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.

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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.

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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**) …… .

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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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