

## 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**).

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- 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

**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.

Speaker 1

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**C** It's a way of meeting interesting people.

Speaker 2

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**D** I want to help the local community.

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**E** I use my collection to teach other people.

Speaker 4

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**F** It's a financial investment.

Speaker 5

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**G** It connects me to the past.

**H** I like to have beautiful things around me.

### Part 4

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

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- 24** What first interested Peter about the ginkgo 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 ginkgo 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 ginkgo, 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 ginkgo 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.