

Extract One

You hear two guests on a chat show discussing travel and holidays.

- 1 What do they agree about?
 - A Watching television can spoil a holiday.
 - B Holidays are for getting away from it all.
 - C It's important not to lose touch with reality on holiday.

- 2 How does the woman feel about travelling?
 - A It's always enjoyable.
 - B It is not the best part of a holiday.
 - C It generally makes her feel restless.

Extract Two

You hear part of an interview with a Formula One racing driver.

- 3 What does the driver say about keeping fit?
 - A Working out in the gym tends to bore him.
 - B Playing other sports helps develop key muscles.
 - C Driving is actually a good way to maintain general fitness.

- 4 In his opinion, what makes a great Formula One driver?
 - A an outstanding natural ability behind the wheel
 - B enough mechanical knowledge to help design cars
 - C the flexibility to perform well in a range of vehicles

Extract Three

You hear a radio announcement about a writing competition.

5 The presenter says that each of the finalists in the competition will

- A win a money prize.
- B be invited to a prestigious event.
- C have their story published in the press.

6 Moira advises those entering the competition to

- A write about their own life and experiences.
- B base their story on one by a well-known writer.
- C avoid being over-ambitious in the scope of the story.

You will hear an outdoor activities trainer called Eric Duncan giving a presentation about trekking in the Himalayas. For questions 7 – 14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

In the exam, you mark your answers on a separate answer sheet.

TREKKING IN THE HIMALAYAS

Eric says that you need neither experience nor an especially

(7) nature to go on these treks.

Eric recommends the months of (8) and

for trekking in the region.

Eric reminds us that we shouldn't regard the trek as a (9)

Trekking in Nepal can sometimes feel like walking through

(10), as a result of altitude.

Eric says that many people buy a (11)

that is not good enough.

Eric says that organising an independent trek can be

(12) as well as saving money.

Eric points out that a guide will often also work as a

(13) if needed.

Eric recommends finding a guide through a local (14)

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11: Various equipment used, but as he says the most commonest

12: You are looking for an adjective

13: What might you do to perform? Check your options.

You will hear an interview with a comedian called Kevin Burke. For questions 15–20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

In the exam, write your answers on a separate answer sheet.

- 15 When it is suggested that he isn't really as happy as he appears, Kevin
- A admits that he conforms to a stereotype.
 - B explains why people might assume that.
 - C accepts that he's an untypical comedian.
 - D confirms that depression can be a problem.
- 16 What does Kevin value most about the book entitled *Laughter*?
- A It was written with comedians in mind.
 - B It helps him see why some comedians fail.
 - C It shows him why audiences react as they do.
 - D It aims to show what makes certain jokes funny.
- 17 What does Kevin say about his time at university?
- A He regrets his choice of degree subject.
 - B He's proud of his academic achievements.
 - C He enjoyed getting involved in a range of activities.
 - D He had a lot in common with other students on his course.
- 18 After leaving university, Kevin
- A was determined to build a career as a journalist.
 - B didn't really enjoy the type of work he was doing.
 - C set his sights on getting work as a television presenter.
 - D took the opportunity to develop his skills as a performer.
- 19 What does Kevin say about his television career?
- A It's not where he does his best work.
 - B He wishes he hadn't accepted certain offers.
 - C It's not as demanding as working on stage with a live audience.
 - D He feels most comfortable doing a range of different programmes.
- 20 Kevin believes that he is successful on stage because
- A he's able to make audiences feel sorry for him.
 - B he can convince audiences that he's in control.
 - C he's able to laugh at his own appearance.
 - D he can appeal to people's sense of logic.

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Question 15: Listen to Kevin's whole answer. Is he a happy person or not?

Question 17: Listen for the interviewee's question about university – Kevin's answer follows.

Question 18: Listen for Kevin's attitude towards the different types of work he did during this period.

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about training courses they have done recently.

In the exam, mark your answers **on a separate answer sheet**.

TASK ONE

For questions **21 – 25**, choose from the list (**A – H**) the reason each speaker gives for choosing their particular course.

- A** a colleague's recommendation
- B** an advertisement
- C** a trainer's advice
- D** a chance meeting
- E** a management suggestion
- F** a review on a website
- G** a newspaper article
- H** a friend's experience

Speaker 1 **21**

Speaker 2 **22**

Speaker 3 **23**

Speaker 4 **24**

Speaker 5 **25**

TASK TWO

For questions **26 – 30**, choose from the list (**A – H**) the main thing each person says they have gained from their course.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

A greater confidence at work

B better promotion prospects

C greater respect in the office

D a more varied workload

E more opportunities for travel

F an improved salary package

G the chance to work on new projects

H contacts with useful people

Speaker 1 **26**

Speaker 2 **27**

Speaker 3 **28**

Speaker 4 **29**

Speaker 5 **30**