ____ **13** for young people to borrow.

Sid's first article was published in a ____ **14** soon after he wrote it.

Sid had to report on a council meeting about proposed improvements to the ____ **15** in the town.

One aspect of the course Sid didn't enjoy was the ____ **16** classes.

Sid found it useful to chat to his classmates in the ____ **17** at the college.

Sid now has a chance of getting a job at a ____ **18**.

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about collecting things as a hobby. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–H**) why each speaker collects the things. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A I enjoy the challenge.

B It means I spend time with my family.

C It's a way of meeting interesting people.

D I want to help the local community.

E I use my collection to teach other people.

F It's a financial investment.

G It connects me to the past.

H I like to have beautiful things around me.

Speaker 1 ____ **19**

Speaker 2 ____ **20**

Speaker 3 ____ **21**

Speaker 4 ____ **22**

Speaker 5 ____ **23**

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Part 4

You will hear an interview with a scientist called Peter Crane, who is talking about an ancient tree called the gingko. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

24 What first interested Peter about the gingko tree?

- **A** how its leaves grow
- **B** the family it belongs to
- **C** what's known about its history

25 What does Peter say about the gingko tree in ancient China?

- **A** It wasn't originally grown for its nuts.
- **B** It wasn't common before people started growing it.
- **C** It was one of the earliest plants to be grown there.

26 When asked about the medicinal uses of gingko, Peter says

- **A** researchers in different parts of the world disagree about it.
- **B** scientists have failed to identify any positive effects.
- **C** some parts of the plant help the brain to function.

27 Why are there so many gingko trees in cities all over the world?

- **A** They don't suffer from problems that usually affect trees there.
- **B** Other trees can't survive if they are too close to the species.
- **C** People take more trouble to look after them than other trees.

28 Peter says that street trees benefit people by providing

- **A** some protection from the sun.
- **B** a reduction in traffic noise.
- **C** increased privacy.

29 Peter says people can help other species of plant to survive by

- **A** leaving plants to grow in the wild.
- **B** protecting them from plant-eating animals.
- **C** growing them in many different places.

30 How does Peter's work influence the way he thinks about the world?

- **A** It makes him feel concerned about the future of human beings.
- **B** It reminds him that human beings are a relatively new species.
- **C** It allows him to understand why human beings focus on the present.

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