

LISTENING PRACTICE 1 - FCE

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 overhear a young man talking about his first job.
How did he feel in his first job?
A bored
B confused
C enthusiastic

- 2 You hear a radio announcement about a dance company.
What are listeners being invited to?
A a show
B a talk
C a party

- 3 You overhear a woman talking to a man about something that happened to her.
Who was she?
A a pedestrian
B a driver
C a passenger

- 4 You hear a woman talking on the radio about her work making wildlife films.
What is her main point?
A Being in the right place at the right time is a matter of luck.
B More time is spent planning than actually filming.
C It is worthwhile spending time preparing.

- 5 You hear part of a travel programme on the radio.
Where is the speaker?
A outside a café
B by the sea
C on a lake

- 6 You overhear a woman talking about a table-tennis table in a sports shop. What does she want the shop assistant to do about her table-tennis table?
- A provide her with a new one
 - B have it put together for her
 - C give her the money back
- 7 You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman. What is her business?
- A hiring out boats
 - B hiring out caravans
 - C building boats
- 8 You hear a man talking on the radio. Who is talking?
- A an actor
 - B a journalist
 - C a theatre-goer

Part 2

You will hear a radio interview with Mike Reynolds, whose hobby is exploring underground places such as caves. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

Cavers explore underground places such as mines and

9 as well as caves.

When cavers camp underground, they choose places which have

and **10** available.

In the UK, the place Mike likes best for caving is

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As a physical activity, Mike compares caving to

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Cavers can pay as much as £20 for a suitable

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Cavers can pay as much as £50 for the right kind of

14, which is worn on the head.

Mike recommends buying expensive

15 to avoid having accidents.

Caving is a sport for people of **16** and backgrounds.

Some caves in Britain are called 'places of **17**

The need for safety explains why people don't organise caving

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Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about their work on a cruise ship. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–F**) what each speaker says about their work. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A One aspect of my job is less interesting than others.

Speaker 1 **19**

B My job involves planning for the unexpected.

Speaker 2 **20**

C You have to be sociable to do my job.

Speaker 3 **21**

D I don't like routine in my working life.

Speaker 4 **22**

E There's not much work to do during the day.

Speaker 5 **23**

F I provide passengers with a souvenir of their trip.

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a man called Stan Leach who is talking about adventure sports. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

24 Stan says that the best thing about walking is that you can

- A** get fit by doing it.
- B** please yourself how you do it.
- C** do it on your own.

25 Stan's opinion on scrambling is that

- A** people doing it may need to be accompanied.
- B** it is unsuitable for beginners.
- C** it is more exciting than walking.

26 What did Stan discover when he went climbing?

- A** It was not enjoyable.
- B** It was harder than he expected.
- C** It can be very frightening.

27 What does Stan say about mountain biking?

- A** Britain is not the best place for it.
- B** It is more expensive in Britain than elsewhere.
- C** It is best where there are lots of downhill slopes.

28 Stan's advice on scuba diving is that

- A** most of the courses for it are good.
- B** it is easier than it seems.
- C** you should think carefully before trying it.

29 What is Stan's view of skydiving?

- A** It is surprisingly popular.
- B** It is best when done in teams.
- C** Only certain types of people like it.

30 What does Stan say about canoeing?

- A** You can do it in conditions that suit you.
- B** It is best at certain times of the year.
- C** There are few places in Britain to do it.