

## Listening 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 hear two neighbours talking about a new statue in their town.

What does the woman say about it?

- A** She suspects many people won't like it.
- B** She doesn't understand what it represents.
- C** She is convinced it should be removed.

**2** You hear a music teacher talking about his job.

He regrets that

- A** music is rarely considered to be an essential subject.
- B** there are so few advanced level music students.
- C** he cannot teach the music that he personally likes.

**3** You hear two journalists talking about driverless cars.

What do they both think about them?

- A** Most drivers would be keen to try them out.
- B** More tests have to be done on their reliability.
- C** There will need to be many changes to driving laws.

**4** You hear a doctor talking on the radio about colds.

She says many of her patients are unaware that

- A** antibiotics are ineffective at treating colds.
- B** healthy eating may help the symptoms of colds.

**C** there are things they can do to avoid colds.

**5** You hear a brother and sister talking about a musical they have seen.  
Why does the woman like the musical?  
**A** It explores themes that are important to her.  
**B** She feels sympathetic to its central character.  
**C** The songs are entertaining and easy to remember.

**6** You hear a woman talking about horse riding.  
How has the woman benefited from going riding again?  
**A** She now has a new group of friends.  
**B** Riding has helped to improve her balance.  
**C** It has enabled her to deal effectively with stress.

**7** You hear a customer complaining in a department store.  
What does she shop assistant agree to do?  
**A** exchange the item for a different size  
**B** offer a refund for the unsatisfactory item  
**C** give him a credit to spend in the store

**8** You hear a food critic talking about a chef called Peter Tinney.  
What is she doing?  
**A** describing Peter's creative approach to cooking  
**B** justifying why Peter deserves the award he has won  
**C** defending Peter's decision to close his restaurants

## Listening Part 2

You will hear a cameraman called Chris Jones giving a talk about filming a wildlife documentary in Gabon Africa.

For questions **9-18**, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

### Filming African wildlife in Loango National Park, Gabon

Chris wanted to visit Gabon after seeing an unusual **(9)** ..... featuring some of its animals.

When researching his trip, Chris says that a **(10)** ..... was most useful to him.

Chris's boss advised him that he needed a **(11)** ..... visa for his trip.

A **(12)** ..... offered to be Chris's local guide in Gabon.

Chris appreciated the ride by **(13)** ..... on his way to Loango National Park.

Chris's guide explained that forest elephant visit the teach to get **(14)** .....

Chris was convinced that the buffalo looked like they were **(15)** ..... in the sea.

Chris didn't manage to film any **(16)** ..... during his trip.

Chris uses the word **(17)** ..... to describe the people he stayed with.

Chris says the National Park has had difficulties in increasing **(18)** .....

### Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about their experiences of doing part-time courses.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (A-H) how each speaker says they benefited from doing a part-time course.

Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

- A** It helped me get promoted at work.
- B** It made me reconsider my priorities in life.
- C** It gave me a way to fill my time.
- D** It introduced me to like-minded people.
- E** It enabled me to relax after work.
- F** It allowed me to use my creativity.
- G** It provided the chance to gain a new qualification.
- H** It encouraged me to consider taking further courses.

**19** Speaker 1

**20** Speaker 2

**21** Speaker 3

**22** Speaker 4

**23** Speaker 5

## Listening Part 4

You will hear an interview with a retired sportswoman called Gemma Porter, who now runs her own business.

For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

**24** Why did Gemma retire from sport?

- A** She had won all the major championships.
- B** She wanted to spend less time travelling for work.
- C** She was starting to get injured more often.

**25** How did Gemma feel immediately after her retirement?

- A** She was dissatisfied at not training every day.
- B** Her financial situation was a concern to her.
- C** She missed her former competitors.

**26** What did Gemma feel was a disadvantage for her when applying for jobs?

- A** She lacked formal qualifications.
- B** She wasn't used to fixed working hours.
- C** She had never worked in an office.

**27** Why did Gemma start a business helping retired sportspeople to find new careers?

- A** She still had many friends in the world of sport.
- B** No other recruitment companies offered this service.
- C** Her experience meant she could offer the best advice.

**28** What motivated Gemma in the early days of her business?

- A** the determination to prove other people wrong

**B** the belief that she was doing something worthwhile

**C** the desire to gain a reputation as a business woman

**29** Gemma says some sportspeople can have problems joining a company because

- A** they can be impatient with colleagues.
- B** they dislike receiving negative feedback.
- C** they object to have to follow company rules.

**30** Gemma thinks companies will hire more retired sportspeople in the future because

- A** sportspeople are better at accepting change than other employees.
- B** both companies and sportspeople are focused on achieving goals.
- C** companies will only survive if they have staff who are competitive.