

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 TV critics talking about presenters of science programmes.

During the conversation, the woman makes the point that

- A** criticism of current presenters is hardly ever justified.
- B** presenters tend to lack a background in science.
- C** TV audiences prefer presenters who are celebrities.

- 2** You hear a psychologist talking about friendship.

He says his best friends are people who

- A** he works with.
- B** he went to school with.
- C** he shares leisure interests with.

- 3** You hear two friends talking about holidays.

Why does the woman choose to visit small islands on holiday?

- A** to explore places that are remote
- B** to escape from an urban environment
- C** to experience a unique culture

- 4** You hear a man telling his wife about a product review he has read online.

How does she respond to what he says?

- A** She questions the reliability of the review.
- B** She revises her opinion of the product.

- C She is amused by the content of the review.
- 5 You hear a woman leaving a voicemail message.
Why is she late for her appointment?
- A She was held up at work.
B She has been stuck in traffic.
C She lost track of time.
- 6 You hear two students discussing their project on public parks.
What advice does the man decide to follow?
- A to focus on one particular park
B to investigate the benefits of public parks
C to look at how parks have changed over time
- 7 You hear a woman talking about growing up with lots of cousins.
How does the woman feel now?
- A sorry that she hardly sees them
B envious of her cousins' achievements
C convinced that it has influenced her as an adult
- 8 You hear a university student talking about his studies.
What does he say about his degree course?
- A He think it's easy to transfer to another programme.
B He feels it could improve his employment prospects.
C He will be based in the same place throughout his degree.

Listening Part 2

You will hear a man called Bradley promoting a food festival that takes place in his home town in the USA.

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

The Great Cheese Festival, Wisconsin, USA

Bradley says the festival takes place during what's known locally as (9)
'.....'.

The festival started because a cheese (10) opened in another region of the USA.

Every year the three-day festival starts with a special (11)
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Bradley's favourite part of the festival is the display of cheese (12)
.....

This year there will be a cheese (13) competition for all visitors.

Bradley particularly recommends the (14) for younger children.

It is essential to get (15) for the festival.

It's possible to do (16) in the mornings only.

The people from the community who organise the festival are all (17)
.....

Money raised at this year's festival will finance a (18) in the town.

Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about buying clothes.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (**A-H**) what each speaker says is important to them when buying clothes.

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

- A** I choose clothes I can wear to different occasions.
- B** I buy well-made clothes that will last a long time.
- C** I listen to other people's recommendations.
- D** I look for clothes that are discounted in price.
- E** I am interested in keeping up with fashion.
- F** I prefer my clothes to be comfortable to wear.
- G** I like clothes that reflect my personality.
- H** I care about environmental issues regarding clothes.

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 professor called Martin Hart and a housebuilder called Anna Peterson who are talking about houses made out of blocks of straw.

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

24 What does Martin Hart say about using straw in the construction of houses?

- A** Large amounts of straw are currently wasted every year.
- B** The straw used is not good enough quality to give to animals.
- C** Enough straw can be produced to build a high number of houses.

25 When developing the technology for building straw houses, Martin added bricks to the outside because

- A** this meant the houses fitted with the surroundings.
- B** this helped to keep heat inside the houses.
- C** this made the walls of the houses much straighter.

26 What objection did Martin receive about the straw houses his team built?

- A** There were concerns about what would happen in a fire.
- B** People were worried about the carbon dioxide in the walls.
- C** The walls would not be able to support the weight of the building.

27 Anna Peterson decided to build a straw house for the first time because

- A** she thought they would become very popular.
- B** she was curious to experiment with new materials.
- C** she had clients who expressed an interest in straw houses.

28 When describing her current role in straw house projects, Anna explains that

- A** she works mainly with the site supervisors.

- B** she often assists with constructing the roof.
 - C** she personally leads the team of carpenters.
- 29** The most important consideration for Anna in all her projects now is to
- A** choose natural materials.
 - B** create unique homes.
 - C** use simple designs.
- 30** When talking about the future, Anna expresses her desire to
- A** win an award for her work in building straw houses.
 - B** carry out her plan for building straw houses at a reduced cost.
 - C** teach others the techniques of building straw houses.