

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 man talking about a ceramics course he attended. What aspect of the course did he find unsatisfactory?
  - A the level of support from the staff
  - B the quality of the materials
  - C the cost for students
  
- 2 On a radio programme, you hear some information about a future guest. What will he be talking about?
  - A organising a mountain holiday.
  - B learning mountain climbing skills.
  - C buying mountaineering equipment.
  
- 3 You hear part of a talk about how to look fit and healthy. What is the speaker's advice?
  - A check your weight regularly
  - B build up your muscles
  - C avoid certain foods
  
- 4 You overhear two college students talking about applying for a weekend job. What do they agree about?
  - A It would be an enjoyable thing to do.
  - B It would be useful experience for the future.
  - C It would help them with their college expenses.
  
- 5 You hear two friends talking about transport. The woman has decided to use a bike instead of a car because
  - A she hopes the exercise will improve her health.
  - B she is concerned about the environment.
  - C she can no longer afford the cost.
  
- 6 You hear a woman talking about a sport. What is she doing?
  - A explaining something to us
  - B warning us about something
  - C recommending something to us
  
- 7 You hear a weather forecast on the radio. How will the weather change tomorrow?
  - A It will get colder.
  - B It will get sunnier.
  - C It will get windier.
  
- 8 You hear a news report about a theatre. What does the reporter say about it?
  - A It is offering an impressive programme.
  - B It will be closed down in the near future.
  - C It has received a grant for improvements.

## TIP STRIP

**Question 3:** Listen for what the speaker says about body fat, the answer comes soon afterwards.

**Question 4:** Be careful. The man makes three points, but the woman only agrees with one of them.

**Question 6:** Listen to everything the woman says and think about her overall message.

You will hear a student giving a presentation on the subject of the Loch Ness Monster. For questions 9 – 18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

## The Loch Ness Monster

The head of the Loch Ness Monster has been compared to that of a

(9) .....

The first published photographic image of the monster is known as the

(10) ..... picture.

People argued that a picture taken in 1960 actually showed a

(11) ..... but experts proved them wrong.

Tim Dinsdale realised that most monster sightings occurred on days when the weather was

(12) .....

Most eyewitnesses say that they have no interest in getting

(13) ..... when they report sightings.

In 1968, an underwater investigation used sonar equipment instead of

(14) ..... to try and find the monster.

An attempt to find the monster using a (15) .....

failed in 1969 because the water was so dirty.

The idea of using a group of (16) .....

to help with the search proved too complicated.

Dr Rines' underwater picture of 1972 seemed to show the

(17) ..... of a large sea animal.

The aim of the latest research project is to study all the

(18) .....

and ..... living in Loch Ness.

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**Question 12:** Be careful – different types of weather are mentioned. Listen for when it's easiest to see the monster.

**Question 13:** Listen for a similar way of expressing the idea 'have no interest in'.

**Question 18:** You are listening for two words here that can be connected by the word 'and'.

## Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about a concert they went to. For questions 19 – 23, choose from the list (A – H) the opinion each speaker expressed. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A The performers got a better reception than they deserved.

B These musicians are at their best in live performances.

C It improved after a disappointing beginning.

D I enjoyed the band's choice of material.

E I expected it to go on for longer than it did.

F I'd like to have seen more bands for the price I paid.

G I was annoyed by the behaviour of some band members.

H I was pleased the event was raising money for a good cause.

Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

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Speaker 3

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Speaker 4

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Speaker 5

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**Option B:** Listen for which speaker compares a live performance with a recording of the music.

**Option C:** Speakers 1 and 2 both criticise the performers, but which of them mentions an improvement?

**Option F:** Speakers 1 and 3 mention good causes, but which of them is referring to this concert?

You will hear an interview with a man called Patrick Shaw who works as a pilot for a company which organises hot-air balloon trips. For questions 24 – 30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24 According to Patrick, what worries people most when they take a balloon trip?
- A how far the wind will take them
  - B whether they will hit some obstacle
  - C what the experience of landing will be like
- 25 Why does Patrick recommend joining the ground crew?
- A It's the best way of learning about balloons.
  - B It provides some experience of flying a balloon.
  - C It can be a fun way of earning extra income.
- 26 What makes the job of the ground crew particularly difficult?
- A poor communication with the pilot
  - B unpredictable weather conditions
  - C the nervousness of the passengers
- 27 Patrick says that all members of the ground crew must
- A be physically strong.
  - B have good social skills.
  - C know their area well.
- 28 Patrick finds it unsatisfactory when new crew members
- A fail to cooperate with each other.
  - B distract him with unnecessary questions.
  - C don't accept the way things should be done.
- 29 What does Patrick say about balloon competitions?
- A It is often difficult to determine who has won.
  - B The finishing target area is often unmarked.
  - C Some competitors are requesting clearer rules.
- 30 Patrick thinks his particular skills as a pilot result from
- A the way in which he was trained.
  - B the fact that he's adventurous by nature.
  - C the amount of experience he has.

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**Question 24:** Listen for a word with a similar meaning to 'worries'. What is it referring to?

**Question 26:** Patrick mentions several difficulties, but which one is the most serious?

**Question 28:** Be careful, you're listening for something which Patrick doesn't like.