

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

- 1 You hear the weather forecast.
What will the weather be like on Sunday?
A windier than on Saturday
B colder than on Saturday
C rainier than on Saturday
- 2 You hear a man talking to his trainer at the gym.
What is he doing?
A apologising for missing a session
B explaining how an injury happened
C asking to do something less challenging
- 3 You hear an advertisement.
What is being advertised?
A a shop
B a publication
C a TV programme
- 4 You hear part of a soap opera.
How does the woman feel?
A nervous about something
B guilty about something
C bored by something
- 5 You hear part of a programme on the subject of fashion.
What is the presenter's purpose?
A to criticise certain attitudes
B to complain about something
C to recommend something to us
- 6 You hear a woman talking about the flat she lives in.
Why is she thinking of selling it?
A There's too little storage space.
B She's disturbed by street noise.
C It's a long way from her place of work.
- 7 You hear an announcement about a future wildlife event.
The event will help the protection of wildlife by
A raising money.
B informing the public.
C recruiting volunteers.
- 8 You hear a couple talking about computer games.
The man likes them because
A they help him to relax after work.
B they remind him of his childhood.
C they make him more self-confident.

Part 2

You will hear a student called Jake Townsend giving a presentation about a type of bird called a peacock. For questions 9 – 18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The Peacock

Jake mentions that the peacock's tail is said to look similar to a

(9)

The original home of the blue peacock is in

(10)

Jake explains that peacocks were first kept by people as long as

(11) years ago.

Jake describes the peacock's (12)

as long and thin.

The coloured spots on the peacock's tail are known as

(13)

Jake says that the female peahen is mostly

(14) in colour.

In English, some people are described as being as

(15) as a peacock.

In the wild, peacocks usually live close to

(16) in a forest.

Jake tells us that peacocks usually spend time in trees when they want to

(17)

At Peacock Paradise in Malaysia, you can see

(18) as well as birds.

You will hear five short extracts in which writers are talking about their first novels. For questions 19 – 23, choose from the list (A – H) what each speaker says about writing their first novel. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

A It wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be.

B My previous style of writing wasn't suitable for it.

C I was determined to make it true to life.

D I believe I should've been paid more to write it.

E It benefited from a course of study I attended.

F I was surprised to be asked to write it.

G I couldn't have written it without the support of my parents.

H I learnt some of the skills I needed in a previous job.

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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You will hear an interview with man called David Shaw who is a professional ceramicist, making pottery objects out of clay. For questions 24 – 30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24 What does David say is an absolute requirement for people considering a career in ceramics?
- A They must feel a passion for it.
 - B They must be physically very fit.
 - C They must have enough patience.
- 25 David says it took him a long time to
- A develop his own style.
 - B make his business profitable.
 - C decide to work at ceramics full-time.
- 26 What does David find most enjoyable about his job?
- A the fact that the results are unpredictable
 - B the feedback he gets from his customers
 - C the knowledge that he creates useful pieces
- 27 What does David say he finds particularly difficult?
- A doing administrative tasks
 - B finding time to research new ideas
 - C finishing his commissions on time
- 28 What reason does David give for his recent success as a ceramicist?
- A He's been luckier than other ceramicists.
 - B He's put in more effort than in the past.
 - C He's started to follow certain fashions.
- 29 How does David feel about the possibility of teaching ceramics?
- A He feels unprepared for it.
 - B He fears it might distract him.
 - C He's unsure about finding time.
- 30 David advises people who want a career in ceramics to
- A talk to established ceramicists.
 - B go to ceramics exhibitions.
 - C attend a ceramics course.