

## 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)**

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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.