

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 a young actor talking about a colleague.

What does he say about her?

- A** She makes acting seem easy.
- B** She speaks very slowly.
- C** She gives him good advice.

2 You hear two friends talking about a colleague.

What do they agree about?

- A** how ambitious he is
- B** how well-paid he is
- C** how stressed he is

3 You hear an author talking about his new book.

What point is he making about it?

- A** It will be widely read.
- B** It took a long time to write.
- C** It is better than his first book.

4 You hear two friends talking about something they saw on TV.

What did they see?

- A** an advertisement
- B** a comedy series

C a documentary

5 You hear an office manager talking about her work.

How does she feel about it?

- A** confident that she can do it well
- B** interested in her new project
- C** satisfied with her staff

6 You overhear two friends talking in a restaurant.

What do they agree about?

- A** how reasonable the price is
- B** how spicy the food is
- C** how varied the menu is

7 You hear a woman talking about her neighbours' holiday photographs.

What is she doing?

- A** complaining about having to look at them
- B** admiring her neighbours' photography skills
- C** suggesting how they could be improved

8 You hear two friends talking about a concert they've just been to.

What did they find disappointing about it?

- A** the poor sound quality
- B** the seats they had booked
- C** the lack of air conditioning

Listening Part 2

You will hear a man called Henry Lee giving a talk about the first time he went skydiving.

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

My first jump

Henry had his first skydiving lesson in the month of **(9)**

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Henry had to attend a talk about **(10)** before his jump.

Henry says that a **(11)** was the most important piece of equipment he was given.

Henry was surprised that the plane the club used didn't have any **(12)** in it.

Henry's instructor had jumped a total of **(13)** times in the past.

Henry had brought some **(14)** with him to wear during the jump.

Henry said he felt totally **(15)** when the plane door was opened.

Henry used the word **(16)** to describe the winding river he could see below him.

Henry compares his landing to that of a **(17)** landing on the ground.

Henry was pleased to be given a **(18)** after his jump.

Listening Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which students are talking about the experience of living and studying away from home.

For questions **19-23**, choose from the list (A-H) what each student says.

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

- A** I was much younger than the other people I lived with.
- B** I'm still closest to the people I grew up with.
- C** I found that joining a sports club helped me make friends.
- D** I didn't share many interests with my classmates.
- E** It was easier making friends at a small college.
- F** It was hard getting out to make friends at first.
- G** I'm still in touch with the people I lived with at first.
- H** It was good living with people who had similar interests.

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 student athlete called Chelsea Matthews, who plays soccer for her college.

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

24 What impact does playing soccer have on Chelsea's life?

- A** She needs private tuition from her teachers.
- B** She doesn't take part in some other student activities.
- C** She never gets to travel to other countries.

25 Chelsea had to start planning to be a student athlete at 16 because

- A** there were many requirements that had to be met.
- B** there were few colleges that offered the course she wanted.
- C** there was a lot of competition for places in good colleges.

26 Chelsea is happy to return to college a month early because

- A** she is pleased at the prospect of starting competitions.
- B** she feels relieved to get back into a routine.
- C** she realises that training is necessary.

27 When Chelsea and her team-mates finish training, they

- A** can take a break by going to the movies.
- B** are too tired to do very much except sleep.
- C** relax with other sports teams.

28 Chelsea says if she and her team-mates miss too many classes

- A** they may get poor grades and have to leave the team.

B their professors with complain to the head of faculty.

C the other students are understanding about the reason for their absence.

29 what problem did Chelsea herself have in keeping up with her studies?

A She was away sick for some of her classes.

B She had to study one subject under difficult conditions.

C She was expected to commit herself to extra training for away games.

30 In conclusion, what does Chelsea say about being a student athlete?

A It has taught her the importance of aiming high.

B It has helped her decide what her future career should be.

C It has changed her perception of the value of friendship.