

Test 1
(From Practice Test Plus 2)

Part 1:

Extract one

You hear two friends talking about attending a motor-racing event.

M: It'swhat they've done to, isn't it? It's faster and there's Everyone was there to have fun and that

F: It was It's such The race itself was than I'd been expecting but made up for it. It was a bit though. They need more signs when you're leaving.

M: Mm, we did in the crowd on our way out.

Extract two

You hear a football coach talking about a match.

M: Afteran important, as, you what went You wonder if the beforehand. In this case, they'd been Physically they should have been but the and make it difficult sometimes. I they had so many that they weren't thinking about the game itself, but more about That led to some that allowed the other team to even though they were probably when it

Extract three

You hear two people talking about a computer game.

F: Have you been playing? What do you think of it?

M: Actually it's quite hard to The way it, it takes an awful lot of There are before you really understand well, but that's the whole point. Some people, but for me that's, trying to how to the game if you know what I mean. The is, it costs Probably because of all the

Extract four

You hear a woman talking about judging a poetry competition.

F: It was judging the Young Poet of the Year Award. It seems many young poets today are traditional of trees, flowers and rivers in order to everyday life As you might expect, some of them in seeing the of life and dealing with it in an When discussing the poems as judges, we Of the 150 finalists, at least twenty had; one, more than We weren't judging, we were looking at young poets who and continuously

Extract five

You hear a young man talking about travelling alone for the first time.

M: When I I decided to go travelling We lived in a small town and I'd only ever been with my family before. Anyway, I'd been for some time, but hadn't because I thought they'd be thinking something When I the news to them, much to my, they just sat down and spent the rest of the evening about what to take. I'd been wondering if they would furiously and tell me I couldn't go.

Extract six

You hear part of a talk by a nurse.

F: is hard work, but you're giving people something they need. You never know – every day on is different and you meet of people. Most, but not all, are to deal with so being is a quality. There are plenty of about the type of people you work with, so some deal with, or others prefer the One thing is – you often have to work, but the schedules are quite and you

Extract seven

You hear a man talking about a long-distance journey he made.

M: The trip and although I could have got there in about it wouldn't have been A lot of people think for hours on your own is boring, but it's the feeling of that I love. Having passengers around you is something I'd You can get a bit sick of all day, but what I spent on that and my other was worth it – when night fell, the wind and I saved on in the end.

Extract eight

You hear two friends talking about listening to the radio.

M: Do you listen to the radio much?

F: Not usually, but in fact I this morning to my mum's playing in the and I really that was on.

M: What was it?

F: There was a discussion on about and I right away, even though the isn't particularly There were some real experts talking about it and even by their knowledge of the subject. It's funny even though you wouldn't

Part 2:

Hi there. My name's Tim Tanner, and I usually sing with my brother, Sam Tanner. I'm going to tell you about Sam and I've been as the singing twin brothers for about three years and including Summer Holiday

Special and, which is the talent show – you probably saw it. It's the one where the people in the acts had to beto each other. After that we had and I guess really.

People often ask us who've grown up looking Sam and I've shared almost every experience, and we're for more than an hour at a time. I was born so officially I'm the older brother, although we do actually have a, Ken, who's a year older than us.

We were born, you know – earlier than Mum says it was hard, and she was quite when we suddenly appeared in, over two months than expected. Our big brother Ken's birthday's in –so we're – it must have been for our parents with three young boys.

Sam and I, but most people can't It's only mum who never Even our dad makes a mistake sometimes calling me 'Sam' and my brother 'Tim', because there's hardly, and we're the same But as soon as we, he'll know which one it is Sam's is a bit, but most people don't even notice that.

..... quite similar – we've both always loved music, and we've wanted to be pop stars. We've always, and being sociable too. I'm –people that know us say as Sam is, which is probably true. Although I'm not exactly shy, you know. After all, if you are!

At school sometimes for a laugh. Sometimes we'd but nobody noticed because, which were pretty low – we were, and both played in the I was also good at basketball, but, preferring volleyball for some reason.

