

TEST 2
LISTENING

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Tip Strip

Question 1: When the boy mentions the number of pages in the book, what point is he making?

Question 3: When the man says 'it was a good starting point for exploring', he's agreeing with the woman. But what is he referring to?

Question 6: Listen to the last words of the listening text. 'Let down' is a negative expression – what does it refer to?

- 1 You hear two friends talking about a book.
What does the boy like about it?
A It's short.
B It's educational.
C It's amusing.
- 2 You hear a man talking about family holidays as a teenager.
What part did he find most enjoyable about them?
A the journey
B being outdoors
C watching films
- 3 You hear two friends talking about a hotel they stayed in.
What do they agree about it?
A The location was convenient.
B The staff were friendly.
C The room was comfortable.
- 4 You hear a woman talking about a new film.
How did she feel after seeing it?
A confused
B frustrated
C sad
- 5 You hear a woman telling a friend about her job in a supermarket.
What was she doing there this morning?
A working on the checkout
B filling the shelves
C serving at the fish counter
- 6 You hear a man talking about a band he saw at a concert.
What is he critical of?
A the image of the band
B the quality of the music
C the length of the show
- 7 You hear a sports instructor giving advice.
What is he doing?
A giving feedback on a technique they've tried
B describing a technique they might find useful
C explaining why a technique might be inappropriate
- 8 You hear a woman talking about being at university.
What surprised her about it?
A how quickly time passed
B how much money she spent
C how many friends she made

Tip Strip

Question 12: Be careful. Five countries are mentioned. A friend from which country has Grace kept in touch with?

Question 15: Grace mentions two parts of the body. An injury to which one meant she had to visit hospital?

Question 16: Be careful. A number of objects are mentioned. Listen for the one Grace bought.

Question 18: You are listening for a gerund (-ing form) that describes a physical activity.

Part 2

You will hear a woman called Grace Connolly talking about her travel experiences in New Zealand. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

New Zealand journey

Grace travelled around South Island on something called

(9)

The first part of Grace's journey took her along the

(10) coast of the island.

When Grace took a day trip to a place called Kaikoura, she particularly

wanted to see (11)

Grace has kept in touch with a friend from

(12) since she returned home.

Grace took her own (13) to New Zealand,

so didn't need to hire one.

The best part of the trip for Grace was jet-boating on the Buller River with

a company called (14)

Grace had to visit a hospital because she injured her

(15)

At a market, Grace bought a (16)

to take home.

The name of the hostel that Grace particularly recommends is the

(17)

Grace plans to go (18) with friends

when she next visits North Island.

Tip Strip

Speaker One: Listen for another way of saying 'children'.

Speaker Two: Which option contains the idea of 'overseas'?

Speaker Three: What does this speaker try to avoid?

Speaker Four: The speaker uses the words 'entertaining', 'fun' and 'humour' in a positive way. Which option matches these ideas?

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about a radio station. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–H) what each person says about it. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A I appreciate the lack of commercials.

Speaker 1 19

B There are suitable programmes for children.

Speaker 2 20

C One of the presenters is very funny.

Speaker 3 21

D There should be more coverage of sport.

Speaker 4 22

E It broadcasts high-quality news programmes.

Speaker 5 23

F I approve of what it does for the local area.

G The comedy shows are disappointing.

H It should give more attention to international issues.

Tip Strip

Question 25: Penny liked 'breaking the rules'. Which option reflects this attitude?

Question 28: Penny talks about people feeling 'comfortable'. Which option includes this idea?

Question 29: Penny uses the phrase 'I wouldn't live without'. What is she referring to?

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a woman called Penny Greer, who works as a photographer. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24 How did a college course in photography most affect Penny?
- A She realised the importance of light.
 - B She learnt a more commercial style.
 - C She developed certain artistic skills.
- 25 Penny decided to specialise in wedding photography because she
- A had always been interested in weddings.
 - B hoped to photograph weddings in a new way.
 - C was influenced by other wedding photographers.
- 26 Penny currently gets most of her customers through
- A her website.
 - B magazine advertising.
 - C a mailing list.
- 27 What takes up most of Penny's time?
- A talking to clients
 - B taking the shots
 - C editing her work
- 28 Penny says she gets the photographs she wants when people
- A relax fully.
 - B dress in an original way.
 - C express their feelings strongly.
- 29 What does Penny love most about her job?
- A having the chance to work with different types of people
 - B seeing the work go through a number of stages
 - C organising the work in her own way
- 30 Penny advises young photographers to
- A develop a personal style.
 - B take as many photos as they can.
 - C start their own business as soon as possible.