LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)



Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations.
For questions **1–8**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

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1 You hear a boy talking about a visit to an art gallery.

How did he feel about the visit?

A put off by the amount of information available

B pleased he was able to explore independently

C confident that he would benefit from it

2 You hear a woman talking about taking part in a physical challenge for a television programme.

Why does she mention the weather?

A to illustrate their inadequate preparation

B to describe how unpleasant the conditions were

C to explain why the trip took longer than planned

3 You hear two students talking about a biology lesson they have just had about feeling dizzy.

What do they both think about the lesson?

A Other students spoiled it by laughing.

B The teacher's use of video was very helpful.

C It was difficult to grasp all the information.

4 You hear a girl talking about a novel she has just read.

What is her opinion of it?

A Some of the descriptions of places are irrelevant.

B Reading it requires considerable concentration.

C It underestimates the reader's intelligence.

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5 You hear two friends discussing a television programme about an expedition in the Antarctic.

What do they agree about the programme?

A It provided too little advice about dealing with extreme cold.

B It gave too much scientific information.

C It took too long to introduce the people.

6 You hear a teenager talking about his trip to the theatre.

In telling the story, he shows that

A planning ahead can help to avoid disappointment.

B new experiences can produce unexpected results.

C putting someone else's happiness first is always a good idea.

7 You hear the introduction to a programme about a girl called Maria who is very good at computing.

Why did Maria's mother encourage her daughter to learn computer programming?

A She realised Maria had a natural talent for it.

B She wanted Maria to spend her time in a useful way.

C She knew it would be a good career for Maria.

8 You hear a boy telling a friend about a student exchange trip he went on.

What is the boy explaining?

A what to consider before going on the trip

B what was interesting about going on the trip

C what made him decide to go on the trip

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