We were music. I began learning the guitar and when we were about thirteen, but a year or so later and then we went to a special school where we could be useful – things like drama.

We share everything, and and we get on wellof the time, but of course, usually about because we share them too, but if we both for a show then we'll argue for about 20 seconds and then one of us'll We manage

to share the computer pretty well, which some people might find surprising.

Our image is and looking alike and because we both we enjoy choosing different for performances, you know, maybe green ones, to go with green suits, or with T-shirts and jeans. So the glasses are..... on stage.

And look out for some, to promote the new album which is calledand It's got some exciting new songs on it, quite different from Sam and I wrote all the new songs together.

Part 3:

Speaker one

Classical music's often and though there's people everywhere who go to concerts, and some, it doesn't really young people that much; they prefer But the truth is, it's hard to music, even with the best teacher in the world, unless you Luckily for me, I myself when I was in my early teens, and when I said I wanted to become a, my parents rather with the idea and bought me some lessons. Since then, I've played almost every day.

Speaker two

I bought my first aged fourteen. It was a by a Russian composer. Although my school had, I'd no in classical music till one day when I heard about 'the most exciting ever written'. his music, I felt I had to hear it. By the third listening, I What's more, I found I really the violin myself – and found myself a teacher. Despite, I practised every day at home. I've never looked back.

Speaker three

At my school, I was, and I had to practise every day. The sound I produced was so that whatever piece of music I was was hard to recognise, despite, who'd actually been quite a famous musician himself when younger. It, but Ifrom that, and got to know thanks to my uncle. That got me excited enough to when I was about twelve. After that, Now here I am getting quite well-known as a

Speaker four

At school, our music teacher classical music – he just seemed It was me whoclassical music in

movies, cartoons and stuff. Like, I remembera really famous being played on a commercial to some You'd think things like that'd be enough to classical music, but they had the on me – me to want to learn to play and a good teacher, which is what I did, much to
....., I remember.

Speaker five

Although me to at an, I didn't get interested in learning to play classical music then. Ito try and understand it and didn't realise
..... it. As a kid, I wanted something that – made me feel happy or enthusiastic, so I of my teacher to introduce me to classical music. She though, by sheer, convincing me that there's to be found in the joy of playing something difficult, and doing it well.

Part 4:

Int Today I'm talking to 21-year-old, Ann Brown, who's just returned from the World Championships. So, Ann, how did you feel about your in the championships?

Ann: When you for a while, you've no idea you're in I'd only had a few weeks of training behind me so and it certainly would've been
Anyway, I was happy to It was an exciting race and the crowd was fantastic.

Int So what's your like, Ann?

Ann: I do around a week, mostly long-distance, I go running through Running on roads is so I make sure there's always to keep me interested. I get pleasure from but I do have to remember to on the time so It's vital to

Int Do you train every day or do you?

Ann: The is that all professional should have a week, so the body I'm not in that though. At my age I find I canone. I do five hours a day and I'd even like that, but I don't want to, because that can other problems.

Int What about your – do you them as friends?

Ann: I athletes from I wouldn't say I've got with them, though I'm sure some of them, but I tend to It'd be too easy to with the way I run races. Of course, at my age chatting about life, having fun and are important to me. I share a house with They're the people I really get on well with.

Int So do you have any favourite free time activities?

Ann: Let me think. I but I'm not so sure nowadays. Yeah, I

..... and fly it for hours. In season, something that I when I've got the time. I've always enjoyed, and never really been much of a or that kind of thing. Of course, I watch TV and play computer games like most people.

Int And do you in the street very often?

Ann:, I'm pleased to say, as I think and I'm not sure how comfortable I'd feel about and pictures all the time. On the whole I find people wanting your autograph to be honest. It happens sometimes and at first you say OK, and then I suppose I did that sort of thing It was always to meet someone in the

Int So are you planning for the next Olympics?

Ann: Well, in my sport most people so it's important to on the next five years or so, cos that's when supposedly In the future I want to do well of course but I'm Fortunately, I've been so far –so I don't have that worry. It's no useabout until I've reached and Then I can start to think seriously about it.