

Part 1: You will hear three different extracts. Choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One: You hear two friends talking about April Fools' Day jokes.

1. According to the woman, the spaghetti on trees story shown on TV

- A. made people who believed the story look silly.
- B. was not well received by some viewers.
- C. should have been shown on a different programme.

2. The man thinks that April Fool's Day

- A. helps us deal with unreleased energy.
- B. reminds us to be cautious about the kind of joke we play.
- C. provides us the opportunity to get revenge on others.



Extract Two: You hear two journalists talking about fake news.

3. What does the woman say about fake news?

- A. It does less damage than people believe.
- B. It can be divided into distinct categories.
- C. Its concept is a relatively recent one.

4. How does the man feel about it?

- A. fortunate not to have been deceived by it
- B. embarrassed to have repeated incorrect information
- C. surprised so many people are convinced it is trustworthy



Extract Three: You hear two financial experts talking about avoiding being a victim of fraud.

5. What is the man doing?

- A. describing some of the latest cons
- B. highlighting the importance of internet security
- C. pointing out the challenge of recognising cons

6. The woman suggests that listeners

- A. pause before taking action.
- B. learn from previous mistakes.
- C. seek advice from recognised institutions.



Part 2: You will hear a sports psychologist called Oscar Wainwright talking on a podcast about the benefits of finishing second in sports events. For questions 1-8, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.



The benefits of finishing second

Oscar says that the person who wins has to deal with (1) _____ from the public.

Oscar says runners-up do not miss out on (2) _____ from colleagues about their accomplishments.

Research indicates that those who come second do better in terms of (3) _____ as well as higher earnings after retirement.

Though physically similar, those desperate to come first tend to suffer poorer (4) _____.

Second-finishers can feel more (5) _____ about not coming first than those who often win.

Oscar says that young people in particular face many (6) _____ in life and being the best is important.

Oscar has observed that (7) _____ is important for athletes still aiming to reach the top.

Oscar uses the word (8) '_____ to describe sportspeople who are influential but have never won.

Part 3: You will hear a radio programme in which two sociologists called Julia Bernardi and Adam Spright are discussing third places. Choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

1 What does Adam think is the most important shared characteristic of third places?

- A. their diversity
- B. their open-mindedness
- C. their sense of escapism
- D. their dissimilarity to first and second places



2 What does Julia say about third places?

- A. People who share them are often unaware of their significance.
- B. There is no way of determining which places will be popular.
- C. It can be difficult to define exactly what the term means.
- D. The concept is sometimes misunderstood.

3 Julia and Adam agree that the most important function of third places is to

- A. allow people to acquire new areas of expertise.
- B. help people gain an understanding of others.
- C. be encouraged to reconsider our world view.
- D. have a sense of belonging to a unique community.

4 When talking about third places on company premises, Julia and Adam both think that the places

- A. are more likely to be adopted by larger businesses.
- B. enable businesses to make the progress they desire.
- C. are less helpful to people than those outside work.
- D. give staff much-needed breaks from work.

5 How does Adam feel about social media as a third place?

- A. He is of the opinion that it does not qualify as a genuine third place.
- B. He mistrusts the friendships people form on virtual platforms.
- C. He thinks it can be beneficial for users who are geographically isolated.
- D. He believes online communities are completely distinct from physical ones.

6 What do Julia and Adam say about the possibility of a fourth place?

- A. They are keen to carry out research on the theme.
- B. They do not think it will be of relevance to most people.
- C. They are not completely sure it is a valid proposition.
- D. They find it difficult to understand the reasoning behind it.

Part 4 : You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about getting lost.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

TASK ONE

Choose from the list (A-H) what the unexpected benefit was for each speaker of getting lost.

A. gaining employment	
B. establishing a new relationship	Speaker 1
C. acquiring a better understanding of a place	Speaker 2
D. having time for reflection	Speaker 3
E. being reminded of something in the past	Speaker 4
F. practising a new skill	Speaker 5
G. gaining a sense of pride	
H. resolving a frequent worry	

TASK TWO

Choose from the list (A-H) how each speaker says they avoid getting lost now.

A. I use nature to navigate.	
B. I plan overseas travel well in advance.	Speaker 1
C. I ensure I receive detailed descriptions of routes.	Speaker 2
D. I never take shortcuts.	Speaker 3
E. I memorise man-made landmarks.	Speaker 4
F. I ask people for directions.	Speaker 5
G. I make sure I have necessary tools.	

